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I am writing this on the afternoon of Friday, May 24, a beautiful spring day in Worcester. I have just returned from the College’s 156th Commencement exercises (which we will cover in the summer issue of HCM). Graduation Day never gets old. From the moment one hears the band play the first notes of “Pomp and Circumstance,” through the recessional and the shower of mortar boards, it’s a festive, joyful occasion. No matter how many times you watch, it’s hard not to be moved by the sight of parents and children, embracing or examining diplomas, overwhelmed by pride and thankfulness.

Commencement also marks the end of the academic year. In a matter of hours, the campus transforms from a circus to a ghost town. And pulling out of the deserted parking lot at the end of the day, it’s not unusual to reflect upon the high- and low-points of the year that has just concluded. The 2001-02 year on the Hill brought both success and tragedy. When we dedicated Smith Hall on Sept. 7, we had no forewarning of the terror that would follow just four days later.

From the “Lift High the Cross” campaign kickoff on Nov. 10 to the Kentucky game on March 21, from inaugural conference of the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture to the return to campus of our own U.S. Poet Laureate, Billy Collins ’63, from the success of our Watson and Fulbright recipients to the tragedy of a student death, these last nine months were a roller coaster ride. But, as has been the case throughout Holy Cross’ history, two things make all the joys and sorrows, the triumphs and disappointments bearable: the College’s sense of community and tradition.

That sense of community and tradition is evident in the men pictured on the cover of this issue. These are the “new” Jesuits on campus and, as you will read in their profiles, they encompass both the past and the future. They are bringing the Society of Jesus into the next millennium while remaining fully conscious of, and enmeshed in the unique spirituality of the Jesuit Order.

As our newest alumni begin their postgraduate lives, and as our faculty and students prepare for a season of research, work, travel and revitalization, Holy Cross Magazine wishes all our readers a safe and restful summer.

Innovation and Experimentation

Maura Nelson ’02 is majoring in environmental studies through the Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies (CISS). With the help of faculty mentors, she has designed her multidisciplinary course of study.

An Investment in the Life of the Campus

Seniority has its privileges. And for Holy Cross students entering their fourth year in September 2003, that privilege will include first-of-its-kind on-campus residential living.

Back to School: For His Sons’ Sake

Graduating senior Ed Dilworth has a longer list of professional accomplishments than his peers in the Class of 2002.

Lift High the Cross

The campaign section
Holy Cross honored five outstanding alumni/a at the fifth annual Sanctae Crucis Awards ceremony on May 3. The awards are the highest non-degree recognition bestowed by the College on an alumnus or alumna. The College's Mission Statement is the foundation for the Sanctae Crucis Awards, which are presented in three categories: Award for Distinguished Professional Achievement, Award for Outstanding Community Service, and Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna Award.

This year’s recipients are: Distinguished Professional Achievement category, John C. Gannon ’66 and James J. O’Connor Sr. ’58. Outstanding Community Service category, Joseph A. Bodanza ’49. Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna Award, Julie A. Halpin ’84 and Marcia S. Lee ’93.

John C. Gannon ’66 is the former chairman of the National Intelligence Council and former deputy director for intelligence at the Central Intelligence Agency. Having served in the most senior analytical positions at the CIA and in the intelligence community, Gannon is now the vice chairman of the Intellibridge Corporation, a Washington, D.C.,-based provider of customized, Internet-based intelligence and advisory solutions for major corporations and government organizations.

James J. O’Connor Sr. ’58 is retired chairman and chief executive officer of Unicom Corporation and its subsidiary, Commonwealth Edison Company in Chicago. He held the position for 20 years and has devoted a lifetime of commitment to his community. O’Connor currently serves as chair of the Big Shoulders Fund of the Archdiocese of Chicago, raising $117 million for inner city Catholic schools.

Joseph A. Bodanza ’49 of Leominster, Mass., has spent the last six years bringing physically impaired Vietnamese children to Massachusetts for medical treatment.

Julie A. Halpin ’84 is founder and chief executive officer of the Geppetto Group, a leader in advertising for children and young adults, located in New York City.

Marcia S. Lee ’93, of Washington, D.C., is the staff director for the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control and a senior advisor for drug policy and research with the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs.
On April 11-13, the College’s Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture sponsored a symposium, “The Anatomy of Evil.” Posing bold questions about the nature of evil and the spectrum of human responses to evil, the symposium brought together a group of distinguished panelists who addressed these questions in papers, panel discussions and roundtable dialogues.

In addition to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, the symposium focused on other horrific events of the 20th century, such as the World Wars, the Nazi concentration camps, the Soviet Gulag and the Chinese “Great Leap Forward.” Participants discussed how such dehumanizing events have forced society to come to terms with the reality of evil, and how we are to cope with this realization.

The symposium opened with a lecture, “Lamentations and Losses: From New York to Kabul,” by Rev. Daniel Berrigan, S.J., scholar and peace activist known for his stance against militarism. The keynote speech was given by Rabbi Michael Lerner, editor of the magazine, Tikkun, and author of The Politics of Meaning and Spirit Matters: Global Healing and the Wisdom of the Soul. Lerner is considered to be one of contemporary America’s most important political and spiritual thinkers.
Tenure Decisions Announced

This spring, seven faculty members have been promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenure.

Nancy E. Andrews, of the classics department, earned a bachelor’s degree from Wellesley College, and both a master’s and Ph.D. from Harvard University. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1996, Andrews has served on the Committee on Faculty Affairs and also as president of the College’s chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. She is the recipient of the Harvard-Danforth Award for Distinction in Teaching. Andrews is author of “Philosophical Satire in Callimachus' Aetia Prologue,” *Hellinistica Groningana III* (1998). She is a resident of Worcester.

Bertram D. Ashe, of the English department, earned a bachelor’s degree from San Jose State University, a master’s degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a Ph.D. from the College of William and Mary. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1996, Ashe has served in the College’s Odyssey program for the past three years and has held the post of director of the African-American Studies Program since 1999. A past Holy Cross Summer Research Fellow, he is author of the forthcoming *From Within the Frame: Storytelling in African-American Fiction* (New York: Routledge). Ashe resides in Worcester.

Francisco Gago-Jover, of the Spanish department, received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Valladolid in Spain, and both a master’s and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A member of the Holy Cross community since 1996, Gago-Jover has served as both a judicial and faculty advisor. He has received two Hewlett-Mellon grants to develop course materials at Holy Cross. Gago-Jover is author of *Arte de bien morir y Breve confesionario* (1999), and editor of the *Dictionary of the Old Spanish Language*. Gago-Jover resides in Worcester.
Miller directs five-college “Requiem”

Bruce I. Miller, director of the College Choir and Chamber Singers, brought together 200 singers to perform Brahms’ “Ein Deutsches Requiem,” at Mechanics Hall in Worcester on April 28. Under Miller’s direction, choirs from Holy Cross, Anna Maria College, Clark University, WPI and Worcester State College formed The Choruses of the Worcester Consortium. The large professional orchestra that accompanied the chorus included students and faculty from all the participating schools, including Holy Cross. Miller, who conceived of the project a year ago, solicited the help of area music professors to assemble the chorus. Guest soloists included Kristyn Snyer ’90 and Dana Whiteside ’88.

Lee Oser, of the English department, earned a bachelor’s degree from Reed College, and both a master’s and Ph.D. from Yale University. A member of the Holy Cross community since 1998, Oser is one of the College’s Edward Bennett Williams Fellows. In addition to serving on the Committee on Faculty Affairs, he is a member of the Philosophy Reading Group. The author of T. S. Elliot and American Poetry (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1998), Oser is currently working on two book projects with the help of a Ford Foundation Grant. He is a resident of Worcester.

Denise Schaeffer, of the political science department, earned a bachelor’s degree from Sarah Lawrence College, and both a master’s and Ph.D. from Fordham University. A member of the Holy Cross community since 1995, Schaeffer is an active member in the Women’s Studies Committee. She is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers. Schaeffer has served as chair of the American Political Science Association in the politics and literature division. She is author of the forthcoming article, “The Utility of Ink: Rousseau and Robinson Crusoë” (The Review of Politics). Schaeffer is a resident of Natick.

Edward John Soares, of the mathematics department, earned a bachelor’s degree from Providence College, and both a master’s and Ph.D. from the University of Arizona. A member of the Holy Cross community since 1996, Soares has served on the Committee on Faculty Affairs and the Sub-Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty. He also serves as assistant professor of nuclear medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. Soares is co-author of “Noise characterization of block-iterative reconstruction algorithms: I. Theory.” He is a resident of Worcester.

Madeline Vargas, of the biology department, earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. A member of the Holy Cross community since 1995, Vargas serves on the Academic Affairs Council. She is currently the biochemistry concentration coordinator. The recipient of numerous awards, including one from the American Society of Cell Biology, Vargas is the author of “Liposome-mediated DNA uptake and transient expression in Thermotoga.” She currently resides in Worcester.
First Annual Condé Nast Lecture on Media, Ethics & Values

The first annual Condé Nast Lecture on Media, Ethics and Values was presented at Holy Cross on March 13 in the Ballroom of the Hogan Campus Center. The lecture featured a distinguished panel of journalists who addressed the topic, “Press Covering Press: What Does It Teach Us?” The panel was moderated by David Remnick, editor of The New Yorker. Participants included Ken Auletta, media reporter for The New Yorker; Matthew Rose of the Wall Street Journal; Keith Kelly of the New York Post; and Scott Donaton of Ad Age.

The new lecture series is made possible by a gift from The Condé Nast Publications, Inc. Steve Florio, president and chief executive officer of Condé Nast and a member of the Board of Trustees at Holy Cross, introduced the panel.

Condé Nast publishes numerous magazines including The New Yorker, Vogue, Architectural Digest, Vanity Fair, Bon Appetit and Gourmet. Condé Nast Publications’ mission stresses its commitment “to journalistic integrity, influential reporting and superior design.”

Justice Clarence Thomas ’71 delivers Hanify-Howland Lecture

Thomas has served on the nation’s highest court since October 1991. Prior to that he served for one year as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. From 1981-1982, he had been assistant secretary for civil rights at the Department of Education, and from 1982-1990, as chairman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Following his graduation from Holy Cross, Thomas earned a law degree from Yale Law School in 1974. From 1974-1977, he held the position of assistant attorney general in Missouri. He then went to work for the Monsanto Company from 1977-1979, and later worked for two years for then-Sen. John Danforth.

The annual Hanify-Howland lecture honors the late Edward F. Hanify, a 1904 graduate of Holy Cross and a Massachusetts Superior Court justice for 15 years, who died in 1954. The series was started by Hanify’s friend, the late Weston Howland of Milton, Mass., a board chairman of Warwick Mills, Inc., who died in 1976.
On April 5-7, Holy Cross hosted the conference, “Sacred Spaces: Legacy and Responsibility.” Designed to explore the history and culture surrounding sites of worship, the conference also offered practical advice on archiving and insuring these sites.

Sponsored by the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture at Holy Cross, “Sacred Spaces” was supported by the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts. It attracted approximately 250 participants, including scholars, music specialists, archivists, preservationists, college students and clergy members. Leading scholars presented their research through papers, roundtable discussions and lectures on topics such as music, architecture and art of American buildings from the 19th century. In addition, the conference featured concerts of sacred music, tours of local historical churches and the viewing of material relevant to restoration programs.

Nobel Laureate Murray ’40 delivers Thomas More Lecture

On April 24, Joseph E. Murray, M.D., ’40 delivered the first annual Thomas More Lecture on Faith, Work and Civic Life in the Rehm Library of Smith Hall. Murray is the 1990 co-recipient of the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine, for his pioneering work on kidney transplantation. In 1954, he performed the first human kidney transplant, launching the era of organ transplantation. His subsequent work, for which he was cited by the Nobel committee, advanced doctors’ ability to prevent transplant rejection.

Murray is professor of medicine emeritus at Harvard Medical School and the author of a recent memoir, Surgery of the Soul.

The Thomas More Lecture on Faith, Work and Civic Life honors a graduate of Holy Cross who exemplifies the College’s dedication to the integration of faith and learning.
“Building Spaces” Exhibit Staged

The Holy Cross College archives & special collections department has organized a new exhibit, “Building Spaces: Holy Cross Architecture 1836-1935.” The exhibit has been designed to complement the “Sacred Spaces” exhibit on display this semester in the Cantor Art Gallery. While the latter encompasses places of worship throughout New England, the former focuses on the Holy Cross campus. “Building Spaces” includes photographs, blueprints and architectural proposals, sheet music, stationery, paintings and religious objects that depict images from Holy Cross’ predecessor institutions and significant people in the early life of the College.

Of particular interest are a cope and other religious items owned or used by Bishop James Augustine Healy, many of which were commissioned to celebrate his 25th anniversary as Bishop of Portland, Maine. Bishop Healy was valedictorian of the first graduating class at Holy Cross in 1849. These items are on loan for the exhibit from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland. Also included is an 1831 portrait of Bishop Benedict Fenwick. The portrait is on loan from the Ursuline Convent, Dedham, Mass.

The College Archives is in the process of assembling an exhibit commemorating Holy Cross men who served their country during World War II. Tentatively titled, “Holy Cross’ Greatest Generation,” the exhibit is planned for spring 2003. The Archives is interested in borrowing or copying documents, photographs, souvenirs or memorabilia relating to Holy Cross men in the war. If you have material that you are willing to lend for this exhibit, please contact: Mark Savolis, head of Archives and Special Collections at (508) 793-2506 or email at msavolis@holycross.edu.

Research at Holy Cross Leads to Patent Process

In a patent published on March 26, (U.S. Patent No. 6,362,375), researchers from the chemistry department describe a clean alternative for many applications of the Friedel-Crafts Reaction, used to manufacture important products such as the pharmaceutical ibuprofen.

The Friedel-Crafts Reaction is an important chemical process that has changed little since Victorian times, making it one of the “dirtiest” processes used by today’s chemical industry. The two-step process uses large amounts of highly acidic reagents. Large quantities of waste are produced from the first step as acidic vapors, and from the second step as an acidic solution that is difficult to discard. The new process, created by a Holy Cross chemistry professor with assistance from a student, uses a modern catalyst that is stable to water, making the process highly efficient by allowing the two steps to be combined into just one.

The principal inventor is Martin A. Walker, a former Holy Cross chemistry professor (now at SUNY-Potsdam, N.Y.). He was assisted by Patrick Birmingham ’99 (now at Loyola University Medical School in Illinois) as part of the College’s undergraduate research program. Walker is developing specific applications of the process to make ibuprofen and Valium™ (Roche Laboratories). The work has already attracted interest from both industry and academia, and Walker is hopeful the process will be used widely by the chemical industry.

Holy Cross Student Dies; Fellow Student Charged with Manslaughter

Jonathan R. Duchatellier, a first-year student at the College, died on May 6 following an off-campus fight at the Cambridge Street Apartments at 510 Cambridge St. in Worcester. Duchatellier, 19, was from Atlantic Highlands, N. J., and a member of the College’s Naval ROTC unit. (See obituary on page 78).

Paolo Liuzzo, a Holy Cross sophomore, was arrested and charged with manslaughter in the death of Duchatellier. The Woodbury, N.Y., native was released on $25,000 bail, and the case against him has been continued to June 20 for a pretrial conference.

College president, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., released the following statement about the tragedy:

“This unprecedented and shocking tragedy grieves us all. It has left a valued and loved member of our community dead and another facing serious criminal charges. Other students, especially friends and associates of those directly involved, are feeling a range of painful emotions, including grief, anger, frustration, confusion and guilt. All of us in positions of responsibility feel a profound regret that this
What’s Changed and What Hasn’t

Most of them share Latin Mass as a childhood memory, the priest with his back to the congregation. But for all of them, having been ordained in the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council, when they’ve presided over Mass themselves, it has always been facing the congregation and in the local language, as priests presiding among, rather than presiding over.

Up through the late 1960s, Jesuit faculty at Holy Cross walked Mount Saint James in the cassock. In the early 1970s, as a result of Jesuit response to Vatican II, this custom came to an end. Some Jesuits wore black and the Roman collar; most simply donned the jackets and ties of their lay colleagues. Today, that stylistic blending is near total: Jesuit faculty wear liturgical vestments when presiding in the campus chapel; some make a point of wearing the Roman collar for certain classes—some religious studies courses, for example—or as a matter of respect, and as a teaching tool; but walking into one of the departmental lounges on campus on an average day, one is hard pressed to sort who’s who by appearance, whether the dress is suit jackets or button-down shirts or jeans.

But ask William Clark, Brian Linnane, James Miracky, Paul Nienaber, William Stempsey or Thomas Worcester, the younger six of the dozen active Jesuit faculty, or Gerard McKeon ’76, an associate chaplain, about the ways in which the younger Jesuits—those under age 50—are different from the Jesuits that came before them and the ways in which the vocation has changed, and one would be more likely to draw a smile and a gently amused response, than either defensiveness or a reprimand.

As historian Fr. Tom Worcester puts it, “The notion of tradition is one that’s organic and growing and changing, but within that there is a basic commitment to an optimistic assessment of the dignity of the human person, of reason as not a threat to religion.”

Jesuits have always worked to fit themselves into the culture in which they live and work, you would be told; their worldliness has long been something from which they have drawn strength and which has attracted criticism.

A common description of how the order has often seen itself—this metaphor came up, in one form or another, in virtually every conversation—is that Jesuits are positioned along edges and fault lines, interpreting in more than one direction, explaining the Church to the world and the world to the Church. And, while certainly acknowledging change, all of the Jesuits named above and discussed on the following pages would be more likely to point to deeper continuities, paramount among them the ongoing commitment to the ideals that informed the founding of Holy Cross and of other Jesuit institutions, academic and otherwise.

“We give glory to God by developing our intellectual capacities,” Fr. Gerry McKeon says. “We give glory to God by developing the whole person. Educating the whole person: spiritual, intellectual and physical. That’s very much part of our tradition.”

Their clothing is different; their pedagogical and scholarly methods are everything from traditional to modern to postmodern—or sometimes all of those things, and sometimes in the space of the same class. Their goals, however, whether spiritual or intellectual, and their underlying faith—these things have not changed.
Rev. Bill Clark has spent some six years living in Kingston, Jamaica. He has done pastoral work there, in St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. He has been a teacher of history at St. George’s College and a lecturer at St. Michael’s Theological Institute and at St. Michael’s Seminary.

This was by no means easy duty. “It’s a fascinating place, Jamaica,” Fr. Clark remembers. “The strain of it was in trying to stand upright in all the cultural crosscurrents that are down there. And, of course, that involves the church very much.”

From 1989 to 1993, he was the music director at St. Matthew’s parish in Dorchester, Mass., in a church about which he ultimately wrote his doctoral dissertation, with a congregation that had shifted over time from mostly Irish to mostly Haitian.

Both at home and abroad, he has had the experience of being the only white person on the bus.

Rev. William A. Clark, S.J.

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Given some of the multicultural debates that have roiled campuses nationwide for several decades now, one might think that this set of experiences would credential him to speak from a point of view rare for someone of his background: he is a white man who can talk about what it is like to be part of a minority group.

But that’s not the way in which Fr. Clark has found these experiences useful.

“What it does for me,” he says, after a pause, “is not to give me a sense that I have a voice of authority to speak in these situations. What it does for me more is give me a sense of the need to listen.”

It is a gentle, nuanced response, one which someone else might deploy in a tactful display of political correctness. Fr. Clark’s scholarly work, however, bespeaks the depth and sincerity of his words. The dissertation he wrote for his doctorate in sacred theology was a study of the Dorchester church in which he worked, titled: “Authority, Intimacy, and Local Church: The Local Community as Foundational for the Universal Church.”

He describes his focus this way, “My big interest, theologically, academically, has been what happens in the local community in terms of an authoritative voice within the tradition … One of the spurs to that in my own thinking was the experience in Jamaica of seeing how much—perhaps without even realizing it—people took it on themselves as a local community to reinterpret and to re-express the faith that was given to them.”

As is true with most of the other Jesuit faculty members, Fr. Clark finds the issue of orthodoxy not so much vexing as diversionary and rather beside the point.

“As long as I’m manning the barricades defending my orthodoxy,” he says, “I don’t really see how I have a lot of time left for real worship or real faith. One thing that I often say to people in a penitential situation is that ‘God is a pretty big guy; He can deal with this stuff.’”

What he is examining in his research and his thinking, his pastoral work and his scholarly pursuits is the way in which power in the church flows in multiple directions, from the bottom up as much as it does from the top down.

“The thing that I would like to be able to do in theology,” he says, “is to find room for that kind of grassroots faith expression, in terms of acknowledging the kind of authority that that has—that this is a genuine expression of religious faith.”

In the end, Fr. Clark points out, he isn’t so much making new arguments about how the church functions as he is analyzing reality on the ground. “The authority is there whether you want to acknowledge it or not,” he says. “Whether you ever give it a name, it’s having an enormous impact.”
As someone who focuses in significant part on sexual ethics, Fr. Brian Linnane doesn’t have the luxury of seeing much separation at all between at least some of his scholarly work, his pastoral work or from the personal lives of his students: the connections are clear and constant, and the decisions students make are not always as well thought out as he would like them to be.

“I try to get them [the students] to look at what sorts of behaviors and choices, generally speaking, are conducive to human flourishing and the flourishing of community, and what sorts of behaviors are destructive to human flourishing and the flourishing of community. That’s a kind of moral realism that is consistent with what’s best in the Roman Catholic natural law tradition,” Fr. Linnane says.

As with a number of the other Jesuit faculty—most of whom preach and say Mass in rotation in the campus chapel—Fr. Linnane struggles constantly, in class and outside of class, with the issue of how to engage students on these issues without shutting down discussion by distancing himself from them and from their experiences—with how to talk about intimate questions in a way that genuinely spurs reflection.

“It seems to me,” he says, “that you have to ask yourself, Is this rela-
Just as someone pursuing a religious vocation has to ask—*is this what God is calling me to do, what I experience God calling me to do? Is this authentic?* The same way, in any relationship that you don’t just let it happen because it’s convenient, but *is this really what God is calling me to in order to make myself and my partner fully alive, fully human, that our relationship will really generate life, happiness, peace?*

While Fr. Linnane is concerned, in his scholarly work, in his pastoral work, and in his personal relationships with students with the issue of moral choice, he is particularly incensed by passivity, by the idea—and the reality—of people simply drifting toward poor choices.

“I hate the term, ‘you’ll probably end up,’” he says. “I hate the idea of ‘ending up,’ or people thinking about themselves as ending up … When my students talk about their future—well, I’ll probably end up doing this”—my response is that that sounds passive and that—especially with this population!—you have some resources, you have some time; think about what it is you really want to do.”

He takes particular pleasure in having the opportunity to influence students over a period of years and to see the ways in which some of them change and grow.

“It’s great,” he says. “I actually speak to some kids who, a few years later, decide that—the hell with the expectations—I want to teach. I know I’m not going to make a lot of money, but this is something that I want to do; or I want to pursue a scholarly career; or I want to do something pastoral, I want to work in the church in some way.”

In his own life, he evinces satisfaction with the choices he has made, and the place this has brought him to.

“For me, I can’t imagine anything that would be better to do with my life than what I am doing here. Are there sacrifices, are there downsides, are there times I wish I were doing something else? Sure. But who doesn’t? You sort of have this myth that being partnered to someone or married and pursuing the big income, the big job, that that’s just perfect. But in the end, none of us get out of this alive; to use Christian imagery, we all have to face the cross in our lives.”
Yes, some of the students who take Fr. Jim Miracky’s literature classes, particularly those that deal with more recent work, find themselves surprised both by what they’re reading and by who’s teaching them. That’s a good thing, according to Fr. Miracky, for both teacher and students.

“They carry certain expectations, but because I teach largely contemporary literature, because I have interests in gender studies and in feminist theory, the material I teach is very provocative, and I have had students amazed that Father is teaching this, that, or the other thing; I sort of get a charge out of that.”

Writing in these pages (Holy Cross Magazine, October ’98) about Tim O’Brien’s short story collection, The Things They Carried, Fr. Miracky explains the appeal that literature holds for him, both as a reader and as a teacher, particularly work that spills over boundaries and

**Rev. James J. Miracky, S.J.**

“A little cognitive dissonance can be a very healthy thing.”
that deals with difficult topics.

“O’Brien’s book of short stories relating events surrounding the Vietnam War is a triumph not only of war fiction but also of postmodern narrative,” he writes. “Blurring the lines between fiction and the ‘facts’ of his war experience, O’Brien’s tales of battles fought and comrades lost thrive equally on love and hate, horror and beauty to get at ‘truths’ about war that defy human logic. I get a kick out of seeing students wrestle with the gray areas of these stories, which resist the desire for neat explanation and resolution.”

Fr. Miracky is as willing to put himself on unfamiliar ground as he is to put his students there. Recently, for example, he taught a course on 21st-century literature, surely something not yet seen in most curricula.

“Since there isn’t critical writing on this subject, except for a few reviews,” he told prospective students, “we’re going to be taking a stab at figuring out what’s going on here, attempting to create some kind of interpretative community.”

The fact that he himself was on new ground, as well, was not a problem. Pedagogically, it allowed for some useful modeling.

“There are questions out there,” Fr. Miracky argues, “for which the best answer at the time is ‘I don’t know.’ I think that encourages our students, that we don’t have it all packaged up.”

Postmodern literature and postmodern theory, with the challenges that both pose to the questions of identity, of fixity, of solid and unchanging answers, strike Fr. Miracky not as threats but as useful forms of exercise for students, both intellectual and moral.

“What they come in as can be challenged, changed, exposed to new things,” he says of his students, “We can get them to think about the ways in which their identities have been formed and in which they are constantly being formed.”

And to the degree that the students are further challenged by the fact that these quandaries are being put before them by a Jesuit priest, that’s fine, too.

“I think it explodes their cate-
gories,” Fr. Miracky says. “I think it’s helpful, that they see that religion or religious life is not separate from the rest of their lives. And that whatever sense they may have of Catholicism—those that are Catholic or even those that are not—they come to a place like Holy Cross, and they’re encouraged to expand their horizons, to learn how to think critically, to recognize—and this is something that goes back to a motto of our founder, St. Ignatius Loyola—finding God in all things, to recognize that we don’t say, ‘well, OK, here are the areas of life experience that sort of fit in with what it means to be Catholic (and, for me, to be a priest), and the rest of this stuff we just turn a blind eye toward or express disdain for or whatever it is. I very much enjoy teaching them things that challenge them.”
Most people haven’t been kept up nights over the last 30 years or so by the mystery of the missing solar neutrinos. For physicists, however, the problem has been both real and serious; scientists had consistently been able to detect only about half the number of neutrinos which prevailing models indicated should be emitted from our sun. This raised the possibility that they either didn’t understand something fundamental about the thermonuclear reaction that heats the sun, or that they didn’t understand something fundamental about neutrinos—subatomic particles, classified as electron-neutrinos, muon-neutrinos or tau-neutrinos.

As a physicist, these questions were very much a matter of interest to Fr. Paul Nienaber, who spends as much of his break time as he can at Fermilab, in Batavia, Ill., looking into the behavior of neutrinos. It was important news to Fr. Nienaber, in June of last year, when the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory, in Canada, finally uncovered the reason for the discrepancy between the number of neutrinos predicted versus the number observed: the neutrinos oscillate in transit between the sun and the earth, changing half of them in ways that make them difficult to detect if you
don’t know what to look for. Fr. Nienaber’s current experimental research at Fermilab focuses on more precisely explaining how and why this happens.

Currently, Fr. Nienaber is the only Jesuit on campus working outside the humanities, and this adds an extra layer of complexity to the roles that he juggles. But his approach to teaching is very much informed by his study of both theology and philosophy, and by an alternation, over the years, between being a teacher and being a student.

“One of the most valuable lessons I learned from a diocesan priest, 25 years ago,” he says, “was that you don’t preside over, you preside among. And that’s the same thing that happens with me in the classroom: I don’t teach over, I teach among. In physics education research it’s called going from being the sage-on-the-stage to being the guide-on-the-side.”

He recalls with pleasure, as well, an analogy drawn by another friend serving as a diocesan priest: “He said, diocesan priests are like shepherds and Jesuits are like sheepdogs. We run around the edges of the flock, and pick up the people who are on the margins. And I think that’s what we do at our best. We stand at the center of our disciplines—I stand at the center of physics, and I say this is what physics means—but I also stand on those interface edges where science comes up against society, where science comes up against theology, where science comes up against ethics, and you stand at the interface, and to the extent that you’re able, you interpret in both directions. You don’t withdraw to the middle and say the center must be held; you stand on the edges and say, ‘I know this is hard, and I know this is messy, but I’m going to stand here because I know that there’s something valuable here.’ The growth takes place at the edges.”

Moving back to the church from the academy, Fr. Nienaber closes the loop: “Vatican II says the Church is the people of God. So, welcome to this zany, multi-faceted, weird, human, messy, beautiful, gorgeous church!”

One current academic project about which Fr. Nienaber is particularly excited is a proposal for the National Science Foundation. “With two other faculty members—one at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania and one at Embry-Riddle University, an aeronautical university in Prescott, Ariz.—I’ve put together a proposal to bring six students [two from each institution] to spend a semester at Fermilab. The students will take four faculty-supervised courses: one lecture, one research laboratory, a particle physics seminar, and a practicum/seminar on the goals and techniques of communicating science.”

The teaching of science is obviously at the heart of this proposal. But in addition to giving undergraduates more hands-on experience in an elite national lab, Fr. Nienaber is also interested in a more complex and thorough process of academic and professional socialization, one that does not slight the humanities-side skills that working scientists need to be successful.

“We never teach our students these things,” he laments. “That’s the problem. And what happens is they sort of pick it up—if they’re lucky! They’re in a group either as undergraduate researchers or as graduate students, where this sort of thing is taught to them, and they’re socialized into, how you give a 10-minute talk, how you give a 20-minute talk, how to give an hour-long talk, how to write an article for the local newspaper, how to write a letter to the editor, how to write for a magazine like Science News, how to write to the government, how to talk to funding agencies, how to communicate with the general public.”

If the project is accepted, Fr. Nienaber hopes to have the first Holy Cross students out in Illinois in September 2003; and, ultimately, this will enable him to expand and enrich the kinds of courses he is able to offer at Holy Cross as well.
After my Ph.D. defense,” Fr. Bill Stempsey relates, “my dissertation director came back and said, ‘Congratulations Father Doctor Doctor.’”

The list of honorifics was wholly appropriate. By the time he earned his Ph.D., in philosophy, from Georgetown University in 1996, he was 18 years beyond the M.D. he had earned from the State University of New York, Buffalo. In the interim, he had been ordained a Jesuit priest and picked up a masters degree in health care ethics at Loyola University in Chicago, only the third person to earn the degree there.

Fr. Stempsey tells this story with a twinkle in his eye, still entertained by the complex arc of his intertwined careers—medical, philosophical, and spiritual.

He grew up in an observant, Polish Catholic household. He did
his undergraduate work at Boston College. And his experience with the Jesuits there, in the early 1970s, was positive.

“They were available,” he remembers. “They were real. They were good teachers. They were willing to listen. They were interesting, and they were doing a lot of interesting things.”

He went on to medical school anyway, rather than into the priesthood at that point, and then went through the requisite internships and residencies. But ultimately, he didn’t find where he ended up as satisfying as he had thought it would be.

“I knew I didn’t want to be a pathologist,” he says, of his medical specialty. “The more I got into that the more I got into managing laboratories … I knew I didn’t want to do that.”

But as to what he did want to do, that wasn’t entirely clear. Figuring it out took time.

Even after becoming a priest, the prospect remained that he could still be a medical doctor; nationwide, there are a handful of Jesuit physicians, surgeons and psychiatrists, who have combined medical practice with spiritual calling. Fr. Stempsey could have retrained in a different medical specialty. But, ultimately, that was not the direction in which he felt called.

As medicine and the bio-sciences continue to expand, questions that have been abstract become, sometimes painfully, concrete. In some countries, for example, it is now legal for people to sell “spare” organs—we only need one kidney, after all. Fr. Stempsey’s response to this, to what has generally been referred to as “the commodification of the body” takes recourse to church teaching but also to moral philosophy.

“My kidney is part of me,” he says. “It’s part of who I am. And I think we say something pernicious about who human beings are when we start to put prices on parts of ourselves.”

While the field of medical ethics has seen significant growth in the last decade or two—and issues associated with cloning, genetic manipulation and advanced reproductive medical techniques promise to accelerate this trend—Fr. Stempsey’s work deals with related but subtly different issues.

“My real specialty,” he says, “is the philosophy of medicine, which constitutes more foundational things, like concepts of health and disease, the philosophical basis behind how we structure medical care. Not so much what we should do but what are the metaphysical and the epistemological issues.”

He could have taught medical students or graduate school, but over time—through prayer, reflection, and consultation—Fr. Stempsey came to the conclusion that he would have a stronger impact on undergraduates, particularly on premeds.

“Aristotle in the Metaphysics says that philosophy begins in wonder,” he explains. “And that’s really what I am trying to get at with students here, to have them develop a philosophical attitude, to wonder about things, whether it be medicine, or the meaning of life or anything in between.”
Associate Professor of history Fr. Tom Worcester has spent a good deal of his life in the 17th century. One focal point of his scholarly work has been the life and the writings of the French Bishop Jean-Pierre Camus who was made Bishop of Belley at the age of 25, by special dispensation of Paul V, in 1609, and was consecrated by St. Francis of Sales, bishop of Geneva.

“He published 250 books in his lifetime,” Fr. Worcester notes, “so there’s a lot of material to work on. I used him as a kind of window onto religious mentality, religious culture of the early 17th century in France.”

Worcester was educated at a catalog of first-rank universities. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Columbia University and Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge. He received a master of theological studies from Harvard Divinity School, a licence en philosophie.

Rev. Thomas W. Worcester, S.J.

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from the Institut Supérieur de Théologie et de Philosophie de la Compagnie de Jésus, Paris, and a licentiate in sacred theology from the Weston School of Theology.

His scholarly interests, while anchored in history, have an interdisciplinary cast to them. In 1999, for example, he was one of five co-curators who received a National Endowment for the Arts grant for an exhibition at the McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College, titled “Saints and Sinners: Caravaggio and the Baroque Image.”

Is teaching medieval or renaissance history difficult, when your students are part of the short-attention span, MTV generation? In some ways, he admits, it is. There is a balancing act to be maintained between demonstrating some measure of contemporary relevance and modern parallel, while still remaining true to history.

“If you make it too familiar, too relevant,” Fr. Worcester says, “you falsify the past … On the other hand, if it’s too strange to them, if it’s too foreign, then it’s completely opaque, and they have no access to it.”

Fr. Worcester also stresses the value of the study of history as an important counterpoint to many of the cultural influences that swamp today’s students. “History, in all kinds of ways,” he says, “provides a healthy perspective, sort of the antidote to the CNN, sound-bite approach to reality, where everything is a crisis … The historian takes the exact opposite approach, takes the long view: patience, stepping back, looking at things in context.”

That perspective, that longer view, that patience—a more nuanced and variegated view of both the past and the present—also informs how Worcester sees the current situation of Jesuit faculty at Holy Cross.

“Sometimes people will speak negatively about the situation of the Jesuits here—oh, there are so few of you; there used to be so many. If you go back to the late 18th century, Jesuits were suppressed altogether. In that sense, today is a kind of Golden Age.”

Changes in number or in surface appearance notwithstanding, he also sees underlying continuities.

“The bottom-line commitments that Jesuits have,” he says, “include things like [the idea that] reason and revelation are not contradictory. There is not—should not be—a war between faith and reason. The way we approach things is not to be afraid of all kinds of rigorous academic enquiry in all kinds of fields, not just in theology, but in all areas. At the same time, we also see questions about faith and meaning and God as central questions that have a place in the academy.”
Gerry McKeon has been here before. An undergraduate at Holy Cross in the early 1970s, he returned some 25 years later as an assistant chaplain. Some things have changed, he says. And some things haven’t. Yes, we live in a period that he views as more materialistic and individualistic than was his own time at Holy Cross. But students continue to search for ongoing spiritual support and guidance. And community service remains an important value on campus and an important component of Jesuit education.

Like Fr. Bill Clark, Fr. McKeon has spent extensive time—eight years, in two, four-year, stints—living in Jamaica. He describes his experiences there as both humbling and useful—and he encourages students to participate in both the immersion programs available during vacation periods and postgraduate programs like the Jesuit

Rev. Gerard R. McKeon, S.J., ’76

“I am a loved sinner.”
Volunteer Corps, which bring them into closer and more sustained contact with poorer communities and with different cultures, both foreign and domestic.

Beyond the educational and spiritual value of such work, Fr. McKeon says, the goal is justice: “to become men and women for others and with others, in solidarity with those who struggle, to really work to build a more just world, a more caring world, and a world that really brings greater equality—that tries to narrow the gap between rich and poor.”

In the way that he speaks about the students’ need for support, he is careful to emphasize their need for structure as well. He talks about love, but he talks about tough love.

“You want to affirm them,” he says of students seeking guidance, “support them on their journey. You want them to know that they’re loved because self-esteem issues are important to a lot of students. We offer an adaptation of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This is a very important part of our retreat program. Through the Spiritual Exercises many students come to a personal experience of God’s unconditional love. This experience of God’s love is something we really want to encourage among our students.”

“And the Spiritual Exercises,” Fr. McKeon continues, “also enable our students to acknowledge that ‘I am a loved sinner,’ and to really come to grips with this truth. It would be unfair to our students if we did not help them to look at this reality in their lives. So I’m a loved sinner. I’m in need of redemption. And I think it’s our role as chaplains to help students get in touch with areas in their lives where they experience unfreedom, where there are obstacles to their spiritual growth.”

While spiritual guidance, pastoral counseling and social justice programs are key to the work of the Chaplains’ Office, Fr. McKeon also stresses the broader mission of the College.

“‘The whole sense of finding God in all things is key to this institution,’” he says—“realizing that everything is a place for the sacred, that God can be found in every interaction. In your studies, in your relationships, in every aspect of your life, not only in church. God is there, concrete and substantial. And we are called to be reflective in our actions, to contemplate and to seek God in everyday life.”

“We give glory to God by developing our intellectual capacities,” Fr. McKeon says. “We give glory to God by developing the whole person. Educating the whole person: spiritual, intellectual and physical. That’s very much part of our tradition.”

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MISSION STATEMENT

This February, the Jesuit Community at Holy Cross adopted the following Mission Statement. Drafted by a committee comprised of Rev. James Miracky, S.J., Rev. William Reiser, S.J., and Rev. Dennis Yesalonia, S.J., the Statement was the culmination of a process that began in September 2000.

We, the Jesuit Community at the College of the Holy Cross, shaped by the Gospel, the Ignatian Exercises, and our encounters with the people of God, and missioned here by the Society of Jesus, embrace our responsibility to Holy Cross as living representatives of the College’s traditions and identity.

We pursue wisdom. In collaboration with our College associates who are engaged in teaching, ministry, scholarship, administration, and support services, we challenge our students and alumni/ae to recognize and develop their God-given talents and to accept their responsibility to do justice as they live out their callings. We vigorously pursue truth and serve the Catholic Church and the wider world through research, publication, and the availability of our personal and corporate resources.

We promote faith. Ordained for ministry in the Catholic Church, we serve the College community in sacramental, pastoral, and prophetic ways. We nurture the search for faith among all members of the College community and engage in dialogue with our colleagues concerning issues of faith and justice.

We seek God in all things. Within the College, we are a praying community that embraces both Holy Cross and the wider world. We use the tools of critical reflection to examine our institutional integrity, which is most authentic when it is grounded in Gospel values and the norms of social justice. We challenge the College community to live out its commitment to authentic personal freedom and respect for human dignity.

We are enriched by the gifts and dedication of the members of this College community. Ever renewed by the vision of St. Ignatius of Loyola that is at the heart of the identity of the College of the Holy Cross as a Jesuit, liberal arts institution, we dedicate our lives to expressing that tradition “for the greater glory of God.”
We see the world through the lens of our experience and the filters of our specialized knowledge. Ask a mathematician, and she’ll tell you that the world is made up of numbers, from the natural world geometry that defines snowflakes, to the engineering equations that define the construction of the buildings in which we live and work.

In focusing her students’ attention on this fact, Catherine Roberts, an associate professor in the department of mathematics and computer science, introduces them to a topic that interests many of us as we start our day: coffee.

“My first assignment in ‘Mathematical Models,’” she says, “is to create some equations that help judge the quality of a cup of coffee. There are many variables that can be considered (quality of the bean, method of roasting, manner of making the coffee, characteristics of the water ...). The challenge is to find a balance between including enough variables to obtain realistic results and having resultant math equations that are simple enough to solve. We spend much of our time fine-tuning our judgement skills in this regard.”

More sophisticated math can be applied to a more complex mix of disciplines and personal interests. “I majored in both mathematics and art history as an undergraduate,” Roberts continues, “and I’ve always been particularly interested in the interfaces between science and art. For example, calculus techniques were used to prove that a purported Vermeer masterpiece from the 17th century was actually a fake.” Someday, she’d like to integrate examples like that into a course on “the science of art.”
At the present time, however, one piece of her work might better be described as “the science of recreation,” or of “environmental impact.” For several years now, Roberts has been working on the Grand Canyon River Trip Simulator, a computer program that is designed to help park managers regulate rafting traffic on the Colorado River. The program marries a database of trip reports to an integrated statistical and artificial intelligence-based computer simulation that models the impact of rafting trip launch schedule changes.

If this sort of software strikes one, at first blush, as an approach better suited to modeling traffic in and out of a busy airport or through a heavily used tunnel, consider that the current wait for people who want to book a non-commercial rafting trip through the Grand Canyon is on the order of 12 years: book today so you can travel in the year 2014!
According to an article that Roberts co-wrote with Joanna Bieri, then an undergraduate at Northern Arizona University, for the Association for Women in Science (available on the Web at www.awis.org/v_maggrandcanyon.html), the full trip runs some 279 miles, and takes anywhere from three to 22 days, depending on how far people choose to go, and whether they use motorized or non-motorized rafts. Some 20,000 passengers currently take this trip annually.

As Roberts and Bieri point out, “Without reasonable restrictions on the number of people allowed to raft on the Colorado River, river trips could cease to be considered a true wilderness experience.” The GCRTsim, then, is an example of using technology to preserve nature.

Her experience with river rafting isn’t just abstract, of course. And Roberts takes particular pleasure in puncturing the cliché image of mathematics as a sedentary, lab-bound field. “As an applied mathematician,” she says, “I enjoy breaking down the stereotypes that I encounter. It’s fun to surprise mathematicians by sharing my other interests with them, such as art and river rafting, as much as I enjoy explaining to non-mathematicians that my research is both interesting and relevant.”

There are a number of characteristics of the math and computer science program at Holy Cross that made both the department and the larger institution appealing to Roberts. At or near the top of the list are issues of scale and issues of balance.

Northern Arizona University, the institution from which she came to Holy Cross, is a significantly larger place. This made mentoring students much more difficult. As she wrote in her cover letter when she applied for her current position at Holy Cross: “… one personal disappointment for me working here at a large, comprehensive university (NAU has some 20,000 students) is that I have rarely seen the same student in more than one course. At graduation, I’m lucky if I know even one senior. The students are so distributed that mentoring them, in the manner that I was mentored [as an undergraduate] at Bowdoin, is simply impractical.”

Those structural difficulties
notwithstanding, she continues, she did everything she could in that context to include undergraduate participation in her research work in a meaningful way. "My one success in this venue has been engaging students in undergraduate research," she says. "I am the leader in my department in this regard, having had 12 students work on three distinct funded research projects. I established the Modeling and Simulation Lab, using my grants to purchase computers and pay student wages. Now, in addition to my students, two other faculty have begun using the lab resources. Our students have been successful getting into REU and graduate programs. Their names are on research publications, and they have presented at several national conferences. I’ve found this work to be incredibly rewarding."

As to the matter of balance, as a woman in a field that remains dominated by men, as an active member of the Association for Women in Mathematics, Roberts stresses that, “It is crucially important to encourage all students to consider nontraditional careers as viable and rewarding alternatives,” and happily points out that, “the mathematics and computer science department here at Holy Cross is close to 50 percent female. This is, simply put, astounding. While national trends show an even gender split in undergraduate majors, women still make up approximately 20 percent of the new doctorates each year.”

Roberts remains committed to increasing those numbers, to mentoring and advocating for her students, to creating possibilities and opportunities for them, and—for those of us whose training and experience don’t dispose us to see the mathematical components of our daily lives—to opening our eyes to the stream of numbers that compose the world around us.

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A Dialogue on The Vagina Monologues

By Elizabeth Walker

The off-Broadway play, *The Vagina Monologues*, by playwright/activist Eve Ensler, is intended to raise public consciousness about violence against women, while also raising funds to help the victims of such crimes. The play’s provocative name, no-holds-barred dialogue and intimate subject matter also raise blood pressures, hackles and passionate opinions wherever it is performed. Two readings of the play on the Holy Cross campus, where it was presented in February as a fund-raiser, proved no exception. Letters and e-mails in protest and support of the performances soon followed.

“I can understand people objecting to *The Vagina Monologues,*” says Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of Holy Cross. “We considered very carefully the decision to stage the readings here. One of our student groups, the Women’s Forum, wanted to put it on as part of a national effort to raise consciousness about violence against women. Their concerns deserve our attention. The play isn’t the vehicle I would have chosen, but it is a legitimate piece.”

Along with more than $6,000 in ticket sales from two sold-out performances, the controversial play raised more than a few eyebrows among Holy Cross students, faculty, alumni and parents, who either vigorously supported or vehemently protested its staging on campus. Some who felt the play had no place at the College were particularly concerned that one of the readings coincided with Ash Wednesday. The discussion that the performances sparked within the Holy Cross community—including strong opinions from some who have never attended a performance—mirrors the ongoing discussion that has engaged proponents and protesters alike at colleges and communities across the nation since Ensler began making her play available free to schools several years ago.

Each February, *The Vagina Monologues* moves way off-Broadway and onto hundreds of college campuses across the country as part of Ensler’s V-Day movement to end violence against women. Between Feb. 8 and March 8 (International Women’s Day), the playwright allows schools that have joined the V-Day College Campaign to
stage up to two performances of her play free of charge. Holy Cross, a V-Day College Campaign member through the student-run Women’s Forum on campus, is one of nearly 500 of the nation’s colleges and universities, including Boston College, Fordham, Georgetown, Regis and St. Mary’s (Ind.), among other Catholic colleges, that performed the play free of charge this year. Proceeds from the performance were donated to Abby’s House ($5,400)—a shelter in Worcester for battered women and their children where many Holy Cross students volunteer—and to the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan ($600) to benefit that country’s widows and orphans.

For those unfamiliar with the play, The Vagina Monologues is a collection of nearly two dozen set pieces of varying lengths culled from more than 200 interviews Ensler conducted with women from across a broad spectrum of ages, ethnicities and geographies. In questioning them about their sexuality, she elicited their most intimate thoughts and experiences. The candidness with which the women recounted their feelings and stories resulted in several monologues and calls for audience participation that might make some audience members uncomfortable while offending others.

The reaction of a Holy Cross mother who attended a reading of the play with her daughter was fairly typical. She found herself moved by the power of the women’s stories, despite the crudeness of some of their words and the rawness of the images they evoked.

“The production used humor, raw and sometimes vulgar language, poignant testimonials and sheer tales of horror to bring forth the essence of being a woman,” she says. “The young women who presented the play were remarkable and very talented. The evening ended with the opportunity for my daughter, her friends and me to have a candid discussion about many of the issues that the play brought forth.”

Scheduling and staging two readings of the play took more than talent, though there was plenty available, according to Kristen Cortiglia ’02, co-director, with classmate Susanne Calabrese ’02, of the student-run Holy Cross Women’s Forum, which sponsored the production.

“Originally, we wanted to do the play on March 8, International Women’s Day, but the ballroom was not available then,” Cortiglia says. “Last November, we chose Feb. 12 and 13 because we thought that everyone would be busy on Valentine’s Day. No one involved noticed that Ash Wednesday was so early this year. When it became an issue a week before the performance, I saw no reason to cancel. We still go to class and play sports on Ash Wednesday, and the play was sponsored by the Women’s Forum, a sanctioned student organization.”

Cortiglia saw another reason to go forward with the play. “As a Catholic, Ash Wednesday has always been a day to beg forgiveness and to be cleansed,” she says. “It’s also a day to reflect on who you are and how you live your life. That’s what the V-Day movement is about.”

Casting the play from among the 45 students who came to the open auditions was the next challenge for Cortiglia and Calabrese.

“Casting was the most integral part of putting together the performance,” Cortiglia says. “We assembled a cast of 15 actors, plus three narrators and three additional actors, who presented original pieces submitted anonymously by Holy Cross students. We really found a strong person for each monologue.”

The reactions of the 600 audience members who attended the readings each evening, as well as those of the students, alumni and parents who weighed in on the issue by letter and e-mail, were just as strong and not preordained exclusively by age or gender. A first-year student who attended a reading of the play on campus suggested that, “The reasons for this play to be stopped could go on longer than the play itself … By and large, this production is about sex.” A classmate added that she “felt humiliated as a woman” by the performance she attended. But those students were in the minority.

Most Holy Cross students who expressed an opinion supported putting on the play. They cited the issues the play raised, as well as concerns about academic freedom as reasons to go forward with the production. Even among those who found the play objectionable, many thought that the students should have the freedom to see it and judge for themselves.

“That the Vagina Monologues has a grander purpose than simply to shock its audience is only part of the controversy surrounding the performances,” Crusader editor John Curley ’03 wrote in the student newspaper following the readings. “… As a school with a Catholic tradition, Holy Cross does well to ensure that this environment exists. But the school’s religious heritage cannot be allowed to bar students from being exposed to other ideas and viewpoints … those who argue that the Vagina Monologues should not be performed at Holy Cross fail...
to understand that students learn the most important lessons by discussing diverse points of view."

While some alumni wrote pointedly that allowing the play on campus has made their relationship with the College tenuous, others say that the decision to stage it has strengthened their connection to Holy Cross. A class of 1989 alumna, now a professor herself, writes,

“I offer my strong support for the administration’s decision to produce this play. It made me proud of my alma mater... next time I’m asked, I’ll be more inclined to support the College or to help with admissions recruitment.”

Others were just as passionate in their disdain for the play’s frank sexuality and language intended to shock. The wife of an alumnus called the readings “pornography.” Just as appalled, a member of the class of 1946 made clear his concerns in a letter that reads,

“… my first reaction was disbelief, then outrage and finally very deep disappointment … In sponsoring, publicizing and endorsing this presentation, Holy Cross has abandoned its reputation for high standards, decency and values and instead sought to justify its surrender to the unprincipled ‘new culture.’”

That perspective was not shared by a member of the Class of 2000, now a Catholic school educator. He applauded the College leadership for going forward with the production and for trusting the students to come to their own decisions regarding the performances. He writes,

“Allowing The Vagina Monologues to be performed at Holy Cross took a great courage and commitment to the values of academic freedom and intellectual discovery. Whether we agree or disagree with this play, whether we are impassioned or offended by this play, we must remember that, if we are truly educators and searchers for truth and wisdom, we must welcome and study different perspectives … We are, after all, women and men who are educated to be mature enough to make our own decisions regarding what we see, hear, and by what we are entertained …”

There appear to be no fence-sitters on the subject of Ensler’s Monologues and its reading on the Holy Cross campus. Those who champion the play for what they see as its “raw honesty and legitimate cause” and those who pillory it for what they view as its “offensiveness and ultra-feminist agenda,” would agree on at least two points—it has raised important issues and sparked debate within the Holy Cross community.

“Clearly, the play intentionally breaks a lot of taboos,” Fr. McFarland says. “As Ensler sees it, those taboos stifle women’s voices. Most people who actually saw the play got past the ‘body parts’ to its substance where it seems to resonate with women at deeper levels. While parts of the play may be objectionable to me, as well as to others, the play raises serious moral issues about violence against women and the power relationships that engender it. One needn’t accept Ensler’s views to believe that these are issues about which our students should be thinking. Becoming conscious of and exploring issues of social justice are fundamental to what we are about as a Catholic, Jesuit institution.”
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Having completed its 30th year
Interdisciplinary and Special

By Donald N.S. Unger

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Maura Nelson ’02 is majoring in environmental studies through the Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies (CISS). With the help of faculty mentors, she has designed her multidisciplinary course of study, which she is just on the point of completing. And she would have been hard pressed to find a way to fit such a major into any of the College’s freestanding departments. According to Richard Matlak, the acting director of CISS, that’s just one of the many kinds of opportunities that the Center is designed to provide for students.


“In keeping with its mission to provide experimental and interdisciplinary teaching innovations,” he says, “CISS affords faculty and students the opportunity to do meaningful teaching and study outside of the major departments and disciplines. Faculty members cooperate in developing multidisciplinary concentrations, multidisciplinary majors and minors, and multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary courses and programs. Faculty are also responsible for executing concentration and program budgets, which have the potential for providing the community with significant co-curricular programming, such as the recent Asian Studies panel on human rights, the Women’s Studies conference and panels on rape, and the African-American conference and concerts on Hair, Hoops, and Jazz. CISS also sponsors courses to fill gaps in the College curriculum.”

Founded in 1971, CISS has a number of constituent parts. The Center administers a variety of academic programs not available through other departments, such as the concentrations, which are supported by the Office of the Associate Director for Concentrations, Susan Cunningham; several internship programs managed by the Associate Director for Special Programs, Gary DeAngelis, which have the goal of linking Holy Cross students with the cultural, artistic, business, and political institutions of the local community, as well as to other colleges and universities; and CISS provides a variety of funding opportunities to support these enterprises, such as the Marshall Memorial Fund.

There are currently nine primary curricular concentrations and programs offered by CISS: African Studies; African American Studies; Asian Studies; Environmental Studies; Latin American Studies; Middle Eastern Studies; Peace and Conflict Studies; Russian and Eastern European Studies; and Women’s Studies. Three special programs, the College Honors Program American Sign Language and Deaf Studies, and the Fenwick Scholar Program, also fall under the purview of CISS.

In addition to providing a venue for the interdisciplinary work of the Holy Cross faculty, CISS provides opportunities for students who wish to pursue lines of enquiry and study not available through other departments, up to and including designing their
own majors or minors, via the Multidisciplinary Studies Program, which is administered by the Director’s Office.

Internship programs for students overseen by the Center’s Office of Special Programs include the Academic Internship Program, which connects students with opportunities in the Worcester and Boston areas; the Semester Away Program, through which students can arrange study at other academic institutions in the United States and Canada; and the Washington Semester Program, which has given students hands-on experience in a variety of aspects of the work and life of the nation’s capital. The Washington internships have ranged from the White House to the U.S. Congress, from the American Enterprise Institute to the Brookings Institute, from the National Catholic Reporter to the Holocaust Memorial Research Center, and news organizations ABC, CBS and CNN.

The experience of Carolyn Howe, the current director of the Latin American and Latino Studies concentration, underlines the degree to which CISS provides an important set of scholarly and intellectual spaces for faculty, as well as providing an enhanced range of academic options for students.

“The academic concentrations offered though CISS provide much more than an important service to students,” Howe says. “They offer a way for faculty to find others who share important intellectual and personal interests. When I first came to Holy Cross in 1988, the Latin American Studies concentration faculty became my first friends in Worcester. Those of us who share strong personal, political and intellectual interests in Latin America find that we share much more with each other. We are passionate about what we do, and we try to share this passion with student concentrators and with the Holy Cross community in general.”

Howe also points out the dynamic nature of the CISS concentrations. “Most recently,” she notes, “the concentration has been renamed the Latin American and Latino Studies concentration, reflecting the fact that it is important to include studies about Latinos in the United States into the curriculum. A full understanding of Latinos in the U.S. is not possible without some understanding of Latin America, and an important aspect of Latin American history is the conquest of the northern one-third of Mexico during the Mexican-American War of 1845-48 and the migration of so many of its people to the United States.”

Mary Hobgood, the current director of Women’s Studies, explains the manner in which CISS expands the intellectual conversation on campus in a slightly different way. “CISS is important for Women’s Studies,” she argues, “because it not only promotes interdisciplinary work, it gives spaces to those who create knowledge from the mar-
gins. While departments have often been weighted to reflect the knowledge produced by the traditional elite, CISS includes (though it is not exhausted by) relative newcomers to fields of official knowledge-making, i.e., white women, people from diverse communities of color and poor and working-poor people. Since these folks constitute the world majority, CISS makes an important contribution."

Over 30 years after its founding, CISS continues to grow and change, both in terms of what it provides to the campus and what it provides to the community. Matlak places particular emphasis on recent developments which have resulted in further binding of town-to-gown.

"I’m extremely pleased with the immediate impact of Community-Based Learning (C-BL) on our curriculum, which in its first year has been integrated into over 20 courses in 12 disciplines and programs—Anthropology, archaeology and museum studies, creative writing, composition, History, Sociology, Women’s Studies, Latin American studies, American Sign Language and Deaf Studies, Religious Studies, Gerontology, and Visual Arts."

“This quite phenomenal success,” he continues, “is attributable to three things: the generous gift of alumnus and Board of Trustee member, Joseph Donelan ’72, to fund a director’s position in C-BL; to the success of an astute hiring committee with representatives from Student Affairs, the Chaplains’ Office, and Academic Affairs, with input from students working in Student Affairs—all working patiently and arduously for several months of the summer to find a candidate who could work successfully with the entire campus community; and, finally, the extraordinary academic and community experience of the director hired, William Meinhofer.

Bilingual, of Swiss and Puerto Rican parentage, with a Ph.D. in sociology from Boston College, Bill has connected with the campus community and the Worcester community with equal effectiveness and aplomb."

Matlak points to Environmental Studies major, Maura Nelson, as an example of how CISS can provide a place where students can pursue their passions with exceptional creativity."

"For her capstone project,” Matlak says, “one might have expected that Maura would work on an ES issue. She went in a somewhat different direction, however. She wanted to do a meta-project on integrative education; in other words, she wanted to do research on the pedagogy behind her educational experience and intellectual growth, to learn if educational theorists would confirm that she had taken the right road.”

“To my mind,” Matlak says, “this is pretty courageous: How many students would want to know that perhaps they should have done something other than what they planned and executed with care and even love?"

An external confirmation of Nelson’s educational endeavors came in the form of a job offer from Menzie-Cura & Associates, Inc., an environmental consulting firm in Chelmsford, Mass., where she will be working on Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments.
Seniority has its privileges.

And for Holy Cross students entering their fourth year in September 2003, that privilege will include first-of-its-kind on-campus residential living.

In the works is a 244-bed, five-story apartment complex that is unlike any housing options now available at Holy Cross. And while Alumni, Carlin and Loyola Halls have seen major renovation projects over the past decade or so, this will be the first full-fledged residential construction at the College since 1966 when Mulledy Hall was built.

The $18-million project, which passed city permitting in March, broke ground in early May. Its primary purpose is to bring Holy Cross upperclass students back into the College’s residential fold, officials say. Currently, about 500 of the school’s 2,800 undergraduates live off campus every year, and the administration wants to lower that figure.

According to Holy Cross President, Michael C. McFarland, S.J., it is essential to bring off-campus students back on campus, a realization that stemmed from a retreat two years ago. “It was one of the priorities that came out of a retreat we held in June 2000,” Fr. McFarland says, “and is important for two reasons. One, our residence hall system, although well maintained and solid, doesn’t provide the kind of facilities students today are looking for, particularly upperclassmen. To remain competitive, we need that kind of facility.

“Secondly, we want to draw more off-campus students back on campus,” he says, adding that the way to do that is to offer apartment-style living as opposed to dormitory dwellings.

The 85,000-square-foot facility to be built on the lower part of the College Hill Campus between Loyola and Alumni Halls will boast 244 beds in 61 two-bedroom apartments, with each bedroom having two beds.

The brick-faced building will house apartments that will each have a living room, full kitchen with stove, dishwasher and garbage disposal, plus a breakfast bar, a bathroom with
two sinks and a dining/study area.

The two-wing building will feature floor-to-ceiling windows in the front and back of the main entrance area, giving the building an airy, modern aura, says Jacqueline Dansler Peterson, vice president for student affairs and dean of students. And, she notes, the center of the building will also feature a main-floor multifunction room and stone terraces in front and back.

Creating apartment-style living is essential to keeping students on campus, according to Peterson. A Residential Life Planning Committee-commissioned study by Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates Inc., compared Holy Cross to 16 peer colleges—11 of them had residential rates of 90-100 percent, while Holy Cross lagged far behind at 76 percent.

“When we looked at the things that contributed to the flight off campus in the late ’80s and early ’90s, we found that a limited variety of residential living spaces, as compared to our competitors, was significant,” Peterson says. “A student could pretty much come to Holy Cross as a first-year student and spend four years living in the same type of building—dorm-style facilities, with long corridors.

“We felt it very important to offer students more variety, especially students approaching their third and fourth years who are looking for more independent-style living—where they can cook for themselves—as opposed to having 100 people living along a corridor,” she says.

Noting that “it’s nice to have them on campus,” Peterson adds that in no way is Holy Cross looking to boost enrollment by building the apartment complex.

“It was never the objective to increase enrollment,” she says. “The size we are works well for the mission of the College.”

Holy Cross looked at a few areas on campus to build the apartment complex, according to Peterson, and decided on the McKeon Road area for several reasons.

“The site we chose was ideal because it’s adjacent to upper-class residences and gives the opportunity to create an upper-class student community,” she explains. “The building will be a hub for activity programming for upper-class students.”

Other possible sites near the top of College Hill, beyond Mulledy Hall, were considered too remote and isolated from the main campus, and posed additional challenges such as the presence of ledge.

Students now seek off-campus living within a 10-mile radius of the school, she says, noting that, on both ends of College Hill, are two popular apartment complexes, Cambridge Apartments and Autumn Chase Apartments. The College itself owns several pieces of property on nearby Caro Street, which it rents to students.

Holy Cross Receives ‘AA-’ Bond Rating

Fitch Investor Services, L.P. awarded Holy Cross an ‘AA-’ rating for its recent Revenue Bond, the proceeds of which will be used for construction of the new residence hall and parking garage. In its evaluation Fitch stated, “The ‘AA-’ rating and stable outlook reflect College of the Holy Cross’ steady enrollment, positive operating performance, substantial liquidity, minimal deferred maintenance, and experienced professional management.”

This AA- rating places the College in good company with its peer schools and translates directly into cost savings, in terms of bond insurance costs and lower interest rates.

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The decades drift by, but the sense of connection that Dick Connolly ’61 and Ann Marie Connolly ’74 have with Holy Cross remains passionate.

Ann Marie, a Holy Cross Trustee, is also vice chair of the Lift High the Cross Campaign Steering Committee and chair of the Boston Regional Campaign Committee. She and Dick, who met at a President’s Council dinner in the late ’70s and wed in ’82, recently committed $500,000 to the College’s fund-raising campaign. In gratitude for the gift and in recognition of her hard work as a Trustee on residential life issues, the College will name the main lobby in the new residence hall after the Connollys.

“We feel so strongly about Jesuit education and, in particular, Holy Cross, that we want to make a difference,” Ann Marie says.

“Knowing everything I know today, if I could have my choice of any school in the country, I’d go right back to Holy Cross,” Dick says, citing the school’s value system, academic rigors and the quality of its student body.

The Connollys, who live in Concord, Mass. with their three sons, Richard III, Ryan and Kevin, emphasize that the Jesuits gave them an outstanding education and strengthened their belief in giving back. “We’ve been very fortunate,” says Ann Marie. “So we try to not only be supportive financially of institutions that we care about, but we try to give our time as well.” In addition to serving as a religious education teacher at St. Bernard’s parish, in Concord, for 15 years, and as a governor and development chair at the Concord Museum, she is a member of the New England Province Development Committee, which raises money for New England apostolates, and the Hestia Fund, a group of women philanthropists who provide funding for before- and after-school programs for inner city youth.

Dick, who has also been involved with St. Bernard’s, is a director of the Children’s Medical Research Foundation and former trustee of Babson College, Babson Park, Mass., where he earned an M.B.A. in ’64. He established a scholarship in his mother’s name at Malden (Mass.) Catholic High School and has been involved with Catholic Charities and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Dick has also been a member of the board of trustees at the Fenn School in Concord, his sons’ grammar school, for seven years. Former president and board member of the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund—named after the 20-year-old caddy who won the U.S. Open in 1913—he has run its amateur golf tournament for 23 years.

Dick, 62, was a recipient of the Ouimet Scholarship, which aids students with economic need who have given at least three years of service to golf. He began caddying at age eight and worked on the greens from age 15 through graduate school. Along the way, he developed into an ace golfer who was captain of the Holy Cross team for two years. Though he did not become the
If the new housing goes over well—and officials expect it will—there is room in the area for future expansion, Peterson says. In the meantime, she explains, the College will work with current vacancies in existing residence halls—about 109 this school year—and convert at least some to single units. Peterson observes that these “have not been an option on this campus”—a contention supported by the commissioned study that said Holy Cross has under 5 single units (0-percent) compared to 34-percent single units in the peer study group.

“If we can convert some of these to singles, we hope to interest at least that group of students seeking private rooms off campus to stay on campus and be in line for the new apartments next year,” she says.

Getting students to commit early to on-campus housing is essential, Peterson explains.

“One thing we found in the study is that students start to make their plans to live off campus fairly early—some as early as their first year,” she says. “By the second year, they’re putting deposits on places to move into their third year. We really need to tap them early and get them interested in staying on campus.”

For at least the first year of the new apartment building, residence will be restricted to fourth-year students. “After that,” Peterson says, “we’ll see how it goes.”

In addition to the apartment building, the project will include construction of a parking garage near the facility, she says, with up to five floors that will provide approximately 432 parking spaces. Slated for construction on the existing Carlin parking lot site, the new garage will create 300 new spaces on campus.

Holy Cross is financing the project upfront with a tax-exempt bond issue, says William R. Durgin, the College’s vice president for business affairs and treasurer—with the hope that the College will generate enthusiastic support from its ongoing capital campaign drive to raise money to support the facility and keep costs at affordable levels.

In the meantime, the undercurrent of excitement at the College about the new apartment building gives the College an advantage in lining up students to live there, Peterson says.

“Some students (entering their fourth year this fall) are lamenting, ‘great, this happens just when I’m leaving,’ while others are counting the time until 2003, when they can live there,” she says. “It’s important to have that kind of excitement.”

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left to right: Gerald Volpe ’02, SGA co-chair, 2001-02; John O’Donnell ’04, SGA co-chair, 2002-03; Tom Maples, project manager, Bond Brothers Inc.; Brian Doyle ’04, SGA co-chair, 2002-03; Scott Merrill, director, physical plant
Graduating senior Ed Dilworth has a longer list of professional accomplishments than his peers in the Class of 2002. He has started and run advertising agencies, interactive agencies, and most recently, begun an entertainment company, focusing on animation and cartoons. To be fair, he has had a bit more time to achieve than his classmates.

He first came to Holy Cross in the fall of 1980 but left in the middle of his senior year. He returned some 17 years later, in the fall of 2001, to complete his degree. In the stands, at commencement, will be his wife Michele and his two sons—Patrick, 2½ and Edmond, 1—who, together, are the main reason he decided to return and finish his degree.

“When my sons were born,” Dilworth recalls, “I was reminded of how obsessed I was when I was little about my father’s life when he was younger, and it made me think that if I was going to be able to tell my own boys things like, ‘you need to finish what you start,’ or ‘it’s important to do things the right way,’ then I needed to take a shot at finishing at Holy Cross.”

The first time around, he says, the timing just wasn’t right. “While the reasons for my departure were administrative and, in hindsight, pretty silly, I shouldn’t have been in school at that time, anyway. I was completely without motivation academically. While I went on to attend other schools, it was not until I returned this past year that I really had any appreciation for going to school.”
Fall semester 2001 was a radically different experience. “All the professors were great,” Dilworth says. “And the students were amazingly engaged—really bright and involved, much different than I remember it. But then, I was a bit out of it when I was here originally.”

He was particularly taken with Professor Bob Cording’s course on “The Bible as Literature.” “It would be a dramatic understatement to say I just enjoyed it. This course was a life changer, not only for me but for a number of other students as well. It should be a ‘must take’ for every student before they graduate.”

Cording returns the sentiment. “I loved having Ed in class,” he says. “He brought his lifelong quest for meaning—the sense that the life of the spirit and the spiritual search for meaning doesn’t begin and end by the time you leave college; rather it’s a lifetime’s work.”

“It was also pretty amazing,” Dilworth adds, “to be taking a ‘Politics of The Middle East’ class during the Sept. 11 attack.”

Assistant Professor Vickie Langohr, in the department of political science, who taught the course, remembers him as a student who brought strong analytical skills to the classroom:

“His business world experience showed clearly,” Langohr says. “I remember that at one point we were discussing the vague terms of a U.N. resolution on the Middle East, and I asked why both parties, the Palestinian and the Israeli, might be unsatisfied with the resolution; Ed said that if you compared it to a business contract, you could see that the resolution didn’t mean much, that it said things like ‘may’ and ‘should’ and didn’t give any enforceable rights. If this were for my business, he said, I’d insist on a renegotiation in clearer terms.”

Coming back after an absence of almost 20 years, Dilworth was surprised not only by how he had changed as a student but also by changes in the institution as well. A variety of support structures that were put into place in the 1980s and 1990s were particularly noteworthy. He had come back ready to campaign for changes that would make the school more supportive of the students; he found that he was preaching to the converted.

“The school had completely changed and was very active in students’ lives. The Assistant Deans’ Office was a big change, for example, and a welcome one. The student life group was also very active in making sure that I was set, and that everything was going well for me. And that contact was consistent throughout the semester.”

The student population had changed as well. And, as Dilworth sees it, “The school is significantly better for having a broader range of students than it had 20 years ago.”

If the academic and personal timing was better this time around, the commute was rather more strenuous: “I took the red eye in from San Francisco on Monday nights and returned on Thursday afternoons after class. I did that every week for the semester.”

Dilworth’s completing his degree is not likely to do much to change his professional standing. On a personal level, however, both for himself and for his growing family, his achievement will likely mean more to him now than it would have in the spring of 1984.

“I guess in short I returned because I hated the parts of my past and myself that led to leaving Holy Cross. In order to purge them and demonstrate to my sons and maybe myself the right way to do things, I felt the need to return.”
Rob Sullivan ’89 is the author of Getting Your Foot in the Door When You Don’t Have a Leg to Stand On (Contemporary Books, 2001), a step-by-step guide through the entire career search process. Using self-assessment exercises, résumé guidelines, interviewing strategies and techniques for salary negotiation, Sullivan delivers a new model for the job hunt. Al Roehl, executive vice president of Leo Burnett Company, says the book is “the best work on this subject I have ever come across. I even think some of the advice is applicable for life and not just an interview.” Sullivan has worked as vice president and senior consultant at Carpenter Associates, Inc., an executive search firm. A Chicago resident, he is currently a freelance writer and speaker on job hunting, career changing, executive recruitment and interview training.

Houston Oilers: The Early Years (Eakin Press, 2001) by Kevin Carroll ’72 is the story of one football team’s tumultuous early history. Tracing the Oilers’ story from the summer of 1960, when hundreds of young men arrived in Houston to try out for a new team in a new league, Carroll details the days when the players’ salaries averaged $9,500 a year and air-conditioned astrodomes were just a dream. Packed with stories of 5’7” running backs and 153-pound safeties, the book conveys how this colorful franchise won the first championship of the American Football League.

Carroll, a lifelong football fan, played for the Crusaders during his years at Holy Cross. A history teacher and football coach at Albuquerque Academy, he lives with his wife, Linda, and their two daughters in New Mexico.

Robert G. Stevenson ’67 is the editor of What Will We Do: Preparing a School Community to Cope with Crises (Baywood Publishing, 2002), a guidebook for educators and parents who wish to understand the importance of pre- and post-intervention programs in our schools. The book examines the scope and effect of programs that target such issues as loss, illness, death, grief, war and violence. Presenting specific steps that can help a school community cope with a variety of crisis situations, the book has been utilized by educators around the world to create crisis-response programs.

Stevenson holds graduate degrees from Montclair State University and Fairleigh Dickinson University. He has published over 60 articles on loss and grief in professional journals and texts and has edited several books, including Teaching Students about Death (Charles Press, 1966).

Rev. Robert F. Slesinski ’72 is the author of three new books, The Search for Knowledge: An Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge; A General Introduction to the Philosophy of Nature; and The Search for Understanding: An Introduction to Philosophical Hermeneutics. All three books, published by the Salesian Center of Don Bosco Publishers, Gatchina, Russia, grew out of Fr. Slesinski’s experience teaching at the Russian Seminary and at Mary, Mother of the Church Seminary, Karaganda, Kazakhstan. The books provide a general overview of the philosophical issues involved in their respective areas.

Fr. Slesinski, who holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, specializes in Russian religious philosophical thought.

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When John Figge '59 and his wife, Pat, traveled with Robert H. McCooey '52 and his wife, Mary, a church was always part of the journey. “Whenever we’d stop, Bob would say, ‘I wonder if there’s a church around,’” says Figge of his best friend and brother-in-law who died last year.

Daily Mass wasn’t always a part of Figge’s life, he admits, “but because of Bob, it became part of my life.”

So deep was the friendship between the men that the Figgies decided to memorialize Bob McCooey by donating $2 million to renovate the College’s Mary Chapel, located in the basement of St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. One of the smaller interior chapels will be named the McCooey Chapel, Figge says, in a fitting tribute to a very religious man. “When we committed to this gift, they said to think of what I’d like to memorialize,” Figge says. “It could have been ‘Figge this’ or ‘Figge that,’ but that didn’t sit well with me. Then Bob died, and I thought, ‘Here’s a gift that’s perfect for him.’ It’s a perfect way to honor Bob and his Catholic faith.”

The Holy Cross tradition runs deeply in both the Figge and McCooey families. Mary McCooey and Patricia Figge are sisters, part of the extensive Joyce clan. Two of their brothers are graduates of the College—Thomas ’59 and Timothy ’69—and two of their sisters, Bonnie and Cathleen, married Holy Cross graduates. Four of John and Pat Figge’s children—and four of Bob and Mary McCooey’s children—attended the College. Three of the Figge children married Holy Cross alumni, as did the McCooeys’ eldest child. On the Joyce side of the family, there are no fewer than 15 more Holy Cross alumni.

Beyond the gift of memorializing a true friend, Figge says he also made the donation “because of the wonderful experience I and my family had at Holy Cross.” “There was no doubt Holy Cross truly formed my father,” says Robert McCooey Jr. ’87. “His moral being was already formed, but it was strengthened at Holy Cross.”

McCooey Sr.’s mantra was “I choose to follow Jesus,” his son says, adding that it is on his tombstone. “He truly loved Holy Cross and appreciated not only the kind of education he received, but more importantly the development of the Christian man that was produced there.”

While the Holy Cross tradition in the family is vast, for the McCooey children it was their decision to make as to what school they would attend, says Mark McCooey ’89.
“Dad encouraged us but did not force us to attend—he let us make our own choices,” McCooey says of his siblings; four of six of them opted for Holy Cross. “We really felt a great attachment to Holy Cross. It was a very easy decision to make.”

Bob McCooey Jr. and his dad co-founded The Griswold Company in New York City in 1988, a brokerage firm where Bob is chief executive officer and president and Mark is managing director—a company that has become one of the largest independent brokerage firms on the New York Stock Exchange. The elder McCooey himself was a NYSE member for 46 years, starting his career on Wall Street as an independent broker and later working as a specialist for Henderson Brothers.

As to the gift that his Uncle John made to Holy Cross to renovate the lower level of the chapel, Bob says, “That’s most fitting, since the chapel is where Dad felt most comfortable. He spent a good portion of his life (at Holy Cross) there, sometimes going to Mass a couple of times a day. “Having a place that will always be there as a reminder to family and alumni and future generations of someone truly dedicated to the Lord, that is the perfect gift,” he says.

The lower level of St. Joseph Memorial Chapel has served Holy Cross in a variety of ways since the chapel was built in 1924. It was first used as an auditorium and in the 1940s as space for the Naval ROTC, complete with monumental cannons in side alcoves that later housed altars.

In 1955, Holy Cross President Rev. William Donaghy, S.J., had the lower level converted to a second student chapel because the upper space could not accommodate the student body at required daily Masses. The Mary Chapel was furnished with seating for 800, an altar and lectern of Italian marble, 20 side altars, four confessionals, and a choir area.

“The current configuration of the Mary Chapel reflects the needs of students and the liturgy of the Catholic Church 50 years ago,” says Paul Covino, Holy Cross associate chaplain and director of liturgy. “Today, the Church’s liturgy has gone through a process of reform and requires a different kind of space. Students’ spiritual activities have changed as well.”

Renovation will bring new life to many areas of the lower chapel that haven’t seen activity in years. Liturgies of various sizes will be accommodated in a mid-sized chapel that will be created in much of the area currently occupied by pews and in a smaller chapel that will replace the current sanctuary. The side alcoves will be re-opened, restoring the original arched walkway around the perimeter. The statue of Our Lady of Montserrat will be relocated to a more prominent location, and all spaces will be made handicapped accessible. Much needed storage space will be created, and additional restrooms will augment the two that currently serve the entire chapel.

“The result will be a well integrated and aesthetically pleasing variety of spaces that will have a major impact on religious life on campus,” Covino says. “We have a treasure of underused square footage that feels very much like a basement now, but the renovation will give Holy Cross beautiful space that will be well used.”

As of this writing, no timetable as to completion of the renovation to Mary Chapel has been established.

Of the $2 million Figge gift making the chapel renovation possible, Covino adds, “This gift and this project are signs of the religious vitality of Holy Cross. You don’t do this in an institution that is moving away from its religious roots.”

The gift of a renovated chapel could be no more appropriate nor appreciated, says Mary, McCooey’s wife of 37 years. “Daily Mass was Bob’s whole life,” she explains. “It’s a most fitting tribute to him and unbelievably generous.”

Her husband, who always advised people wanting to get married that “you work at marriage every day in every

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What lessons did you learn as an athlete at Holy Cross?
The ones that stick out in my mind are: be prepared, work hard, do things the right way, work together as a team and, lastly, have fun. Those lessons and values have been very important in my career at Morgan Stanley. I am part of an outstanding trading group that incorporates these values, which has contributed to our success.

What did you think of the Holy Cross vs. Kansas game?
I watched the game with many other HC alumni, which was a great deal of fun. The game was very exciting, and the team played tremendously. I called my wife, Susan, at halftime, and we agreed that the family would all go to St. Louis for the next round, but unfortunately they fell a little short. Overall, I am very excited about what the basketball team has accomplished over the last two years. They have won two Patriot League titles and have taken two top-ranked teams to the limit in the NCAA Tournament. Coach Willard has done an outstanding job, and I believe Holy Cross is in a great position to build on these successes. For many of the alumni of my era, this is a very welcome development.

What are your hopes for your gift to the Lift High the Cross Campaign?
We do not have a specific goal for the gift yet. Ideally, we would like something that is targeted toward both academics and athletics, because it was the overall Holy Cross experience that I appreciated. I wanted to make a contribution to the College because it is a great school with great people, and it did a lot for me. Many of my closest friends are still the people I met at Holy Cross. The camaraderie and bond between Holy Cross students, faculty, administration and alumni is very special and the envy of other colleges. We need to continue to leverage this to help Holy Cross reach its tremendous potential.
way” and practiced what he preached, had a “capacity for mixing humor with his own spirituality,” she adds. “He was a very funny man and was just very comfortable in his religion.”

Holy Cross had a lasting impact on McCooey’s life that is still being felt, she says. The family is building a new home and over the dining room will be inscribed the words, “When a guest comes, Christ comes,” the same words gracing Kimball Hall at Holy Cross. “That was something Bob always felt,” she says. “So it’s going into our new home.”

What made Holy Cross such an integral part of Bob McCooey Sr.’s life made it the same for his children.

“Dad said college should be eight years—four years of study, four years of forming friendships and being with people, interacting with them,” says Bob Jr. “He felt it very important that not everyone’s life was found in a book—it was found in people, at Mass or the library, out with your friends. He was very big on the community of Holy Cross and the way it didn’t have the overriding attitude of grandeur you get at some larger schools.”

According to Mark McCooey, his dad taught him “Fifty percent of what you learn in class, 50 percent of what you learn outside of class, makes you a well-rounded person. It’s not about one or the other, but both.”

Bob McCooey Sr.’s funeral last November had an impressive contingency of Holy Cross alumni in the assembly; and Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J. ’49, president emeritus; Rev. Francis Miller, S.J. ’47, vice president emeritus; and former president, Rev. Gerard Reedy, S.J., served on the altar. Many people were astounded by the sheer volume of McCooey’s charitable works. He served in a variety of volunteer capacities for churches, schools and

Members of the ALANA Recruitment Initiative in the Admissions Office at Holy Cross (left to right): Lee Rosario, Ann McDermott ’79, Anabel Paniagua-Villalobos, and Kevin Fudge

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In a statement to the Holy Cross community outlining the aspirations of the Lift High the Cross Campaign, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., writes that a commitment to Holy Cross requires a “rethinking of what it means to be a Jesuit school in the 21st century.” Addressing the issues of Catholicism, education and contemporary society, the question becomes: Where and how does a Catholic liberal arts college fit into the rich and overwhelming diversity of today’s America?

There is the critical need, not only for respect, understanding and compassion among all people, but also for colleges to educate students in the broadest sense. To meet its responsibility to students, a successful college must effectively serve as a microcosm of the larger society, preparing young men and women not only intellectually and professionally for life in the world, but socially, culturally and spiritually as well. And in the case of Holy Cross, the challenge is even greater. How does the College do all of the above and stay true to the original intention and identity of the Jesuits? As Fr. McFarland goes on to ask, “How does Holy Cross foster a common culture and set of values in a diverse world?”

The answer, it seems, is in giving.

Based on two gifts of one million dollars each from B.J. ’55 and Bebe Cassin, and John ’73 and Monica Murphy P’99, Holy Cross is riding a surge of momentum and credibility in terms of increasing the minority presence on campus. Through a growing network of outreach work in collaboration with on-campus programs, such as the Diversity Task Force, and the ALANA (African American, Latino, Asian, Native American) Recruitment Initiative, the College’s goal not only to recruit and retain students of color, but also to cultivate a college where both majority and minority students become wholly educated people, is becoming a reality.

“I had a great education,” says B.J. Cassin, who majored in economics at Holy Cross and served in the Marine Corps for five years, making captain during that time. He has gone on to become a highly successful venture capitalist in California as well as a two-term chairman of the board of trustees of St. Mary’s College in Moraga, California. Cassin is also a philanthropist with a vision for educational opportunity. His gifts are designed not only to provide education to underprivileged people of color but also to enhance the established academic communities of the majority.
According to foundation director, Jeff Thielman, the Cassin Educational Initiative Foundation, created by Cassin and his wife in 2000, works with religious orders, dioceses, parishes and other groups to establish faith-based college-preparatory middle schools and high schools in economically challenged areas throughout the country. Cassin’s gift, Thielman explains, was prompted by affection for his alma mater and “concerns about the lack of diversity at prestigious colleges like Holy Cross. Mr. Cassin feels that these schools need to catch up to become better schools.”

Through his grants and efforts, Cassin is providing opportunities to the poor while creating minority links to colleges such as Holy Cross. “The mission (of the gift) is such that we want to make (education) available to those who qualify and show the potential to be successful at Holy Cross,” says Thielman. At the same time, “Holy Cross students should be exposed to the real world, because in four years, they’re going to be dealing with a business world that’s almost completely color-blind. For Holy Cross graduates to not have that exposure (to minorities) in their training is a void in the responsibility the school has to its students.”

John Murphy ’73, enjoys a successful career in the private equity business in New York, investing for years in radio stations, newspapers, and television production companies, as well as the for-profit education business. His firm is the largest shareholder of Mosaic Education, Inc., the nation’s third largest charter school management company, operating 21 charter schools in six states and the District of Columbia. There are 12,000 students and 1,000 teachers and staff.

As Murphy tells it, Holy Cross has given generously to him and his wife, Monica. They met while he was a student at Holy Cross. The College is the source of many of their longstanding friendships. Their son, Dylan, is a graduate of the Class of 1999. Throughout the years, Holy Cross has supported the family’s faith. During the trustees’ retreat a year and a half ago, the Murphys decided that they wanted to give back to the College, not only to recognize “Holy Cross’ preeminence and its uniqueness as a Catholic, Jesuit, liberal arts college,” but also to support its roots, its mission, “to educate the children of immigrants.”

Combining a desire to promote diversity with their involvement in Nativity Schools, most of which are influenced and supported by the Jesuits and focus on populations that have traditionally fallen behind, dropped out, or been left out of the educational system, the Murphys decided to endow a scholarship at Holy Cross to be awarded each year to students who attended any of the 36 Nativity-model schools in the United States. The original Nativity Mission Center is in Manhattan, where Murphy is chairman of the board. Murphy sees this as an “ideal way” to continue to support these students and enrich diversity at Holy Cross.

Alumni donations not only ensure the continuation of quality education, they allow the College “to be creative,” as Fr. McFarland says. With tuition income and the annual fund going to pay salaries and ongoing costs, gifts from alumni help to establish new resources as well as expand and solidify established ones, giving them priority status, as is the case with The ALANA Recruitment Initiative. The concept and dedication behind the recruitment of students of color has been present at Holy Cross for years, but it wasn’t until these recent gifts that the program attained the level of a formal initiative, elevating its overall scope and resources, allowing the program to come into its own.

Due to Cassin’s gift, Ann Bowe McDermott ’79, director of admissions, has been able to enhance her staff significantly, hiring three additional people to cover more ground at both the local and national levels more effectively, and getting Holy Cross on the radar as “a known option, a college of choice,” among high schools with minority populations across the entire country.

With the ultimate goal being the establishment of sustained “pipelines” between Holy Cross and these high schools—including not only students but also their counselors, who ideally become advocates of the College—Kevin Fudge, the assistant director for Community Outreach, and Anabel Paniagua-Villalobos, the assistant director for National ALANA Recruitment, two of the new additions to the program, take as their primary focus “becoming a presence.”

For Fudge, whose particular territory is the diocesan schools in Boston, this means constantly visiting the schools, spreading enthusiasm and the story of Holy Cross among the students and performing various service-
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Joe Reilly ’55, a longtime friend of Cassin’s, who heads the Bishop Healy Committee, a program designed to cultivate alumni in the effort to foster interracial relations at Holy Cross, cites the increase in minority students from 8 percent to 12 percent in the past four years as a sign that the commitment to minority recruitment at Holy Cross is in place. Reilly urges that the new goal become a sign that the commitment to minority students is crucial to the overall recruitment effort. She credits alumni gifts with allowing the College to continue to do that.

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"When alumni who can see clearly, think logically and are generous get involved with an effort such as this, it can make the difference between success and failure,” says Reilly.

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For the Argiz Family, Education is Priority

For Antonio Argiz ’02, a Cuban exile, education has always been a top priority. Argiz graduated from Florida International University in 1974 and became a certified public accountant in 1977. Now his daughter and oldest child, Carolina, will graduate from Holy Cross. Tony and his wife, Conchy, have been so pleased with Carolina’s experience at Holy Cross, that they have committed $50,000 to the Lift High the Cross campaign. The Argiz are delighted to be a part of the Holy Cross community, and have, for the past two years, invited alumni and parents into their home for the Miami area alumni receptions.

Tony is an audit partner in the Miami, Fla., accounting firm Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Co. He has received a number of awards for his technical skills and has served on many boards, including the National Governing Council of the AICPA, the Board of Governors of the FICPA and the National Steering Committee of Lending Services of AFAi. He is a board member of the Florida Foster Care Review Project, Inc., past chairman of the board of trustees of the Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart and is currently the chair of the United Way Campaign of Miami-Dade County. He and Conchy live in Coral Gables, Fla., with their sons, Antonio and Andy.

Gary Carskaddan, director of parent giving, says, “Tony and Conchy are warm and enthusiastic parents who have clearly been pleased with Holy Cross. They want to stay close to the College. As advocates for Holy Cross in the Miami area, they have hosted over 100 alumni and parents in their home. I am very grateful to them.”

Moran ’77 Creates Merit Scholarship

Mary Coffey Moran ’77 has established the F. Grant Waite and Mary Coffey Moran ’77 Merit Scholarship with a gift of $500,000. F. Grant Waite, her partner whom she seeks to memorialize with this gift, died in September 2001 after a short battle with cancer. Waite, a certified public accountant, was an avid sportsman and tennis player. His great great uncle was the 18th president of the United States, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

Mary Coffey Moran majored in economics at the College and received a master of science degree in accounting from Northeastern University. She worked as a certified public accountant for Peat Marwick & Co., before becoming senior vice president of Boston Sand & Gravel Co. Currently working as a consultant, Moran lives in Andover, Mass.

Merit-based scholarships, which include tuition and fees, are awarded by the Admissions Office to students of exceptional academic potential—or who possess unusually strong talents. Merit scholarships allow the College to compete more effectively for high-achieving students who could not consider Holy Cross without scholarship support.
Phelan Committed to the Core

William J. Phelan ’73 is described by his friend and classmate John Murphy ’73 as being deeply involved in and committed to Holy Cross, his community in Fairfield County, and the Catholic Church. “Bill has a great love of Holy Cross and has been an active supporter with his time and his talents, his financial resources, and three of his children thus far! His energy and enthusiasm for Holy Cross and the Jesuit mission is infectious.” Phelan, a partner in the law firm Phelan & Mitri in Stamford, Conn., is a Benefactor’s Circle member of President’s Council, a member of the New York Leadership Council, and the New York Regional Campaign Committee. He and his wife, Patricia P’04, ’01, ’99, have made an unrestricted gift of $100,000 to the campaign.

Two of the Phelans’ daughters, Kate and Peg, are Holy Cross graduates, and their son Bill is in his second year at the College. Phelan says, “Holy Cross is part of who I am, and I am fortunate to have been able to share the College with my children. It is striking how much of what is at the core of Holy Cross has not changed since I graduated 29 years ago.” The Phelan family lives in New Canaan, Conn., and also includes Mary Patricia, a graduate of Providence College, and John, 12.

On giving to Holy Cross, Phelan says, “My wife, Pat, and I made our gift because we believe in Holy Cross. We are privileged to be part of this institution and support its work and its goals. I strongly believe that our society needs Holy Cross. It needs the College’s serious and critical commitment to the liberal arts, to the Church, and to excellence in undergraduate teaching.”

P.C. Attendance Forces New Format

Because annual attendance at the President’s Council dinner has shot well above 800 people in recent years, the current format—one large dinner for all members held in Kimball—is no longer workable. According to Paul Sheff, vice president for development and alumni relations, “It has become increasingly difficult to provide a high-quality experience for members given the sizeable attendance. In addition, fire code regulations prohibit seating more than 900 people in Kimball, and dinner attendance has nearly reached that mark.”

After studying a variety of alternative options, a decision was made that beginning in the fall of 2002, the President will host two annual dinners on campus for President’s Council...
members. As is the current tradition, the dinners will be a part of a Saturday-Sunday weekend, scheduled, if possible, around a home football game.

One dinner will be held for President’s Council members at the junior and patron levels. This event will be held in Kimball Hall. The Junior and Patron members’ weekend is scheduled for Nov. 2-3, 2002. A second dinner will be held for members at the Distinguished, Regent and Benefactor’s Circle levels. This event will be held in Hogan Ballroom during the weekend of Nov. 9-10, 2002. If there are questions, members may contact Patricia Gibbons Haylon at (508) 793-2369 or by e-mail at phaylon@holycross.edu.

The Reunion Gift: What Counts?

During the Lift High the Cross campaign, all gifts and pledges made during a reunion year, prior to June 30, will count toward a class’s reunion gift total.

The net effect of this rule is that the College will now keep track of three figures during a reunion year: cash gifts to the Holy Cross Fund, cash gifts to all other purposes, and pledge balances.

With this rule in effect immediately and extending through June 2006, every class will have an opportunity to set a record in the year of its reunion, because all classes will have a reunion between June of 2002 and 2006. At the end of the campaign, the total each class has pledged and contributed during the entirety of the campaign will be tabulated and announced.

New Faces

There are several new faces in the Holy Cross Fund. The new director, Sr. Rita Sturwold, SND, CFRE (front and center) came to Holy Cross from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, where she was assistant superintendent for development. Jennifer Baker (second from left) was membership and operations manager at the Museum of Transportation in Brookline, Mass. before joining the fund as an assistant director. Leigh Mikulka ’00 (second from the right) is also a new assistant director, returning to alma mater after working as a consultant for Winter, Wyman & Co. Anne Carraher (far right), the new secretary, is a 2000 graduate of Regis College. Seasoned associate directors Ed Burgess ’78 (center) and James Dyer ’95 (left) predict that the 55th annual Holy Cross Fund drive will reach or exceed its goal of $6.4 million and 52% alumni participation.
Ray Bruttomesso

“THE LUCKIEST GUY IN THE WORLD”

By Phyllis Hanlon

Even though Ray Bruttomesso’s schedule keeps him busy these days—he is father of five and grandfather of 12, a practicing certified public accountant and attorney, a member of Holy Cross’ President’s Council and frequent traveler to Europe as well as to various locations stateside—he always makes time to think of his alma mater. Fond memories, overwhelming gratitude and love of the College have prompted him to support the institution morally and financially through the years.

Bruttomesso ’56 credits good fortune for all that he has. The son of first generation American parents who never had the chance to attend high school, Bruttomesso didn’t anticipate that college, especially one as prestigious as Holy Cross, would be part of his life plan. However, a generous employer in his home state of Connecticut enabled him, through scholarship, to achieve his academic dreams. As the recipient of significant financial aid for his college education, Bruttomesso has always felt a responsibility to repay the kindness shown him. In a spirit of gratitude, he has initiated several scholarships, particularly for students in Connecticut who are interested in attending Holy Cross.

Lady luck continued to smile upon Bruttomesso after graduation. Through persistence and destiny, he secured a full scholarship from the Wharton School of Business, where he earned his MBA. A short while later, a providential meeting at a friend’s wedding with Holy Cross Jesuit, Fr. McFadden, inspired him to enroll full-time at Boston College. With Father McFadden’s help he received a full scholarship, his education at BC resulted in a law degree.

“Primarily, I consider myself the luckiest guy in the world,” says Bruttomesso. This overwhelming sense of gratitude has inspired him to munificently give not only to his alma mater, but also to encourage the generosity of his fellow classmates. He has been instrumental in increasing matching corporate gifts from a former employer and other large companies as well. In addition to establishing a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT), he and his wife, Susie, contribute to a pooled income fund and make other liberal donations throughout the year. He points out that pooled income funds as well as charitable remainder trusts allow the donor to receive a current tax deduction for the gift and may solve the problem of future cash flow, as an annual income for the donor is provided. The value of the appreciating gift is not in the taxable estate and can be covered by insurance should the heirs object.

Gifts to a pooled income fund are combined for investment purposes. Individuals who contribute to a pooled income fund receive a proportionate share of the net income earned by the fund annually. Bruttomesso notes that there are a number of ways to give to the school. Outright gifts, charitable remainder trusts and scholarship funds also provide Holy Cross with the backing necessary to support educational activity and growth at the school, according to Bruttomesso.

“I believe each of us owes something of ourselves to others, in accordance with our means and abilities. I give to Holy Cross as others have given to me,” says Bruttomesso.

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Tom Maher: A Bridge Builder

By Mark J. Cadigan

Tom Maher ’84 is a firm believer in the value of a Jesuit education. As concrete proof of that, he has set up The Jeanne R. Maher Scholarship Fund, which assists students from Xavier High School in Manhattan who want to attend Holy Cross. The fund, named after his late mother, represents a minimum commitment of $100,000 on Maher’s part and is the second-largest gift to Holy Cross from an alumnus who graduated less than 20 years ago.

“The important thing for me,” Maher says, “was to build a bridge between the Jesuit college I attended and the Jesuit high school I attended, because it was such a formative and important eight years, both at Xavier and Holy Cross. I wanted to provide other students with similar opportunities.”

Maher, 39, is a principal and chief financial officer (CFO) at Eastern Development, LLC of Woburn, Mass., a real estate development firm specializing in retail and office projects throughout New England. He credits his alma mater, where he majored in history, with getting him ready for life after college.

“Holy Cross taught me to think critically,” he says. “It provided a great education and an essential road map within a strong Catholic and Jesuit background. I worked very hard at Holy Cross, and it allowed me to be well-prepared as I ventured out into the business world.”

He worked in real estate finance for Citibank and BayBank before becoming CFO of Atlantic Retail Properties, which grew into Eastern Development.

Maher and his sister, Mary Jane (Maher) Higgins ’88, an elementary school teacher, were raised in New York by their parents, Jeanne, a school secretary, and Bill, who retired after working for Citibank for 39 years. “One of the great memories I have of my mother was her graduating from college in her mid-40s,” Tom recalls. “She never had the opportunity to go to college early in her life, but it was a great lesson in perseverance and the value of education.”

Holy Cross Provost Frank Vellaccio notes, “Tom Maher’s generosity to Holy Cross in his mother’s name honors her memory and will provide deserving students from Xavier a chance to attain a Holy Cross education. Tom’s great generosity is also noteworthy given that he graduated in 1984.”

“While this is in honor of my mother,” Maher points out, “my father deserves equal mention. He showed me how to be a good father and husband, dedicated to my mother in her last days and constantly kindling hope.”

Maher and his wife, Nancy (Kendall), live in Andover, Mass., with their children, Peter and Colleen. Rev. Michael F.

Other members of the Holy Cross community who Maher says had an impact on him include William Green, retired history professor, Rev. Paul F. Harman, S.J., former executive vice-president of the College, and Rev. Robert E. Manning, S.J., former chaplain.

“I’ve made wonderful friendships at Holy Cross—Jesuits, alumni/ae, and classmates,” Maher says. “Their values, especially their commitment to ‘do the right thing,’ are extraordinary.”

His parents’ examples started shaping his morals as a child, Maher says. “I think my parents instilled at an early age that you should give what you can, when you can,” he explains. “They were always very conscious of what they had, and they shared what they had with a lot of different people. At an early age, I remember my mother taking children from the Lower East Side who lived in apartment buildings that didn’t have playgrounds, to our apartment complex, which did have playgrounds, and got them to enjoy some of the things that we had. Simple things like that had a profound impact on me, and I just saw more and more examples of that as time went on.”

Maher, who has also donated money in memory of his mother to Epiphany, his elementary school, and Xavier, his high school, says he thinks that the $175 million goal of the Lift High the Cross fund-raising campaign is feasible. “There’s a strong commitment among alumni/ae to give to Holy Cross, and I think that has increased under the direction of Fr. McFarland and others,” he says. “I think most importantly, there’s a tremendous commitment to the great things that are accomplished at Holy Cross.”

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April 11: The Boston Regional Campaign Committee and 200 guests celebrated the Lift High the Cross Campaign with a cocktail buffet and reception at The Shubert Theatre, followed by an eight o’clock performance of Disney’s *Aida* at the Wang Center for the Performing Arts. Ann Marie Connolly ’74, of Concord, Mass., chairs the Boston Committee. Ryan Collar, Class of 2001 valedictorian, spoke to the group about how his Holy Cross education has helped him prioritize in his life. Collar, who has been serving as a Jesuit Volunteer, will attend medical school in the fall.
April 29: President and chief executive officer of the New York Public Library, Paul LeClerc ’63, welcomed 115 guests to kick off the New York Regional Campaign. Anthony Fauci, M.D., ’62, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the NIH, was the featured speaker. Fauci spoke about the depth and breadth of his Holy Cross experience and the implications that "training according to the spirit" would have on his life.
Maine club undergoes a renaissance

By Maureen E. Moran ’89

When Colleen Totten-Amann ’92 moved to Maine in the summer of 1999, it was a stroke of good luck for area alums. Amann had moved from Connecticut to the Portland area with her husband, Peter ’93. While in Connecticut, she had been involved with the Hartford regional club, conducting alumni interviews for the College. When she got to Maine, Amann was interested in continuing her involvement with alumni affairs. She was disappointed in what she found.

Although active in the 1970s and ’80s, the Portland-based Maine alumni club had been rather quiet in recent years, with the exception of a President’s Reception in 1999. With more than 400 Holy Cross graduates in the state, however, the potential existed to renew the club and infuse it with fresh ideas and a burst of energy.

And that’s exactly what Amann did. Late in 1999, Amann approached the club’s leadership with a request to become more involved with the existing group. In 2000, she was asked if she would be interested in becoming club president, an opportunity she found appealing, but one she would pursue after the birth of her second child in October of that year. In January 2001, Amann—who had been a member of the General Alumni Association since 1998—assumed the club’s presidency, jumping in with both feet.

Soon after becoming president, Amann met with the club’s board of directors to review a long-discussed survey of alums living in Maine. “Was there an interest in a club? Finding that out was my first challenge,” she says.

Working with the College’s Office of Alumni Relations, Amann distributed the survey in June 2001. The survey was designed to gauge the level of interest in a regional alumni club and club activities, as well as whether members would be willing to pay dues, and if anyone would be interested in conducting alumni interviews. She received more than 80 responses, and published the results in an October 2001 newsletter sent to Maine alums.

In addition to the survey, Amann began planning club activities. In July 2001, she organized an alumni admissions training session. In August, she put together a barbecue for accepted students and graduates in Two Light State Park in Cape Elizabeth. In November, she organized a President’s Reception that featured Jacqueline Peterson, vice president for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, as the keynote speaker.

“I wanted to give something to alums to prove that I was serious about the club,” Amann says.

Amann has utilized a club newsletter to generate interest in the Maine club, as well as foster a sense of community among alums throughout the state. Although published on an as-needed basis, the newsletter has been distributed just about every three months. In the January 2002 newsletter, Amann reviewed the recent President’s Reception, an October GAA meeting, and information concerning the College’s Sept. 11 scholarship fund.

“In putting together the newsletter, I feel my role is to provide information about the club’s activities, as well as about the College,” she says. “If, for example, a Holy Cross team is going to be in Maine for a sporting event, I like...
In 2002, a renewed and revitalized Maine club has gotten off to a good start. In late February, 15 volunteers—including 10 alums—braved a cold winter day to gather in Portland to work on a Habitat for Humanity home. The group donned tool belts, picked up hammers and climbed ladders to install siding on three of the home’s walls, as well as build a wall in the basement.

“We received a lot of interest in February’s Habitat for Humanity project,” Amann says. “Because of that, I’m going to look into another site we could work on this summer.”

In 2002, Amann looks forward to continuing many of the activities she introduced in 2001: A send-off barbecue in late August for accepted students, a President’s Reception, perhaps even a cocktail party at Christmas that would ask alums who attend to bring a toy that would be donated to charity.

With a master’s degree in speech pathology and two toddlers at home, Amann is a busy person. Despite the competing demands for her time, she is committed to making certain that Maine’s renewed regional club continues to thrive and grow.

“It’s been fun,” she says. “I’ve enjoyed meeting alums and reconnecting with classmates. As club president, I’ve also enjoyed the opportunity to become more involved at the College level, through the GAA.”

As she looks ahead to the future of the Maine club, Amann plans to establish events that will “run” themselves in the years to come, through carefully created frameworks and detailed notes.

Breathing new life into Maine’s regional club has meant a lot of hard work for Amann, and she’s pleased with what she sees. She hopes what has happened with the Maine club can serve as an example for other small clubs around the country.

“I’d like the Maine club to be looked upon as successful,” Amann says, “as an example of what a smaller, inactive club can do to revitalize itself, if area alums are willing and interested in getting together and bringing a little bit of Holy Cross to their part of the country.”

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They came with their mothers. They brought their sisters. They arrived with yoga mats. Former classmates reconnected. And new friendships were forged.

On April 6, over 80 women representing every year since Holy Cross became a coeducational institution gathered at the Henderson House in Weston, Mass., for “Holy Cross Women: United in Body, Mind, & Spirit.”

The committee of nine alumnae could not have dreamed up a more rewarding day when it first met in late September 2001. Inspired by the successful event held by the women alumnae in New York, the planning committee set out to plan a day “that allowed us to get to know each other as both women and Holy Cross graduates,” says Cathy Angelini ’77, chair of the committee.

Since this was the inaugural event, the committee was unsure of what to expect. The members soon realized, as attendance far exceeded the goal, that Holy Cross women had been waiting for an event like this. “I decided to attend the event because I have always wanted to be more involved with Holy Cross alumni. I was attracted by the fact that work/family balance was going to be a topic—as a lawyer with a toddler, this topic is an obsession for me,” says Maura Murphy ’86.

The day began with a talk by Carole Fontaine, an internationally recognized scholar and professor of biblical history and theology at Andover Newton Theological School. A well-known lecturer on prayer, healing and feminist spirituality, Fontaine presented a talk on how women have been portrayed historically in the Bible and other ancient documents and the implications for women today. “The guest speaker was wonderful. I can’t wait to get her new book,” says Moira McLaughlin ’79.

For the second part of the afternoon, attendees chose between an interactive discussion with Fontaine or a yoga class led by Tammy Nuenighoff. Both options proved popular, and the yoga class spilled out of its original location and into the lobby of the Henderson House. Many alumnae attended their first yoga class and were inspired to take more. Jan Clifford-Murphy ’79 was so enthused that she had enrolled in her own yoga program by the end of the week. “I loved the combination of academics, exercise and personal sharing of experiences,” says Clifford-Murphy.

For many, the highlight of the day was the four alumnae panel titled “A Balancing Act.” The panelists included Macrina Hjerpe ’81, Cynthia White ’95, Beth Manning LaLiberte ’82, and Joanne Ferrucci Sullivan ’79. Their frank and honest discussions about the challenges of balancing careers, family, friendships and personal time were a fitting end to a special and memorable day.

“Despite their different ages and life experiences, the importance of family, children and loved ones was the common thread for each panelist,” says Angelini. “The panelists were honest, real, humorous, tender, courageous and generous. You could not have planned a better combination of speakers,” says Clifford-Murphy.

The day concluded with a reception that went well beyond the intended closing. “I left there feeling so proud that I am a Holy Cross alumna,” says Ferrucci Sullivan. “It’s so good to know that there are so many others out there that experience the same joys and heartaches.”

As women shared their thoughts on the day and munched on hors d’oeuvres, attendees expressed their hopes that this gathering will become an annual occurrence. “The participants lingered, left smiling, and asking when the next event will happen,” Angelini says.

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top: The Class of 2002 and alumni enjoyed an evening of networking at the annual General Alumni Association’s Senior Reception held on April 11.

left: In March, alumni attending the annual Holy Cross Retreat at Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Staten Island, N.Y., dedicated a Linden tree in memory of the seven alumni killed on Sept. 11. The retreat was organized by Rev. Thomas Quinn, S.J., ’57.
Phil Byrne ’62 Wins World Title

By Larry Napolitano

Holy Cross has produced its fair share of top athletes in many different sports. But not many have become world champions at the age of 60. Phil Byrne ’62 became a top athlete later in life.

In 2001, Byrne won the gold medal in the decathlon at the World Championships for Masters Track & Field held in Brisbane, Australia. His road to the world championship was an interesting one, seldom traveled by world champions in track and field.

Byrne left Mount Saint James in June 1962 with a degree in economics. Upon graduation, he served as a lieutenant in the United States Air Force from 1962-1965. He then went on to earn his master’s degree in finance from Harvard Business School in 1967. He worked at Keystone Investments for nearly 30 years, including 13 years as president of its investment counsel subsidiary, Keystone Investment Management Corp. He was a senior vice president of the parent company and a member of the executive committee and the board of directors.

Active in the community, Byrne has served on the board of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston and the Boston Center for International Visitors, as well as the finance committee of Carney Hospital. He is currently a director of USA Track & Field - New England, a director of Shake-A-Leg, an organization for spinal cord injury patients in Newport, R.I., and a member of the investment committee of the New England Province of the Jesuits.

Competitive throughout his life, Byrne played hockey and baseball at B.C. High and ran what he calls “a bit of forgettable” track. At Holy Cross he played hockey, which at that time was still a club sport. Along with several of his teammates, he helped form the foundation of the varsity ice hockey program that exists today at Holy Cross. But he never even thought about going out for the College track team.

After College, he played flag football while in the Air Force and was an assistant captain of the rugby team while at Harvard Business School. He also began racing sailboats again. Byrne had begun sailing while at B.C. High, has raced on everything from day-sailers to 12 meters, including the Maxi yacht, Matador, which went on to win the World Championship and served as the base program for Bill Koch’s America’s Cup victory in 1992.

Byrne began competing on the Master’s track and field circuit in 1996 when he was looking for a new challenge. “I love to compete,” he says, “and the so-called ‘combined-events’ are considered one of the ultimate athletic challenges.” He also recalled that one of his boyhood heroes was Bob Mathias, two-time Olympic decathlon champion.

His track and field career began at the Eastern Indoor Championship at Brandeis University in 1996. Byrne won the long jump and competed in four other events there, learning later that his “sore” ankle had been fractured in the first event of the day. Later on that year, he achieved the All-American standard in the long jump, javelin and the outdoor pentathlon.

In 1997, Byrne began to hit his stride in his new sport. He medaled in all 12 events in the Massachusetts Senior Games, including finishing first in eight events, while placing second in the other four. He placed second at the United States Decathlon Championships and earned All-America honors in the high jump, long jump, javelin, indoor pentathlon, outdoor pentathlon and the decathlon. He carried that success into the 1998 season, where he was the North American champion in the 100-meter high hurdles, the high jump, the long jump, the discus, the javelin and the pentathlon.

In 1999, Byrne suffered a season-ending injury when he tore his hamstring while competing in the Canadian Championships, but the 2000 season began his run towards the world championships. He placed second in the pentathlon, indoors and outdoors, at the U.S. Championships, and won the high jump, long jump, 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles and the pentathlon at the North American Championships.

The hard work and dedicated training all came to fruition during the 2001 season. He captured the National Championship in the indoor pentathlon, the outdoor pentathlon and the decathlon, where he set an American record for the javelin in the national decathlon championship; he was named the United States combined-events Athlete of the Year. But the whole season was highlighted by his gold medal decathlon performance at the World Championships.

The World Championships in Masters Track & Field, which were first held in 1975, take place every two years in various cities around the world. The 2001 competition featured roughly 5,000 athletes from over 80 countries. The meet is held over the span of 10 days, and as with all Masters meets, competition takes place in five-year age groups for men 40 and over and women 35 and older.

In Brisbane, there were 197 people entered in the decathlon, including 22
in Byrne’s age group. Based on his win in the U.S. Championships two weeks earlier, he felt as if he had a shot at a medal but never really thought of himself as a potential gold medalist.

“Believe it or not, I was more excited about winning the National Championship in the decathlon than winning the World Championship,” Byrne says. “I guess that was because it was a goal I’d had for the last couple of years, and it seemed possible. Winning the World Championship never really entered my mind, although I did hope that I might be able to place in the top three and win a medal.”

The decathlon is separated into two days of competition. On the first day, athletes compete in the 100-meter dash, the long jump, the shot put, the high jump and the 400 meters. On the second day, they compete in the 100-meter high hurdles, the discus, the pole vault, the javelin and the 1,500 meters. The better the performance in each event, the higher the points, with the top points overall being the winner. It is a grueling competition both physically and mentally.

On his first day of competition in Brisbane, Byrne exceeded his expectations with personal bests in the 100, shot put and 400 and narrowly missed career bests in the jumps. “I had been hoping for around 3,800 points the first day,” Byrne says. “But I wound up with 4,106 points, and with my nearest competitor 231 points back, I thought I might have a chance to win it.”

Masters athletes use the same decathlon scoring tables as young athletes, but their actual performances are “age-graded” before being computed. Byrne’s actual (and age-graded) numbers the first day were: 13.54 (11.31); 16’11” (24’11”); 35’9” (48’6”); 4’11 ½” (6’11”); and 65.57 (52.94).

Byrne’s top competitor was American Emil Pawlik, the defending world champion and Byrne’s close friend. “Emil was definitely the man to beat,” Byrne says. “He had not been beaten in a pentathlon or decathlon in 10 years but was coming off of knee surgery eight months earlier and was not 100 percent.

We’ve become good friends since I started competing in 1996, but we were going at it with no holds barred for this one.”

Pawlik was very strong in the first three events of the second day—the hurdles, the discus and the pole vault—and Byrne expected Pawlik to win them all.

Byrne kept a 182-point lead after the hurdles, running a personal best 16.90 (15.10 age-graded) to Pawlik’s 16.46. After a below par 121’6” in the discus (135’8” age-graded), Byrne remained in the lead by 88 points, but Pawlik was closing fast and Byrne’s weakest event, the pole vault, was next.

“I knew the pole vault was going to be key,” Byrne says. “I had struggled lately in the vault, and Emil is an excellent vaulter. But just before leaving for Australia, I had called on the pole vault coach at Holy Cross, John Hoogasian, for some help with my vaulting, and that turned out to be crucial.”

Byrne had one session with Hoogasian and then did two more on his own up at the Hart Center track in 100-degree heat, adding a foot to his previous best. Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., president emeritus, watched the practice and offered encouragement as he did his daily walk around the track. The sessions paid off, as Byrne had another personal best of 8’3” (age-graded 12’6”). But Pawlik went 16 inches higher and took the lead by 81 points, with two events remaining. “My vaulting in Brisbane was pretty ugly,” says Byrne. “There was blood all over me and the pit when I finished, but I had kept it close enough that I had a chance.”

In the javelin, the fourth event of the day, Byrne won the event with a throw of 130’4” (age-graded 207’1”), and went back into the lead by 49 points. With just the 1,500 meter run remaining, his lead meant Pawlik would have to beat him by about 10 seconds in the 1,500 to win the gold. The two were roughly 1,000 points ahead of a three-way battle for third place among a Russian, a Norwegian and a German.

“Over the past couple of years, I’d generally beaten him in the 1,500, and he had not been able to train as much as he wanted to,” Byrne recalls. We actually discussed not running it at all, as we had first and second safely in hand, and wanted to save ourselves for several more individual events later in the meet. But the rules require that each event be “attempted.” After one lap in which Byrne opened up a sizeable lead, Pawlik retired. Byrne finished the 1,500 in 5:58.93 (4:49.02 age-graded) to win his age group with 7,607 points. As it turned out, that was the highest total of any age group in the decathlon. He had won his gold medal and had become World Champion.

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Men’s Basketball Season Review

On Jan. 23, the Crusaders dropped a tough 57-46 decision to Army at West Point to fall to 8-12, 2-3 in league play. After that game, the Holy Cross men’s basketball program turned its season around. The team won 10 of its next 12 games to finish in second place in the league and enter the Patriot League Tournament as arguably the hottest team in the league. In their quarterfinal game, the Crusaders held Navy to a Patriot League Tournament record low 41 points in a 59-41 win. Holy Cross held the Midshipmen to just 30.2 percent shooting from the floor and posted a 42-30 rebounding advantage in picking up the win. Tim Szatko ’03 (Naperville, Ill.) scored 19 points and added nine rebounds to lead the offensive effort. Fellow guard Brian Wilson ’03 (Plainfield, N.J.) chipped in with 12 points while Guillermo Sanchez ’02 (Washington Heights, N.Y.) added a season-high seven points off the bench. The win helped the team advance to the semifinals where it would face Bucknell. The Bison led by as many as six points (27-21) with two minutes left to play but senior captain Ryan Serravalle ’02 (Thorold, Ontario) converted three free throws and Szatko hit a jumper to bring the Crusaders to within one point at the half.

The second half saw 13 lead changes and eight ties. Neither team took more than a three-point lead until Holy Cross went on a 6-0 run to take a 59-54 lead with 37 seconds remaining in the game. After Bucknell connected on a three-pointer to cut the lead to two points, a technical foul was called on the Bison that resulted in a four-point play for Holy Cross and a six-point lead. The Crusaders connected on 5-of-6 free throws in the final 30 seconds of the game to secure the team’s 17th win of the season. Szatko scored a game-high 19 points and added 12 rebounds to lead the Holy Cross effort while center Patrick Whearty ’02 (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.) posted his first double-double in a month with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Serravalle finished with 13 points for Holy Cross, which won its third straight game and fifth in its last six outings.

Holy Cross held Bucknell to just 40.0 percent (18-of-45) shooting from the floor and connected on 73.0 percent from the charity stripe (27-of-37). The win helped the Crusaders advance to the Patriot League championship game for the second consecutive season. This year, however, the team had to head down to Washington, D.C., to battle top-seed American University at Bender Arena. Holy Cross trailed by as many as seven points in the first half (18-11), but the Crusaders responded with a 15-2 run to take a 26-20 lead with 4:24 left in the first half. American responded with a 6-0 run of its own to tie the game for the fourth time in the opening half. The Eagles then carried a one-point lead into halftime (28-27). Guard Jave Meade ’04 (Queensbridge, N.Y.) scored seven points in the first half to lead the Crusaders’ effort.

Whearty chipped in with six points and two blocks to help the cause.

American posted its biggest lead of the second half with 13:40 left in the game (40-34) as they went on a 5-0 run. Holy Cross then answered with a 13-2 run of its own capped off by Szatko’s jumper in the lane. The Eagles answered with a 6-3 run to cut the Crusaders’ lead to two points (50-48) with 4:13 left. After the team missed a free throw with two minutes left in the game, American connected on a three-point field goal from the top of the key to take a one-point lead (51-50) with 1:37 remaining in the game.

Holy Cross regained the lead again with 1:00 left in the contest when Whearty converted a layup. After American missed a three-pointer from the corner, the team's opportunity to extend its lead failed when the Crusaders missed two free throws. The Eagles missed another three-point attempt with 16 seconds remaining, and Wilson pulled down the rebound. He knocked down two free throws with 16 seconds left and then after another missed three point attempt, Wilson converted two more free throws with six
seconds left in the game. After American converted a three pointer to cut the Crusaders lead to two points (56-54), Serravalle knocked down two free throws with one second remaining to secure the win.

Szatko scored 12 of his team-high 16 points in the second half while Wilson chipped in with 10-second half points to lead the Crusader scoring effort. Holy Cross turned the ball over a season-low four times while handing out 13 assists. Szatko was named Most Valuable Player of the Tournament while teammate Wilson joined him on the All-Tournament team.

Holy Cross then was 16th seed in the Midwest region and battled Kansas in the NCAA Tournament. The Crusaders fought down to the wire before falling, 70-59. Wilson scored 13 points, pulled down four rebounds and three assists to earn CBS Player of the Game honors. The Crusaders trailed 1:1-4 with 15:59 left to play in the first half but responded with a 10-2 run capped off by a fourpoint play by Serravalle to take a one-point lead. Holy Cross stretched its lead to as many as five points with 10:33 left in the opening half after Whearty knocked down two free throws. The Jayhawks responded with a 14-4 run of its own to take a five-point lead with 5:38 left in the first half. The Crusaders refused to give up though and battled back to tie the score with 2:19 left in the opening stanza of play. Holy Cross then carried a 37-35 lead into halftime after a jumper in the lane by Wilson.

In the second half, the Crusaders stretched their lead to five points with 17:54 left in the second half on a three pointer from Meade. Holy Cross held its five-point lead with 14:27 remaining in the game before Kansas used a 9-2 run to regain control of the game at 48-46. The Crusaders continued to battle as Szatko converted three free throws to give the team a one point-lead with 8:48 left in the contest. The Jayhawks, ranked second in the nation entering the game, then went on a 8-1 run to take a six-point lead (56-50) with 7:11 remaining. Once again, Holy Cross battled back, and when Wilson connected on a three pointer with 6:05 left in the game, the team trailed by just one point (56-55). Unfortunately for Holy Cross that was as close as the Crusaders would get. Kansas then outscored the team, 14-4 down the stretch to pick up the win.

Holy Cross ended the regular season ranked sixth in the nation in scoring defense allowing just 59.3 points per game, and despite the loss in the NCAAs, the 2001-02 season started slowly but ended with a fantastic finish. The Crusaders won their second consecutive Patriot League title for the first time in school history while posting 18 wins for only the fifth time since 1990 and 25th time in the 83-year history of men’s basketball. With 10 of the 12 players returning from this season and on the strength of back-to-back league titles and NCAA appearances, the future looks extremely bright for Holy Cross men’s basketball.

Women’s Basketball Season Review

The Crusaders completed their 22nd straight winning season with a 23-8 overall record and concluded the year with the program’s 10th postseason appearance. Holy Cross earned its sixth consecutive Patriot League Regular Season title with a 12-2 league record. Several members of the team garnered individual awards, including guard Maggie Fontana ’05 (Palatine, Ill.), who earned Rookie of the Year honors.

After a double-overtime loss to Fairfield on the road to begin the new year, the Crusaders started their Patriot League title defense against Navy at the Hart Center. Holy Cross knocked off the Midshipmen in overtime and won its next three games including a non-conference game versus Hartford. The team then lost to Lehigh and Army on the road. It was only the second time in school history that the Crusaders have lost back-to-back Patriot League games (’91-’92: Lafayette and Bucknell). Holy Cross then rattled off nine straight wins to clinch its ninth overall regular season title.

After posting a 12-2 record in the league play, Holy Cross received the number one seed and a match up against the number eight-seed Lafayette (3-25, 1-13). The Crusaders started the game with a 14-0 run and cruised to a 23-point victory over the Leopards. Holy Cross then faced the number five-seed Colgate in the semifinals, who knocked off the number four-seed American in the first round. The young Raiders squad shot 54 percent in the first half and took a 38-31 halftime lead. Colgate led by 10 points with 11 minutes to go in the game, before the Crusaders went on an 18-8 run to tie the game at 65 with six minutes left. Up by just one point at 3:01 mark, Holy Cross outscored the Raiders 11-0 to advance to the Championship game against Bucknell at the Hart Center.

After winning 61 consecutive games against Patriot League opponents at the Hart Center, the streak ended for the Crusaders as they fell to Bucknell, 88-74, in the title game. After winning 23 games during the season, the team was invited to the Women’s National Invitational Tournament. Holy Cross faced the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt., in the first round.

Katie O’Keefe ’03 (Stratham, N.H.) scored a career-high 24 points and Fontana recorded her fifth double-double of the season (16 points and 10 rebounds), but it wasn’t enough as the Crusaders fell to the Catamounts, 70-63.

O’Keefe earned First Team All-Patriot League, while guard Amanda Abraham ’02 (Plymouth, Mich.) was selected to the Second Team, and Fontana was named to the All-Rookie ❖
Team. Guard Jeanette Paukert ’02 (Chicago, Ill.) led the backcourt and dished out a team leading 161 assists while averaging 10.2 points per game. Forward Elisa Zawadzkas ’02 (Orleans, Mass.), who came of the bench her first three seasons, started all 31 games this year and averaged 6.7 ppg and 4.9 rpg. Redshirt Mary Rose Campbell ’03 (Richmond, Va.) has come off the bench to average 5.8 points and 5.3 rebounds. She was third on the team in rebounds and sixth in scoring in 20.6 minutes per game.

Swimming & Diving

Holy Cross men’s swimming and diving team finished the season with a 5-3 record, which is its best finish in recent years. The Crusaders placed seventh with 254 points at the 2002 Patriot League Championships held at Navy in Annapolis, Md., while setting 10 new school records. The women’s team finished 5-4 overall and eighth with 198 points at the Patriot League Championships.

The men’s top swimmers included Mike Emmons ’03 (Middleboro, Mass.) and Scott Rimm ’04 (Potomac, Md.) who both captured bronze medals in 500-freestyle and 200-freestyle respectively at the Patriot League Championships. The 200-freestyle relay team (1:27.03), 400-freestyle relay team (3:11.59) and 400-medley relay team (3:34.34) all set new school records, while Emmons broke four individual school records in 500-freestyle (4:38.11), 100-freestyle (0:52.05), 100-butterfly (0:52.05) and 200-butterfly (1:53.62). Rimm set two individual records in 200-freestyle (1:42.43) and 100-backstroke (0:53.74) and Steve Finocchi ’02 (North Attleboro, Mass.) broke the 50-freestyle record with a time of 0:21.59.

On the women’s side, Laura Brennan ’04 (Eglin AFB, Fla.) broke the 50-freestyle school record with a time of 0:24.34. For the second straight season, Holy Cross diver Kim Rinaldi ’02 (West Boylston, Mass.) was named the Patriot League Diver of the Meet after winning both the one- and three-meter diving events. Crusader diving coach Brian Boyer also was named the Patriot League Diving Coach of the Year for the second straight season.

Rinaldi, who dominated the diving events all season, scored 259.35 points in the one-meter diving competition and 452.15 points in the three-meter diving competition, breaking the meet record set by Julia Bell from Army in 1996 (446.90). This marks only the fourth time in Holy Cross history that a Crusader has won two events at the Patriot League Swimming and Diving Championships.

Carolyn Pucko ’04 (Webster, Mass.) finished second in one-meter diving with 247.35 points. This is the first time in school history Holy Cross captured gold and silver in an event at the Patriot League Championships. Both Rinaldi and Pucko qualified for Zone A - District I and II trials in 1-meter diving, and Pucko qualified for Zone A - 3-meter diving trials.

Track & Field

The Holy Cross men’s and women’s track and field teams wrapped up their indoor season and are preparing for a tough outdoor season that features trips to the Penn Relays, Patriot League Championship and New England Championships.

The Crusaders’ men’s team placed eighth at the Patriot League Championships held at the United States Military Academy. Dan Conti ’03 (Hubbardston, Mass.) was the Crusaders’ highest placing finisher, taking second place in the indoor pentathlon and setting a new College record with 3,545 points. A.J. Thibeault ’02 (East Providence, R.I.) placed third in the men’s 35 lb.-weight throw with a toss of 17.00 meters. Dwayne Henclwood ’04 (Jamaica) also placed with a throw of 14.85 meters in the shot put while Sean McCarthy ’03 (Chelmsford, Mass.) placed fifth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:55.00.

On the women’s side, Holy Cross also placed eighth, led by Kaitlyn Wright ’04 (Londonderry, N.H.) who placed fourth in the one-mile run with a time of 5:14.62. Emily Hogan ’02 (Northboro, Mass.) and Bethany Mizcek ’05 (Leicester, Mass.) also joined Wright as point scorers with a sixth-place finish in the 5,000-meter run and the indoor pentathlon respectively. Hogan finished in a time of 18:01.47 while Mizcek scored 2,786 points. The Crusaders also placed fifth in the 4 x 800 meter relay with a time of 9:35.23.

The Crusaders began the outdoor season on March 30 with the Worcester City Championship. The team then traveled to Albany for a tri-meet with Albany and Williams before heading to the Blue Devil Invitational. The Crusaders’ multi-event meet was up next for the team before it hosted Maine, Vermont and Central Connecticut in a quad-meet on April 20. The Patriot League Championships took place the first weekend of May while the New England Championships at Northeastern were held May 9-11.

Baseball Preview

The 2002 Holy Cross baseball team is looking to build on the success of the 2001 season. The Crusaders finished with an overall record of 19-23 last season, which marked the programs best record in 10 years. The team also finished 11-9 in league play and qualified for the Patriot League Tournament for
the second time in three years. Several members of the team garnered individual awards, including second baseman Peter Summa ’02 (Florham Park, N.J.), who earned Player of the Year honors. Holy Cross lost just one starter from the field and one from the pitching rotation from last year’s squad. Under the direction of first-year head coach Fran O’Brien, the Crusaders look to pick up where they left off and find themselves in the Patriot League title hunt once again.

PITCHERS

The Crusaders enter this season with six returning pitchers from last year, including three seniors. Co-captain Mike Montano ’02 (Moodus, Conn.) led the team with 5-3 record and a 4.93 ERA. Classmates Jay Carberry ’02 (Wellesley, Mass.) and Mike Korns ’02 (Deer Twp., N.J.) will also return to the mound and will no doubt be relied on more this season. James Arrante ’03 (Queens, N.Y.), D.J. Lucey ’03 (Shrewsbury, Mass.) and Ben Deane ’03 (East Longmeadow, Mass.) had impressive outings last year. Arrante and Deane will miss most of the season due to injuries. Lucey broke a Holy Cross record with most relief appearances (19). The rest of the staff is filled with newcomers, including John Dibble ’03 (West Orange, N.J.) and James DeLucia ’04 (Hartsdale, N.Y.) and Jason Lynch ’05 (Arlington, Va.).

CATCHERS

Dale Johnson ’03 (Beecher, Ill.) will handle the duties behind the plate. Johnson, who started 30 games last season before breaking his ankle, was one of the team’s most improved hitters a year ago. He led the team in batting average (.369) and finished second in RBI (31) and slugging percentage (.545), while earning First Team All-Patriot League honors. George Burke ’03 (Garden City, N.Y.) who saw action in six games will back-up behind the plate along with newcomer Trevor O’Brien ’05 (Cranston, R.I.).

INFIELDERS

A position of strength heading into the 2002 season, the Crusaders return all four starters to the infield. Second baseman Peter Summa ’02 (Florham Park, N.J.) will anchor a solid middle infield. The Crusader co-captain started every game last season and led the team in hits (57), triples (3), homeruns (6), RBI (44), total bases (92) and slugging percentage (.594). Dan Powers ’03 (Massapequa, N.Y.) and Eric Tapper ’03 (Hopkinton, Mass.) once again will fill the corner positions. Powers started all 42 games, most of them at third base, batting .246 on 32 hits, including 22 RBI and 32 runs. Tapper played in 31 games at first base and had 149 putouts. Ed Turner ’04 (Drexel Hill, Pa.) started all 42 games at shortstop as a rookie. The leadoff hitter batted .277 on 44 hits and led the team with 13 stolen bases. He also drew a team leading 17 walks. Chris Doneski ’04 (Billerica, Mass.) saw action in 24 games and will help solidify the infield along with newcomers, Drew Bigda ’05 (Stamford, Conn.), Scott Delphey ’05 (Arcadia, Calif.), Kevin Kielbasa ’05 (Westfield, Mass.) and Mike Schell ’05 (Newton, Pa.).

OUTFIELDERS

The Crusaders return two starters in the outfield with Matt McEvoy ’03 (Belmont, Mass.) and Bill Andruskevich ’03 (Milford, Mass.). McEvoy started every game in the outfield and finished the season third in batting average (.313) and RBI (27). He led the team in doubles (15) and fielding percentage (1.000). Andruskevich started 41 games in the left field and finished fourth in batting average (.312). He drove in 26 runs and scored 19. James Lewis ’04 (East Chester, N.Y.) and Steve Sullivan ’04 (North Andover, Mass.) who saw limited playing time, along with Steve Buckley ’05 (Hingham, Mass.), Peter Pasciucio ’05 (Norfolk, Mass.) and John Raus ’05 (Stamford, Conn.) will likely round out the outfield.
Jennifer Driscoll ’03 (Salem, Mass.), Karen Sheehan ’03 (Wethersfield, Conn.), Casey White ’03 (Manhasset, N.Y.), Lindsey Lavoie ’04 (Dartmouth, Mass.) and Sheila Tully ’04 (Maple Glen, Pa.).

Men’s Lacrosse Preview

Holy Cross enters the 2002 season looking to improve upon its three-win season of last year. The Crusaders will try to use the momentum of back-to-back wins at the end of the 2001 campaign to propel themselves up the ranks of the Patriot League. Although boasting a relatively inexperienced lineup, the team hopes that the newcomers will develop quickly and that their talent will have an impact on the program’s success. Offensively, the Crusaders will have to replace All-New England attackman Rich Santoro. Tim Walsh ’04 (Springfield, Mass.) will add experience to the attack of the Crusaders. He played in 10 games in his first season. He notched three goals on four shots, including two in Patriot League play.

Coach McCaffrey also is counting on the addition of newcomers Mike McKee ’05 (Sloatsburg, N.Y.) and Patrick Hart ’05 (Wyckoff, N.J.) to have an immediate impact on the attack in 2002. McKee was a top attackman at the Lawrenceville School and will challenge for a starting role immediately. Hart is the biggest attackman (6-2, 175) on the Crusaders’ roster and can finish around the cage. In the midfield, Paul Washington ’03 (Port Jefferson Station, N.Y.) and Shaun McGowan ’03 (Garden City, N.Y.) will anchor the Crusaders’ effort. Washington played in all 14 games a year ago, scoring 10 goals and adding one assist for 11 points. McGowan played in only nine games due to illness but was effective when on the field. He scored five goals and added three assists for eight points.

Men’s and Women’s Rowing Preview

The Holy Cross men’s and women’s rowing teams are looking to build upon a successful fall campaign and carry the momentum into the spring season. The Crusaders will have eight home meets on Lake Quinsigamond, including hosting the Patriot League and New England championships.

The Crusaders will begin the spring season in Florida at the FIT Regatta before travelling to Cherry Hill, N.J. for the Jesuit Invitational, where it will battle Georgetown, Boston College, Villanova, St. Joseph’s, Fordham, Loyola and Fairfield.

The Crusaders will then return home to face Coast Guard, Wesleyan and Dartmouth before taking on New Hampshire, Massachusetts-Lowell and Rhode Island. The team will next travel to Boston to take on Boston College, MIT, Tufts and Tulane before returning home against Trinity, Massachusetts Amherst, Mount Holyoke and Smith College. After the Worcester City Championships in the middle of April, the Crusaders will battle Connecticut College, Tufts and Ithaca before hosting Patriot League Championships and New Englands in back-to-back weeks. Holy Cross will then look to qualify for the prestigious Avaya Collegiate Regatta which will be held in Princeton, N.J.

The men’s team will be led this season by captain Chris Schultz ’02 (Schenectady, N.Y.) and captain Roger Ross ’02 (Philadelphia, Pa.) while the women’s team will be led by Marie Golden ’02 (Stamford, Conn.) and Rebecca Smith ’02 (Torrington, Conn.).
1944

Eugene F. O’Connell, who currently serves as the state of Vermont coordinator for AARP Tax-Aide, recently received the state of Vermont Governor’s Award for Outstanding Community Service. O’Connell is a retired auditor for the state office of the National Life Insurance Company of Vermont in Montpelier.

1947

Class Chair George A. Cashman On Jan. 5, William L. O’Connell, D.D.S., received the “Herbert L. Taub” Distinguished Service Award from the Nassau County Dental Society, a component of the New York State Dental Association.

1948

Class Co-Chairs John F. Becker Vincent Zsako

Rev. Roy J. Devaney is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Fr. Devaney had most recently served as the pastor of St. Mary’s Parish, Shrewsbury, Mass., until his retirement in 1992.

1950

Class Chair Name P. Nigros Nicholas D. Mercadante recently retired after serving 30 years on the board of trustees of Fitchburg (Mass.) Savings Bank; for the past 14 years he had been chairman of the board. Mercadante, who is semi-retired, continues to serve as a partner of the Fitchburg accounting firm, Mercadante & Mercadante.

1952

Class Chairs William J. Casey Rev. John R. Mahewill St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, N.Y., recently received Laurence T. “Pete” Beckerle as the recipient of its 2002 Spartan Award and for induction into its Alumni Hall of Fame. Active in numerous nonprofit business and educational organizations, he has served as president of the family-owned business, Beckerle Lumber Supply Co., Spring Valley, N.Y., since 1965. The April 22 edition of The Washington Post included an essay by Joseph A. Calirosso, titled “A Vision for the Catholic Church.” Calirosso is chairman and president of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University in New York City.

1953

Class Chair Rev. Msgr. John J. Kellihier The Boys and Girls Club of Worcester selected John J. Conte for induction into its hall of fame on April 13; Conte continues to serve as the Worcester County district attorney. The April 5 edition of the Catholic Free Press announced the retirement of Msgr. John J. Kellihier as pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Worcester and as moderator of the Bishop’s Fund. Msgr. Kellihier, who had served more than 20 years as the pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church and 34 years as moderator, is to continue to serve as diocesan ecumenical officer, a position he has held since 1989. James T. Larkin was selected to serve as grand marshal of the 28th annual Greenwich (Conn.) St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Last October, George J. Power was invested as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

1954

Class Chair Barry R. McDonough Class Correspondent Paul Dupuis St. Mary’s of the Annunciation School in Danvers, Mass., recently presented Rev. Gerard L. Dorgan with its “Star Award,” in recognition of his deep commitment to Catholic education and his support of the school. Fr. Dorgan has served as pastor of St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish since 1991.

1955

Class Chair Joseph J. Reilly Class Correspondent Robert F. Danaby James A. Paradise has been selected as an artist in residence by the “Cultural Exchange d’Aulnivar” in Aulnivar, France for the month of June, with an exhibition of works he creates there scheduled for February 2003 at the French Library in Boston. Paradise is currently pursuing his bachelor of fine arts degree, with a major in painting, at the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston.

1956

Class Chair Daniel M. Dunn After spending a sabbatical year in New England, California and the Holy Land, Rev. Donald L. Larkin, S.J., has returned to Jamaica where he is residing at Campion College in Kingston and undertaking hospital ministry training, spirituality, and weekend pastoral ministry.

1957

Class Chair William J. Ellis Robert W. Bruce has retired after 20 years of service to King County, Wash.; during the past 18 years, he has been the manager of elections. Bruce has been retained as an election operations advisor by Washington’s secretary of state. The Dec. 30, 2004 election of Irish America included a profile of Brian P. Burns as one of its “Annual Business 100” honorees; Burns is chairman and president of BF Enterprise Inc., Palm Beach, Fla., and founder of the John J. Burns Library of Rare Books at Boston College. Edward F. Lanoue was recently inducted into the 49th Annual Hall of Fame of his alma mater, Archbishop Williams High School, in Braintree, Mass. Rev. Edward J. Moran is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; he has served as the pastor of St. Anne Parish, Shrewsbury, Mass., since 1989. Rev. Peter H. White is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; he has served as the pastor of St. Aloysius-St. Jude Parish, Rochdale, Mass., since 1990.

1958

Class Chair Braden A. Meechley Class Correspondent Arthur J. Andreoli Rev. Robert A. Grettarello is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; he has served as the pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Charlton, Mass., since June 30, 1989.

1959

Class Chair William P. Malone Class Correspondent Michael J. Tonks

1960

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

The Cedar Grove (N.J.) chapter of the nationwide service organization, UNICO National, recently honored Rev. Msgr. Charles W. Gusmier by naming him its “Man of the Year.” Msgr. Gusmier currently serves as the pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Cedar Grove.

1961

Class Chair Joseph F. Derlingser Jr. Acting Governor of New Jersey Donald DiFrancesco notified Kevin J. Collins in January of his appointment as a member of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education. The real estate auction and brokerage firm, Sheldon Good & Company International, LLC, recently announced that Kurt M. Penn has joined the company’s equity consulting practice, has partnered with a controlling interest in Custom Corporate Photography, a corporate photographic services company based in New York City and as part of his private equity consulting practice, has purchased a controlling interest in Custom Corporate Photography, Kiefer continues to oversee MCG’s private equity practice. A portrait photographer with many years of experience in the photographic industry, he has had his work displayed in a variety of exhibitions, libraries and art museums. In September, Rev. Lawrence J. “Larry” O’Keefe was named the 6th rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Gallup, N.M. In October, he was elected vice president/president-elect of the Canon Law Society of America.

1965

Class Co-Chairs David J. Martel Thomas F. McCabe Jr. The Boston College Law School
Alumni Association has selected James J. Marcellino as the recipient of the William J. Kennedy, S.J., Alumnus of the Year Award. Marcellino, who is a partner in the Boston law office of McDermott, Will & Emery, concentrates his practice on business and intellectual property litigation.

1966

Class Chair
Kenneth M. Padgett
Class Correspondent
William J. Jaska Jr.

Richard D. Bove, who is retiring as a full professor from Massachusetts Bay Community College, was awarded his degree with distinction in June, after 31 years of service, is to continue to teach as a part-time instructor at both Massachusetts Bay and University College, Northeastern University, Boston. Ronald J. Ferraro is now the vice president for development and college relations at Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala.

1967

Class Co-Chairs
John J. McLaughlin Jr.
John P. Sindoni

George W. Cook has been appointed as an assistant professor at Fordham University Law School in New York City, teaching products liability law. J. Carlson "Carl" Carpenter Jr., M.D., recently accepted the position of pediatrician in chief at A.I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Del. The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County in Pennsylvania selected Christopher J. Matthews as the guest speaker at its annual dinner held in March in Dickson City, Matthews is the host of the cable interview show Hardball.

1968

Class Co-Chairs
Alfred J. Carolan Jr.
John P. Sindoni
Brian W. Notarek

David A. Shanks has been promoted to chief executive of the book publishing company Penguin Putnam.

1969

Class Co-Chairs
David H. Drinan
James W. Igoe

Daniel L. Spada, M.D.

In January, the Greater Lachonia-Weirs Beach (N.H.) Chamber of Commerce presented James M. Carroll IV with its Jim Irwin Award for Outstanding Community Service. In addition to serving 10 years as Lachonia city prosecutor, Mr. Carroll has been active in youth advocacy, founding the Belleknoll County Teen Center, and serving on various boards, including the Juvenile Justice Initiative; he has also coached baseball and basketball in Lachonia for more than 30 years. Carroll has recently accepted a position with the Lachonia law firm of Wessett, Millikan & Dyer. The Feb. 11 issue of Worcester Business Journal included an interview with Carroll.

1970

Class Co-Chairs
Anthony M. Barclay
John R. Doyle, M.D.

Peter F. Purcell, M.D., has been appointed a member of the Public Relations Committee of the American College of Gastroenterology at its annual meeting held in October in Las Vegas. Purcell currently serves as the deputy director of the Digestive Disease Associates of Schenectady in New York.

1971

Class Chair
Robert T. Bonagura
Class Correspondent
Jerome J. Cara Jr.

DeVry Inc. recently announced that Calen H. Graham has been named regional vice president of DeVry University; he is to remain president of DeVry Institute of Technology in Columbus, Ohio, a position he has held since 1996. Graham’s responsibilities as regional vice president include providing strategic and operational leadership for the Columbus and Virginia group of campuses and as acting between those campuses and DeVry Inc.’s corporate office in Chicago, Ill. Stephen J. Lahey, M.D., has been appointed chief of thoracic surgery at UMass Memorial Health Care and the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester. Robert R. Sheldon, who is currently associated with the Bridgeport, Conn., law firm of Tremont & Sheldon, has been selected as a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Magr. Thomas J. Sullivan is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; he has served as chancellor of the Diocese of Worcester since 1998 and director of vocations since 1995.

1972

Class Chair
Allan F. Kramer II

Rev. Laurence V. Braul is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Pastor of Holy Angels Parish, Upton, Mass., since 1992, he has been active in the World Wide Marriage Encounter movement for the past 23 years, presenting weekends, serving in leadership for the Worcester area and sitting on the National Board as part of the secretariat staff. In February, Rabbi Norman M. Cohen was one of 12 alumni of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati, Ohio, to receive an honorary degree from the college, bestowed in recognition of “25 years of devoted service as preservers and teachers of Judaism its faith, its culture and its communal ethics.” Rabbi Cohen, who received his master’s arts degree in Hebrew letters from HUC-JIR, currently serves as the spiritual leader of the Bet Shalom Congregation in Hopkins, Minn.

Mark A. Dubois has joined the faculty of the University of Connecticut School of Law in Hartford where he is a part-time assistant professor teaching research writing and trial skills. Thomas F. Hehir, who is an instructor at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., serves on the advisory board for the School of Education at Syracuse (N.Y.) University.

1973

Class Co-Chairs
Gregory C. Flynn
Edward P. Meyers

Robert O. Ball Jr. currently works with Aon Group in New York City. In November, David M. Pandit was elected president of the Collegiate Baseball Umpire’s Association-New England. Stephen A. Truhen presented posters based on his research on the Military Equal Opportunity Climate Survey at the International Military Testing Association Conference in Canberra, Australia, and at the Equal Opportunity/Equal Employment Opportunity Conference in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

1974

Class Co-Chairs
Brian R. Forts
Stanley J. Kostka Jr.
Robert C. Lorette

Gary N. Edgerton has received an honorable mention (second place) in the 2001 John G. Cawelti Book Award of the American Culture Association for Outstanding Scholarship. Inquiry into American Cultural Studies for his book, Ker Burns’s America; he has also received first place in the 2001 Ray B. Browne National Book Award in the Popular Culture Association in the textbook category for Television Histories: Shaping Collective Memory of the Media Age, of which he co-edited with Peter C. Rollins. Edgerton is chairman of the communication and theatre arts department at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.

1975

Class Co-Chairs
Joseph W. Cummings
Joseph A. Sasso Jr.

In January, PowerCold Corp., LaVigne, Texas, announced that Joseph C. Cahill has been named president of Power Sources, Inc., the company’s newly acquired company of Power Production in New York. In October, Thomas B. Getz Sr., was appointed to a six-year term as chairman of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission. The Uniondale, N.Y., law firm of Rivkin Radler recently announced that Daniel T. Hughes has rejoined the practice as a partner in its professional liability group. Greater Media Inc. (CMI) announced in March that Peter H. Smyth has been promoted to president/chief executive officer of the company. In this position, he is to continue to oversee the operations of radio stations in Detroit, Philadelphia and New Jersey. Smyth, who joined CMI in 1986, currently served as president and chief operating officer since October 2000.

1976

Class Chair
Thomas H. Ryan
Class Correspondent
Thomas C. Healey

Thomas C. Healey was one of the individuals mentioned in the article, “An Army of Women” (New Jersey Monthly, January 2002), which honored all the New Jersey residents who responded to the rescue and recovery efforts at the site of the World Trade Center as the magazine’s “2001 New Jerseyans of the Year.” Healey, who is the director of corporate communications for the online pharmacy company, Pharmacy (N.J.) eCom, is also a Plainsboro, N.J., volunteer firefighter and crisis counselor. Magr. James P. Moroney, who is the executive director of the U.S. Catholic bishops’ Secretariat for the Liturgy in Washington, D.C., has been named a Chaplain to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, with the title of monsignor. Michael J. Scanlon currently serves as vocational specialist at West Springfield (Mass.) High School.

1977

Class Co-Chairs
Kathleen T. Connolly
Shan P. Matthews

Mary Lee Bula is the director of Beardsley & Memorial Library in Winsted, Conn. The “Sunday Life” section of the Dec. 23 edition of The Hartford Courant featured a profile of Mary Lee Bula, who is the publisher of Ms. Magazine in New York City. The Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology, Cambridge, Mass., has named Maria S. Judge administrative officer. Margaret M. “Meg” LaVigne is now the vice president and general manager of two television stations, UPN27 in Norfolk, Va., and UPN69 in Atlanta, Ga. Brian C. Leary has joined the Boston law firm of Cadagen Hannah, concentrating his practice on emerging growth and technology as well as public strategy. Karen Furey Liebert, M.D., is an obstetrician-gynecologist in Bradenton, Fla. Patricia K. “Patty” Malgieri is the president and chief executive officer of the Center for Governmental Research Inc. in Roehlton, N.Y. Colin F. Mayo, who teaches math at Groton High School in Newport, N.C., was recently named a national board certified teacher by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. On March 18, Barron’s Online featured a Q&A with Pamela Stone, who is a principal of the Boston-based investment firm, Osiris Partners.
on the AIDS epidemic, spearheading research on the effect of HIV, the AIDS virus, on the immune system, and working to develop effective therapies and a vaccine to combat the disease. Following the anthrax attack last fall, he appeared with U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson as a government spokesperson on the disease and other bioterrorist health threats.

Fauci received his M.D. from Cornell University Medical College in 1966. He and his wife, Christine, have three daughters, ages 15, 13 and 10.

The Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research was established by New York City-based philanthropist and Troy, N.Y., native Morris Silverman, who, in 2000, pledged $50 million to the medical center to endow the prize for a century. Created "as part of a new and significant effort to encourage and recognize extraordi- nary and sustained contributions to improving health care and promoting innovative biomedical research," the Albany Prize is the largest award in medicine offered in the United States and the next largest internationally, second to Sweden's Nobel Prize.

Fauci received the prize at the April 17 award event held at Franklin Plaza in Troy, N.Y.
1971
Richard J. Leon

On Feb. 14, the U.S. Senate confirmed the nomination of Richard J. "Dick" Leon of Maryland as U.S. District Court judge for the District of Columbia. Nominated to the judgeship by President Bush in September, he received his commission on Feb. 19.


At the start of his career, he had served as a law clerk for Chief Justice Walter McLaughlin, Superior Court of Massachusetts, from 1974-75, and as a law clerk for Thomas Kelleher, Supreme Court of Rhode Island, from 1975-76. He had also been an attorney for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, from 1976-77, and special assistant U.S. attorney, Civil Division, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of New York, from 1977-78.

Leon received his juris doctor in 1974 from Suffolk University Law School in Boston and his LL.M. in 1979 from Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Mass.


1984
Glass Co-Chairs
Fred J. O’Connor
Caroline L. Salvucci
Richard W. Shea Jr.
Peter J. Dirksmeier, M.D., and his wife, Caroline, announce the birth of their daughters, Emily Kathleen, on Jan. 8, 2000, and Meghan Grace, on May 7, 2001. Dirksmeier is an orthopedic spine surgeon working in private practice in New Hampshire. The Boston Junior Chamber of Commerce recently announced that David J. Crein has been selected as a recipient of one of its Ten Outstanding Young Leader Awards, presented to individuals aged 21 to 40 “who have distinguished themselves from their peers in all facets of their lives, including personal, professional and civic responsibilities.” Crein currently serves as senior vice president, New England region, of AXT Broadband.

Thomas P. Haskins and his wife, Barbara, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Gail, on July 31. Condr. Judie (Zotkowski) Heiman, USN, is currently a student at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. St. Joseph Community Services, Inc., Morristown, N.J., recently announced that Diane Murphy Quinlan has been appointed to its board of directors. Quinlan, who is an officer with the Manchester, N.H., law firm of Devine, Millimet & Branch, specializes in labor and employment law.

1985
Glass Co-Chairs
Thomas M. Lynn
Joseph Terranova
Class Correspondent
Joanne S. Niland
James R. Pescosolido, M.D., who retired from active duty with the Air Force, has established a private practice in psychiatry in Vacaville, Calif.

1986
Glass Co-Chairs
Patrick L. McCarthy Jr.
Kathleen A. Quinn
Maura C. Dolhety and her husband, Stephen, announce the birth of their daughter, Cori Ruth, on Oct. 29. Dolhety is now serving as general counsel at Market Metrics Inc., Quincy, Mass., a market research and consulting firm which advises the financial services and life insurance industries. Francis X. “Chip” Flaherty Jr. and his wife, Leslie ’90, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, on Oct. 2. Quinn Gillespie & Associates, a public affairs services consulting firm in Washington, D.C., announced that Marc S. Lampkin has joined its government relations team. Catherine “Kitty” Kane Ronis was recently named a partner in the Washington, D.C., firm of Willmer, Cutler & Pickering; she specializes in communications and e-commerce litigation. Michael A. Simons and his wife, Karen, announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Moritz, on March 4. Simons is a professor at St. John’s University School of Law in Jamaica, N.Y.

MARRIED: Thomas M. Ryan and Stephanie A. Wood, on June 2, 2001, at Ocean Cliff in Newport, R.I.

1987
Glass Co-Chairs
Erik B. Grimes
Kathleen F. Moylan
James W. Nunn Jr.
Thomas J. Conte and his wife, Ellen ’88, announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia Margaret, on Dec. 27. Charles E. “Fed” Crane and his wife, Jill, announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Caroline, on Jan. 19. Leila B. Hooshmand and her husband, Ted ’88, announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Caroline, on Jan. 19. Christian Barrington, on Oct. 30. Christian is now a partner at the Garden City, N.Y., law firm of Picciano & Scallilli. Clara (Quinn) Ryan and her husband, Peter, announce the birth of their son, Thomas Anthony, on Dec. 28. Mary Holman Zinnner, who is a partner in the McLean, Va., law firm of Troutman Sanders Mays & Valentine, was the recipient of the Virginia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (VBA/YLD) Fellows Award. A member of the complex litigation group at Troutman Sanders, Zinnner has served as a member of the executive committee of YLD since 1997. She also developed the VBA/YLD’s “Stop the Violence!” program and held the position of statewide coordinator of the division’s regional Pro Bono Hotlines, which provide assistance to legal aid offices in handling cases.


1988
Glass Co-Chairs
Ellen S. Conte
Paul E. Demit
John A. Callinan and his wife, Margaret, announce the birth of their daughter, Jacqueline Rose, on Oct. 27. Francis E. Casale is a managing director for private capital investments at S.A.C. Capital Advisors in Stamford, Conn. Ellen S. Conte and her husband, Thomas ’87, announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia Margaret, on Dec. 27. Thomas K. Diverio and his wife, Kristine ’89, announce the birth of their son, Nicholas James, on Nov. 25. Kevin P. Fitzpatrick and his wife, Patricia ’89, announce the birth of their daughter, Marie Theresa, on Dec. 19, 2000. Carla Judica-Souza and her husband,
Mauricio, announce the birth of their son, Lucas, on Dec. 20.  

William P. Kelly is a partner in the New York City law firm of McCarthy & Kelly, C. Neal Keys, who received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is now an assistant professor of bilingual culture at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn.

Amy Sears, Ms. Sears now works as an attorney for Storer & Troy in St. Louis.

Michelle, announce the birth of their son, William Henry II, on May 3, 2001. Claire (Rogers) Morris and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Haley Julia, on Sept. 28. Morris continues to work as a vice president in the equities division at Goldman Sachs in New York City. Jared T. Neering now works as a director of the group's treasury and agency trading group for Merrill Lynch.

Edward T. Pidcock and his wife, Lesa ’87, announce the birth of their daughter, Averie Saoire, on Sept. 13.

Eric J. Schuck, M.D., has opened his own endocrinology practice at Schuck Pediatrics, in State College, Pa. Elizabeth B. (Day) and Dennis R. Scribner Jr., M.D., announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, on Feb. 15. The Scribners have relocated to Knoxville, Tenn., where Dennis has joined the staff of East Tennessee Women’s Care; he is affiliated with the University of Tennessee Hospital and other local hospitals. Dennis completed his fellowship in endocrinology in June 2001.

Mary Noree Slattery and her husband, Keith, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Lee, on Nov. 15. Teresa E. (O’Mara) Speiss and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of their daughter, Teresa Loretta, on May 24. Francesca (Speiss, who is a part-time adjunct at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill., works in the College of Education supervising student teachers. Notre Dame (Reidy) Williams and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, on Nov. 10.

MARRIED: Thomas J. Benison and Maria C. Ricarte, on March 9, in Coral Gables, Fla. Francesca (Speiss, who is a part-time adjunct at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill., works in the College of Education supervising student teachers. Notre Dame (Reidy) Williams and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, on Nov. 10.

MARRIED: Staci L. Sawyer and Christopher W. Koll, on Dec. 31.

1990

Class Co-Chairs Paul V. Buckley and Mark P. Wickerstrom.

Class Correspondents Nancy L. Meany, Lisa M. Villa.

Mary E. Chmura, M.D., and her husband, Wayne, announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Grace, on Dec. 31. Chmura is a physician for the Indian Health Service in Cherokee, N.C. Leslie Flaherty and her husband, Gopi ’86, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, on Oct. 2. Michael A. McDermott and his wife, Tracy, announce the birth of their daughter, Kate, on Sept. 12, 2001.

1991

Class Co-Chairs Peter J. Capizzi and Kristin M. Krueger.

In January, First Albany Corp. in New York City announced that Timothy J. McCoyo has joined the firm as the director of listed trading and New York Stock Exchange floor operations. Thomas B. Miller, M.D., has joined the staff of Bristol (Conn.) Hospital. Stephen D. “Duke” Storen and his wife, Barbara ’92, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Malloy, on Jan. 21. Storen has accepted the position of director of heart programs for the Department of Social Services in Richmond, Va.

MARRIED: Charles S. Decker and Kristin Pisacano, on Feb. 23, at St. Jean Baptiste Roman Catholic Church, Weston, Mass. Kristin Pisacano, who is a part-time adjunct at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill., works in the College of Education supervising student teachers. Notre Dame (Reidy) Williams and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, on Nov. 10.

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1993

Class Co-Chairs Patrick J. Comerford and Patrick J. Sansonetti Jr.

Amy (Kachinsky) and Nicholas J. Alex, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Margaret, on Oct. 5.

David J. Crowley and his wife, Christina ’95, announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Mary, on Jan. 23. Capt. Thomas P. Humann, USMC, who is now assigned to the Presidential Helicopter Squadron, flies Marine One; he accompanied President Bush on his January visit to Boston and New Hampshire.

MARRIED: Sean P. Moloney and his wife, Leila ’87, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Eldridge, on Jan. 14.

MARRIED: Michelle (McManus) Freeman and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of their son, John Matthew, in May.

Freeden now works as a registered nurse at Holy Cross. Barbara Berry Storen and her husband, Stephen ’91, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Malloy, on Jan. 21.

1994

Class Co-Chairs Julia E. Gentile McCann, Amanda M. Murphy.

Carlos R. Estrada and his wife, Bla, announce the birth of their son, Cameron, on Oct. 18. Estrada is in the second year of his urology residency at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center in Chicago. III. Timothy J. Harrington, who received his degree from Suffolk University Law School, Boston, in May 2001, is currently completing a one-year clerkship for U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Lovegreen in Providence, R.I. Megan (O’Grine and Douglas R. Hayden announce the birth of their daughter, Bridget Mary, on Feb. 16. Susan (Giordano) Kelly and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Eldridge, on Jan. 14.

Michael K. Maloney and his wife, Amanda, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Feldman, on Oct. 5.

MARRIED: Patrick J. Slattery has been appointed to the head of its new middle school, effective July 1.

MARRIED: Sonja M. Barbosa and Alirio da Silva, on Dec. 8.

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1996

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

Julie Wright DelPrado was one of a group of artists and organizations from New London County, Conn., selected to participate in the Urban Artists Initiative, a three-year artist training and leadership program sponsored by the Connecticut Commission on the Arts in partnership with the Institute for Community Research; the initiative provides participants with professional training, grants, and technical assistance. The law faculty of the National University of Ireland, Galway, has appointed Lawrence P. Dornhora visiting fellow in law for the academic year 2001-02. During the 2001-02 academic year, Ericka J. Fisher has been a lecturer in the sociology department.

Katie Michael, on May 27, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel.

John P. Benigno is pursuing his Ph.D. in developmental psychology at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Christina N. Davlas, who is completing her degree, received her degree from Cornell Law School in Ithaca, N.Y., in May, has accepted a position with Bingham Dana in Boston. Lt. Mark N. Ferrara, USN, is stationed on board the dock landing ship, USS Fort McHenry, based in Sasebo, Japan. Paul C. Gerardi is now the associate circulation manager for Circulation Specialists Inc. in South Norwalk, Conn. Joseph D. Hewitt, who received his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Duke University, Durham, N.C., in December, has relocated to Ann Arbor, Mich., and now works for Xanex, Inc. Amy (Hofmans) Robarge and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their daughter, Allison Elizabeth, on March 27. Robarge is currently employed as a senior accountant at Bain Capital, L.L.C. Irwin Valentin, who received his degree from Fordham University Law School, New York City, is currently serving as a law clerk to Judge Joseph P. Perillo of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Special Civil Part, for 2001-02. MARRIED: Sara J. Hennigan and Bryan M. Kozlowski, on Nov. 3, at Sacred Heart Church in Pittsfield, Mass. Jonathan K. Mack and Julie-Ann Green '96, on May 27, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. Kelly A. Sierkowsi and Paul Nolan, on Nov. 17, in Ansonia, Conn. Monica M. Wehr and Brian T. Tswann, on Aug. 8, at Center Church in Manchester, Conn.

1997

Class Co-Chairs
Brian I. O'Connor
Julie L. Orio

MARRIED: Stephanie N. Mack and his wife, Kate '03, announce the birth of their daughter, Mikaia Anne, on June 3, 2001. F. Daniel O'Connor, who has relocated to Hollywood, Calif., currently works for Pepper Productions as a talent scout. Courtney K. O'Hara joined the Boston certified public accounting firm of Vitale, Catarazzo & Co.; her responsibilities include providing a variety of tax, accounting and business advisory services for the firm. Melissa J. Phair, who received her master’s degree in social work in Deaf and Hard of Hearing populations, from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., currently works at the Gallaudet University Regional Center in Haverhill, Mass. Cristina M. Picciello currently teaches at Swampscott (Mass.) High School. In his second year with the “Jet Program,” Brent M. Reilly is teaching English as a second language to middle-school children in Japan. Carla M. Rizzolim is completing her master’s degree in social work at Columbia University in New York City. On Jan. 6, Emeline G. Tolod and Edward J. Richer ran the Walt Disney World Marathon as part of the team-in-training program of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Kevin R. Susienka, who works for the nonprofit organization Alternatives Unlimited Inc., teaches basic life skills to adults with developmental disabilities in the company’s Community Connections program located in Wrentham, Mass. Annamarie C. van den Broek is currently pursuing her master’s degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science. MARRIED: Stephen N. Mack and Kate M. Kelley '03, on Aug. 11, in All Saints Catholic Church, Ogunquit, Maine.

1998

Class Co-Chairs
Christian P. Browne
Alyssa R. Hotte
Eric B. Javier
Cara A. Feust, who received her degree from Boston College Law School in May 2001, is currently an associate at the Boston law firm of Corin Kavanaugh Rosenthal Peisch & Ford, specializing in the area of civil litigation. Shanna Garvey McFadden is a teacher and college advisor at the Worcester Women’s Community Correction Center. After receiving her degree from UConn Law School last spring as Capt. Richard F. Topping Jr., USA, attended the U.S. Army’s Infantry, Airborne, and Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) School. He is now a JAG officer with the 10th Mountain Division of Fort Drum, N.Y., practicing in the areas of claims and contract operations law.

MARRIED: Mark A. Costiglio and Jamine M. Celligli, in October, in Minneapolis, Minn. Shannell C. Carvey and Brian McFaddens, on Nov. 11, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel.

2000

Class Co-Chairs
Jason C. Hoffmann
Kathryn R. Remmes
Christopher J. Brilson works at Marriott International, Newport, R.I., in event planning/sales and marketing. Leslie E. Crockett works as a program coordinator at Harvard Medical International while taking graduate classes. 2nd Lt. Timothy J. McLaughlin, USMC, is an armor platoon commander at 29 Palms California. David B. Rockwood has accepted a position as a production assistant with David E. Kelley Productions, Manhattan Beach, Calif. Nicholas Shefalt currently works as a law enforcement administrator in the institutional trust department at JP Morgan Chase Bank in New York City. Katherine M. Szefelblum is currently a first-year student at Harvard Medical School in Boston.

2001

Class Chairs
Sarah K. Foley
Janelle M. Hrauki
Megan E. Kehew
Tiffany L. DeGoff teaches Spanish and coaches soccer and basketball at Danvers (Mass.) High School. Since November, Marina-Alexia N. Vernicos has been working in the marketing department of Gitlab in New York City.
1929
William H. McMorrow
Jan. 18, 2002
At his home in Walpole, Mass., at 93. A business executive, Mr. McMorrow had served as the chief executive officer of Atlee Corp., De Forest Co., Comp-o-Matic Corp., Hyde Park and Keydata Co., Watertown, Mass. He had also been the president of Waltham (Mass.) Watch Co. and Olin Co. in Chicago. Ill. Mr. McMorrow later served as a business consultant to several banking institutions in the Boston area. He is survived by two sons; a daughter; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1933
Thomas F. McNally
Dec. 18, 2001
In River Terrace Healthcare Center, Lancaster, Mass., after an illness, at 91. Prior to his retirement in 1979, Mr. McNally had been a mediator for more than 30 years for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in Boston. He had also taught labor relations at Babson College, Wellesley, Mass., and at Holy Cross. While in Washington, D.C., Mr. McNally had served on various committees in the U.S. Senate; he had also been a U.S. Capitol policeman and a bodyguard for former vice presidents John N. Garner and Henry A. Wallace.

During World War II, Mr. McNally had been a gunnery officer in the Navy. As a student at Holy Cross, he had been a member of the track team, serving as captain during his last year; he had been a finalist in the Olympic trials in 1932. Mr. McNally is survived by two sons; six daughters; a sister; 20 grandchildren; nephews and nieces; and grandnephews and grandnieces.

Emil V. Pilon
Feb. 5, 2002
In Connecticut, at 90. Prior to his retirement in 1976, Mr. Pilon had worked for many years as a research technician in Hartford, Conn. During the 1930s, he served as an alderman and also as the acting mayor of Hartford. Mr. Pilon had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by four sons, including Philip E., D.M.D., ’60; a brother; a sister; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Joseph C. Leary, D.P.M.
Feb. 17, 2002
At Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Mass., at 88. Prior to his retirement in 1986, Dr. Leary practiced podiatry in Springfield for many years. An Army veteran of World War II, he served 21 months in China, Burma and India, attaining the rank of captain; he was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, the Chinese Order of the White Cloud and the Asiatic Theatre Ribbon with North and South Battle Stars. A Holy Cross class agent, Dr. Leary was recognized as “Man of the Year” by the Springfield chapter of the Holy Cross Alumni Association in 1965. He is survived by his wife, Rita; four daughters, including Joan V. ’79; two granddaughters; a sister; and many cousins.

1934
Alfred G. Morin Sr.
Dec. 13, 2001
In St. Francis Home, Worcester, after a brief illness, at 91. Mr. Morin had been the owner and director of the Mount Morin & Son Funeral Home in Spencer, Mass., from 1936 until 1974. During his career, he had been affiliated with many organizations, including the Holy Cross Club of Worcester; the Holy Cross Varsity Club; the French Institute at Assumption College in Worcester; and the Massachusetts and National Funeral Directors associations. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Captain of the Holy Cross track team, Mr. Morin had made many first-place finishes at the Melrose games in New York City and achieved record-setting times. In 1932, he competed in the long jump at the Olympic trials in Berkeley, Calif., and served as an alternate on the U.S. Olympic team. Mr. Morin is survived by his wife, Rita; three daughters; two great-grandsons; and nephews and nieces. His brother was the late George A. Sr. ’31.

1937
John F. Connolly
Dec. 21, 2001
In New York, at 84. Prior to his retirement in 1982, Mr. Connolly had taught science for 21 years and served as department chair at Mineola High School on Long Island, N.Y.; he began his teaching career at the end of World War II. An avid sailor, Mr. Connolly had been a member of the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club and the Cow Bay Racing Association; he competed in the National Championships in several classes, including the Sonar National in Larchmont and the Rhodes 19 Nationals in Manhasset, Mass., and San Francisco, Calif. Mr. Connolly won the Cow Bay Sonar Class Championship in 1982 and the Manhasset Bay Race Week Championship in 1991. In addition to serving as chairman of the Manhasset Bay Race Committee for several years, he was a founding member of the Shields and Sonar fleets in Manhasset Bay. Mr. Connolly was a charter member of the Holy Cross Club of Long Island which honored him as “Crusader of the Year” in 1988. A lieutenant with the Army Engineers during World War II, he served on the front lines at Normandy; injured during the Battle for Mortain, he was awarded a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star; Mr. Faucher is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; four daughters; 21 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

1938
Thomas E. Cavanaugh Jr., M.D.
Jan. 23, 2002
At the North Hill Retirement Community, Needham, Mass., at 84. During his career, Dr. Cavanaugh had maintained a private practice in obstetrics/gynecology, retiring in 1986. He had been affiliated with the Boston area hospitals of St. Elizabeth’s, Brigham & Women’s, Youville and Faulkner, where he had served as the chief of obstetrics/gynecology. During his 44-year career, Dr. Cavanaugh had delivered more than 10,000 babies. A World War II veteran, he had served in Europe with the U.S. Army Medical Corps, attaining the rank of captain. Active in many professional organizations, he had been a member of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston and a Knight Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Dr. Cavanaugh had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; three sons, including Richard P.’80; three daughters, including Mary L. ’84; daughter-in-law, Lisa A. ’80; a sister; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

David T. Ripton, M.D.
Jan. 22, 2002
In New York, Dr. Ripton is survived by his wife, Vivian; four sons; five daughters; 18 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. His son was the late John C. ’70. Francis B. Sullivan
Feb. 13, 2002
In San Diego, Calif. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Sullivan had been the director of the probation department for San Diego County. An Army veteran of World War II, he served in Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge, and attained the rank of captain. Mr. Sullivan is survived by his wife, Margaret; three sons, including Richard P. ’80; three daughters, including Mary L. ’84; daughter-in-law, Lisa A. ’80; a sister; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

1940
Vincent B. Faucher
Dec. 20, 2001
At his home in Worcester, at 83, after an illness. During his career, Mr. Faucher worked 38 years as a purchasing agent at the American Steel and Wire Division of the U.S. Steel Corp., until the Worcester South Works plant closed in 1978. He then worked in the purchasing department of the city of Worcester, retiring in 1980. Mr. Faucher had been president and a board member of South Works Credit Union. An Army veteran of World War II, he served on the front lines at Normandy; injured during the Battle for Mortain, he was awarded a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star; Mr. Faucher is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; two daughters; a brother-in-law, Austin W. Keane ’47; and seven great-grandchildren.

Edward A. Brady, M.D.
Dec. 30, 2001
At his home in Harwich Port, Mass., at 83, after a long illness. Prior to his retirement in 1989, Dr. Brady maintained a urology practice in New Brunswick, N.J., for 38 years. During his career, he served as president of the staff at Middlesex County Hospital and 28 years as chief of urology at St. Peter’s Medical Center; he had also been a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Rutgers Medical School. In addition to his career, Dr. Brady had been a fellow for the American College of Surgeons; a diplomat of the Board of Urology; and a 24-year member of the Middlesex County Community College board of trustees. He served as a captain in the Army Medical Corps from 1943 to 1947. Dr. Brady is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; two daughters; a brother-in-law, Austin W. Keane ’47; and seven great-grandchildren.

1942
John L. Ford
Jan. 19, 2002
At his home in Albany, N.Y., at 81,
after a long illness. During his career, Mr. Ford had been a member of the Gloucester County Bar of the New York State Bar Examiners and a manager for many years at Westland Hills Little League. Mr. Ford is survived by his wife, Mildred; five sons; two daughters; five grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Thomas H. Noonan Sr.
Feb. 12, 2002

In Salem (Mass.) Hospital, at 82, after a long illness. Prior to his retirement in 1982, Mr. Noonan worked for more than 40 years in the family business, M.H. Noonan Inc., a contracting and construction company based in Peabody, Mass., and on the North Shore. An Army veteran of World War II, he served in the infantry division in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations. Mr. Noonan is survived by his wife, Harriette; a son, Thomas H. Jr.; three daughters; seven grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1943
James J. Dooley
Feb. 6, 2002

In the Franciscan Ossac Health Care Center, Dennville, N.J., at 81. Prior to his retirement in 1992, Mr. Dooley had been a partner for many years in the Paranus, N.J., law firm of Winne, Dooley & Bole. Previously, he had served as a municipal attorney in Allendale, Teterboro, Ho-Ho-Kus and Glen Rock, N.J. Mr. Dooley served in the Army during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; three daughters; and two brothers.

John T. Hourigan
Jan. 11, 2002

In California, at 80, after a long illness. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Hourigan had maintained a private law practice in Delano, Calif., for 50 years; from 1975 to 1983, he had been employed as legal counsel for the city of Delano. During World War II, Mr. Hourigan served as a lieutenant in the Navy; stationed in the South Pacific, he had been a PT boat commander. Mr. Hourigan is survived by a daughter; a brother; and many nephews and nieces.

1944
Richard A. Gibson
Feb. 2, 2002

At Our Lady of Fatima, Lewiston, Maine, at 81, after a long illness. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Gibson had been the principal assistant of Lewiston (Maine) High School. Previously, he had been employed by Narragansett Brewery. At the start of his career, Mr. Gibson had been a teacher at St. Dominic’s school and had also coached football, basketball and baseball. An Army veteran of World War II, he received the Silver Star for the Battle of the Bulge. A halfback on the Holy Cross football team, Mr. Gibson played for the Portland Sagamores semi-pro football team as its quarterback, and was survived by his wife, Marion; and a godchild.

1945
Rev. John R. Bourque
Jan. 1, 2002

In Concord, at 77. Prior to his retirement in 1982, Fr. Bourque had served four years as the pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, North Adams, Mass.; previously, he had been the pastor at St. Mary’s Church, Turner’s Falls, Mass., for five years. Following his retirement, he relocated to Cape Cod, Mass., where he assisted with weekend Masses at Christ the King Church in Mashpee; St. Francis Xavier Church in Hyannis; and Mother Seton Church in Falmouth. Ordained to the priesthood in 1948, Fr. Bourque became the pastor as parochial vicar at Holy Name Parish in Springfield, Mass.; from 1950-53, he attended Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and received his Ph.D. in canon law. After serving as parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Holyoke from 1953 to 1960, he taught religion for 10 years at Cathedral High School in Springfield. Fr. Bourque then became pastor of St. Batholomew’s Church in Bondsville where he served from 1970 to 1973. In addition to these responsibilities, he assisted the Puerto Rican immigrants in Holyoke; served as defense of the board of the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal; and held the post of dean in both the Franklin and Northern Berkshire areas. Fr. Bourque is survived by a sister; and a brother-in-law, John J. "Jack" Sayers ’49.

Leo J. Hession
Jan. 10, 2002

At Lasell House, Newton, Mass., at 77. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Hession had been a partner in the Wellesley, Mass., law firm of Baldwin, Copeland & Hession. During his career, he had also served 16 years as town counsel of Wellesley. A Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Hession retired from the Navy Reserve in 1964 with the rank of commander. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Hession is survived by his wife, Jean; three children, including Thomas D. ’77; a daughter; six grandchildren; four stepchildren; and six step-grandchildren.

1946
George W. Russell
Dec. 27, 2001

At his home in Vernon, Conn., at 77. During his career, Mr. Russell had worked many years for Connecticut Light & Power (CL & P)-Northeast Utilities, in New Britain. Prior to that, he had also coached football, basketball and baseball. An Army veteran of World War II, he received the Silver Star for the Battle of the Bulge. A halfback on the Holy Cross football team, Mr. Gibson played for the Portland Sagamores semi-pro football team as its quarterback, and was survived by his wife, Marion; and a godchild.

Development Commission; and a member of the board of directors of the Common Housing Authority. Mr. Russell is survived by his wife, Nancy; two sons; two daughters; three sisters; 10 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Edmund P. "Ned" Dunn
Jan. 4, 2002

In Connecticut, at 79. During his career, Mr. Dunn owned and operated S. P. Dunn & Company in West Hartford, Conn., from 1949 to 1990. During World War II, he served in the Army. Mr. Dunn had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by three sons, including Peter E. ’80; three daughters; two brothers, including Philip R. ’53; 13 grandchildren and many nephews and nieces.

1947
Francis A. Carbone
Jan. 2, 2002

In HealthAlliance Hospital/Leominster, Mass., at 78, after a long illness. Prior to his retirement in 1987, Mr. Carbone taught math at the former St. John’s School in Leominster. Previously, he had taught chemistry and biochemistry at Fitchburg (Mass.) High School and served 31 years as the city of Fitchburg’s first science supervisor for grades K through 12; he had also been a judge at science fairs for local schools. Mr. Carbone began his career as a general science teacher at Boston University in 1951; he later taught chemistry for two years at Wachusett Regional High School in Hold, Mass. Active in various organizations, he had been a member of the Planning Committee at Montachusett Regional Vocational School in Fitchburg for four years. Ordained to the permanent diaconate of the Diocese of Worcester in 1979, Mr. Carbone served as a deacon at Anthony di Paddua Parish, Fitchburg, from 1979-81; St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Fitchburg, from 1981-85; and at Our Lady of Jasna Gora Parish, Clinton, from 1985 to 1992. In addition to teaching, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for 30 years with his wife, he was active in the Pre-Gana program; the Gana program; the Catholic Family Movement; and the Spanish and Asian Apostolates. An Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Carbone served as a staff sergeant in the Euro-African-Middle Eastern Theatre. He had also been an interpreter for Italian prisoners of war. Mr. Carbone is survived by his wife, Irene; three sons; four daughters; a brother; two sisters; 19 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nephews and nieces.

1948
Anthony W. D’Alessandro
Jan. 3, 2002

In Florida, at 80. During his career, Mr. D’Alessandro had been a banker and a retail merchant. A staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal; the Air Medal with the three Oak Leaf Clusters; and the European African-Middle Eastern Theatre Medal with three Bronze Stars. Mr. D’Alessandro is survived by his wife, Rose; two daughters; three stepsons; and four grandchildren.

Gerald F. Kierce
Jan. 8, 2002

In Florida, at 75. Mr. Kierce had worked for several investment firms in New York City, retiring in 1987 as vice president of Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette government and corporate bond departments. During his career, he had also been vice president of the bond department of Chemical Bank and the deputy fiscal agent of Federal Farm Credit Banks. Mr. Kierce had served with the 4th Marine Division in World War II. He was a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Kierce is survived by his wife, Stella; two sons; a daughter; seven grandchildren; a brother; and a sister.

1950
Thomas C. Delaney Jr.
Dec. 20, 2001

At Southwest Regional Medical Center, Fort Myers, Fla. Prior to his retirement in 1981, Mr. Delaney had been the president of Delaney Finance and Delaney Realty in Rhode Island. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; two sons; two daughters; and four grandchildren.

William A. Feeney Sr.
Jan. 24, 2002

At Philip Hair Inpatient Center, Providence, R.I., at 72. Prior to his retirement in 1996, Mr. Feeney had served 11 years as the chief protection officer for the state of Rhode Island Department of Business Regulations. Previously, he had worked 12 years as the assistant director of personnel for the state of Rhode Island; from 1938 until 1972, he held the position of claims adjuster for Travelers Insurance. Active in various organizations, Mr. Feeney had been a member of the East Providence Democratic City Committee; past chairman of Ward 4; and a member of the East Providence Juvenile Hearing Board from 1996 to 2000. A Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, he attained the rank of sergeant. Mr. Feeney is survived by his wife, Veronica; three sons; two daughters; and 11 grandchildren.

James J. Larkin
Feb. 3, 2002

In New Jersey, at 75. During his career, Mr. Larkin had been employed by Maitra Associates, New York City, and by Morse Diesel, also in New York City. He is survived by his wife, Joan; a brother; six nephews and nieces; and 13 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Richard E. Wallace Sr.
Jan. 24, 2002

In Cape Cod Hospital, Hyannis, Mass., at 75. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Wallace had been a self-employed manufacturing representative in Cleveland, Ohio. Previously, he had been associated
Telephone Belleaires chorus and directed several church choirs in Scituate and Norwell, Mass. As an army veteran, he joined the military in 1946, serving with the occupation forces in Japan and with Special Services as an entertainer. Mr. Rochford is survived by his wife, Lorraine; two sons; a daughter; a brother; four sisters; and a granddaughter.

1953
Robert A. Blais
June 24, 2001
In Ohio, at 70. During his career, Mr. Blais worked for many years as a manufacturer’s representative for various furniture companies. He is survived by his wife, Gayle; five children; four grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Edward J. Eyerman, M.D.
Dec. 15, 2001
At Mari De Villa Retirement Center, in Scituate, Mass., at 86. Dr. Eyerman is survived by two sons, Edward L. III ‘89; a brother; four grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1952
Melvin G. Massucco Sr.
March 23, 2002
Melvin G. Massucco, star athlete, longtime football coach and broadcaster, died March 23 in St. Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center, at 76.

Mr. Massucco began his career by serving two years on the athletic staff at the University of Massachusetts. He then coached at Holy Cross from 1954 to 1966, serving as freshman football coach; chief scout for head coach Dr. Eddie Anderson; varsity hockey coach; varsity basketball coach; varsity lacrosse coach; and head football coach during his last two seasons. Mr. Massucco had also been the color analyst for many years on radio broadcasts of the Holy Cross football games. In 1967, he joined the staff of WPI where he remained for 28 years, retiring in 1995. In addition to serving 11 years as head football coach, he taught in the department of physical education; coached the golf team for 16 years; and held the post of director of intramural athletics.

As a student, Mr. Massucco had been a running back for the Holy Cross football team, setting the single season and career rushing yardage records; during his last year he was captain of the team, which attained an 8-2 record. He earned All-East and Catholic All-American honors and played in the North-South All-Star game. Following graduation, Mr. Massucco was drafted by the Chicago Cardinals of the National Football League. He was elected to the Holy Cross Athletic Hall of Fame in 1970.

An army veteran, Mr. Massucco served in Italy with the 350th Infantry during World War II; he also played football for his unit in Southern Europe. Previously, Mr. Massucco spent two years in the South Pacific with the Merchant Marines. In the mid-1940s, he was named an All-Service All-Star football team.

Mr. Massucco had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Joan; three sons; a daughter; three brothers; eight grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1955
William J. Brennan
Jan. 25, 2002
At Umass Health System-Marlboro (Mass.) Hospital, at 71, after an illness. Mr. Brennan had maintained a private law practice in Marlboro since 1967. Previously, he had been associated with seven years with the law firm of Haddad Lynch & Brennan. During his career, Mr. Brennan had been the city solicitor or assistant city solicitor of Marlboro under seven mayors. An army veteran, he served in the Korean War, earning the Combat Infantry Badge. Mr. Brennan is survived by four brothers, including Leo F. ’42 and Walter C. ’49; three sisters; and many nephews and nieces.

Edwin F. Donovan
March 23, 2002
At his home in Indian Rocks Beach, Fla., of cancer, at 78. Prior to his retirement in 1996, Mr. Donovan had been a senior program manager for Electronic Data Systems in...
Hernon, Va. Following his graduation from Holy Cross, he served in the Navy, attaining the rank of lieutenant junior grade. Mr. Donovan is survived by his wife, Pat; a son; a daughter; a brother; a sister; and two grandchildren.


In Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, at 68. During his career, Mr. Spillane had maintained a legal practice in Foxborough, with his wife, since 1958. Town moderator of Foxborough for 43 years, he was elected to this position in 1959 at the age of 25. Mr. Spillane had also served one term as the Massachusetts state representative from the 9th Norfolk District, from 1960-62. Active in community affairs, he had been the director of the Foxboro Federal Savings and Loan Association since 1965; a trustee of Sturdy Memorial Hospital; and a member of the Norfolk Regional Board of Mental Health. During the 1960s he was named an honorary life member of the Veterans of Foxborough for his services in helping to create the Foxboro chapter. Mr. Spillane had been a Holy Cross class agent and a member of the President's Council at Holy Cross since 1976. He is survived by his wife, Frances; two sons, including Francis J. ’84; two daughters; and seven grandchildren. His son was the late Garrett H. III ’80 and his daughter was the late Mary Spillane Buck ’85.


In Fort Pierce, Fla., at 67. Fr. Dowd had been a priest for 42 years, serving in the Diocese of Manchester, N.H. Prior to his retirement from active ministry in June 2000, he had served as pastor of St. Christopher Parish in Nashua since 1986; in 1999, he was assigned the Lester L. Monroe Village attorney; in 1973, he was elected to the Franklin County Legislature for District 3, serving as chair of the Health Committee. Active in community affairs, Mr. Holland co-founded a youth basketball program and held the post of trustee emeritus of the Alice Hyde Medical Center; the Malone Kiwanis selected him as the recipient of the Kiwanis International National Founder’s George F. Hixson Fellowship. Mr. Holland also served as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, 310th Field Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Vivienne; two sons; a daughter; a brother; nephews and nieces; and cousins.


At his home in Reading, Mass., at 58, of a rare form of cancer. Mr. Callahan had most recently worked for BAI Systems in Merrimack, N.H., as a systems engineer. Previous employment included the Mitre Corp. and Raytheon Co., both in Bedford, Mass., and Lockheed; at the start of his career, he had been employed by the government in Virginia and Washington, D.C. A Vietnam veteran, Mr. Callahan served as an officer in the Navy from 1964 to 1969. He is survived by his wife, Louise; two daughters, including Melissa L. ’92; a brother; and two grandchildren.

1967 John A. Bogosian Dec. 20, 2001

In New York, at 56. Mr. Bogosian is survived by a sister.


At his home in Green Bay, Wis., at 54, after a five-year battle with a brain tumor. Active in business, Mr. Egan had been a corporate secretary and board member of Lucky Rapiods (Wis.) Corp. for more than 17 years; during this time he founded the Egan Foundation which offers financial support to local community projects. Mr. Egan had also started several businesses, including Pro-Drive, a truck driver training school, and Egan Brewing Co., a microbrewery in De Pere. After receiving his law degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1972, he served as the first executive secretary of the Wisconsin State Ethics Board. In 1973, Egan joined the Milwaukee, Wis., law firm of Godfrey & Kahn in 1977, he co-founded the Green Bay law firm of Egan, Laird & Nellen which he merged with Godfrey & Kahn. Mr. Egan also served 12 years as general counsel for the Bad Bond Ice Cream. He is survived by his wife, Annette; a son; three daughters; his mother-in-law; five brothers; and three sisters.


At Tippett Home in Needham, Mass., at 39. Mr. Shea had served as a vice president with Putnam Investments in Quincy, Mass.; previously, he had taught Latin at St. Peter’s Prep School in Jersey City, N.J. Mr. Shea had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. As an undergraduate, he had been a recipient of the Rev. Henry Bean merit scholarship, awarded to incoming students with distinguished academic records who plan to major in the classics at Holy Cross. Mr. Shea is survived by his father; a brother; a sister; many uncles and aunts; and cousins.


In St. Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center, of injuries suffered in an off-campus assault, at 19. A first-year student at Holy Cross, Mr. Duchatellier had been a midnight man in the College Naval ROTC program. A resident of Atlantic Highlands, N.J., he had played soccer in high school and volunteered at the YMCA. Mr. Duchatellier also tutored children and attended the First Assembly of God Church in Shrewsbury, N.J. He was a graduate of the Marine Academy of Science and Technology, Sandy Hook, N.J. Mr. Duchatellier is survived by his parents; a sister; his maternal grandmother; and his paternal grandmother. Memorial contributions may be sent to: The Forgotten Children of Haiti, c/o M. Leis, treasurer, P.O. Box 5031, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. Also, a scholarship has been established in Mr. Duchatellier’s memory; donations may be made to: Jonathan R. Duchatellier Memorial Fund, Marine Academy of Science and Technology, Building 305, Sandy Hook, NY 07732.

ERRATA:

In the winter issue of Holy Cross Magazine, we inadvertently printed a photograph of Rev. Jeremiah Donovan, S.J., with the obituary of Rev. Thomas P. Donovan, S.J. We apologize for the error.
The daily newspapers and evening news broadcasts offer disturbing reports with disheartening regularity as the sexual abuse scandal continues to unfold within the Catholic Church. In the months since the allegations first were made public, Catholics in parishes across the country have reacted viscerally and vocally as names of victims and perpetrators continue to be revealed.

Members of the Holy Cross community have grappled with the issues raised by what many see as a multilayered and far-reaching breach of trust. Groups of Catholic faculty and staff, and students gathered independently to draft letters in response to the crisis in the Church to Worcester Bishop Daniel P. Reilly, asking him to consider their concerns when he attends the annual Conference of U.S. Bishops in Dallas this month. Several forums and panels on the scandal also were held on campus; many classes took up the discussion, and the current crisis in the Church has been the subject of homilies and informal dialogues. Holy Cross President Michael C. McFarland touched on the crisis in the Church and breaches of trust in other sectors, in his most recent letter to President’s Council members, which is excerpted here:

“…Certainly the sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church, especially in Boston, has been appalling. As naïve as it seems now, for most of us, myself included, it was until recently unimaginable that this kind of behavior could have gone on and been so widespread. We grieve for the innocent victims who have been traumatized, and in some cases, had their lives ruined. We are outraged at the abuse of power and trust on the part of priests and those who covered up their behavior and allowed them to continue to operate even when they knew them to be dangerous. Those of us who are priests, even if we have had no direct involvement, feel that we have somehow failed our people. We also feel that we are under suspicion in the eyes of some.

The situation in Worcester is not as bad as Boston, but there have been some accusations here as well, including the pastor of Sacred Heart right down the hill from us, where a number of our students regularly go to Mass.

“The Church has been through worse crises; and we will work through this one. If handled appropriately, this crisis can be a purification that can make us stronger as a community of faithful. The first priority must be making sure the victims are cared for and receive the justice they deserve. That means cooperating with civil authorities, where there are accusations of criminal behavior, and working toward a fair resolution through the courts. Second, it is essential that all dioceses and institutions have effective policies for screening and overseeing personnel, responding to accusations of abuse, and guaranteeing that anyone who is known to be a threat is kept away from potential victims.

This should not be difficult. Many places already have such policies in place, and they have worked well since being instituted. Once the immediate issues have been addressed, there still looms a much broader discussion about authority in the Church, the need for more openness, and a greater role for the laity. Given the very strong anger and distrust this crisis has generated, I think that discussion is inevitable and much needed.

“The scandal in the Catholic Church is not the only misuse of power in cherished institutions. The Enron/Arthur Andersen fiasco is the most spectacular, but hardly the only, case where companies have been charged with misleading their investors and the public on earnings and other vital information. The host of lawsuits and criminal investigations underway question the integrity and business practices of some of this nation’s corporate pillars. Most disturbing of all, of course, is the continued downward spiral of violence, hatred and distrust in the Middle East and the inability of our government, with its close ties to the combatants, to bring about any movement toward peace.

“All of this underscores the need for Holy Cross, where we are developing a new generation of leaders—leaders who know how to use power, while understanding that it is not to be used for selfish purposes, but to protect the defenseless and promote the common good. That is what we see as our mission. Fortunately, amid all the grim news that the media continues to report, the strength of our community and our steadfast commitment to honest, constructive dialogue offer great consolation and hope.
CALENDAR of EVENTS

Important Dates:

Gateways Summer Orientation for the Class of 2006:
Session I June 14 and 15
Session II June 18 and 19
Session III June 21 and 22

June 30 Holy Cross Fund Closes.

Aug. 18-30 Odyssey 2006: A Preview of your Holy Cross Journey
An optional orientation program for ALANA (African American, Latino, Asian American and Native American) and international students

Aug. 31 Arrival of First-Year Students
Mass of the Holy Spirit

Sept. 4 First Day of Class

Sept. 28 Homecoming

Oct. 25-27 Family Weekend

Nov. 2-3 President’s Council for patron and junior members

Nov. 9-10 President’s Council for distinguished, regent and benefactor members

Upcoming Special Events:

Sept. 20-21 First-Year Program (FYP) 10th Anniversary Celebration
Sept. 20: Keynote address by Jill Ker Conway, former president of Smith College and first FYP speaker in the fall of 1992
Brooks Concert Hall
Sept. 21: Panel discussions with students and current and former FYP faculty and alumni
Rehm Library in Smith Hall
For more information, please contact Professor Robert Garvey by phone (508-793-2408) or by e-mail rgarvey@holycross.edu.

Among Christian traditions, Catholicism is particularly notable for its commitment to rituals and practices as means to teach, live out and embody faith commitment. An international group of distinguished historians, cultural anthropologists, artists and theologians will explore the difference such practice makes through a series of scholarly presentations, liturgies and live performances.
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For more information, please contact Pat Hinchliffe by phone (508-793-3869) or by e-mail phinchli@holycross.edu.

Exhibitions:

Sept. 4-Oct. 21 Recollection: A site-specific installation by Lewis deSoto, California- and New York-based artist and professor of art at San Francisco State University
Presented in conjunction with the conference, “Practicing Catholic: Ritual, Body, and Contestation in Catholic Faith,” sponsored by the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture
Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery
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Nov. 20-Dec. 21 Hands and Hearts: Portraits of Friends, Family and Neighbors/Past and Present
by contemporary artists Barry Hazard and Laura Chasman and historical artist Ruth Henshaw Bascom (1772-1848)
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Music Events:

Oct. 2  Concert: Holy Cross Chamber Orchestra  8 p.m.
        Brooks Concert Hall
Oct. 17 Concert: Holy Cross Chamber Players  8 p.m.
        Brooks Concert Hall
Oct. 18 Lecture-Demonstration: Therese Schroeder-Sheker, vocalist and harpist  7:30 p.m.
        Chalice of Repose Project
        Brooks Concert Hall
Oct. 25 Family Weekend Concert: Holy Cross College Choir  8 p.m.
        All-Beethoven Concert
        St. Joseph Memorial Chapel
Oct. 26 Family Weekend Concert: Holy Cross Chamber Orchestra  3 p.m.
        Brooks Concert Hall
Nov. 19 Concert: Holy Cross Chamber Orchestra  8 p.m.
        Brooks Concert Hall
Nov. 21 Winter Concert: Holy Cross Jazz Ensemble  8 p.m.
        Hogan Campus Center Ballroom
Nov. 22 Concert: Holy Cross Chamber Singers Concert  8 p.m.
        Brooks Concert Hall
Dec. 5 Concert: Sarah Grunstein, piano  8 p.m.
        Brooks Concert Hall
Dec. 6 Concert: Gamelan Gita Sari  8 p.m.
        Brooks Concert Hall
Dec. 11 Concert: Festival of Lessons and Carols  8 p.m.
        Holy Cross College Choir
        St. Joseph Memorial Chapel

Performances:

Nov. 7 Performance: “A Woman in Love”  7:30 p.m.
        A one-woman performance on the life of Catherine Doherty, foundress
        of Friendship House and the Madonna House Apostolate
        Performed by actress Cynthia Donnelly of the Indiana Repertory,
        Hartford Stage Company and New York Shakespeare Festival
        Sponsored by the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture
        Rehm Library in Smith Hall
Nov. 7-9 & 14-16 The Holy Cross Theatre Department presents:  8 p.m.
        “Night of the Iguana,” by Tennessee Williams
        Fenwick Theatre
        Admission: $7 Holy Cross community, $10 general public
        Box Office: 508-793-2496

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On March 11, Holy Cross dedicated a permanent memorial to its seven alumni/ae killed in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. College president, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., presided at the liturgy. The College commissioned the creation of a bronze plaque on which the seven names are engraved as a permanent memorial. The plaque was placed in the new Memorial Plaza outside of Smith Hall. A fountain, dedicated to Jesuit martyrs, will be added to the plaza in the future. Following the liturgy, Msgr. Thomas J. Sullivan '71 blessed the plaque and Memorial Plaza.