Holy Cross

The Teacher Who Changed My Life
Seven Essays
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Last year, we invited our readers to submit essays on the topic of “The Teacher Who Changed My Life.” For months we received tributes to teachers spanning 60 years of classes and every academic discipline. Touching and inspiring, humorous and heartfelt, these submissions were testament to the depth of the Holy Cross experience and the ability of faculty to transform students. Read our seven selections and reflect, once again, on the teachers who have made a difference in your own life.

First-Year Confidential

Do you remember your first year on Mount St. James? Meeting your roommate? The uncertainty of that first night in your dorm room? Your first class, your first lab, your first term paper? This past August, incoming student Jennifer Robert agreed to share her impressions in an online diary that was published regularly on the College’s Web site. Over the course of the academic year, Jen chronicled her thoughts and experiences—and the unique moments, both mundane and profound, which mark life at Holy Cross.
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**Readers Write**

**“Dear Fr. Mike”**

Concerning my “Road Signs” essay, “Dear Fr. Mike,” which appeared in the winter/spring issue: His last name is spelled “Sheehan,” not “Shaheen.” Also, due to an edit, the following paragraph was omitted from the letter:

“The colloquium was an outstanding success because the presenters had something to say, and mingled with the participants; the participants were keenly interested and the organizers—Bill Shea and Tom Landy—had thought out the content and paid attention to the details. A summary of 45 surveys found 35 answering affirmatively the question: ‘Did the conference help you think through … how you can enrich the life of the Church?’ The College is considering whether to have further colloquiums, and, if so, when and where.”

Laurence O’Donnell ’57
Ridgewood, N.J.

**Movie Maker**

I very much enjoyed your recent issue of Holy Cross Magazine.

An observation re the article on Karen Baldwin, producer of Ray: Had this all happened any time between 1959-62, Ray would probably have received a “C” rating (“condemned”) from the gatekeepers at the Legion of Decency, and neither Holy Cross, nor its magazine, would likely have sung the praises of a grad who had a role in the production of such entertainment.

Please don’t mistake me, I’m not complaining—simply giving you some perspective on how things were back in those not-too-far-away days when 7 a.m. Mass—complete with a sign-in attendance card—was required for all on-campus students; the curriculum was Catholic to the core; and there was nary a single Protestant, female, Black (five-to-seven, tops), Asian or anybody else “out of the ordinary” on campus.

Keep up the good work.

Fred Hoogland ’62
Houston, Texas

**“Ruined for Life”**

What a thrill it was to see the photograph of Adam Musser ’05 with children from our Project Partner in Dandora, Kenya, and to read your accompanying article “Inspiring Spiritual Missions,” (fall 2004). As a graduate of the class of 1987 and the executive director of International Partners in Mission, it has been my great pleasure to partner with the Holy Cross Chaplains’ Office to expand the Arrupe Program to Kenya and to host Adam’s Lilly Ministry internship during the summer of 2004. The incredible impact of the Arrupe Program is evident in how many Holy Cross students continue to be—as a Jesuit friend of mine from El Salvador proclaims—“ruined for life.” Not “ruined” in the sense of being unable to carry on, but rather, in the sense of being awakened from a former life of indifference and excess to truly become men and women for others.

As someone who was “ruined” in my own way in classes with Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., David O’Brien and others on College Hill, I would like to congratulate Diane and John Fisher for their remarkable gift in support of the vital and vibrant work of the Holy Cross Chaplains’ Office. The experiences that Holy Cross students are having in Jamaica, Kenya and Mexico will remain with them forever. Such opportunities for spiritual and personal development are hallmarks of the Holy Cross experience, and it is an honor for this graduate to be a part of what the Fishers have helped make possible.

Joseph F. Cistone ’87
Cleveland Heights, Ohio
Editor’s Note

Sandpipers & Shepherds

Last year, when we solicited essays on the topic of “The Teacher Who Changed My Life,” we knew that we were inviting an avalanche of submissions. Sure enough, we were bombarded for weeks with tributes and testimonials that spanned 60 years of classes and every academic discipline.

As editor of HCM, I was technically exempt from submitting an essay. But I’d be remiss if I didn’t use this space to pay tribute to the teacher who changed my life.

I once estimated that between the start of my sophomore year and the end of my senior year, I had written approximately 250 dreadful poems. My “MO” was to bring them to Fenwick late at night and slip them under the office door of English Professor Robert Cording. These were really abominations, but Bob never tried to duck me. He had endless patience, and he could see that, while there wasn’t much promise in my work, there was a kind of crucial need behind my scribbling.

And so, he talked to me. He invited me to his home in Uxbridge for lunches that inevitably stretched into dinners. He gave me his own battered copy of The Directory of Little Magazines that I still own. He gave me a typewritten copy of his own first manuscript that I still treasure. And he commented—in that tiny handwriting that continues to send chills through his students—on every one of those terrible student poems. Until, in the spring of my senior year, as we sat at his dining room table hunched over a poem of mine, he said to me, “I think you should be writing fiction.”

Perhaps he had finally reached the end of his patience. Or maybe that poem was simply so bad that he wanted to save poetry from my further attention. But either way, the comment backfired. Because he spent the next five years after my graduation reading and commenting on my fiction.

I credit Bob with helping me publish my first short story. I credit him with teaching me to write a query letter. I credit him with telling me, on a Cape Cod beach, as we watched our wives walk ahead of us, to be careful that my life not become only fodder for my work. But most of all, I think, I credit Bob with teaching me how to read.

I remember it happening this way: I was sitting in his poetry class, and we were working over Elizabeth Bishop’s poem, “Sandpiper.” And, as Bob explained that poem—or, rather, as he asked those questions designed to make us participants in the explanation—something happened to me. Twenty-six years later, the best explanation I can provide is to say that, in a moment of epiphany and grace, the poem ceased being an academic exercise—it suddenly had a critical relationship to my life. Bishop’s vision became my vision, and I understood things I had not previously understood. It is not hyperbole to say this was a moment of conversion. And, it is not a lie when I tell you I left that classroom lightheaded, and, as I walked across that footbridge to Carlin, I felt myself becoming a different person.

Over the course of the following days, I began to see the reason I needed to be at Holy Cross. And, over the course of my time here as a student, I experienced similar moments in other classrooms.

My position as editor of HCM has allowed me to see that my experience was anything but unique. You cannot imagine how many conversations I have had with strangers that end with the sentence “John Wilson was my shepherd,” or “Tom Lawler really turned me around,” or “Clyde Pax cared about what happened to me.”

We had only enough space to publish seven of the essays that we received. But I’d encourage everyone who wrote a tribute to send it along to your own particular mentor, the teacher who changed your life.
COMMENCEMENT 2005

Holy Cross graduates 638 at the College’s 159th Commencement

Tim Russert, managing editor and moderator of Meet the Press and political analyst for The NBC Nightly News and Today programs, delivered the principal address and received an honorary degree on May 27, as Holy Cross graduated 638 men and women during the College’s 159th commencement ceremony.

One of the nation’s most prominent broadcast journalists, Russert joined NBC News in 1984 and, the following year, supervised the live broadcasts of the Today program from Rome, negotiating and arranging an appearance by Pope John Paul II—a first for American television. In 1991, he assumed the post of moderator of Meet the Press, which has since become the most-watched Sunday morning interview program in America. He also anchors The Tim Russert Show, a weekly interview program on CNBC and serves as a contributing anchor for MSNBC. In addition, Russert is the senior vice president and Washington bureau chief of NBC News. During his career, Russert has interviewed nearly every major figure on the American political scene and has moderated numerous gubernatorial, U.S. Senate and presidential primary candidate debates.

A graduate of Canisius High School in Buffalo, N.Y., Russert has written of his appreciation of his Jesuit education in his bestselling memoir, Big Russ and Me. He is a graduate of John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, and the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Russert, a resident of Washington, D.C., is married to Maureen Orth, who writes for Vanity Fair magazine.

In his address to the graduates, Russert quoted President Kennedy’s inaugural address.

“As a young boy,” said Russert, “I remember sitting with my mom and dad and watching John Kennedy, the first Catholic president, conclude his inaugural address: ‘With history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking

Valedictorian Mary Beth Ryan ’05

(left to right) Michael F. Collins, M.D., ’77; Edward P. Jones ’72; Tim Russert; Park B. Smith ’54; Rev. Daniel Harrington, S.J., and Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of the College
His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on Earth God’s work must truly be our own. What is God’s work here on Earth? Understanding that, I believe, is the key to a meaningful life—the essence of our earthly existence. … Holy Cross endeavors to educate a new generation of leaders for the new millennium—men and women who will be capable of shaping a new century with vision, justice and charity—with a strong sense of calling, and concern for all of the human family.”

Other individuals receiving honorary degrees at Commencement were: Edward P. Jones ’72, Rev. Daniel Harrington, S.J., and Park B. Smith ’54.

Jones was born in Washington, D.C. After graduating from Holy Cross, he earned a master of fine arts degree at the University of Virginia. His first book, *Lost in the City*, was published by William Morrow in 1992; a nominee for the National Book Award, this collection of short stories received critical acclaim. Jones’ first novel, *The Known World*, won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction last year. In September, he was named a MacArthur Fellow, receiving a prestigious $500,000 “genius” grant; the winner of the PEN/Hemingway Award, he was a recipient of the Lannan Foundation Grant. Jones’ work has appeared in numerous journals and magazines, including *The Paris Review, Essence, Ploughshares, Callaloo* and *The New Yorker*. He currently resides in Arlington, Va.

Born in Arlington, Mass., Fr. Harrington received his bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from Boston College and his Ph.D. in Oriental languages from Harvard University. A renowned biblical scholar, he is the author of many books, including *The Gospel of Mark* and *The Church According to the New Testament*. Fr. Harrington is currently professor of New Testament at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass.

Smith is the founder, owner, president and chairman of Park B. Smith Ltd., a leading international textile firm. Following graduation from the College, he served as a marine infantry officer; in the 1970s, he founded his company, which soon became one of the industry’s preeminent home furnishing businesses. A philanthropist devoted to educational concerns, Smith is also one of the nation’s great wine connoisseurs and collectors;
termed “America’s greatest wine romantic,” by Food & Wine magazine, he was the recipient of the first ever Copia Award from Robert Mondavi—in recognition of the finest wine collection in the United States. Smith was also the recipient of the Paradigm Award, presented by the Home Fashion Products Association in honor of his distinguished achievement and excellence in the innovative merchandising and marketing of home textiles.

The valedictory address was delivered by Mary Beth Ryan of Holden, Mass. A history major, Ryan grew up on the campus of Holy Cross. Her father, Tom ’76, worked for many years in the College’s Development Office. Recalling the many campus events that she attended as a child, Ryan remembers occasionally wearing a nametag that presciently stated: “Mary Beth Ryan, Class of 2005.”

Captain of the women’s softball team, Ryan was the only first-year student to start in all 49 games and was the team leader in at-bats, triples, and stolen bases. In her second season, Ryan was named to the Patriot League All-Conference first-team. In addition, she served as a student representative on the NCAA Reaccredidation Committee, working with students, professors and coaches to facilitate better communication and strengthen the relationship between athletics and academics at Holy Cross.

The head Eucharistic minister on campus, Ryan was a member of MAGIS, a leadership program that explores spiritual discourse; a mentor at You, Inc., she participated in an after-school arts and crafts program. In 2005, Ryan coordinated Holy Cross Cares Day, directing more than 350 students, faculty, alumni and administrators who volunteered their time at 27 local social service agencies, as part of this annual day of service.

She is a member of the Jesuit honor society, Alpha Sigma Nu; the liberal arts honor society, Phi Beta Kappa; the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta—and a three-time Dana Scholar.

In her address, Ryan cited the global and campus tragedies that marked the Class of 2005, referencing both the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, and the death of classmate Jonathan R. Duchatellier.

“Eighteen days after we moved in,” Ryan recalled, “—barely long enough for us to start calling Holy Cross home—the news of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center invaded the campus, and everything changed. As the New York City skyline was stripped of the twin towers, so too were we stripped of our freshman innocence. ... Suddenly, college took on an entirely new meaning. Our CRAW paper deadlines seemed trivial, and our quests to find the best off-campus parties, pointless. We quickly
gained a sense of perspective, one that forced us to recognize that we are part of a bigger, more complex world that exists beyond the manicured hilltop of Mount Saint James and beyond our individual lives. And so, the tone for our Holy Cross experience was set.

“The shared experiences of our freshman year,” she continued, “beginning with 9-11 and culminating in the tragic loss of our classmate and friend, Jon Duchatellier, distinguished our class as unique. … Standing shoulder to shoulder at Jon’s memorial Mass with people who were strangers just nine months before, we realized that these people were now our closest friends, friends who we couldn’t bear to lose. Book-ended by tragedy, our freshman year became the foundation for our time at Holy Cross. Through our experiences, we gained a deepened sense of community, solidified our burgeoning relationships and, most importantly, strengthened our commitment to ‘achieving in the future ... to making it our own.’”

Ryan concluded her address by quoting Archbishop Oscar Romero: “My fellow classmates, today marks the end of an unforgettable four years. But it also signifies the commencement of another chapter of our lives. As we leave here today, and enter the world destined to be leaders, we must keep in mind the words of Oscar Romero when he said, ‘We cannot do everything. And there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and do it well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning—a step along the way—and the opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest.’ Let us take these words to heart as we leave the Hill today and remember them in the years to come.”
The eighth annual presentation of the Sanctae Crucis Awards took place at a campus dinner on April 22. The Awards are the highest non-degree recognition bestowed by the College on an alumnus or alumna. Awards are given in the categories: Distinguished Professional Achievement, Outstanding Community Service and Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna. This year’s recipients are: John P. Donohue, M.D., ‘54; Peter O. Kwiterovich Jr., M.D., ‘62; Tara M. Libert ‘86; and John A. Wiater ’75.

John P. Donohue, M.D., ’54 earned his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College. After serving as ship’s surgeon on the aircraft carrier USS Wasp, he completed his residency in urology at Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1965, he joined the Indiana University Medical Center faculty and served as chair of the Center’s urology department, from 1971 through 1998. Donohue pioneered the development of chemotherapy and nerve-sparing surgical techniques for testis cancer, which has resulted in a 96 percent cure-rate for a disease that was once estimated to be fatal in 90 percent of all cases. Regarded as one of the great surgeons in his area of specialty, Donohue has been named “Outstanding Teacher in Surgery” and “Outstanding Professor in Clinical Sciences” on five separate occasions. He is a recipient of the Barringer Medal from the American Association of G.U. Surgeons; the Valentine Medal of the New York Academy of Medicine; the Distinguished Contribution Award of the American Urological Association; and the Uro- oncology Award from the Japanese Urological Association and from the Australia Urological Society. In addition, Donohue has received the Charles Higgins Medal and the first Distinguished Career Award given by the Société Internationale d’Urologie.

Peter O. Kwiterovich Jr., M.D., ’62 earned his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. After an internship in pediatrics at Children’s Hospital in Boston, he spent three years in the molecular disease branch of the National Heart and Lung Institute, where he first began to concentrate on research in the areas of cholesterol and its effect on the heart. Returning to Johns Hopkins in 1972, Kwiterovich established the Lipid Research Program, of which he remains the director. In the 1980s, his lab identified a pair of proteins that can help to predict the probability of coronary artery disease. Today, Kwiterovich is considered by his peers to be one of the world’s foremost clinicians in the area of lipid disorders. As the discoverer of three new proteins that play a critical role in heart disease, he significantly has advanced the field of cardiac care. An educator as well as a scientist, Kwiterovich has shared his knowledge with both his colleagues and the public. The author of The Johns Hopkins Complete Guide to Preventing and Reversing Heart Disease, he has also published Beyond Cholesterol, which won the Blakeslee Award as the best book of the year in its field. The recipient of the Helen B. Taussig Award, given by the American Heart Association, Kwiterovich has been listed in the reference text, The Best Doctors in the United States. Recently, he has turned his attention to the increasing problem of childhood obesity. Serving on the steering committee for a major research initiative, The Dietary Intervention Study in Children, Kwiterovich helped to complete the first study to demonstrate the safety and effectiveness of a low-fat diet in children.

Tara M. Libert ’86 is the founder of the “Free Minds Book Club and Writing Workshop,” a first-of-its-kind program based at the District of Columbia jail. Developed and implemented by Libert, in conjunction with the Georgetown University Law Center’s Family Literacy Program, “Free Minds” is an educational initiative that serves incarcerated juveniles. Promoting literacy and personal development through reading and creative writing, Libert’s program has made a difference in the lives of over 70 young men. Currently creating a new program to find pen-pals and mentors for these young prisoners, Libert also is the host of “There’s Got to Be a Better Way,”
which profiles individuals who offer creative solutions to social problems. In addition to serving as a community mediator and conference facilitator, Libert is the owner of Big Picture Productions and the producer of the award-winning documentary, *Childhood Cancer Clusters in Toms River, N.J.*

Upon graduating from Holy Cross, John A. Wiater ’75 joined Catholic Relief Services, an international aid organization. Serving first as an assistant representative in Colombia and Peru, he soon became a country representative in Paraguay. Seeing first-hand the devastating effects of third-world poverty reinforced Wiater’s dedication to a life of service and support. Never losing hope, always striving toward betterment, Wiater moved food and provisions into places where the necessities of life were often in short supply. One of the unsung heroes of the relief process, he labored quietly but effectively and with an unwavering commitment to an ongoing mission of mercy. In 1985, he assumed responsibility for community development in Cameroon, Guinea, Chad, the Central African Republic and Zaire. In 1987, Wiater moved to wartorn Ethiopia, where he oversaw his organization’s administrative, finance and logistical operations—managing a 150,000-megaton annual food-aid program, which provided desperately needed aid to over one million Ethiopians. In 1992, Wiater moved to Guatemala, overseeing the management of development programs, including initiatives for child health care, sustainable agriculture and human rights. In February 2003, he joined the United Nations Mission in Kosovo, eventually directing the department of justice’s administrative division. He has recently accepted a new position with the United Nations, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kinshasa).
Seven members of the Holy Cross faculty have been promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenure.

Jeffrey D. Bloechl, of the philosophy department, earned his Ph.D. in philosophy at the Katholieke Universiteit te Leuven, in Belgium; a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1999, he is an Edward Bennett Williams Fellow. The founding editor and editor in chief of *Levinas Studies: An Annual Review*, published by Duquesne University Press, Bloechl is the author of *Liturgy of the Neighbor: Emmanuel Levinas and the Religion of Responsibility* (Duquesne University Press, 2000); he has edited and translated several other works in contemporary European thought. Bloechl lives in Dudley, Mass., with his wife, Catherine Cornille, and their three children, Tessa, Nicholas and Julia.

Laurie A. Smith King, of the mathematics and computer science department, earned her Ph.D. in computer science at The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1998, she has served on the College Curriculum Committee, the Committee on Faculty Affairs and the Curriculum Goals Committee. She has contributed to a number of publications on the topics of: hardware/software co-design; programming languages; computer ethics; and pedagogy research. She lives in Marlborough, Mass., with her husband, Stef, and their children, Madison and Zephyr.

Matthew B. Koss, of the physics department, earned his Ph.D. in experimental condensed matter physics from Tufts University, Medford, Mass. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2000, he was the lead scientist on the Isothermal Dendritic Growth Experiment, which flew on the Space Shuttle Columbia in 1994, 1996 and 1997; he was also the principal investigator of the Transient Dendritic Solidification Experiment (TDSE), a flight experiment considered for operation on the International Space Station. Koss is the author or co-author of more than 50 technical papers, including an op-ed in the *New York Times*; he has prepared or presented more than 100 technical talks, including testimony before the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives. Koss lives in Shrewsbury, Mass., with his wife, Betsy, and their daughter, Frederica.

Vickie Langohr, of the political science department, earned her Ph.D. in political science from Columbia University in New York City. She has served as the Director of the Peace and Conflict Studies Concentration Committee at Holy Cross. Langohr, who has published articles in *Comparative Politics, Comparative Studies of Society and History, The International Journal of Middle East Studies*, the *Journal of Democracy*, and *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*, is currently working on a series of articles on impediments to democratization in the Arab world. She has been awarded a summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities and a grant from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers for research.
in India and Egypt. Langhor lives in Watertown, Mass., with her husband, Jai Puthenveettil.

Sarah Luria, of the English department, earned her Ph.D. in English from Stanford (Calif.) University. While at Holy Cross, she has served on numerous College committees, including the Planning Steering Committee, Curriculum Action Committee, English Honors Program Committee and Graduate Studies Committee. Since 2004, she has been the Chair of the English Department Curriculum Committee. Luria is the author of the forthcoming Capital Speculations: Writing and Building Washington, D.C.—to be published by University Press of New England this November. She lives in Newton, Mass., with her husband, Thomas Lewis Schwarz, and their two children, Martha and Theodore.

Timothy M. Roach, of the physics department, earned his Ph.D. in physics from Yale University in New Haven, Conn. In addition to serving as Chair of the College Committee on the Curriculum, he was co-coordinator of the Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium, from 2000 to 2003. Roach has been published in the Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics and the Journal of Vacuum Science and Technology, among others. He lives in Cambridge, Mass., with his wife and their two sons.

Mathew N. Schmalz, of the religious studies department, earned his Ph.D. in history of religions at the University of Chicago. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1998, he is an Edward Bennett Williams Fellow; from 2001 to 2003, Schmalz was the director of Asian Studies. He has been published in: The History of Religions, The Religious Studies Review, The Journal of Theological Reflection, and Expecting Armageddon: Essential Readings in Failed Prophecy, among others. Schmalz is on the board of directors for the Society for Hindu/Christian Studies, and, also, on the editorial board of the Journal of Christian Higher Education. He lives in Paxton, Mass., with his wife, Kristin Steinmetz, and their two daughters, Anna Teresa and Katherine Dolores.

Beginning with students matriculating in September 2006, standardized test scores will no longer be an admissions requirement at Holy Cross. Students can now opt not to include SAT I, SAT II and ACT scores as part of their applications without any negative impact on admissions decisions.

“This decision—made after several years of study, discussion and serious consideration—reflects our existing admissions policy,” says Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of Holy Cross. “We have a highly personalized admissions process that already de-emphasizes standardized test scores. In addition, the application process itself is a window into the academic and intellectual life at a college, and we want prospective students to understand that Holy Cross is committed to the holistic education of young men and women.”

“Admissions decisions at Holy Cross have historically placed more weight on a student’s high school course of study and other qualitative evaluations than on standardized test scores,” says Frank Vellaccio, senior vice president, who oversees admissions policy.

“We look at the whole student,” he continues. “We evaluate a student’s
Six fourth-year students recently received Fulbright grants to teach and conduct research in other countries upon graduation.

Conor Devine, an English major in the premed program from Orchard Park, N.Y., has been awarded a grant to work and study in Korea. He will live with a host family and teach English conversation in a Korean secondary school, supervised by a certified Korean teacher. Devine’s career goal is to go to medical school and become a doctor. He would like to participate in the Doctors Without Borders organization, working with people from lesser developed nations. He is also interested in pursuing a writing career.

Carly Fowler, a history major and German minor from Roswell, Ga., will live in Vienna, Austria, teach English at a local secondary school and study diplomacy and international relations. She also hopes to work in the community with refugees and audition for a local choir. Her career goal is to work in international relations, either at the academic or policy level.

Meagan Gorman, a Russian major from West Babylon, N.Y., will work and study in Russia. Gorman’s proposal for the Fulbright included three components: to travel to an orphanage outside Moscow and teach English to the children; to set up a volunteer mentoring program between the elderly in the community and the orphans; and to write and illustrate a series of children’s books describing “summer camp” in America. Gorman sees this work as helping to make the children’s transition less traumatic when they travel and stay with host families in America. Gorman’s career aspirations include becoming a coordinator of a summer program that brings orphans to the United States for the summer and introduces them to families interested in adoption.
FULBRIGHT AWARDS

Jennifer Hughes, a history major with a minor in Russian from North Plainfield, N.J., will teach English in a Russian high school. At Holy Cross, she was in the College Honors Program, the National History Honors Society and the Russian Club. Through SPUD (Student Programs for Urban Development), Hughes served as a Big Sister and also worked at Abby’s House, a shelter for abused and battered women in Worcester. In addition, she held an internship at AIDS Project Worcester.

Katie Lamberto, a classics major from West Boylston, Mass., will work and study in Slovenia, examining how cultural institutions in the country run their museums and design exhibitions among other related topics; she also plans to take a Slovenian language class. Lamberto hopes to pursue either a Ph.D. in classics, with the intention of becoming a professor, or a master’s degree in museum studies, with the goal of securing a position as a curator.

Megan Osborne, an anthropology and history double major with a concentration in Asian Studies, from Redding, Conn., will work at Asian Civilizations Museum in Singapore; she also plans to study there during her stay. Osborne hopes eventually to earn a degree in museum studies and a Ph.D. in anthropology, leading to a career as a museum curator.

Each year approximately 1,000 college students are awarded Fulbright grants through the U.S. government’s flagship program in international educational exchange. U.S. citizens and nationals of other countries are eligible to apply for a variety of educational activities; since the program’s inception in 1946, more than 250,000 participants—selected on the basis of academic merit and leadership potential—have had the opportunity to learn firsthand about the political, economic and cultural institutions of another country.

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academic career and consider the choices he or she has made both in the classroom and outside activities. While standardized scores give some snapshot indication of a student’s abilities, we are increasingly concerned with the inherent racial and socioeconomic bias in standardized testing—as well as the fact that no test can communicate a student’s passions, interests, motivations and achievements.”

Director of Admissions Ann McDermott ’79 adds that, when questions and published reports arose this spring about changes in the SAT and the addition of essay-writing to the test, the College was convinced that it was an appropriate time to drop the requirement.

“We see the stress students and their parents experience during test-taking season, as well as the amount of money and time spent in test preparation,” she says. “Since classroom work, writing and intellectual exploration are more important to Holy Cross, we wanted to send the message that that’s where students should be spending their time and energy.”

McDermott notes that students may opt to submit scores if they believe a standardized test score helps present the fullest picture of their academic and intellectual accomplishments. “We want to put the responsibility of portraying their academic career back into the hands of the students,” she says.
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Seven Essays

Photography by Michael Carroll

Above and Beyond the Call: Peter Parsons

BY TODD PEARSON ’98

Coming from a small, public high school in Ludlow, Vt., I had no idea how demanding life as a biology major at Holy Cross would be for me. By the time my first year ended, I was struggling through the biology courses as well as the required chemistry and math courses. High school had been relatively easy for me—and I knew that Holy Cross was going to be tough, but not this tough. I spent most of my sophomore year contemplating if I should change majors—something I did not take lightly, as I had dreamed of being a biologist for many years. In the end, I decided to continue in the biology department, in spite of my struggles and the fact that I didn’t yet feel as if I had found my “scientific stride.”

During my junior year, I decided to enroll in Peter Parsons’ immunology course. Up to that time, all I knew of Pete was that I had often seen him walking laps in the fieldhouse while I was in the old varsity weight room for my lifting sessions as a member of the crew team. Little did I know when I enrolled in that class, I would be meeting a mentor who would continue to have an impact on my life to this day. Immunology was everything that I had come to hope for out of a Holy Cross education: small class size, dynamic interactions with the professor and a focus on problem solving as opposed to rote memorization. Not that it was easy—I spent many an afternoon with Pete in his office, working at the chalkboard, trying to make sure I understood all the concepts that we had covered in lecture. He went above and beyond the call of duty by giving me his home phone number, instructing me to call him if I had more questions leading up to an exam—an offer I took him up on more than once. While I didn’t “ace” his class, for the first time I felt as if I had a true grasp of the material in a course—and was rediscovering a love of science.

As the semester progressed, I began to talk with Pete about opportunities, both immediate and in the more distant future. He helped me to decide to pursue research at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester during the summer between my junior and senior years—and agreed to be my faculty mentor for an undergraduate research project at Holy Cross during my senior year. Gaining this research experience turned out to be the determining factor in my decision to go to graduate school and to study immunology when I got there.

In addition, he convinced me to enroll in his biochemistry I and II courses during my senior year—classes that, as a sophomore, I was convinced would be too hard for me to ever want to take. Just as in immunology, the courses were hard, but I still consider biochemistry the most important class I took while at Holy Cross—equally because of the material it covered—
and because it gave me the confidence that I could succeed in graduate school.

Getting into graduate school wasn’t easy for me, as my grades weren’t spectacular. In the end, I decided to attend the University of Massachusetts Medical School. I probably gained a spot in that class because of two recommendations that Pete made on my behalf. The first was the recommendation he gave to my summer research mentor the year before, convincing her to have me join her lab for the summer. After the internship, I was able, in turn, to get a strong recommendation for graduate school from her. Secondly, Pete was immensely helpful in writing recommendations for my graduate school applications.

When I got to graduate school, I was truly afraid that I would fail out of school. After all, I’d had plenty of trouble at Holy Cross. Much as I expected, the work was really tough — however, I never expected that I would be as successful as I was. My struggles at Holy Cross turned into “A’s” in graduate school. I view that as a compliment of the best kind to my Holy Cross education, in general, and to Pete Parsons’ mentorship, in particular. I have since graduated with my Ph.D. (in June, 2003) and moved on to a postdoctoral research fellowship in immunology at Dartmouth Medical School. Pete’s impact on my life, however, doesn’t end here.

Soon after I first met Pete, I became aware, through our conversations, of the many research students he had mentored that had gone on to be quite successful. He would tell me of his visits with them — and it was quite a “who’s who” of Holy Cross graduates: surgeons, dentists, researchers and more.

Why was it that his former students remained so close to him? At the time, I didn’t know. Today, I am proud to be one of those students with whom he keeps in touch. During graduate school, I found myself talking about my classes and research with him. I sought out his opinion when faced with decisions about school and life. In fact, when I got married last June, Pete was the organist at our wedding.

For those of us who still get to see Pete, it is an equal effort on both his end and ours. I think he is proud of his accomplishments as a mentor and enjoys seeing his students succeed, but I think he also truly enjoys their company. For me, it is a way of saying “thank you” for his guidance — yet, more importantly, he is not only a mentor but a friend. Pete retired in 2002, so current Holy Cross students will never get to hear his stories about past students.

However, for those of us who were lucky enough to have him as a professor — retirement affords him the opportunity to spend a little more time catching up with us.

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A Constant Revelation:
Thomas Lawler

BY THOMAS ANDERSON ’72

Tom Lawler flipped my brain, saved my love life, inspired a career and provided an after-burn of lessons in competence and social consciousness. He may be responsible for where I live.

I’m not sure why I took his course on 17th-century poetry in 1969. Perhaps it was a requirement. I was supposed to be a scientist; I’d had my own laboratory and equipment at a progressive high school. Science was study; science was work; science was nobler. His course: a constant revelation, an unveiling of possibilities. You could wrap exploration, sex, faith, love and death in long conceits; you could play with structure on a page. You could do this with this? You could say it this way?

Was it the subject or the man or me at that particular time? Frye called it (1968-72) the “Age of Hysteria,” with the war and drugs and draft lotteries and revolutions. It was a crazy time. The 17th century was rather rocky and maybe that resonated with the ’60s. I was ready for a change myself with the smell of benzene bubbling in round bottom flasks and calculus breaking into finer and finer bits of abstraction.

I remember Tom Lawler was always prepared and enthusiastic about class and encouraging, a model for anyone doing anything at any time. He knew his subject excessively well, and he made it come alive. He had a big impact. I had great teachers before and after: Rev. William Healy, S.J.; John Mayer; Stephen Teichgraeber, John Dorenkamp, and others. But Tom Lawler was a trigger, and he catalyzed a radical change in my direction, thinking and writing. He had career advice and back-up career advice, which came later when I was a senior, advice which helped me adapt and survive the fat belly of the baby boom.

So — the flip: chemistry to English

The save: a recording of Richard Burton reciting John Donne love poems.
Kathleen S. Carr on William Morse
The career: “You won’t be happy unless you do something creative.”

The homestead: Appleton House (see Andrew Marvell)

The social consciousness: Tom Lawler’s work in prisons, which I heard about decades later.

I’d like to be as good in what I do as he was—as competent, as prepared, as excited, as connected.

He still inspires.

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I could see the ivy grow from where I sat. And I’d stare at it, while its colors changed with the seasons’ passing, while we thought about Paradise Lost, Paradise Regained, the theory of the dialectic, and, in retrospect, while we thought about our own lives and our place in the world.

Professor Bill Morse was my instructor for a seminar in John Milton during the first semester of my sophomore year at Holy Cross. Truth be told, I had no business in the upper-level class, and my presence there was largely due to a registrar mishap, but for some reason, Bill let me stay. I cringed that first day when he told us to arrange our chairs in a circle. You can’t hide in a circle. And as I looked around for someone who lived in my dorm, I quickly realized I was outranked here. The fact that I was allowed to stay, despite the ranking, inspired me. Perhaps Bill saw something in me during those first few classes. Or perhaps he noticed all the Post-it notes and hi-lighting I had done in my Milton handbook and feared what I would do if he didn’t let me stay. Regardless, his confidence in me was inspiring. I spent most of my days preparing for that weekly seminar. I read the assigned reading. I read the suggested reading. I read supporting texts and notable opinions. And then I began to form my own. I was the first to enter the circle each week and the last to leave it.

My friends dreaded dinners in Kimball dining hall with me that year, because I would often ask them what they thought of the fall of Eve and what it meant to them when she crouched by the river’s edge to see her own reflection. I asked them if they thought the theory of the dialectic could be applied to our own trivial lives, and if they felt more passionate about life when they thought about it within the context of dying. These questions proved to be table-clearing topics, and it’s quite surprising that I ended that semester with any friends at all. But I couldn’t contain my enthusiasm. Professor Morse had triggered something in me. He had ignited an independence of thought that I hadn’t yet found in myself.

Those circular discussions hinged on class participation. They demanded that you had completed the assigned reading and that you had thought critically about the text. These requirements can be intimidating. And forming opinions articulately in the midst of a circle of academically decorated upperclassmen is scary. But Morse had an ease about him. He was clearly engaged with the text, and he readily transferred that engagement to his students. And his easy presence gave you the confidence you needed to feel as if you belonged there. And the conviction that your opinions had merit, as long as you could support them within a well-structured argument. The verbal confidence I was developing transferred readily to my writing, molded by Morse’s encouragement to think beyond the thoughts of the writers of the texts we read. I still believe that the papers I submitted that year were some of the best I had written during my entire tenure at Holy Cross. And now, as a professional writer and editor, I still occasionally reread those drafts, to remind myself what it means to think critically and to write well. And how good writing often comes easily when you’re thoroughly engaged in the subject matter.

At the end of that semester, I approached Morse and asked him if he’d consider teaching a Milton tutorial with another student and myself. We were fascinated by Milton’s theory of the dialectic, and we gave Morse an outline of a year’s worth of curriculum that we hoped to study. He hesitated for a second, probably because our enthusiasm was mildly frightening, but he quickly accepted our challenge, and we spent the next year together discussing Milton’s prose.

Those discussions shaped some of my most memorable times on Mount Saint James. Professor Morse made me think critically, speak coherently, write concisely, and, in the midst of all that, he made me a better person. He was patient when we lacked complete understanding, and I quickly learned that he didn’t expect us to think like Milton scholars—though he treated us
with a kind of respect that made us feel as if we could be. What he did demand of us was that we demonstrated, each week, that we had considered the text we read. That we had spent time with it. That we had thought about it not only within the confines of the page it was written on, but that we had considered its place in the world. In essence, Professor Morse taught me to think.

I didn’t realize it at the time, but I have since come to appreciate that I wasn’t simply studying Milton that year, I was gaining an appreciation for how to live. Morse was showing us how to think purposefully and to have the confidence to share those thoughts. He taught us that though we may encounter others whose opinions we don’t always understand or espouse, we need to respect the validity of those opinions and accept that they have a place in our world.

I can still see the ivy that grew on the cold brick building that contained my Milton seminar. And while it’s true that I’ve left the confines of those walls, I’ve held onto one of the lessons Professor Morse taught there. Holy Cross asks each incoming freshman class a question. During the fall of 1996, the question posed to my class was, “How Then Shall We Live?” Eight years later, I realize that Professor Morse spent much of his time in the classroom helping us answer that question.

How Then Shall We Live?
Take critical note of your surroundings, and, then, after some time has elapsed, have the courage to come back to yourself, in order to live well, and thoughtfully, within them.

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“Forsan haec olim meminisse iuvabit” – Ovid

In September 1940—almost as far back as the dear, dead days beyond recall—the Class of 1943 returned to Holy Cross to begin its sophomore year. I was pursuing a bachelor of arts degree—and was one of 24 students who found themselves in Section B, to study our two “majors,” Latin and rhetoric. The designated professor was Rev. Henry E. Bean, S.J.

Fr. Bean, according to unimpeachable sources in the junior and senior classes, was an excessively demanding taskmaster. Such dire caveats caused several of us to request transfer out of Section B to anywhere else. This appeal proved futile, as the dean of sophomores soon made clear. Our fate was sealed.

The first day of class featured two meaningful pronouncements by our redoubtable instructor. The first was along these lines: “I’d like to mention something at this time, since to say it at a later date could be awkward or embarrassing: I don’t want a Christmas present.”

During the moment it took for this to sink in, we looked at each other, then at him, in puzzled silence. I can only imagine how our non-verbals screamed the message, “Who, us? To you? Fat chance!”

His next remark was less stupefying, but more ominous … “Fellows, remember this throughout the school year and for the rest of your lives: no matter how hard you think you’re working, you can always work even harder. Always.”

Which he proceeded to prove, forthwith.

He pushed us and stretched us … to our everlasting benefit. By year end, we had all discovered the validity of his nuts’n’bolts approach to hard work. Indeed, that awareness has been inspiring—and consoling—during my entire working life.

But were our classes grindingly oppressive? Anything but! It was “Harry” Bean’s superb tutelage in both subjects that so prepared us to deal with life and with those we encountered while living it.

For most of “B” it was our sixth year of Latin, so we translated, reasonably well, the historian Tacitus’ original annals of Rome’s rise, glory and decline. But the real thrust of the course, imparted forcefully by Fr. Bean, was learning why and how this once-exemplary republic flourished and foundered as it did.

The formal definition of rhetoric is “the science which discovers and reduces to system the rules of persuasive speech.” Father brought this bland concept to life. The insights he gave us into motivation and behavior used examples as variegated as Abraham Lincoln or Lizzie Borden. And they were dynamic, and we understood them and learned.

He revealed to us the “connect” between our studies and the intense times in which we lived. How intense? Consider as a backdrop, the world around us. …
Andrea M. Halpin Leary on Helen Whall
The year-old war in Europe saw France defeated and England being hammered by the Luftwaffe. At home, Franklin D. Roosevelt was defying tradition by seeking a third presidential term, an election that would have an impact on our nation’s decision about the war in Europe: Isolation? Support? Involvement?

All learning is discovery, and Fr. Bean coached us to discover. He provided clarity, and—as we began to realize—warmth and gentle good humor. He was theatrical, but not hokey; down to earth, but not earthy; dramatic, but not corny. Of all the teachers and mentors I’ve had, but not earthy; dramatic, but not corny. Of all the teachers and mentors I’ve had, very few made it even close to the man in charge of Sophomore B.

A final note/gloat: The resourceful lads in “B” did manage to circumvent the ban on gifts. On the last day of class—June 3, 1941—we gave Fr. Bean a couple of one-pound tins of premium pipe tobacco. It was received with appreciation and grace; he knew that it conveyed respect and affection in far greater measure than the 24 thin wallets which funded this modest tribute.

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Ovid’s magnificent phrase translates to the mellow prediction: Perhaps some day it will be pleasant to remember this. It is indeed, Father. Thank you.

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The Potential This Day May Hold: Helen Whall

BY ANDREA M. HALPIN LEARY ’89

Helen Whall is an amazing teacher. She is amazing not only for her classroom teaching—energized, inspired, attentive and brilliant—but also for the teaching qualities that follow her students out into the world and help shape their lives. I am one of those students, and I am incredibly grateful.

In the classroom, Professor Whall is nothing if she is not professional—exceptionally knowledgeable, actively researching and participating in intellectual discussions in her field. Her students don’t see this angle, of course, but they do see a teacher who can help them read and understand Shakespeare in ways they never could on their own. We would struggle through a Shakespearian play at home, piecing together the meaning as we read, hoping we had something poignant to say to this professor we wanted so much to impress. Then we would enter the classroom, a classroom filled with her presence.

Let me take a moment to describe this. Professor Whall fills a room, initially, with her inviting smile that welcomes you each day into a world of exciting intellectual discussion. Then, she starts to walk around the room—always energetic, always exhilarated by the potential this day this discussion may hold. The students adopt this energy, and they strive further with their interpretive abilities. She asks a question. Someone raises a hand. The conversation begins to unfold: the student responds, and Professor Whall is sincerely, genuinely interested in whatever he or she might offer; she is focused and invested. And her students try to rise to her level of investment in them. This situation produces a great symbiotic relationship: the students begin to unravel the many layers of Shakespeare, who offers them innumerable moral, intellectual and stylistic lessons, and Professor Whall has the pleasure of leading this journey and then watching her students walk alone.

And, yet, she never leaves them all alone. She follows at a safe, undetected distance to be sure that, if they ever call, she is there, instantly, as fully invested as she was in class. Before I ever called, she sought me to talk about my future. She had formed a plan; this student, she believed, would be a good teacher. She took time she could have spent planning lessons or grading papers (which she does with meticulous precision) and sat with me—to better my life. She understood my needs, both as a student and as a person, and thus pointed me toward the graduate school that would be the best fit.

When the GRE scores we hoped for didn’t materialize, Professor Whall immediately called the graduate director at the University of Delaware to insist that they were unrepresentative. She stopped whatever important business she was attending at that moment and called to ensure my acceptance—one student—to make my acceptance mine. She didn’t spend that time trying to advance her research or her career; she spent it bettering mine. I find that incredibly selfless. And over time I came to realize that one of her greatest gifts to me (now a teacher) was the lesson that teaching is an endeavor of helping people become better people. At the University of Delaware, others from Holy Cross were already there, and others came—proof that this seeming magic she worked in my life wasn’t a singular act but part of a concert of lives...
she had affected and continues to affect every day she teaches at Holy Cross.

Her investment and generosity follow her students still further—beyond school—into the “real world.” She is the sort of teacher who attends the wedding of a former student, not the summer following graduation, but seven years after graduation. And she doesn’t just attend the ceremony in the Holy Cross Chapel, convenient to her home, she also joins the celebration and reception some distance away. She sent my daughter her very first Holy Cross hat.

She is the sort of teacher who joins in the joyous times and immediately in tough times with focus, clarity, and wisdom. Helen endured many a lengthy phone call covering dissertation questions and frustrations, and she always wanted the whole story, she always had plenty of time; she answered every question and offered endless encouragement.

Helen received another call when the decision between a tenure-track position at a local community college and a part-time position at Loyola College in Maryland presented itself. In the academic job market, any tenure-track offer needs to be taken seriously. We went through every angle of the decision: she spent that evening not with her family, or with a good book, or pursuing one of her many commitments, but with me—one, long-since graduated student. She picked apart the quandary; she worked through my concerns and questions; and then she pointedly directed with her usual kind but firm approach: teach at Loyola. She chose to spend her time not bettering her life, but bettering mine.

Helen Whall doesn’t announce her commitment to her students; she just fulfills it—completely, genuinely, happily. With her in mind, every semester I try to do the same. It’s the only way to attempt to thank her for all she has given to me. Helen Whall helped shape my professional life in a way that has allowed me to enjoy my amazing husband and children while maintaining a purposeful career. She has been my teacher, my mentor, and my friend for the past 18 years. I am incredibly grateful.

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By naming just a few professors, I’m afraid I will exclude many others who taught with passion and with a genuine interest in their students. However, there is one teacher who stood out among all others, who influenced me profoundly. Her name is Ogretta McNeil.

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With that auspicious start, she became my mentor.

During my junior year, I met with her about applying for the Experimental Studies Program. The E.S.P. allowed students to receive credit while working as interns at various Worcester companies. The purpose of the program was to expose students to a professional field that they may have been considering for a career. If I recall, many students interned at accounting and law firms. During the era of Karen Ann Quinlan and the controversy over discontinuing her life support systems, I became enthralled with the rapidly emerging debate about medical ethics. And as the field of healthcare administration began

Always Be Open To The Possibilities: Ogretta McNeil

BY STEPHEN J. SCHULZ ’80

Twenty-four years have not dimmed the positive experience that I enjoyed at Holy Cross. That experience involved classmates, dorm friends and the classes that I attended. Several teachers stand out in my memory: Suzanna Waldbauer, who—to demonstrate a point in the musical score—would sit down at the piano and play, again and again, the part she wanted us to understand; William R. Healy, who made biology fascinating for non-science types like me; Rev. John Reboli, S.J., who had a passion for art and making sure his students appreciated what they were seeing; and Rev. John Paris, S.J., who challenged us to see the complexity in all manner of ethical issues.

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to evolve and grow, I began to think about it as a career option.

I approached Dr. McNeil about finding an internship program with an area hospital. No student had ever worked an internship in this area, so we were charting new territory. But Dr. McNeil supported me before the Experimental Studies Council and, through contacts with Holy Cross alumni, we set up a program for my senior year.

Dr. McNeil’s support, guidance and encouragement catapulted my interest in healthcare so much that I went on to get a graduate degree in healthcare administration from George Washington University and found a remarkably rewarding career in my field. I recall spending endless hours in her office in Loyola Hall, talking about life, goals and aspirations. She encouraged me always to be open to possibilities. That philosophy influenced my course choices while in college and has guided and sustained me throughout my career. My mentor encouraged me to think critically but to be open to new and different ideas; to take in life with all of its quirks, surprises and inevitable disappointments; to be always grateful for the experiences and opportunities offered to me in my life; and to be mindful of the need to serve others.

Not shabby advice at all!

Today, Dr. McNeil has retired from Holy Cross and serves on the Worcester School Committee, an elected position. She is the reason why Holy Cross will always have a special place in my heart.

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Great teachers give us a sense not only of who they are, but more importantly, of who we are and who and what we might become. Great teachers unlock our energies, our imaginations, our curiosity and our minds.

Effective teachers pose compelling questions, teach us to reason, make us think about theories and counterfactuals—the what ifs. The best liberal arts college teachers also have an uncanny ability to step outside themselves and become liberating forces in our lives.

At its best, the liberal arts are a liberating and freeing learning journey; which help to liberate and free us from sloppy thinking, careless writing, hypocrisy, sentimentality, narrow-mindedness and prejudice.

History Professor William Grattan, who had received his degree from Holy Cross in 1938 before earning his Ph.D. in history at Harvard University, was the teacher who served for me as the most liberating and freeing teacher during my undergraduate years.

A native of Long Island, N.Y., Grattan taught at Holy Cross from 1946-1967. I took at least three of his courses on American history during the 1958 to 1961 period. I cannot now recall the exact topics of the courses, yet I believe they treated colonial history, American history through 1860 and the Civil War through World War II. We never seemed to get too close to the present.

Bill Grattan was a great teacher for several reasons. First, he had a passion for understanding American history. In his own very disciplined and organized way, he plainly enjoyed sharing what he had learned, and he valiantly tried to explicate the mixed success Americans and our leaders have had in living up to the ideals of constitutional democracy.

The first law of excellent teachers is to “know your stuff,” to be exceptionally well versed in your subject area. Professors must feel comfortable with a subject if they are going to succeed at explaining it. Students quite rightly expect teachers to serve as interpreters of what is known, important and fundamental. Bill Grattan did this superbly. He brought his subject alive, and he made us think, he made us reconsider the myths of the American character, and he made us reflect on the promise of the American experiment.

Grattan was successful as well because he was always splendidly organized. He lived in the pre-Internet and PowerPoint days when, in classes of 30 to 40 or more students, the lecture format was the traditional means of instruction. His lectures were invariably well prepared and carefully, in fact meticulously, delivered. There was an occasional wry comment, or humorous Dorothy Parker aside on Harding or Coolidge, yet his were straightforward, lucid, compelling interpretive analyses of an era or a presidential administration, or a major war.

I admired the clarity and careful reasoning of his presentations. Good teachers raise a lot of questions, and Professor Grattan regularly did this. He taught up, not down. Covering the material, which he always did well, was never as important, or so I detected, as getting us to explore the tensions and paradoxes and to examine the key assumptions and values.

Finally, Bill Grattan was a superb...
professor because he was patient—he listened to our often dumb questions—and was always available if we needed extra help or just had additional questions. I was impressed that he was always 10 minutes or so early for class; he would stand outside the room as if to signal that he was willing to offer advice or explain something again that may have been unclear during the previous class session. He would linger, too, after his lecture was over, for the same reasons.

Great teachers love their subject and share that enthusiasm with their students. They care about their students and feel privileged to teach. They view learning as a verb rather than a noun, not as neatly packaged facts but as an ongoing process of discovery. Great teachers are always getting students to ask a lot of questions. Bill Grattan was most assuredly that kind of teacher.

I remember working on a research paper about Woodrow Wilson for one of his courses. It was the most ambitious paper I had ever undertaken. His encouragement meant a lot to me. His role model meant a lot to me and my fellow classmates. His was a quiet inspiration, yet it was exceptionally important at a turning point in my life.

With his help, I migrated west to Stanford University where I was soon enrolled in a Ph.D. program in political science, concentrating mainly on American politics and government. I would later become a college teacher and often thought about the Bill Grattan role model which was always a source of motivation.

I had looked forward to the time, after I had completed my Ph.D., when I could visit with him back in Worcester to tell him in person how much he had meant to me and how greatly I valued his teaching, advising and mentoring. Sadly, I never had that privilege, for Bill Grattan passed away rather suddenly and far too prematurely while I was finishing up my doctoral work and while he was a young 51 years old.

Bill Grattan was a great teacher and hundreds of us in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, who were privileged to have had him as our American history professor, remain profoundly in his debt for his liberating survey courses on the ideals and realities of American constitutional and political history.

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The first year of college is an entirely new chapter in life. As doors swing open to new intellectual and academic interests, first-year students find themselves part of a community where they have new responsibilities. This past August, incoming student Jennifer Robert agreed to share her impressions in an online diary that was published regularly on the College’s Web site. Over the course of the academic year, Jen chronicled her thoughts and experiences—and the unique moments, both mundane and profound, which mark life at Holy Cross.

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So, I’ve officially been a Crusader for slightly over a week, and what a week it has been! In all truth, I was “wicked” nervous about college. As the oldest child in my family, I didn’t know too much about the college experience. A Worcester native, all through the summer I thought that the transition from high school to the College of the Holy Cross would be no big deal at all.

Well, two days before “move-in day” it was a whole different story. I cried for what seemed like 24 hours! Apparently, it doesn’t matter all that much how far away you go—it’s still a huge change. There’s no one here to tell you what to do or when to do it. It’s like the ultimate test to see how well you can do on your own. This can be overwhelming and scary. I know the thoughts that ran through my mind were: What if it’s too hard? What if I don’t make any friends??
Anyway, as soon as I arrived in front of my new home, Mulledy, the “Just Move It” crew was so excited to see me—and to quickly move all of my junk into my little dorm room—that I no longer had time to worry or think about this big change. I was too preoccupied with moving in—which bed to select, where my desk should go, and which drawer my T-shirts should go in—to worry about missing my family and friends. Everything went smoothly. The school provided upperclassmen at every imaginable point during the day to help out with each problem and question.

My roommate, Colleen, is great!

After getting a hefty workout in what seemed like 100 degree weather, all the first-year students gathered on the Hart Center Lawn for the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Although it was impossible not to cry after the parents blessed their children, the departure and goodbye was made quick, as students were escorted to the football practice field for a cookout.

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The first day of classes came all too soon! My first class was chemistry with Professor Herrick. He seems like a great teacher. Surprisingly, I wasn’t too overwhelmed by this class, but I expect it will be a lot of work.

The next class of the day was calculus with Professor Freschette. I’ve always loved math, but I felt a little overwhelmed by this class. We began review right away, and it seemed to be going a little fast. So, after class I decided to meet up with the professor during her office hours. That turned out to be a wise choice; she advised me to stay in the class. She was ready and willing to listen to me and to help me figure out which class I should be in. After meeting with her, I realize that it is going to be a lot of work, but I think I’ll like this class, too.

13 SEPTEMBER 2004

My first Mass on campus. It was beautiful—there was a more modern form of music—congas and piano, as well as some Spanish lyrics. The students were involved in a num-
ber of ways—as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, cantors and greeters. At the beginning of Mass, we were asked to turn to our neighbors and greet them, so we would know the people with whom we would be celebrating. Afterward, the Chaplains’ Office offered a “s’mores block party” where they provided dessert and information regarding involvement in the liturgical aspects of the College. My friends and I signed up to be Eucharistic ministers and lectors.

9 October 2004

It’s Columbus Day weekend, we have a four-day holiday and it appears a popular tradition for first-year students to make the “official” first trip back home.

On Friday, someone commented on how much she’d miss eating lunch in Kimball with the usual gang. Most of our lunch group comes from New York. Though the N.Y. contingent had a bit of a drive home, most of them were traveling together. Some even were planning to visit each other over the weekend! At the end of lunch, hugs and goodbyes were exchanged as this was the last time we would see each other for FOUR WHOLE DAYS!

18 October 2004

I got back my chem exam. Didn’t do so well—and that basically ruined my week. However, I learned a few lessons as a result of this poor grade. Later in the day, I wandered over to Professor Herrick’s office. It was my first college “office hours” visit. And it was terrific. I sat down with Prof. H., and we went over each of my mistakes, one by one. Then he gave me a few pointers on how to prepare for the next exam—and a preview of upcoming work and his next lecture. Tip to everyone: Office visits can be a lifesaver.

22 October 2004

We went to the Smith Wellness Center for the first time. We stretched and then rode the bikes for a little while. After that, we kind of played around on a few machines and then did some sit-ups/pushups/crunches. The gym itself had all the machines you might need, and while you ride the bike, you can listen to music, read a magazine or simply look out the huge glass windows in front of you and watch a game being played on the field.

28 October 2004

THE RED SOX WON THE WORLD SERIES!!!!!!!!!!!!

1 November 2004

Big, busy weekend: Halloween and “Family Weekend.”

Even though they live nearby, my parents had planned to come up to campus for Family Weekend. (When I discretely hinted to my mom that I was thinking about going to Boston for the Sox parade, she discretely hinted back that there was no way that was going to happen!)

Saturday, a bunch of us and our families had a tailgating party in Mulledy basement before the football game. It turned out to be a good time—we all got to meet each other’s families and hang out for a few hours.

That night, everyone got dressed up for Halloween. Cassie made each person on the floor a cute little bag of Halloween candy and we all went out together. Eileen was the devil, Alison was an angel (only in costume, though!)
Kidding!), Sarah was a bee (in her Adidas jacket with yellow stripes), Kaitlyn was Britney Spears, Jill was an '80s girl, Lauren was "Kimmy Gibbler," Lucy and Meg were cowgirls, and I was a fairy (in jeans … but I had wings and a wand!).

3 NOVEMBER 2004

Tensions were running high in Mulledy 3 East last night. The Republican wing of the hall watched anxiously in the triple as Bush gained votes. While most of us had absentee ballots to mail in, Colleen and I had the home advantage of being able to go to the polls to vote. My mom picked me up around 1 p.m., and we went to a local synagogue to cast our ballots. It was my second time voting, but my first time casting a ballot for president. Unfortunately, I have a math exam today, so I wasn’t able to spend the night following the returns, but I stopped in for a few minutes to watch. Nearly every room had the TV on, but the girls in the triple were deeply into it! Eileen and Laura were pacing the halls—to say they were stressed was an understatement. Laura had set up a map outside the room and would go into the hall and put a blue or red pin in a state once that state’s vote was final. And now here we are, the morning after the election, and we still don’t know who won. Frustrating!

12 NOVEMBER 2004

SNOW!

The first snow of the season fell today. I had a chem exam first thing this morning and on the way to breakfast, Ali and I saw the first few flakes float to the ground. After the exam, we came back outside to see the ground lightly covered in a dusting of white. Finally, after my last class that day, a few inches had accumulated. We returned to the room, hung out for a few hours and then ended up going outside. It was perfect snow for snowballs, and we made good use of it! We even made a mini-snowman. After a few hours outside, we came back in to warm up. We made hot chocolate and popcorn in our room. Such a fun afternoon.

9 DECEMBER 2004

Classes officially ended this past Tuesday at noon (for me anyway). The tree lighting scheduled for Tuesday night was postponed due to the poor weather—which, by the way, almost caused me to fall flat on my face at 8:30 a.m. on that lovely Tuesday morning. I had my very last practicum, where I filled out a class survey.
At 10, several of us went to Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which was followed by a mini-adventure at Campion House. Campion is open extended hours during study and finals weeks, so that all the intellectual night crawlers can stop by for a midnight snack or a break from the books. It felt like we were breaking into someone’s house as we opened the door and darted directly to the kitchen to find the “goods.” As we took some of the cookies from the bag on the table, Fr. Campbell snapped on the lights, surprising us all! We sat around the table for a while, chatting. Once our bellies were full, we headed back to Mulledy.

Later, I went to Dinand with Colleen and Ali. About an hour into our studying, we were startled by the Holy Cross Chamber Singers’ traditional “Dinand Invasion”! The singers provided a short study-break full of beautiful a cappella Christmas Carols. Then it was back to work until the holiday dinner!

**17 December 2004**

I’m all moved out of Mulledy for the next month! Although it took two car trips and one million goodbyes, I’m home. It has been an amazing few months and I can only hope that the rest of my time at college is just as rewarding!

**17 January 2005**

My return to Mount St. James was significantly different from my initial arrival in late August. Although I had a great break and enjoyed spending time with my family and high school friends, I was excited to get back to the Hill and couldn’t wait to see Colleen and the ladies of Mulledy 3 East!

**24 January 2005**

The first weekend back on campus was awesome! The main excitement was the “Blizzard of ’05” which left most of Massachusetts a white blunder for the weekend.

Saturday night was the hall spaghetti dinner. Colleen, Kaitlyn and Christine did the majority of the cooking. We used the kitchen in the basement of Mulledy and—since no one was using the study rooms—we pushed together some of the tables to accommodate our large group. There ended up being about 35 people in attendance. It was a great dinner, and afterwards everyone helped to clean up. We ended the snowy night with a movie.

**2 February 2005**

Last week in Kimball, we celebrated all the birthdays and “un-birthdays” of the Holy Cross community at the “Mad Hatter’s Birthday Bash.” The bakers from the Kimball Sweet Shoppe made a giant cake (36 feet wide and 4 feet tall). It was decorated with bright colored frostings and had edible decorations coinciding with the Alice and Wonderland theme. The rest of Kimball Hall was decorated with whimsical decorations, also reflective of the Lewis Carroll story.

**11 February 2005**

A few of us went to the opening of the art exhibit in Rehm Library. The exhibit features the work of artist
Helga Hoskova, a victim of the Holocaust. Hoskova’s artwork portrays images of her experiences. The featured speaker at the opening, Edgar Krasa, had lived with Hoskova during the Holocaust. Krasa passed around photos and other items—such as one of the yellow stars that Jews were required to sew onto all of their clothing. It was a strange feeling, to be in the presence of an actual item from the time of the Holocaust. Handling the star made the event much more real to us. Krasa spoke about his experiences as a child in the ghetto. He explained that the ghetto was not a place of execution for victims; rather it was a transitional place where the victims were housed before being transported to the gas chambers and concentration camps. Our psychology class just finished reading and discussing the book, *The Drowned and the Saved* by Primo Levi, another survivor of the Holocaust. I could see some parallels between Levi’s words and those of Krasa.

**14 February 2005**

I met with my psych prof, Professor Freeman, during his office hours. I really enjoy his class; there is great discussion every day and all of the topics are relevant to our lives, even though the texts are so old. Right now, we’re reading St. Augustine’s *Confessions*, and we have just finished Plato’s *The Republic*. It’s interesting to read Plato in the context of two different classes—philosophy and psychology.

**25 February 2005**

The Mulledy Hall semi-formal dinner took place last night in the basement study rooms, which were transformed into a large dining hall. It was clear that a lot of planning had gone into this event—there were lights strung along the walls and tablecloths and nice dinnerware on the tables. There was some nice entertainment—the Holy Cross a cappella groups: Testosterone, Fools on the Hill and the Delilahs. There was a little miscommunication about the proper attire—some people were in prom dresses, and others in pajama pants. Regardless, we had a fine time.

**20 March 2005**

Worcester prides itself on its many diners. Most of the girls had never been to a Worcester diner before, so for breakfast yesterday we decided to try out the Boulevard Diner, on Shrewsbury Street. Seating was limited, so we
had to split up into two tables, but the service was quick, and the food was tasty and plentiful. We all ordered huge plates of food—enough to keep us full for much of the day! We had a great time at the “Boule” and plan to try out another diner before we leave for the summer.

2 APRIL 2005

“Holy Cross Cares Day” took place yesterday in the pouring rain! We arrived at the fieldhouse for breakfast and prayer around 9 a.m. Our site, Hope Lodge, is a beautiful old mansion in Worcester where people receiving any form of cancer treatment in Boston or Worcester can stay, with or without their families. There were about 23 of us there so we split up, cleaning windows, dusting, vacuuming and organizing. When we were leaving, the main person in charge at the time, Annie, invited us back when the weather is nicer for a barbeque and to help with the lawn work.

11 APRIL 2005

Mulledy Beach was officially open for business this weekend! With sunny skies and temperatures upward of 60 degrees, the hill behind Mulledy was covered with blankets, football and Frisbee games. Music played out of some windows, while everyone relished the spring weather! As soon as we woke up and ate breakfast, we all donned shorts and T-shirts, and headed out to “do work outside.” Most of us got a little more sun that we had anticipated (especially Sarah!), but we were all so relieved that the weather finally warmed up, that no one seemed to mind.

27 APRIL 2005

Last night AMSA (American Medical Student Association, a national group for premed students) held its first event—“Fudge with Futterman.” Dr. Futterman is one of the College’s seven premed advisers. There were about 50 premed students in attendance. Professors Futterman and Koss were extremely helpful in discussing the medical school application process and simply explaining what first- and second-year students should be doing to prime ourselves. The session definitely settled my fears and cleared up premonitions I had about the next few years as a premed student.

3 MAY 2005

I can’t believe it, but my final class as a freshman just ended! This year has flown by, and what a trip it has been. I remember back to the end of last August when I was petrified about college—I never dreamed it would be this wonderful.

6 MAY 2005

Finals Frenzy is in full swing again—coffee at Dinand, events in Hogan—all sorts of stress relievers. The library is crowded nearly all hours of the day, but this time everything is a little different because everyone knows that it’s nearly time to pack up for the summer. Today, Colleen and I started packing up a few things. Ali refused to come into our room at first because she didn’t want to see the bare walls. I can already see that I’m going to miss college over the summer.

To read all of Jen’s blog entries for the year, log onto: http://www.holycross.edu/publicaffairs/features/robert_diary
The Scorpion and the Frog: A Natural Conspiracy
BY WILLIAM A. BORST '65

In *The Scorpion and the Frog* (Xlibris Publishing), William A. Borst '65 analyzes 2000 years of history through a prism of conspiracy. By examining such traditional conspirators as the Masons and the Bilderbergers, as well as contemporary events like the 2004 presidential election, the book unveils the ideas that have unified conspiracies into a “coherent rendition of evil.” Borst aims to show readers how money, power and the American sexual revolution have conspired to destabilize the conservative traditions of our country.

A historian and radio talk show host, Borst is the author of many books, most recently *Liberalism: Fatal Consequences*.

American Adventurism Abroad: 30 Invasions, Interventions, and Regime Changes Since World War II
BY MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN III '62

Michael J. Sullivan III '62 is the author of *American Adventurism Abroad* (Praeger Publishers), a comparative analysis of 30 American interventions into Third World countries. Using a historical approach, the author sets out to prove that U.S. foreign policy has been driven by the goal of being the ultimate power in the global capitalist economic system. In today’s political climate of war and heightened patriotism, the author presents a provocative thesis that challenges traditional interpretations of America’s role in the world. The book is dedicated to Philip Berrigan ’50, his wife, and his brother, Daniel, who are identified as “Adventurers for Peace.”

Sullivan is a professor of political science at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa.

Democratic Capitalism: The Way to a World of Peace and Plenty
BY RAYMOND B. CAREY JR. ’48

In his book, *Democratic Capitalism* (AuthorHouse), Raymond B. Carey Jr. ’48 presents the theory and practice of democratic capitalism by combining his extensive business experience with the thoughts of Adam Smith, Karl Marx and John Stuart Mill. The book’s message is that, when democracy and capitalism are synergistic, “good things happen.” Therefore, democratic capitalistic companies produce superior results, and nations that support economic freedom improve the lives of their people. Reviewing the book on the Senior Women Web site, critic Julia Sneden writes that *Democratic Capitalism* is “fascinating, important, erudite … written in a clear, accessible style … a masterpiece of meticulous documentation and explanation. … both catholic and meticulous … When you’ve read the book, you might want to consider sharing your copy with your Congressman or Senator, who would probably thank you for it.”

A graduate of Harvard Business School, Carey has managed numerous companies, serving for 18 years as president, chairman and chief executive officer of ADT, Inc. He is currently head of the Carey Center for Democratic Capitalism.

Using Investor Relations to Maximize Equity Valuations
BY THOMAS RYAN ’86 AND CHAD JACOBS ’86

In *Using Investor Relations to Maximize Equity Valuations*, Thomas Ryan ’86 and Chad Jacobs ’86 reveal the capital market strategies and tactical operation tools they regularly employ to help their clients. After a decade spent watching corporate communication blunders cost shareholders and companies billions of dollars in market capitalization, former equity analysts Ryan and Jacobs set out to create a more professional, strategic and capable approach to investor relations. As co-founders of Integrated Corporate Relations, they have helped numerous chief executive officers define the tangibles and intangibles of valuation, package a company’s story for Wall Street, and navigate the nuances of capital markets dialogue. Those lessons are presented clearly and illustrated with practical advice in their new book.

Ryan and Jacobs were roommates at Holy Cross. Their company, Integrated Corporate Relations, is located in Westport, Conn.
When Abby Lemieux ’05 landed an internship with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Central MA/Metrowest, Inc. through the College’s Summer Internship Program (SIP), she was overjoyed with the prospect of spending her summer doing meaningful work.

“My experience at Big Brothers Big Sisters gave me the opportunity to interact with business professionals,” Lemieux explains. “In addition, I was given a lot of flexibility to manage, design and complete my own projects—which has bolstered not only my time management skills, but my confidence as well.”

BY REBECCA SMITH ’99
Additionally, Lemieux was thankful that there was money in place to support her financially during her internship at BBBS. Historically, the majority of internships with not-for-profit organizations have been unpaid. A number have been funded through the GAA Summer Fellowship Program, and, for the past five years, funds from the Lilly Vocation Discernment Initiative grant have provided students a stipend for their work in service-oriented organizations; the funding from that grant, however, has almost been depleted.

The College was seeking permanent funding for summer internships when it received a $500,000 gift—from parents who wish to be anonymous—guaranteeing that students selected by the SIP will have the opportunity to work for pay in not-for-profit, service-oriented organizations, for years to come.

LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE

Since its inception five years ago, the Holy Cross SIP has provided more than 300 students with significant summer employment at over 100 sites, primarily in the Northeast. Internships are in various fields, including advertising, technology, law, medicine, finance, publishing and social service. Developed through a network of alumni, parents and friends, they are earmarked specifically for Holy Cross students, providing third-year and select second-year students the opportunity to gain career-related experience in an area related to their occupational goals.

As part of this very competitive program, accepted students must complete a learning contract, set goals with their supervisors at the start of their internships and undergo regular evaluations throughout their 10-week experience.

According to Amy Murphy, director of the SIP, the program is demanding—but rewarding. She notes, too, that the goal of having job offers extended to interns by their summer employers has been met with remarkable success. Of the members of the Class of 2004 who participated in the SIP, 23 percent had a permanent job with their internship site at graduation, and an additional 39 percent had a permanent job with their site’s competitor or an organization within the same industry.

Another goal of the SIP—although a less measurable one—is to give students experience working in a particular career field. Murphy explains that, while she and her staff do extensive work with students prior to their internships, not every job is a perfect match. And that, she believes, can be beneficial.

“If, at the end of the summer, the student says, ‘This is just not a good fit for me,’” that—from our perspective—is also a success,” Murphy observes. She hopes that through their experience, students can ultimately avoid the stress and frustration of finding themselves in a job that they dislike after graduation. But, above all, Murphy believes that the greatest benefit to students participating in the SIP is the knowledge they gain about professional life.

“Internships give students an understanding of what it means to commute every day,” she says. “They develop computer skills. And they gain valuable interpersonal skills, learning how to manage office relationships and work with people of varying ages and sophistication.”

RAISING AWARENESS

Bob Atchinson P’05, ’07, who is co-chair of the Holy Cross Parents’ Council, agrees wholeheartedly. He and his wife, Mickey, saw firsthand the benefits of the SIP through their son’s experience. They were so impressed with the program that they decided to expand the role of the Parents’ Council in relation to the SIP.

“If we could get parents to think about the jobs that they do as a means of helping Holy Cross and its students,” Atchinson says, “then we could leverage the parent-base in a whole new way.”

Parents have been an invaluable resource to the College, giving generously of their time, support and connections. The Atchinsons want to build on this commitment and encourage parents to establish internships at their places of work. With a small investment of time and planning, Atchinson believes, parents can develop a productive experience for Holy Cross students, their companies and themselves.

“Almost invariably,” he continues, “people who have taken on an intern come back and do it again—and oftentimes they expand the number of interns they take. We’ve always had a great response from the parents and their companies about the quality of the students who come out of Holy Cross.”

In 2004, 16 percent of Holy Cross’ summer
internships were set up with the help of parents. Bob and Marie DeSantis P07, chairs of the career and internship subcommittee of the Parents’ Council, hope to increase that number.

“Over the years, I have found that most people have a passion about sharing what they do for a living with a student who might be interested in a similar career path,” Marie DeSantis says.

In an attempt to bring about a higher awareness of the SIP among parents, the DeSantises hosted a gathering in March for approximately 35 families at their Connecticut home. The goal of the event was not only to educate parents about setting up internships but to make them aware of alternate means of contributing to the SIP—such as offering summer housing to an out-of-town student or hosting a regional gathering.

“We’re trying to generate a broader involvement among the parent-base to not only support the current program—which is an exceptional one for a college of Holy Cross’ size—but also to assist in expanding it,” explains Bob DeSantis.

In addition to parents, the SIP is looking to alumni to promote and establish internships. According to Murphy, an organization is more likely to take on a Holy Cross student if there is somebody at the institution who believes in the person’s talent. Moreover, parents and alumni who are vested in the College tend to make extra efforts to ensure that interns benefit as much as possible from their experience. As opposed to finding themselves isolated in a cubicle, students attend meetings, meet key players in the organization, and have the opportunity to work on important projects.

“The strong commitment of parents and alumni is one of the College’s strengths, and something that the SIP has really capitalized on,” adds Murphy.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

In order to make internship experiences possible for all qualified students—mindful that many students have to earn money over the summer to pay college expenses—the vast majority are paid positions. However, not all organizations can afford to pay interns.

“For the industries in which payment is not an option, we have other funding structures in place, such as the Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York, the General Alumni Association Summer Fellowship Program, and the Lilly Vocation Discernment Initiative,” says Murphy.

Since the establishment of the SIP, the Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York (HCLCNY) has provided major support for the program by financing stipends for interns at leading businesses and not-for-profits in the metropolitan New York area. The GAA Summer Fellowship Program, which has existed since 1992, only recently came under the purview of the SIP. Various regional alumni clubs and the GAA combine resources to provide students from the clubs’ geographic areas with stipends to complete internships with area not-for-profits.

Another funding source, the Lilly Vocation Discernment Initiative, was backed by a $2 million grant given to promote the College’s Jesuit mission of intellectual enrichment, service to others and spiritual growth. As part of the initiative, 10 summer internships per year were funded at not-for-profit organizations in Worcester, including BBBS.

The College was seeking permanent funding for the summer internships that had been covered by the Lilly endowment, aware that the grant would run out. According to Lynne Sullivan ’94, director of parent giving, the program now has much of the necessary support thanks to two anonymous parent donors.

“This gift of $500,000 sets the bar very high and shows what parents are capable of doing for Holy Cross,” Sullivan says.

With the sustained help of parents and alumni, students like Abby Lemieux will continue to have opportunities to develop their career skills, contribute to society and support themselves while doing so. Inevitably, these internship experiences play an essential role in helping students determine future career paths.

“The SIP is an amazing opportunity,” says Lemieux. “I was able to apply the confidence I gained through my experience in the program toward a successful job search—which has resulted in a full-time job offer. The SIP is the perfect steppingstone between academic life at Holy Cross and whatever career comes after it.”

If you are interested in setting up a summer internship or otherwise participating in the program, contact Amy Murphy, by phone, at (508)793-3880 or, by e-mail, at amurphy@holy-cross.edu.

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Earle W. DuBois ’48 first visited Holy Cross as a youngster during the 1930s. Growing up in nearby Holyoke, Mass., he came to the campus for Crusader baseball games and liked what he saw. When it came time for DuBois himself to apply to the College, however, he worried about the financial demands that tuition would place on his family.

“Things were not so easy back then,” he recalls. “My father was a pharmacist, and my mother helped him, and they worked many long hours to put me through Holy Cross.”

DuBois made the most of his parents’ sacrifices, majoring in physics at Holy Cross, singing in the Glee Club, and earning the Nugent Gold Medal for Excellence in Physics in his final year; he went on to receive graduate degrees from MIT, New York University and Stanford University. DuBois had a distinguished career at Westinghouse Electric, traveling the world as a marketing executive in the electric utility and nuclear energy fields. He later became vice president of corporate relations and then held a number of critical executive assignments prior to his retirement in 1987. The DuBois have two children, Terry and Rick, and two grandchildren, Drew and Alexandra.

DuBois and his wife, Peg, recently endowed the Bertha and Bill DuBois Memorial Scholarship Fund at Holy Cross, which they named in honor of his parents. “I have long felt that the education I received at Holy Cross, particularly the formation of a solid moral code and the development of a structured analytical thought process, was very helpful to me in my life,” says DuBois. “Whenever I have found myself in difficult circumstances, I have always known the right way to go. Peg and I feel quite fortunate that we are able to give someone else that same foundation in life.”

Sarah O’Brien Mackey is a freelance writer from Cambridge, Mass.
Although their lives have taken
taken them in various directions—and
not as often as they did during their under-
graduate days—Timothy G. Sheehan
80 and his classmates have always
known that one phone call was all it
took to bring them together again.

Last year, that one call brought
the devastating news that Fallon
O’Toole McIntyre, the daughter of
Louis McIntyre 80, had been diag-
nosed with a brain tumor. With
prayers and support, the Class of
1980 rallied around the McIntyres,
providing what comfort they could.
And when Fallon passed away at just
two years old on June 21, 2004, they
continued to find solace in the
bonds they had formed 25 years ear-
lier at Holy Cross.

“The friends I made in college
have been friends for life, through
the good times and the bad,” says
Sheehan. “This was one of the worst
times, but the way our entire class
mobilized in support of Louis and his
family also showed Holy Cross at its
very best. I could see, in my class-
mates’ actions, the mission of Holy
Cross, ‘men and women for others.’
Christy and I decided that we want-
ed to do something to honor Fallon’s
memory and recognize the closeness
we shared at Holy Cross.”

In May 2005, Tim and his wife,
Christy, endowed the Christy and
Timothy G. Sheehan 80 Loyola
Scholarship Fund in Loving Memory
of Fallon O’Toole McIntyre. The
scholarship will help Holy Cross
students reduce their dependence
on loans and campus work-study
programs.

Representing three Holy Cross
generations, the Sheehan family
includes Tim’s father, Jerry Sheehan,
a member of the Class of 1952, and
his sister, Elizabeth Sheehan ’81.
Tim and Christy have four children,
including daughters Kelly, Class of
2008, and Colleen, who will begin
her first year at Holy Cross this fall.
Tim serves as executive vice presi-
dent and general manager of L.
Knife and Son, Inc., his family’s
Kingston, Mass., beverage distribu-
tion company.

“To witness the way so many
Holy Cross people came together in
a time of need was very moving,”
says Christy Sheehan. “Tim and I
feel so grateful that we are able to
make this gift, and we hope it
encourages others to do what they
can as well.”

S. O’B. M.
The annual cocktail and buffet reception for Distinguished, Regent and Benefactors Circle members of the President’s Council in the Boston area, took place on May 5 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. The event was hosted by John ’73 and Rose Mahoney P00 and Bill ’73 and Ann Marie Teuber P02, under a rooftop canopy overlooking the Boston Public Gardens. At the event were: (top, left to right) Jim ’90 and Lisa Mooney and Joan Marie and Jim Mooney ’52; Bill Teuber and John Mahoney; Jim ’66 and Eileen Stokes; Carolyn and Al Block ’54, P83, 90; Rosemary and John Spillane ’54, P89, 91, 93, 95, 98; and George ’60 and Marilyn Sullivan P85, 87.
On May 17, the Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York honored Arthur Mirante ’65, president of Global Client Relations at the real estate services firm, Cushman & Wakefield, Inc. The dinner was held at the historic New York Palace on Madison Avenue. (From top to bottom, left to right): Ted Gillman, John Hogan ’61, College Senior Vice President Frank Vellaccio and Joan Hogan Gillman ’85; Arthur ’65 and Elizabeth Mirante; Kevin Murphy ’85, Sean D’Arcy, Larry Doyle ’83 and Kevin Blaney ’89; Lauren Quinn ’95, Julie Gomeau ’95, Aaron Gallagher ’94, Sarah Corkum Power ’95, and Victoria Curran ’95; Stan ’72 and Patricia Grayson; and Mark McCooy ‘89, Bob Delaney ’79, Charles Hannigan ’88, Joanne Delaney, Kristina ’89 and Bob McCooy ’87
It was a damp and dreary spring day outside on Saturday, April 30, but within the walls of the Wellesley (Mass.) College Club, the atmosphere was energized by alumnae who were revitalized as they listened to spectacular speakers, made new Holy Cross connections and reconnected with old friends. The event, titled “Celebrate Your Ties with Self, Others, and Spirit,” drew nearly 100 women, with every class year represented; it was the second ever Boston-area event for Holy Cross alumnae.

After a tremendously successful first Boston-area event in April 2002 at the Henderson House in Weston, a group of Holy Cross women gathered this past fall to keep the momentum going and plan another equally dynamic day. The 2005 “Celebrate Your Ties” event was chaired by Barbara Karanian ’76. Karanian, and 2005 committee members Denise Carver ’76 and Cathy Angelini ’77, had served on the committee for the first event as well.

This year’s planning committee also included Maura Kelly Fredey ’94, Christine Ryan McCarthy ’87, Maura Murphy ’86, Beth McDonagh Pfeil ’01 and Gayle Devlin Ciaramicoli ’76, and her daughter, Laura Ciaramicoli ’03. Kristyn Dyer ’94, of the Holy Cross Alumni Office, served as the liaison from the College on the committee.

From the first committee meeting, the group “clicked” and worked as a team to accomplish its mission of offering a memorable day and a venue for the women of Holy Cross to cultivate relationships and learn from and be empowered by each other. It shouldn’t be ignored that the committee, as well as the attendance list, had a strong presence from the class of 1976—the first class of women entering as first-year students to graduate from the College—since the enthusiasm, leadership and pioneering spirit of these women truly left a mark on the day and on the alumnae from more recent classes.

The “Celebrate Your Ties” theme was sculpted around the idea that exploring poignant relationship issues—whether it’s reconnecting with one’s spirituality, or, perhaps, reflecting on how others can offer support during professional and personal challenges—would speak to alumnae following different life paths and in different life stages.

The day began with a compelling presentation on gender and social influence by keynote speaker Linda Carli, who taught in the psychology department at Holy Cross in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and is now a professor at Wellesley College. Carli is widely respected for her research on the effects of gender on group interaction, communication and influence—and she is currently writing a book on women’s leadership.

Following the keynote presentation, attendees chose to take part in one of three breakout sessions. Carli expanded on her presentation with an interactive session on negotiation. Pat Hopkins, M.D., ’76 a rheumatologist, facilitated a lively discussion on nutrition, well-being and beauty throughout the lifecycle. Kim McElaney ’76, director of the Holy Cross Chaplains’ Office, focused on strategies for creating and holding onto a space for God. McElaney helped women quietly reflect with a guided meditation and offered a chance to create and explore prayer beads as a way to take time out of a busy day to reclaim one’s priorities and a connectedness to faith and spirituality.

“Although I wasn’t in Kim’s session,” says Karanian, “one alum described her own prayer beads—each carefully selected to represent someone or some cherished part of her life—with such thoughtful, poetic detail, that I wished I could have been in two places at once.”

The structured part of the day concluded with a tremendously moving and inspiring panel discussion with
four alumnae—Connie Eagan ’81; Kathleen Quinn Powers ’86; Sheila Cavanaugh ’81; and Christine McCarthy ’87. These four women generously shared with attendees how support systems and their faith brought them through significant personal or professional challenges and demands. Lessons they shared included: the importance of getting out of one’s comfort zone, cultivating mentor relationships for one’s self and doing the same for others—and being open to change and unexpected detours in the road map of life.

The committee members also wanted to incorporate a component for giving to those in need—and the Women’s Lunch Place in Boston was the perfect organization with which to partner, given the day’s theme of women’s relationship ties. The organization, which provides shelter, food, friendship and other resources to homeless and low-income women, offered Mother’s Day cards in exchange for a donation during the event.

Before departing, the Holy Cross participants had a chance to discuss the day’s topics and catch up with old friends at a cocktail reception.

The alumnae response to the day has been terrific. “It was a priority for me to attend, as I so enjoyed the first such meeting,” says Meg McKenna Piccione ’83. “It exceeded my hopes, which were pretty high … After the winter, I needed to recharge. Mission accomplished!”

“That is part of what impresses me about Holy Cross women—both through my work with the planning committee and interacting with Holy Cross women at the event,” she continues. “There was common ground given our Holy Cross experience, as well as evidence that Holy Cross women are high-achieving, with a strong work ethic. Whether we come together as a group or stand alone as Holy Cross women, we represent a positive and powerful force for change.”

Susan Pietrogallo ’76 reflected afterward, “I feel that my ties have been re-connected … and double knotted.”
The General Alumni Association (GAA) presented the annual In Hoc Signo Awards at the College’s reunion banquet held this past June. This year’s recipients were Richard B. Fisher ’47, Paul T. McEnery, M.D., ’60 and Martha M. McGuane ’77. First presented in 1960, the award is an expression of respect and admiration for those alumni who have given generously of their time and talents to the College.

Richard B. Fisher ’47
Dick Fisher is the founder of Federated Investors, one of the largest and most successful mutual fund companies in the nation. Today, he is chairman of Federated Securities Corp., where he works with another Crusader—his son John, of the Class of 1979. A lifetime member of the President’s Council, Fisher is also a member of the Cornerstone Society. He has served as both a class agent and as a member of the alumni board senate. A former member of the College’s investment committee, he has held the office of president of the Western Pennsylvania Regional Club. Fisher resides in Pittsburgh, Pa., with his wife, Barbara; they are the parents of seven children.

Paul T. McEnery, M.D., ’60
Paul McEnery earned his medical degree at the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University in Chicago, Ill. After pursuing a pediatric residency and a fellowship in pediatric nephrology at the Cincinnati (Ohio) Children’s Hospital Medical Center, he joined the hospital faculty in 1971. Appointed a professor of pediatrics at the University

Rev. Michael C. McFarland S.J., president of the College; Richard B. Fisher ’47, P’79; and Marcy McManus Vandale ’87, GAA President

Fr. McFarland; Paul T. McEnery, M.D., ’60, P’92, 94, 00; and Marcy McManus Vandale ’87
of Cincinnati’s College of Medicine in 1988, McEnery is the author of more than 80 publications; he is an authority on chronic kidney disease in children. A longtime admissions advisor, McEnery also has worked with the Alumni Job Network and the Career Advisors Network. A former president of his regional club, he has served as a board member of the General Alumni Association. McEnery lives in Cincinnati with his wife, Charlotte; they are the parents of three Crusaders—Christina Dumont ’92, Jennifer ’94 and Emily ’00.

Martha M. McGuane ’77
Martha McGuane earned her master of arts degree in public communications from Fordham University, New York City, in 1983. For the last two decades, she has taught at Malden (Mass.) Catholic, an Xaverian Brothers high school, where she serves as the chair of the English department. A member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a class agent, McGuane has served as president of the General Alumni Association. She has also been active in the Merrimack Valley Regional Club, holding the posts of president, vice president and secretary. A prominent alumni interviewer of prospective students, McGuane has logged countless hours as an alumni representative at college fairs; a member of the Bishop Healy Committee, she has served on the Alumni Admissions and the Book Prize committees. McGuane is a resident of Lowell, Mass.
GAA

Reunion, 2005
“PINK IS SO THREE YEARS AGO”
CAROLYN RISOLI ’86: PRESIDENT, MARC JACOBS FASHION DESIGN
When I interviewed Carolyn Risoli ’86, I was wearing a hot pink sweater. By the end of the interview, I’d thrown the sweater in the trash and vowed to add more neutrals to my wardrobe.
Carolyn Risoli has coffee with Sofia Coppola. She veers away from synthetics. A history major at Holy Cross, she has traded her room in Alumni Hall for the presidential suite at fashion design dynasty, Marc Jacobs, based in New York City. Marc Jacobs has been dubbed one of today’s hippest designers.
I call Carolyn to ask her about “Fashion Week,” which was held in New York City on Feb. 4-11.
I ask Carolyn what Fashion Week is like.
“It’s exciting,” she says. “It’s loud music. It’s a social scene. It’s all about who is sitting in the front row. Typically that means J-Lo, Marc Athony, those twins, Beyoncé and Hilary Swank. To the normal person, it’s wacky, but it’s a lot of what I wore when I was at Holy Cross.”

GOLIJOV ARRIVES AT LINCOLN CENTER
MUSIC PROF TO BE SUBJECT OF PRESTIGIOUS FESTIVAL
I call Osvaldo Golijov—who has taught in the Holy Cross music department since 1991—to discuss what it means to him to have a festival of his compositions debuting at the Lincoln Center next January. And I ask if he considers this his crowning achievement.

Golijov:
It’s a scary highlight. It’s not just one concert, it’s many. It’s not that you are sharing the program with other composers, it’s just you. I hope the music has enough variety to sustain the audience.

Off-Campus: What brought you to Holy Cross? And why have you stayed so long?

Golijov: When I was a student at Tanglewood, I loved Massachusetts. My wife and I have family here, and I thought it’d be a beautiful thing to be surrounded by family. But I also felt that Holy Cross would be a great challenge for me, to teach in a Catholic college. To get to know Christianity in another country. It’s a different manifestation of Catholicism than I knew in Argentina. For me, that’s a personal challenge.

O-C: What do you listen to?

Golijov: I listen to a lot of music. Popular Latin American music. I don’t have good enough English to understand rap. I’m the old deaf uncle in the corner, yelling to my kids, “Hey, what did he say?” I’m always looking for something in music, and it’s not just what everyone else is looking for. This week, I’m fascinated by jazz, big band—like Duke Ellington and Miles Davis. All these big band guys have an incredible optimism and a joy that is so American. But ask me next week, and I’ll be listening to something different.

50 MILLION SQUARE MILES OF RESPONSIBILITY
BARRY COSTELLO ’73 GETS SET TO LEAD THE NAVY’S 3RD FLEET
Training aircraft carrier strike groups, protecting homeland security and planning the Navy of the future—it’s all in a day’s work for Vice Adm. Barry Costello ’73.
Costello has recently been named to command the Navy’s 3rd Fleet.

“There are five fleets in the Navy,” he explains to me. “And the 3rd is responsible for 50 million square miles of ocean in the Pacific. On any given day this equates to: five aircraft carriers, four amphibious large deck ships, 73 ships at sea, 32,000 people and 1,400 aircraft.”

O-C: What does this nomination mean to you?

Costello: It’s a great honor. It’s an opportunity to make a difference. I came up through the NROTC program at Holy Cross. I’m based in San Diego, and there are a number of Crusaders out here.

She teaches, she coaches, she’s in Sports Illustrated!

Former women’s basketball star, Katie O’Keefe ’03, is more than “a face in the crowd”

Katie O’Keefe ’03 was in Sports Illustrated’s “Faces in the Crowd” section of the March 7, 2005 issue. When I contact SI to inquire how many Crusaders have graced their pages, I get no response. However, when I ask Rebecca Hurley Rabbett, a fellow ’96 grad—who also happens to be a research librarian at McKinsey & Co. in Waltham, Mass.—she responds immediately. Between 1996-2002 Holy Cross was mentioned in SI 12 times. And, of those 12 mentions, only three reference women.

I’m impressed, and I don’t hide that from O’Keefe when we chat.

O-C: If it were me, I’d have photos of this issue posted all around my apartment. Do you have it prominently displayed?

O’Keefe: No, but I might have a copy at work.

She’s more concerned with using her Spanish skills to teach in Bolivia every summer or finding downtime to build basketball courts for kids who’ve never held a ball before.

O-C: How did you get into Sports Illustrated?

O’Keefe: I’m a Spanish and humanities teacher, and a high school basketball coach. The Manchester Union Leader wrote a story about former college basketball players who are now coaching. A Sports Illustrated regional reporter in Maine saw the article and submitted it to “Faces in the Crowd.”

O-C: Did former classmates or players contact you after seeing the article?

O’Keefe: I was at the Holy Cross women’s semifinal basketball game the day the article came out. Coach Gibbons saw it, and some local newscasters at the game showed it on TV. My teammates got a hoot out of that.

“I owe it all to Holy Cross”

William Mostyn III ’69 named deputy general counsel for Bank of America

Perhaps it’s the love of Shakespeare in him that makes talking to William Mostyn ’69 feel as if I’ve just awoken from a midsummer night’s dream. In a word, he’s calming. Which is interesting, because his job as deputy counsel for Bank of America is surely a bit chaotic at times.

Mostyn, who graduated from Holy Cross with an English degree, was immediately drafted to serve in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He got an early discharge, and headed to Northeastern University School of Law a year later. I ask if Holy Cross helped prepare him for the world of corporate law. He replies that not only did it help him get into every law school he applied to, but it also helped him get his first job at Gillette—where he worked for 31 years.

“When I interviewed at Gillette,” he explains, “another grad, Joe Mullaney, was there. He admitted that it was my Holy Cross affiliation that pushed my resume to the top.”

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Athletics

From Fitton Field to The Big Show

The College has a long and rich baseball history, which includes 77 Crusaders who have made it to the majors.

BY MICHAEL REARDON

Holy Cross had never seen anything quite like Louis F. Sockalexis. The full-blooded Penobscot Indian was already a legend for his athletic prowess in and around his native Old Town, Maine. But, when Sockalexis traveled to Worcester to play baseball for Holy Cross in 1895 and 1896, his reputation achieved mythological status.

As a student at Mount Saint James preparatory school in 1895, Sockalexis batted .436 on a Holy Cross team that finished with a 17-5-2 record. The next year, he topped that by hitting .444. On April 19, 1895, the centerfielder slugged two home runs, including a grand slam, hit two doubles and stole six bases to beat a great Brown University team in Providence, R.I. One of Sockalexis' home runs was a towering shot that cleared the field and shattered a fourth-story window in the Brown University Baptist Chapel.

Ed Rice, author of the 2003 Sockalexis biography, Baseball's First Indian, calls him the ultimate “pure baseball player.” Sockalexis left such a mark on Holy Cross athletics that he was inaugurated into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame upon its creation in 1956, with such luminaries as Jack Barry ’10 and Bob Cousy ’50.

“Holy Cross is the one place where Sockalexis is held in the proper esteem,” Rice says. “He was playing at the height of his talent at Holy Cross.”

Sockalexis was showered with accolades during his Holy Cross baseball career. In 1897 he transferred to Notre Dame, and, after only one month, signed to play major league baseball with the Cleveland Spiders. But a severe drinking problem forced Sockalexis out of major league baseball after only 94 games spread across three seasons.

Sockalexis is one of 77 Holy Cross baseball players to make it to the major leagues. Some, like Bill Carrigan ’09, Jack Barry and Joe Dugan ’20 had long, successful careers. Others, like Mike Pazik ’72, had their promising careers cut short by injury. Some, like Gordon Massa ’57, left the game for other careers.

Besides Barry, Carrigan, Dugan, Massa, Pazik and Sockalexis, Holy Cross has sent dozens of other former
stars to the major leagues, including: Jimmy Ryan ’18, Andrew Coakley ’19, Wilfred “Rosy” Ryan ’20, Arnold “Jigger” Statz ’21, Owen “Ownie” Carroll ’25, Gene Desautels ’30, William Lefebvre ’38, Peter Naton ’53 and Donald Prohovich ’56.

Richard A. Johnson, New England Sports Museum curator and co-author of the book, Red Sox Century, says: “From about 1890 to 1930, Holy Cross and Notre Dame were among the top five colleges to send players to the major leagues. Holy Cross baseball was a big deal. Holy Cross was a de facto minor league team with a great following.”

Rice speculates that, had Sockalexis not been forced out of baseball because of alcoholism and related injuries, he would have one day been inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Sockalexis’ most famous game came in June 1897 when he hit a home run off of New York Giants pitcher Amos Rusie, regarded by baseball historians as the fastest and most intimidating pitcher of his era. Sockalexis had to endure racist taunts and war whoops by fans on a regular basis, and that day was no exception.

“It’s awful what he had to put up with,” Rice says. “Sportswriters called him a savage. They were allowed to use the most racist language imaginable. But he won them over. This is Jackie Robinson 50 years before, and he never gets recognized for it.”

Carrigan, a member of both the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame and the Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame, earned the nickname “Rough” for playing hard and going toe-to-toe with the likes of Ty Cobb. Another native of Maine, Carrigan was a catcher for the Red Sox from 1906-16. When Cobb, the most vicious player of his time, slid into home plate against the Red Sox with his sharpened spikes high, Carrigan would tag him with a catcher’s mitt to the face. Despite the intense on-field rivalry, the two were friends away from the game, and Cobb would make frequent trips to Carrigan’s Maine hunting cabin in the off-season.

Johnson calls Carrigan “the most underrated figure in the history of the Red Sox.” As player-manager, Carrigan guided the Red Sox to world championships in 1915 and 1916. None other than Babe Ruth called Carrigan the greatest manager under whom he ever played.

“Carrigan’s intelligence matched his toughness,” Johnson says. “He could mix it up, but he also called great games. It was like having a coach on the field. He was the boss. He was a great advertisement for the school.”

In Red Sox Century, Johnson and co-author Glenn Stout describe Carrigan’s relationship with the young Ruth as pivotal to the future Hall of Famer’s development as a player.

“Ruth’s emergence as a star was key to the team’s success, and no one was more responsible for his success than Carrigan,” Johnson says. “Carrigan served Ruth as a combination father, confessor, drill sergeant, psychologist and Dutch uncle.”

In 1915, Carrigan managed the Red Sox to a regular season record of 101-50. After losing the first game of the World Series to the Philadelphia Phillies, the Red Sox went on to sweep the next four games. The clutch hitting of legendary Sox outfielders Duffy Lewis and Harry Hooper—combined with the masterful fielding by Jack Barry—were instrumental in securing the championship.

The following year, Carrigan’s team posted a 91-63 regular season record. Babe Ruth, who compiled a pitching record of 23-12 during the season, was a hero during the World Series; in game two of the series against the Brooklyn Dodgers, he pitched a 14-inning, complete game, 2-1 win. The Red Sox also won that series 4-1.

A month later, when the Red Sox were sold, Carrigan returned to Lewiston, Maine, to raise a family and go into business. He was a promoter for several years with the Maine and New Hampshire Theater Corp. and also became a successful banker.

When Carrigan retired, fellow Holy Cross alumnus Barry took over as team player/manager through 1917; he was replaced by Ed Barrow in 1918 when Barry left the club to serve in the military.
“The Kid” Makes His Mark at Holy Cross

The Story Behind the “Ted Williams Photo”

On April 14, 1939, a brash young ballplayer stepped into the Fitton Field batter’s box—and a legend was born. On that day, about 5,000 fans braved frigid weather to see the annual Red Sox-Holy Cross exhibition game before the start of the regular season.

The Holy Cross crowd also came to get their first glimpse of a 22-year-old rookie named Ted Williams.

In a 1994 interview with Worcester Telegram columnist John Gearan ’65, a 76-year-old Williams recalled, “We played Yale the day before in New Haven. Then we played Holy Cross in an exhibition, and I got my first homer.”

In his first at bat in Massachusetts, Williams hit Holy Cross pitcher Mike Klarnick’s shoulder-high fastball for a grand slam home run. Williams smashed a scorching line drive over the head of Henry Ouellette in deepest center field that rolled all the way onto the football field. Williams knocked in Joe Cronin, Jimmy Foxx and Jim Tabor.

Williams later singled in another run; during the game he dropped Joe Delaney’s fly ball to right field after a long run. The Red Sox routed Holy Cross 14-2 that day.

In this photo, taken in the first inning just before Williams blasted his home run, the spires of O’Kane Hall are clearly visible. Catching for Holy Cross is Dave Barry, and the umpire is George Pipgras, a former Red Sox and Yankees pitcher.

Catching for the Red Sox that day was Gene Desautels, a Worcester native and former Holy Cross great, who played 13 years in the majors.

At the urging of team owner Bob Quinn, Carrigan returned to manage the Red Sox in 1927; he stayed on as manager through the 1929 season, but the team’s talent was decimated; Carrigan finished last each year, with a combined record of 166-295.

Barry broke into the major leagues in 1908 with the American League Philadelphia Athletics, where, as a short stop, he was part of manager Connie Mack’s “$100,000 infield”—along with first baseman Stuffy McInnis, third baseman Frank “Home Run” Baker, and second baseman Eddie Collins. Playing with the A’s through 1914, he was sold to the Red Sox on July 2, 1915 for $8,000—and was switched to second base.

Barry, who missed the 1918 season while serving in the U.S. Navy in World War I, returned to finish his career with the Red Sox in 1919. The Red Sox won the World Series again in 1918—Johnson observed that, had Barry not gone into the Navy and stayed on as Red Sox player/manager, “there could have been a run where all but one of the Red Sox championships during that era were won by Holy Cross men.”

During his time with the Red Sox, Barry became close friends with Babe Ruth, who was a frequent visitor in the Barry household. One day, Ruth dropped by to go ice skating with Barry in Worcester’s Elm Park. As he was leaving to go home, Barry’s wife, Margaret, commented that it was nice to see him and told him to come again. The Bambino came back the next day and stayed a month.

Barry went on to become the most storied baseball coach in Holy Cross history. His crowning achievement was leading the Crusaders to the 1952 NCAA baseball championship. Barry passed along the lessons he learned playing for Connie Mack—including the double steal—to his young Holy Cross players.

“He was a quiet, distinguished and dignified guy,” Johnson says. “Learning the game from Connie Mack was like learning blues guitar from Robert Johnson in the Delta. Imagine being a Holy Cross kid in
the 1950s and having Jack Barry as your coach—the man who managed Babe Ruth.”

Gordy Massa, who was inducted into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame this year, remembers what it was like playing for Barry: He called his coach, “a no-nonsense guy.”

“He didn’t say a whole lot,” Massa recalls. “You knew what you were supposed to do, and you did it.”

After an outstanding sports career at Holy Cross, Massa was drafted by baseball’s Chicago Cubs and the New York Giants in football. An economics major, he opted to sign with the Cubs following graduation. After a stint in the Western League with the Des Moines Demons—where he endured long, dusty bus rides to play in places like Albuquerque, Topeka and Lincoln—Massa was called up to the Cubs as a backup catcher.

“My last year in baseball was 1963,” Massa says. “I was in Amarillo, Texas, and I wasn’t progressing. I had kids and needed to settle down—I was ready to move on, but I would do it over again the same way.”

Mike Pazik is another Holy Cross star who played a short time in the majors. Unlike Massa, who stayed in baseball as long as he could, Pazik’s career was cut tragically short by a devastating injury.

A left-handed pitcher, he was drafted by the Yankees in the first round of the 1971 amateur draft; traded to the Minnesota Twins in 1974, he made it to the major leagues the following year. Pazik pitched in 13 games over the next three years, finally winning his first game in April 1977; he worked eight innings and beat the Oakland A’s in their home park. The future looked bright for the hard-throwing 27-year-old.

Back in Minnesota—a few days before he was to make his second start—Pazik and a friend were driving along a highway in his Volkswagen van and took an off-ramp. A woman, driving her car up the ramp in the wrong direction, slammed head-on into Pazik’s van; both of his legs were broken in the accident.

“The doctors were shocked that I lived,” Pazik recalls. “I lost so much blood. The thing that helped me was that I was in such good condition.”

Although he tried to rehabilitate enough to launch a comeback, Pazik was unable to resume his pitching career. Another opportunity arose, however: In 1980, he landed his first coaching job with a Chicago White Sox minor league team in Glens Falls, N.Y.—by 1995, he was pitching coach with the White Sox, a position he held until May 1998.

Besides coaching, he has worked at a number of jobs in baseball—and is now a major league scout with the Kansas City Royals. Like Massa, Pazik expresses no regrets over how his career turned out.

“I would have lasted a while (in the major leagues),” he says. “Left-handers take a while to iron things out. I had done that and was going in the right direction. But doors close, doors open.”

Among the biggest thrills of Pazik’s life in baseball were his encounters with some of the greats of the game. He recalls his spring training days with the Yankees when a friend asked if he could give another player a ride from the hotel to the ballpark. Pazik said “sure,” but, after a while, grew impatient when the player did not show up. Finally, the elevator door opened, and Mickey Mantle stepped into the lobby with a set of golf clubs slung over his shoulder.

“So I drove Mickey Mantle to the ballpark for a few days,” Pazik says. “He would come in for a week, put on his uniform, go to the ballpark, sign autographs and then go play golf.”

Besides Mantle, Pazik got to meet other legendary Yankees, such as Whitey Ford, Yogi Berra and Elston
An Aging
Babe Ruth still Delights
Holy Cross Fans

The Story Behind the “Babe Ruth Photo”

The Babe tried. He had the heart, but the skills that had once made him the most feared hitter in the game were gone.

On April 15, 1935, Babe Ruth, now a member of the Boston Braves, came to Fitton Field to play an exhibition game against Holy Cross. His trip to Worcester was special, since it reunited him with his friend and former Red Sox teammate and manager Jack Barry, who was the Holy Cross baseball coach.

The game drew more than 10,000 spectators to Fitton Field to see the legendary Sultan of Swat.

Just before the start of the game, a boy in the bleachers suffered an epileptic seizure. He was carried from the seats and laid down in front of the Braves bench. The Babe walked over and asked the boy how he was feeling.

“Okay, now,” the boy said. “Knock a home run, will you Babe?”

The Babe replied, “You stick around, and I’ll knock you one.”

The Babe tried, but there would be no storybook ending to add to his Bunyanesque legend. On this day, Ruth would only play five innings. He grounded out weakly to first base and walked twice after running the count to 3-2.

But Ruth still loved the limelight and signed autographs that day until his hand was cramped and sore. In this photo, he clowns around with the Holy Cross band. Ruth played only 28 games that year with the Braves before he hung up his spikes for good. But anyone who was at Fitton Field that April afternoon would forever recall being in the presence of greatness.

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Give Another Hoya!

By John W. Gearan ’65

With this issue, we debut a new column by sportswriter extraordinaire, John W. Gearan ’65. A native of Fitchburg, Mass., Gearan was an award-winning reporter and columnist at the Worcester Telegram and Gazette for 36 years, during which time he chronicled all manner of Crusader athletics. “I’ve been attending Holy Cross games for 60 years,” he recalls. “My father, Paul Gearan, Class of 1927, began bringing me up the Hill in the 1940s!” Gearan resides in Woonsocket, R.I., with his wife, Karen Maguire.

With a tremulous hand held aloft, the Rev. Leonard McCarthy, S.J., trumpeted with Shakespearean grandeur, “Gentlemen, we have a celebrity in our midst.”

An erudite and theatrical Jesuit with magnetic stage presence, Fr. McCarthy proceeded to introduce Dick Joyce ’65, an embarrassed 6-foot-5-inch freshman scrunched into an archaic chair-desk contraption in Wheeler Hall.

The current Time magazine (Sept. 15, 1961), Fr. McCarthy noted, had highlighted Joyce’s unfathomable decision to turn down a $100,000 bonus offer from the Boston Red Sox to attend Holy Cross on a baseball scholarship.

That astounding news induced less-than-polite applause as fellow freshmen goosenecked to gaze at Joyce, a gap-toothed behemoth squirming in the back row. Joyce’s choice had made headlines in his hometown of Portland, Maine, and in Worcester and received more than a mention nationally. His bonus offer was the same as what Carl Yastrzemski had accepted months earlier after Ted Williams bid adieu.

Joyce proceeded to garner more than one of Fr. McCarthy’s rare A’s but not due to his celebrity or his choice of fuzzy academics over cold, hard cash. During the spring lecture, Fr. McCarthy, known as “Learned Leonard,” flipantly promised an “A” to anyone in our class who might identify a poetic reference to “Eyeless in Gaza.”

Joyce raised his southpaw meekly.

“Was it Sampson?” he asked modestly.

“Mr. Joyce you have just won yourself an ‘A,’” Fr. McCarthy replied. True to form, gentleman Joyce did not skip a single class thereafter, “because Lennie McCarthy was a great teacher, maybe the best I ever had.” He even opted to take the final exam, scoring another “A,” just for emphasis.

Joyce earned his baseball marks the old-fashioned way. His dad, Joe “Jabber” Joyce remained a Portland pitching legend (22 strikeouts in a schoolboy game) after laboring in the minor-league vineyards of the Yankees and Braves. He tutored his son from diapers on.

“I was having a pretty good senior year at Bishop Cheverus High (8-0) and had pitched well in Legion ball (46-7), so scouts began showing up at my games,” recalls Joyce, now living in Cary, N.C., with his wife Jeanne, his junior-high sweetheart.

His baseball pedigree and demonstrated talent made Joyce a blue-chipper. His uncanny control—especially for a 6-foot-5, 220-pound lefty—his blazing fastball and Koufaxian curve left fans and scouts gasping.

The Red Sox invited him for a private workout at Fenway Park, where he threw impressively for 25 minutes, absorbing tips from Sox hurler Bill Monbouquette.

On that summer’s day of 1961, the Red Sox promised him a $100,000 signing bonus ($50,000 up front and $10,000 a season over five years) and guarantee to pay for college if Joyce flunked out of baseball.

His dad, a car salesman whose baseball dreams had been thwarted by a sore arm, wanted his son to sign on the spot. But Dick, a Jesuit-educated Cheverus cum laude grad, wanted time to contemplate.

“My dad told me I could always go to college later,” says
Joyce. “I had visited Dartmouth, Boston College, Harvard and Holy Cross. I had high-school teammates who were at Holy Cross, and I felt comfortable there. I know I disappointed my dad, but it was my decision.”

Joyce consulted community leaders, calculated his bonus minus taxes, and compared the long-term value of a college education and his scholarship (room, board and tuition was $3,600). There were rumors about baseball outlawing bonuses. But Joyce figured, barring injury, he could play pro ball later. So he turned down a small fortune and came to Holy Cross.

“I’ve never been disappointed with that decision,” says Joyce, now 61 and a longtime, high-ranking IBM executive.

Joyce enhanced his pitching resume and career potential at Holy Cross. Academically, athletically and otherwise he became a leader in the Class of 1965. He seemed joined at the hip with Tim Murtaugh, his celebrity batterymate. With low-key pride, Murtaugh toted around a burdensome media tag: “Son of Pittsburgh Pirates manager Danny Murtaugh.”

His dad’s Pirates had won the dramatic 1960 World Series on Bill Mazeroski’s historic ninth-inning homer.

Joyce was elected freshman class president as astute campaign manager Paul “Willis” Hart blared “the Duke of Earl” out a window in O’Kane III whilst disseminating a pre-recorded spiel of inflated promises. Murtaugh would become senior class president, demonstrating superior political skills, which flourished when he was an elected county commissioner in Pennsylvania.

The consensus of 60 major-league scouts at the World Series labeled Joyce as “the best long-range prospect.”

In the spring, Joyce posted an amazing earned run average of 0.44 with a 4-0 record for the frosh. Murtaugh, later a minor-leaguer and triple-A manager, hit .483 and served as Joyce’s catcher and hardball mentor. “I can still picture impish Tim smirking behind that mask as he called for a curveball, knowing we were going to make someone look foolish,” recalls Joyce.

As sophomores, Joyce and Murtaugh delivered on their baseball promise. Joyce had a glittering 0.94 earned run average and 80 strikeouts. Murtaugh hit .312 and drove in 14 of the College’s 29 runs as the Crusaders swept doubleheaders against Boston College and Providence College to win a trip to the College World Series in Omaha.

At the Crusaders’ spirited core were four members of the Class of 1963 who had been state champs for St. Stephen’s of Worcester under Holy Cross Hall of Famer John Tivnan ’48. Those four lads were righty Donnie Riedl, second baseman Billy Prizio, first baseman Bobby Arena and shortstop Paul Morano, the team’s leading hitter (.338).

“It was a quick trip. I pitched the first game, and we lost 3-0 to Missouri (the 1962 NCAA champ) on a Monday. The next day we lost a tough one, 5-4, to USC, the eventual winner,” Joyce says. “Playing for Holy Cross in the World Series remains my greatest baseball thrill.”

Despite Morano’s two-run triple and holding a 4-0 lead going into the seventh, Holy Cross came up short against legendary coach Ron Dedeaux and the USC Trojans, who beat Arizona 5-2 for the title.

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During his college years, Joyce honed his reputation and skills earning All-Star status in the Basin League in South Dakota, where Hall of Famers Jim Palmer and Don Sutton also twirled.

In his junior season—troubled somewhat by curveball control and, according to a local scribe, “a tendency to pack on suet”—Joyce had a 7-2 record, but his ERA slipped to respectable 2.28.

In the summer of 1964, Joyce turned down handsome major-league offers. He decided to take the fall semester off to pitch for the United States Baseball Federation team that would compete in Japan during the Summer Olympics. Joyce was 3-0 (20 innings, 2 earned runs) on the 20-game international tour.

On Dec. 23, 1964, he decided to turn pro. In the penthouse of Charles O. Finley’s Chicago office building—with the Kansas City A’s General Manager Pat Friday dressed up as Santa Claus—Joyce signed a contract with a $40,000 bonus attached.

Flashing typical wit, he labels his major-league career, “distinguished by its brevity.” Yet it had many yarn-worthy memories.

On Sept. 19, 1965, prideful classmates arrived at Fenway Park on a Saturday afternoon (attendance 10,854) to bear witness to Joyce’s first and only appearance there. At 21, the Kansas City rookie call-up squared off against Earl Wilson in what Finley sarcastically touted as a “battle of the American League cellar dwellers.”

Joyce did not survive the first inning. He walked Frank Malzone, then, seemingly, picked him off, employing his
marvelous move to first. Alas, Joyce was called for a balk. Then doom struck: a two-base throwing error by the A’s Wayne Causey, a walk to Tony Conigliaro, two wild pitches and a Tony Horton single. Joyce got the hook.

He pitched in four other games and in 11 other innings without yielding a run. Yet his major-league experience cannot be summed up by the very decent 2.77 ERA statistic.

“I had the very cool pleasure of pitching on the same staff as Satchel Paige,” Joyce says. “I remember Yaz screwing himself into the ground trying to hit Satchel’s famous hesitation pitch. Satchel would stop in the middle of his delivery, almost imperceptibly, and turn a fastball into a mesmerizing 20 mile-an-hour lob. He pretzelized hitters. I was in awe, sitting in the bullpen listening to Satchel tell stories about the Negro Leagues and guys like Cool Papa Bell.”

Owner Finley signed Paige to make him eligible for a major-league pension. Paige, 59, pitched three innings of shutout ball for the 1965 A’s to close out his legendary career. Joyce shared in another historic hardball moment that month. He started the game in which Bert Campaneris played all nine positions in a nine-inning game.

Back in the minors, Joyce arrived late for the 1966 season due to Army Reserve commitments. After an excellent start with Triple A Vancouver, Joyce heard a dreadful pop in his left shoulder during a midseason game. Cortisone treatments and rest were prescribed, but nothing cured the nagging pain of what was likely an undiagnosed rotator cuff tear.

For two seasons he did well and built a repository of stories. Rooming in spring training with Catfish Hunter. Rubbing shoulders with Sal Bando, Joe Rudi, Rollie Fingers, Reggie Jackson, Dave Duncan and others who would win the World Series after the A’s moved to Oakland. Being managed in Birmingham by John McNamara of 1986 Red Sox infamy.

But as the 1967 season wound down and the arm still ached, Joyce decided to return to Holy Cross. Finley called, imploring Joyce to change his mind. But Joyce played the percentages. He would earn his degree, and the A’s would pick up the tab. “I knew it was time to return to the real world,” says Joyce. He even got to hear “Learned Leonard” lecture once again.

Since leaving baseball, life has been good. Joyce worked his way up the corporate ladder with IBM, from sales to corporate strategist to international communications chieftain. He and Jeanne have raised three terrific children—Tyler, Brandon and Danielle—and have two grandchildren.

In recent times, fate has thrown Joyce a few nasty sliders. Already dealing with diabetes and outfitted years ago with a pacemaker, Joyce has endured two major-league heart surgeries since October. An aortic valve was repaired, four arteries were bypassed, his pacemaker wires were relocated—infections attacked, and Joyce barely survived the ordeal.

“My surgeon attributed my survival to miraculous intervention,” Joyce has told family, friends and classmates. Joyce had not kept in close contact with classmates over the years. But when his fellow Crusaders learned of his heart surgeries, his old pals began to call and write. He heard from his catcher, Murtaugh, who immediately challenged him to a footrace. He talked with his old roomie, John Connorton, a New York lawyer and powerbroker. Another teammate Jim Gravel became class liaison with Dick’s family, talking with Jeanne and e-mailing progress reports to others.

“Friends are the hands of God,” is the saying hand-written by Jeanne Joyce and hanging in the kitchen as a constant reminder to her husband.

“I have nothing but humble thanks for your wonderful and powerful prayers for life,” Joyce wrote to his friends.

After 40 years, Dick Joyce remains a man who has lived up to his celebrity and a Crusader who continues to be admired as the very best, by the Class of 1965 and so many others.
Storyteller’s performance at Holy Cross marks 60th anniversary of attack on USS Franklin.

On March 19, storyteller Jay O’Callahan ’60 performed “Father Joe: A Hero’s Journey,” in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom. “Father Joe” is the story of Holy Cross math and physics professor, Rev. Joseph T. O’Callahan, S.J., a Navy chaplain, who earned a Medal of Honor during World War II. March 19 marked the 60th anniversary of Fr. O’Callahan’s heroism onboard the aircraft carrier USS Franklin, which was attacked in the Pacific during the war.

Fr. O’Callahan was the first Jesuit from the New England Province to enter the Navy during World War II. On March 19, 1945, the USS Franklin was attacked by a Japanese bomber. Fr. O’Callahan was injured while rescuing shipmates and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions. O’Callahan left the Navy in late 1946; he later returned to Holy Cross to teach philosophy. In 1956, he wrote a book, titled I was Chaplain on the Franklin, recounting his experiences.

Jay O’Callahan ’60, Fr. O’Callahan’s nephew, is a professional storyteller who has been hailed as a “genius among storytellers,” by the New York Times. O’Callahan writes all of the stories he performs. In “Father Joe,” he re-enters that fateful day on the Franklin, interweaving his narrative with personal reminiscences of his uncle.

1935
Rev. Bernard J. Conlin recently celebrated the 65th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; prior to his retirement in 1985, he had served as the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Worcester.

1940
Rev. William W. McGovern recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; prior to his retirement in 1982, he had served as the pastor of St. Theresa Parish in Harvard, Mass. Joseph E. Murray, M.D., recipient of the 1990 Nobel Prize in medicine, was selected to serve as guest speaker at the February meeting of the Wellesley (Mass.) Kiwanis Club.

1941
Rev. Alphonse A. Volungis recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; prior to his retirement from active ministry in 2002, he had served as the pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Parish in Worcester.

1950
The Jan. 9 edition of The Stamford (Conn.) Times included an article about Eugene A. “Gene” Conrad and the 87-page pamphlet he has written about nursing home patients’ rights, titled Conrad Notes 2004: Home Health Care, Assisted Living and Long-Term Nursing.

Rev. Arthur A. Quillette recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Prior to his retirement in 1997, he had served six years as the pastor of St. Mary Parish, Jefferson, Mass. During his ministry, Fr. Quillette had been the diocesan director of Sacred Music for more than 20 years; while serving as associate pastor of St. Paul Cathedral in Worcester, he had been the director of the Cathedral Schola and Sanctuary Choir.

1951
Rev. Charles J. Dumphy, who recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, currently serves as senior priest at St. George Parish in Worcester. Robert J. Jachowicz was one of three local residents honored recently at the 13th annual “Salute to Framingham” dinner. Prior to his retirement, Jachowicz had worked many years for the Framingham (Mass.) public school system, serving as a teacher, counselor, coach and fine arts director.

1952
Rev. Joseph A. Califano Jr., titled “The Annulment/One Catholic’s journey of reconciliation.” John P. McGrail, professor emeritus of English at Fitchburg (Mass.) State College, continues to teach there in the continuing education program; his poetry has been published both in the United States and Ireland.

1953
Salvatore J. Parlato Jr. has written a memoir of his student days at Holy Cross, titled Uphill Both Ways/Confessions of a Catholic College Alum. The Jan. 28 edition of The Catholic Free Press announced the retirement of the Most
Rev. George E. Rueger as auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Worcester. Bishop Rueger has served the diocese for 47 years—18 of them as auxiliary bishop.

1955
CLASS CHAIR
JOSEPH J. REILLY JR.
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
ROBERT F. DANAHY
John G. Weg, M.D., who became professor emeritus of internal medicine, pulmonary and critical care medicine division of the University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, in 2001, now serves as co-chair of its Institutional Review Board.

1955
CLASS CHAIR
JOSEPH J. REILLY JR.
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
ROBERT F. DANAHY

1956
CLASS CHAIR
DANIEL M. DUNN
The Jan. 16 edition of *The Boston Globe* included a profile of Thomas W. Heinsohn, the color commentator for Boston Celtics broadcasts on Fox Sports Net New England.

1957
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
WILLIAM J. ELLIS
RAYMOND A. NOTHNAGLE
Anthony J. “Tony” Monteleone maintains a law practice, Monteleone & Monteleone, with his son, in Mount Kisco, N.Y.

1958
CLASS CHAIR
BRADEN A. MECHLEY
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
ARTHUR J. ANDREOLI
Thomas J. Groark Jr. is a partner in the Hartford, Conn., office of Day, Berry & Howard, specializing in commercial and securities litigation law.

1959
CLASS CHAIR
WILLIAM P. MALONEY
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
JOHN J. ORMOND
The March 11 edition of *The Catholic Free Press* announced the appointment of Monsignor Francis D. Kelly as the superior of Casa Santa Maria in Rome, Italy, effective this August; Casa is the residence of American diocesan priests who are pursuing graduate studies in Rome.

1961
CLASS CHAIR
WILLIAM J. O’LEARY JR.
The law firm Quarles & Brady announced in February that Arthur B. Harris, an attorney in its Milwaukee, Wis., office, has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006* edition; Harris was recognized for his work in the area of labor and employment law.

1962
CLASS CHAIR
WILLIAM J. O’LEARY JR.
The March edition of stlcommerce-magazine.com included an article about Dennis C. Golden, who serves as the president of Fontbonne University in St. Louis, Mo. The March 23 edition of the Worcester Telegram & Gazette noted that John S. McCann has been named “Crusader of the Year” by the Holy Cross Club of Worcester; McCann currently serves as an associate justice of the Worcester Superior Court. Paul T. Sullivan writes that, in October, he was installed as grand knight of the Montclair, N.J., Knights of Columbus and, in November, he was elected to the board of directors of the Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center in Bangor, Pa.

1963
CLASS CHAIR
CHARLES J. BUCHTA
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
MICHAEL J. TONER

1964
CLASS CHAIR
RONALD T. MAHEU
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
WILLIAM S. RICHARDS
In July 2004, Oil States International Inc. in Houston, Texas, announced the appointment of S. James Nelson Jr. to the company's board of directors.

1965
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
DAVID J. MARTEL
THOMAS F. MCCABE JR.
Richard F. White is now the vice president, cash management and internal audit, with Investors Real Estate Trust in Minot, N.D.

1966
CLASS CHAIR
KENNETH M. PADGETT
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
WILLIAM L. JUSKA JR.
Thomas E. Gallagher, who currently serves as president of the Greylock Group Inc. in Henderson, Nev., was appointed last February to serve on the 2005 White House Conference on Aging Policy Committee, by U.S. Senate minority leader, Harry Reid. In May 2004, James P. Herget ran the Rite Aid Cleveland (Ohio) Marathon.

1967
CLASS CHAIR
JOHN J. MCLAUGHLIN JR.
JOHN P. SINDONI
Last September, Charles River Associates, headquartered in Boston, announced that Thomas M. Blake joined the company as a vice president within the firm's finance practice. Philip J. O’Connor, M.D., is associated with Central Maine Gastroenterology Associates in Lewiston.

1968
CLASS CHAIR
ALFRED J. CAROLAN JR.
JOHN T. COLLINS
Thomas A. Andruskevich recently began a second career as the director of continuing education at Anna Maria...
Cardiologist Fulfills Hoop Dreams: Michael Bowser ’66

By Rebecca Smith ’99

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time, Bobby Knight. Bowser seized on this unique opportunity and asked then-Hoosiers’ head coach for advice on how to break into coaching. A few weeks after he had returned to Syracuse, Bowser received a letter from Knight containing information on some recommended coaching clinics in New York, as well as an invitation to spend a week watching him coach in Indiana.

Although delighted, Bowser was still practicing medicine at the time, so he had to pass up Knight’s offer. The two kept in touch, however, meeting in person at another clinic and communicating through letters.

“I would consider Bob Knight a mentor,” Bowser says. “I love the way he prepares his team and how much he gets from his players. His success reflects his ability as a coach, and the good things he does, such as teaching and encouraging players and coaches like myself, are rarely noted in the press.”

Inspired by Knight, Bowser eventually made true on his promise and stopped performing surgeries in order to free up time to pursue coaching. By reducing his practice to office visits only, he took the first step and got his certification as a basketball coach.

Bowser’s first coaching job was with seventh- and eighth-graders at Liverpool (N.Y.) High School. After one year, he moved into the position of junior varsity coach and assistant varsity coach at Fabius (N.Y.)-Pompey High School in N.Y. The next year, he took on an additional coaching job as assistant coach at Division III Cazenovia (N.Y.) College.

Ironically, Bowser had performed a heart procedure on the father of Cazenovia’s head coach, Todd Widrick, 20 years ago. As a cardiologist who wanted to be a basketball coach, Bowser had made an impression on Widrick’s father, who encouraged his son to interview Bowser for the open assistant position. Widrick hired Bowser, who then worked three years with him as a member of his coaching staff. Upon Widrick’s departure from the college in 2004, Bowser was named head coach of the Cazenovia College Wildcats.

Bowser credits Knight—now head coach at Texas Tech University—with motivating him to follow his coaching dreams. Since their initial meeting years ago, Knight and Bowser continue to stay in touch and talk about basketball. At Knight’s latest invitation for Bowser to observe a week of his team’s practice at Texas Tech, Bowser again had to decline—this time, not because of surgeries—but because he was too busy coaching his own basketball team.

“There is nowhere I would rather be than at a gym helping young men develop as players and responsible adults,” Bowser says. “Being able to do that—while at the same time staying involved with the sport I love—is the best of all worlds.”
UMass-Boston Board Names Collins Chancellor

The University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees overwhelmingly approved the choice of former hospital executive Michael F. Collins, M.D., ’77, P07 as chancellor of the UMass-Boston campus. UMass President Jack Wilson recommended Collins, currently a professor of internal medicine at Tufts, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Holy Cross. Collins, the former president and chief executive of Caritas Christi Health Care System, takes over at UMass-Boston in June. “Michael Collins is the right leader at the right time,” board chairman James Karam said in a statement. “He has the blend of skill and experience that we need for this position.”

2004 season at the Utah Shakespearean Festival; he played “Petruchio” in the Taming of the Shrew and “Falstaff” in King Henry IV, Part 1. Crawford & Company—an independent provider of claims management solutions to insurance companies and self-insured entities, headquartered in Atlanta, Ga.—announced in February that Kevin B. Frawley has joined the company as executive vice president. After 31 years of work in journalism, advertising and the food industry—Michael S. Mudd retired last October as the executive vice president, global corporate affairs, for Kraft Foods Inc., in Northfield, Ill. John F. Shea announces that he has been named a “Massachusetts Super Lawyer” for 2004, by Boston Magazine and Law & Politics Magazine, for his environmental law/law/land use practice—with selection based on “peer survey, independent research and a blue ribbon panel review.” Shea is a member of the Boston law firm, Moehrk, Mackie & Shea, which, according to Shea, was selected as a “Leader in Environmental Law,” by the Chambers & Partners USA Guide of America’s Leading Lawyers for Business: 2003-2004. The Special Libraries Association selected Tony V. Stankus as a recipient of the 2005 Rose L. Vormelker Award, “in recognition of exceptional services to the profession of special librarianship in the area of mentoring students and/or practicing professionals in the field.” In addition to serving as the science librarian at the College, Stankus is an adjunct faculty member of the University of Rhode Island and a prolific author.

1975

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
JOSEPH W. CUMMINGS
JOSEPH A. SASSO JR.
Communication Technologies, Inc. (COMTek), a telecommunications and information systems technology company located in Chantilly, Va., announced in February the appointment of John E. Bell III as the senior vice president of sales and marketing for the company. Timothy J. Kelley has been appointed the principal of Nashua (N.H.) High School South. The March 24 edition of The New York Sun included an article about Lawrence J. Mone and his work as president of the Manhattan Institute in New York City. Last February, Greater Media Inc., Boston, announced that its president and chief executive officer, Peter H. Smyth, had been selected as the 2005 “Radio Wayne” Awards “Broadcaster of the Year.” Founded by Radio Ink Magazine in 1992, the awards recognize “outstanding salespeople, managers and broadcasters who personify the best in radio.” Inside Radio recently featured an interview with Smyth, titled “Crusader for a Greater Medium.”

1976

CLASS CHAIR
THOMAS E. RYAN
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
THOMAS C. HEALEY

Last September, U.S. Energy Systems, Inc., a provider of customer-focused energy solutions, headquartered in White Plains, N.Y., announced the appointment of Richard J. Augustine as vice president and chief accounting officer. The Dec. 4 edition of the Pittsfield, Mass., daily newspaper, the Berkshire Eagle, announced the appointment of Rev. John J. Bonzagni Jr. as the director of the newly created Office of Pastoral Planning for the Diocese of Springfield, Mass.; he is continuing to serve as a member of the diocese’s Tribal Office. The Feb. 3 edition of the weekly newspaper, Chelmsford (Mass.) Independent, announced that John P. Chemaly has been named to the board of directors of the Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union. Chemaly, who is president and chief operating officer of Trinity EMS in Lowell, Mass., also serves as a member of several other boards, including the Merrimack Repertory Theater and The Lowell Plan.

Kate M. Dowd was the casting director for the 2004 film Finding Neverland. Monsignor James P. Moroney recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; he currently serves as the executive director of the Secretariat for the Liturgy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. Boston College announced in March that Rev. Joseph M. O’Keefe, S.J., has been named the seventh dean of the college’s Carolyn A. and Peter S. Lynch School of Education; interim dean for the past two years, he joined the Lynch School in 1991 as an assistant professor, serving as coordinator of its educational administration program and Catholic School Leadership Program. Joseph P. Reidy is a senior partner of the Worcester real estate firm, Maurice F. Reidy & Co.
**1977**

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

**BRIAN A. CASHMAN**

**KATHLEEN T. CONNOLLY**

Jeanne A. Donado has been named director of operations and managing editor for Elsie Publishing in Lansing, Mich. Edward J. Keyes and a business partner founded an Internet talk radio company, World Talk Radio Inc. (www.worldtalkradio.com), based in San Diego, Calif.; Keyes serves as the company's president. *Rev. Moira E. MacLean* writes that she has begun a new position as manager of church relations for Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah, Wash.

Stephen M. Murphy, who maintains a law practice in San Francisco, Calif., writes that he has been elected as a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates; he adds that he was named by *The San Francisco Recorder* “as one of the top plaintiff employment lawyers in Northern California.” Flushing (N.Y.) Financial Corp. announced last December the appointment of Donna Murphy O’Brien to its board of directors. Raymond E. Veroneau Jr. writes that he has been appointed to membership on the board of trustees of St. Joseph’s College, Standish, Maine.

**1978**

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

**MARCIA HENNELLY MORAN**

**MARK T. MURRAY**

Michael H. Shanahan

Last summer, Col. Michael F. Cuenin, USA, took command of the Europe Regional Dental Command in Heidelberg, Germany; the unit has clinics in three European countries and over 800 employees. Daniel A. “Dan” Day has joined Stern & Associates, a public relations and marketing firm in Cranford, N.J., as a media strategist.

David R.J. Kenyatta recently accepted the position of director of international programs at Troy (Ala.) University. The Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs announced last April the selection of Rear Adm. Bruce E. MacDonald, USN, to serve as the Navy’s Deputy Judge Advocate General (JAG) in Washington, D.C., and his promotion to the rank of rear admiral; he had most recently held the post of special counsel to the chief of naval operations in the Pentagon. His new assignment involves the management of an international corps of more than 1,600 JAG Corps officers, sailors and civilian personnel, providing legal and policy advice to the secretary of the Navy and other senior officials. A 26-year veteran, MacDonald received his juris doctor degree from the California Western School of Law, San Diego, and his master of laws degree from Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. His previous assignments include: senior defense counsel at the Naval Legal Service Office San Diego; command judge advocate aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Independence*; chief, operational law division, on the staffs of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea, in Seoul–and judge advocate on the staff of U.S. Naval Forces Korea; executive officer aboard Naval Legal Service Office Northwest; fleet judge advocate with Commander Seventh Fleet in Yokosuka, Japan; and the commanding officer of Naval Legal Service Office Northwest. On March 21, U.S. ambassador to Bangladesh, Harry K. Thomas Jr.–along with 2004 Pulitzer Prize winner Edward P. Jones ’72 and Education Minister Osman Faruk–inaugurated the new American Center Lending Library in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

**1979**

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

**GLENNON L. PAREDES**

**DEBORAH A. PELLES**

The Dec. 3 edition of the Brockton, Mass., daily newspaper *Enterprise* included an article about Peter M. Colombo and his work as the head football coach at Brockton (Mass.) High School; Colombo also serves as an English teacher at the school. Katherine Garrahan has joined the Worcester-based law firm of Bowditch & Dewey as an associate in the real estate and environmental law practice area. In March 2004, Mark W. McLaughlin was named president of Immudyne, Inc., in Kisco, N.Y. Onye Onyemaechi, a founding director of Village Rhythms in Santa Rosa, Calif., announced that he was scheduled to host two programs last February at the New York Open Center in New York City: a talk, titled “An Introduction to Healing Drums: Self-Discovery Through Community Celebration”; and, a one-day workshop, titled “Healing Drums: The Key to Traditional African Health and Healing.”

**1980**

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

**J. CHRISTOPHER COLLINS**

**ELIZABETH PALOMBA SPRAGUE**

**KATHLEEN L. WIESE**

Rev. Joseph M.P.R. Cocucci serves as the director of priestly and religious vocations for the Diocese of Wilmington, Del. The March 4 edition of the *Boston Business Journal* included an “Executive Profile” of William F. Giavini Jr., president and chief operating officer of Babson Capital Management in Cambridge, Mass. The book, *Habits of Devotion: Catholic Religious Practice in Twentieth Century America*, edited by James O’Toole, includes a study of Marian devotion by Paula M. Kane, associate professor and Marous Chair of Catholic Studies at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. Joseph D. Kringdon, regional director, Northeast, with Putnam Retail Management in Boston, writes that he was recently named president of the board of directors of “Bridge over Troubled Waters”—a nonprofit organization that assists at-risk youth in Boston; a 10-year member of the board, he has served the last three years as treasurer. Louis F. McIntyre III, M.D., and his wife, Lizanne, announce the birth of their son, Declan O’Toole, on June 20, 2004. The March 21 edition of the weekly newspaper *Providence (R.I.) Business News* announced that Dennis M. McLaughlin has been named head of the combat systems department at the Newport, R.I.–based Naval Undersea Warfare Center. The Emerald Club of Worcester selected Timothy J. O’Malley as the recipient of its 2005 “Quiet Man Award.” A vice president and senior retirement plan adviser with the Banknorth Wealth Management Group in Worcester, O’Malley has served in leadership positions with the Girl Scouts of Montachusett Council, the United Way and the Blessed Sacrament...
Parish Council in Worcester. The Jan. 6 edition of Worcester Magazine included a Q&A with Scott Schaeffer-Duffy about his recent humanitarian trip to the Sudan; Schaeffer-Duffy is co-director of a Catholic Worker House in Worcester. John P. Sinnott is operations chief for the New York City Corporation Counsel, New York City Law Department.

1981
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
JAMES G. HEALY
KATHARINE BUCKLEY MCNAMARA
ELIZABETH STEVENS MURDY
WILLIAM J. SUPPLE

Last April, Sheila C. Cavanaugh was selected to serve as the keynote speaker at the 13th annual “Women of Distinction” luncheon, sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Montachusett Council Inc., in Worcester; Cavanaugh, who is senior vice president of Fidelity Investments in Boston, oversees the company’s internal communications group. Kathleen (O’Connor) Ekdahl, a certified strength and conditioning specialist and ACE certified personal trainer, is the owner of Personal Best Personal Training Inc. in Hudson, Mass.; she also serves as the varsity field hockey coach at Hudson High School. In addition to hosting an educational fitness show on Cable TV, CTV-8, titled The Fitness Forum, she recently launched an interactive online personal training service, www.personalbestpersonaltraining.com. John J. “Jack” Ferriter has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Hampden County Bar Association. Ferriter, who is a member of the Holyoke, Mass., law firm, Ferriter & Ferriter, also serves as a management instructor for the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute. Ruth (Kaupp) Hroncich serves as sales, marketing and fulfillment manager for Liturgy Training Publications, with the Archdiocese of Chicago in Illinois. Katharine Buckley McNamara recently accepted a new position as the director of the National Cathedral School, a private Episcopal school for girls in grades 4-12, located on the grounds of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.; in this capacity, she is responsible for community and media relations, development and admissions publications, and the Web site. Karen Clements Storey and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of their son, Paul, on Jan. 11.

1982
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
JEAN KELLY CUMMINGS
SUSAN L. SULLIVAN

Patricia M. “Patty” Clements is the marketing services manager for a division of the National Beverage Corp. in Florida. The March 24 edition of forbes.com included a Q&A with Mark G. Holowesko about his athletic pursuits, including triathlons and sailing competitions. Holowesko is the chief executive officer and chief investment officer of Templeton Capital Advisors, based in Nassau, the Bahamas. Anna Maria College in Paxton, Mass., recently announced that Julie A. Jacobson has been selected as the recipient of its first “Distinguished Service Award.” Jacobson, who currently serves as the assistant city manager of Worcester, is also chair of the board of the UniverCity Partnership; in addition, she has been an active member of many local boards and committees since 1985. The Jan. 24 edition of The Boston Globe included an article about Ellen McCurley, titled “Going the distance/Two New Englanders dedicate themselves to helping children affected by AIDS in Africa.” McCurley, who went to Malawi in 2000 to do a pro bono film on the AIDS epidemic, in 2001, started the Pendulum Project, a nonprofit organization that provides grants to community programs assisting children affected by AIDS in three African countries. Christopher M. Millard and his wife, Eileen, announce the birth of their son, Christopher Michael Jr., on Feb. 18.

1983
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
PATRICIA G. HAYLON
DAVID J. TRASATTI

Nancy Begley Lehto and her family have volunteered for the past three summers as a host family with the Chernobyl Children’s Project—a Boston-based non-profit organization that brings children to the United States for respite and medical care from the areas of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine, that have been contamined by the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant explosion in 1986. In May, Jeremiah A. “Chip” O’Connor Jr. was promoted to the position of director of Conference Services and Campus Center at Holy Cross. The Dec. 22 edition of the Salem (Mass.) News announced that Jacqueline M. Regan has been appointed dean of students and director of continuing education at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass.

1984
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
EDWARD J. LYNCH III
FRED J. O’CONNOR
CARME L. SALVUCCI

Last February, the board of selectmen for Needham, Mass., selected Kathleen P. “Kate” Fitzpatrick to serve as Needham’s first town manager, effective May 6; Fitzpatrick has held the post of town administrator there since 2001. Paul S. Giaimo continues to teach English and philosophy at Highland Community College in Freeport, Ill. The article, “Heffernan, like Montana, made Young second string,” that appeared in the Feb. 17 edition of the New Haven (Conn.) Register, recalled the selection of Thomas P. Heffernan as the 1979 Connecticut #1 public high school quarterback over the future San Francisco 49er Steve Young—who was recently selected for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Carlise Louis-Jacques, M.D., maintains an ob/gyn practice in Torrance, Calif. Paul J. Lynch and his wife, Marina, announce the birth of their son, Dylan Gray, on June 24, 2004. MARRIED: Robert T. Tolan and Abby S. Gordon, on Jan. 22, at the Puck Building in New York.

1985
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
THOMAS M. FLYNN
JOSEPH TERRANOVA

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
JOANNE S. NILAND

Sun Chemical Inc. announced in
November the appointment of David D. Hohman as the vice president and general manager of its subsidiary, Rycoline, a manufacturer of printing supplies based in Chicago. Dennis E. Mahoney and his wife, Carol ‘86, announce the birth of their daughter, Susan Valente, on Aug. 4, 2004. Lt. Cmdr. Edward A. Maybury Jr., M.D., U.S.N., and his wife, Lisa, announce the birth of their son, Christopher O’Neil, on Nov. 5. Maybury continues to do some flying as a Naval Reserve flight surgeon as well as maintain a full-time practice.

1986
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
VIRGINIA M. AYERS
PATRICK L. MCCARTHY JR.
EDWARD T. O’DONNELL
KATHLEEN QUINN POWERS
Maryann Lynch Byrne, who received her master’s degree in education from Boston College in December 2003, teaches world and U.S. history at Norwood (Mass.) High School. Suzanne S. Cameron and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their son, John George, on May 25, 2004. Paul B. Kurtz currently serves as executive director of the Cyber Security Industry Alliance (CSIA) in Washington, D.C. Carol (Gustowski) Mahoney and her husband, Dennis ‘85, announce the birth of their daughter, Susan Valente, on Aug. 4, 2004. The Oct. 15 edition of the Boston Business Journal included a Q&A with James F. McCaffrey on the ramifications of the national election on the real estate market. McCaffrey is principal and investment sales broker at the Trammell Crow Co. in Boston. Thomas M. Meuser and his wife, Christy, announce the birth of their son, Jeremy David, on May 11.

1987
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
KATHLEEN E. MOYLAN
ERIN B. GRIMES MYERS
JAMES W. NAWN JR.
Michelle Mazerolle Burkhalter and her husband, David, announce the birth of their daughter, McKenzie Mays, on Oct. 10. Last August, Burkhalter was promoted to vice president of human resources for Philips Consumer Electronics North America. Paula K. and Paul J. Eberle announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy, on June 17, 2004. Mark L. Mokrzycki, M.D., and his wife, Gigi, announce the birth of their son, Luke. Mokrzycki, who is the director of pelvic reconstructive surgery at Saint Peter’s University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J., is completing his M.B.A. at the New York Institute of Technology. Christopher K. Murphy and his wife, Gigi, announce the adoption of their daughter, Caroline Natalia, on Nov. 19; Caroline was born in Yalta, Ukraine, in April 2004. Susan (Rabasca) Murphy works as counsel in the Boston office of the law firm Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr. Mary Pat (Conneally) Radeka won “Best of Show” in the design competition “Wonderful Workspaces,” at the ninth annual Fine Furnishings Show, held last November in Providence, R.I. Radeka, who started her own business, Island Interiors, Middletown, R.I., is enrolled in a four-year interior design certificate program at the Rhode Island School of Design. She also writes that her work from the Newport Showhouse Guild’s 10th anniversary Designer’s Show House, held last fall, was selected to appear in the Better Homes and Gardens spring specialty publication, Kids Rooms; she designed a little girl’s bathroom for the show.

MARRIED: Catherine A. Lyons

Bartlett Sher ’81 directs award-winning Broadway musical
By Rebecca Smith ’99

Bartlett Sher ’81 is director of the award-winning musical, The Light in the Piazza, currently playing at New York’s Vivian Beaumont Theater, through Sept. 4.
Winner of six Tony Awards, five Drama Desk Awards and two Outer Critics Circle Awards, The Light in the Piazza is the work of Adam Guettel and Craig Lucas. Set in 1953, it tells the story of an American mother and daughter traveling through Italy—the daughter’s romance with a Florentine man and the mother’s determined efforts to keep them apart. The musical was produced at the Intiman Theatre in Seattle and the Goodman Theatre in Chicago before opening on Broadway in April under the auspices of the Lincoln Center Theater.
Sher has served as artistic director of the Intiman Theatre since 2000. His many credits include Nickel and Dimed, The Dying Gaul and The Servant of Two Masters. Sher’s staging of Cymbeline, the first American Shakespearean production seen at the Royal Shakespeare Company, earned him the prestigious Joe A. Callaway Award from the Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation.
Sher credits his involvement in theater at the College with helping to make him a successful director.
“Much of what I learned at Holy Cross,” he says, “I put to use every day.” Nominated for a Tony Award for Best Direction of a Musical, Sher explains that, although he was very pleased and honored, he directed the musical out of passion for the theater, not for recognition.
“The accolades—while rewarding—are at the bottom of the list of why I do this,” he says. “Just being part of this play was a huge and life-changing experience.”
The Jan. 31 edition of the Framingham, Mass., daily newspaper, MetroWest Daily News, included an article by Maureen O’Grady Condon, titled “Speech habits that can sink your career.” Condon is president of Condon Communications, a writing and editing firm located in Framingham. Domus, a youth-serving nonprofit organization based in Stamford, Conn., recently announced that Charles G. Hannigan has joined its board of directors. Hannigan is a principal of Andor Capital Management in Stamford and a senior member of the company’s marketing and investor relations department.


Christopher C. Botta, who opened his own law firm, Botta & Carver, in Ramsey, N.J., has been elected to a second term as a councilman in Ramsey. Anne M. Comi, M.D., is an assistant professor of neurology and pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., and the director of the Johns Hopkins-Kennedy Krieger Institute Sturge-Weber Syndrome Center. Ann Marie Dadoly and her husband, Gregory ’92, announce the birth of their son, Griffin Dadoly, on March 31, 2004. Patricia “Trish” Bleichert and Stephen R. Hastry announce the birth of their son, Owen Richard, on Feb. 25. Last November, Palio Communications, an advertising and communications agency located in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., announced the appointment of Stephen M. “Steve” Toman as account director for the company.

Mary Buckley-Harmon and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Celeste, on Sept. 2. Buckley-Harmon continues to teach journalism part time at Manchester-Essex Regional High School in Ipswich, Mass. Alicia (Angeles) Clarke and her husband, Dennis, announce the birth of their daughter, Camille, on Aug. 16, 2004. John D. Curtin and his wife, Jodi ’93, announce the birth of their son, Luke Joseph, on June 29, 2004. Arena Solutions Inc., a provider of on-demand product lifecycle management (PLM), located in Menlo Park, Calif., announced in February the appointment of Pamela J. Kostka as the vice president of marketing. Raffaele A. “Ralph” Zingone and his wife, Kristine, announce the birth of their daughter, Marianna.

Farrell Jr. and Natalie Campisi, on July 17, 2004, at the Holy Family Church in New York City. David P. Murphy and Kathleen Murphy, on Nov. 13, at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Rhode Island.

E.J. McAdams ’93 leads campaign to save habitat of New York City hawks

By Rebecca Smith ’99

E.J. McAdams ’93 made headlines last winter with his successful crusade to save two red-tailed hawks in New York City. The famous birds—known as Pale Male and Lola—were publicly evicted in December from their perch on a Fifth Avenue apartment to the dismay and dissent of bird lovers everywhere. Since 1993, Pale Male has nested on this 12th-floor ridge overlooking Central Park, siring more than 20 youngsters with various mates. His unique decision to nest in such a densely urban environment has intrigued and attracted bird enthusiasts from around the world, inspiring a book and a documentary film.

According to apartment residents and city officials, however, the hawks’ nest violated health and safety regulations, so the building co-op decided to remove it as well as the metal spikes that supported it—thereby ensuring that attempts to rebuild the habitat would fail.

Upon hearing of the nest’s destruction, New York’s—and the world’s—nature lovers revolted in loud protest. In his role as executive director of New York City’s Audubon Society, McAdams led the campaign to save the habitat of Pale Male and Lola. He and his organization worked tirelessly negotiating with occupants, conducting vigils with supporters, collaborating with government agencies, and working with ornithologists and architects to present alternatives so that the birds and residents could co-exist peacefully. After 16 intense days, McAdams and his supporters won their battle and overturned the city’s decision to destroy permanently the nest. Co-op members were persuaded to provide a metal platform and bring back the spikes to support another nest.

Although I was proud to lead the charge, I think the most rewarding part of the experience was seeing the devotion of all the people from around the city and around the world, “took the breath out of me.”

McAdams’ fascination with nature grew out of his interest in poetry, which was fostered at Holy Cross by Professor Robert Cording. After graduating, he taught public school in New York City and spent his weekends watching nature in Central Park. There, he saw Pale Male for the first time—an experience that he describes, “took the breath out of me.”

He received his M.F.A. in creative writing-poetry from Columbia University and pursued a career that would allow him to teach, write and enjoy the outdoors. Becoming a New York City Urban Park Ranger, he opened a nature center on a salt marsh in Brooklyn and reintroduced eastern screech owls to Central Park. McAdams has been executive director of New York City Audubon since 2002.

Croatia Ralph Frank, “for his excellent performance as acting management officer” last summer—in addition to his supervisory duties for USAID; and, a certificate from the Inter-Agency U.S. Government Management Council in Washington, D.C., recognizing his efforts “to streamline services while cutting costs” during the embassy’s move to a new location last year. Gregory J. Sieczkiewicz and his wife, Ann Marie ’89, announce the birth of their son, Griffin Dadoly, on March 31, 2004. Last September, the Worcester law firm Fusaro, Altomare & Ermilio announced that Christine M. Zicaro has joined the practice as an attorney in the firm’s real estate department.

MARRIED: Jennifer E. Thompson and Mark Myers Mermel, on Jan. 22, at Christ Church United Methodist in New York.

Michael J. Brandi and his wife, Eileen, announce the birth of their son, Michael Donald, on March 8, 2004. Melissa A. Carlson is co-author of a study published in the December issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry, titled “Delayed Hospice Care Can Increase...
CLASS NOTES


1995

CLASS CO-CHAIRS

Christopher J. Caslin
B. Timothy Keller
SHELAUGH FOLEY O’BRIEN

Sonia M. Barbosa and her husband, Alirio, announce the birth of their son, Adam Alirio, on April 27, 2004. Barbosa, who is a DIX Scholar in Nursing at Simmons College, Brookline, Mass., continues to work as project manager of the Murray Research Center, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, in Cambridge, Mass. Lynn Seidel Brine and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Kayleigh Marie, on Aug. 13, 2004. Brine works as a hospice social worker. Maggie J. Cahill-Morasco and her husband, Ray ’92, announce the birth of their twins, John Roland and William Wells, in February 2004. Michael M. Calorossi is a pharmaceutical manufacturing manager for MannKind BioPharmaceuticals in Danbury, Conn. Victoria (Clark) Coffey and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Meghan, on Aug. 26, 2004. The January edition of the Fairfield County Catholic newspaper announced that Shawn W. Cutler was ordained as a transitional deacon of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn., last December, at St. Pius X Parish in Fairfield. B. Kathleen (Jarrott) and Thomas M. Gallagher announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Catherine Loyola, on Nov. 18. Julie Jablonski Hamon and her husband, Jeffrey ’94, announce the birth of their son, Cole Wallace, on Aug. 15, 2003. Kimberly Loewenstein-McCarron and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their son, Todd, on April 22, 2004. The Feb. 27 west edition of The Boston Sunday Globe included an article about Alberto M. Montrond in its “People” section, titled “Kick-starting an athletic education”; a martial arts teacher, Montrond runs the Boston Taekwondo Academy in Natick, Mass. Cesar E. Sanz, M.D. and his wife, Tina, announce the birth of their son, Riley Michael, on Aug. 31, 2004. The law firm Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo announced in January that Paula J. Valencia-Galbraith has been selected by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce to participate in its yearlong Future Leaders Program; Valencia-Galbraith practices in the business and finance section of the firm’s Boston office.

1994

CLASS CHAIR

Amanda M. Robichaud

Orlando L. Cepero and his wife, Maribel, announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Orlando, on July 1, 2004. Meghan Cecil Gehan and her husband, John, announce the birth of their son, Kellan John, on May 9, 2004. Jeffrey S. Hamon and his wife, Julie ’95, announce the birth of their son, Cole Wallace, on Aug. 15, 2003. Kimberly Loewenstein-McCarron and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their son, Todd, on April 22, 2004. The Feb. 27 west edition of The Boston Sunday Globe included an article about Alberto M. Montrond in its “People” section, titled “Kick-starting an athletic education”; a martial arts teacher, Montrond runs the Boston Taekwondo Academy in Natick, Mass. Cesar E. Sanz, M.D. and his wife, Tina, announce the birth of their son, Riley Michael, on Aug. 31, 2004. The law firm Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo announced in January that Paula J. Valencia-Galbraith has been selected by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce to participate in its yearlong Future Leaders Program; Valencia-Galbraith practices in the business and finance section of the firm’s Boston office.

1996

CLASS CHAIR

Jennifer E. Burns

Holly R. Khachadoorian, M.D.
Christopher L. Sears

Cynthia and Alexander F. Dempster III announce the birth of their son, Alexander Francis, on Sept. 19. The March 17 edition of the Wellesley (Mass.) Townsman announced that Matthew R. Fantasia, D.M.D., has joined the practice of Kevin F. Toomey, D.M.D., in Wellesley. Carolyn Dowd and Andrew R. Fitzpatrick announce the birth of
A Family Tradition Continues

Commencement 2005 was a special celebration for one Holy Cross family: It was 100 years to the day that W. Arthur Garrity graduated from the College—and to mark the occasion, the family watched as Arthur’s great-granddaughter, Rosemary Flynn, received her diploma. “It was such a wonderful day for all of us,” said Joan Garrity Flynn. “I think even if we hadn’t had a member of the family graduating, my father, James L. Garrity ’43, would have come anyway! He is so proud of the legacy his father began.” (left to right): Gregory C. Flynn ’73, Anne B. Flynn ’04, Rosemary R. Flynn ’05, Patrick G. Flynn ’09 and James L. Garrity ’43

1997

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
MARNIE J. CAMBRIA, M.D.
KRISTIN M. O’CONNOR
JULIE E. ORIO

Angela M. Quaranta and Keith J. Baldi announce the birth of their daughter, Seneca Quaranta, on May 11, 2004. Angela works at Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Mich., as an adviser in a support program for first-generation college students. Keith works at WZZM, an ABC affiliate in Grand Rapids, Mich., as the crimes and court reporter. The Feb. 6 edition of the New London, Conn., newspaper Day, announced that Nicole M. Cambria, D.M.D. has joined the family dental practice of Drs. Dennis Cambria and David Richardson in Norwich, Conn. Capt. Craig M. Clarkson, USMC, a combat engineer, is stationed at the Marine Corps Base at Quantico, Va., where he is the project officer for several mine/counter-mine acquisition programs at the Marine Corps Systems Command. Sarah Coyle Clarkson, a journalist, currently produces Tucker Carlson: Unfiltered, a national news and public affairs show on PBS. Kristin M. Cook, who received her master’s degree in social work in 2003, is a supervisor of a multi-systemic therapy team at Connecticut Renaissance in Norwalk, working with adolescents that are on probation and their families. Carrie A. Giardino, who received her master’s degree from Boston University in September 2003, is currently working as a radio journalist–based in Cote d’Ivoire, West Africa–with Voice of America, National Public Radio and Germany’s international broadcaster, Deutsche Welle. Katherine A. Genga Kay and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Rachel, on Oct. 30. Maureen Heney and Paul H. Marvin announce the birth of their son, Griffin Lawrence, on Nov. 10. Francis H. “Frank” McCabe Jr. and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Jeanne, on Sept. 10. Anne (Murphy) Parker and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Murphy, on Oct. 5. The March 14 edition of the weekly newspaper NJ Biz announced that Meghan C. Siri has become a shareholder of the Teaneck, N.J., forensic-accounting firm Campos & Stratis; Siri has been with the company...
since 1997. Johannah L. and James M. Speltz announce the birth of their son, Thomas Michael, on Oct. 11. Aaron B. Zdawczyk is an assistant director of admission and coach of the men’s varsity crew team at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.


Aaron B. Zdawczyk and Chelsea Honigmann, on Aug. 21, 2004, in Toledo, Ohio.

1998 CLASS CO-CHAIRS

CHRISTIAN P. BROWNE
ERIC B. JAVIER

ALLYSSA R. MACCARThY

Dominic L. Blue recently joined the Boston office of the law firm Edwards & Angell; he focuses his practice on private equity and mergers and acquisitions.

Jaime (Cellitti) and Mark A. Costiglio announce the birth of their daughter, Ava Elizabeth, on Oct. 15.

Daniel P. Cullity teaches high school English in Dover, N.H. Jaime (Czajka) Louridas and her husband, Aaron, announce the birth of their daughter, Maren Mae, on July 31, 2004. The Washington Trust Company recently announced that Vincent F. Moretti has been promoted to assistant vice president and branch manager of its Cranston, R.I., branch. Morgan Tini Rafferty and her husband, Thom, announce the birth of their daughter, Reagan Sullivan, on Aug. 13, 2004.


1999 CLASS CO-CHAIRS

ROLAND A. BARONI III
THOMAS C. SOPER

Jessica (Parker) Gaughan and her husband, John ’00, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Frances, on May 13, 2004. Bethany (Cruse) Kiernan, who received her Ph.D. in neurosciences last summer from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, currently works as a postdoctoral associate in the physiology department at the Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. Jennifer M. Macierowski, who received her juris doctor in May 2004 from the William & Mary School of Law, Williamsburg, Va., relocated to Washington, D.C., where she accepted a position as associate counsel with the Board of Veterans Appeals.

Shabana (Haque) Mallick and her husband, Azfar, announce the birth of their daughter, Amna, on Oct. 20. Following graduation last September from the Transportation Officer Basic Course, 2nd Lt. Daniel R. Martin, U.S.A., began a one-year deployment in October as a transportation officer to Ali Al Salem Air Force Base with the 384th Movement Control Team, 6th Transportation Battalion. The Jan. 28 edition of the weekly newspaper, Amherst (Mass.) Bulletin, announced that J. Dominic Singh has joined the Amherst Fire Department as a career firefighter and paramedic. Last summer, Stephanie Lewis Weinfurt received her master of arts in teaching degree from Fitchburg (Mass.) State College.


2000 CLASS CO-CHAIRS

JASON C. HOFFMANN, M.D.
KATHRYN R. REMMES

Lindsey A. Baicocchi, who received her master’s degree in developmental counseling from Boston University, works as a guidance counselor in Arlington, Mass. Julie Delegianis Benotti is a seventh-grade math teacher in Smithtown, N.Y.

Mark J. Benotti is completing his degree in oceanography at SUNY-Stony Brook. Sean M. Briere received his juris doctor from the University of Connecticut in 2003. Kevin W. Cashman works as a fixed income trading assistant for Citigroup in New York City. Jaime L. DiPaola, who received her juris doctor from the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, Washington, D.C., in May 2004, currently works as a law clerk for the justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court. Capt. John F. Gaughan III, USAF, and his wife, Jessica ’99, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Frances, on May 13, 2004. Gaughan was promoted to the rank of captain in June 2004 and assigned to work at Royal Air Force, Mildenhall, located north of London.

Cara P. Gleason, who received her master’s degree in applied child development—concentrating in family studies—from Tufts University, Boston, in 2002, currently teaches early childhood education at the Portledge School in Locust Valley, N.Y. Mary T. Kelleher works as an elementary school library media specialist at the Prospect Hill Academy Charter School in Somerville, Mass.

Andrew P. “Drew” Larsen, who received his degree in May 2004 from the University of Virginia School of Law,
Charlottesville, began working last September as an associate in the Washington, D.C., law firm of Patton Boggs. Nicole Colby Longton is a second-year associate with the law firm McDermott Will & Emery in the trial department of its Boston office. Tommy Maddox-Upshaw recently completed his M.F.A. in cinematography at the American Film Institute in California. George P. Maillis and his wife, Eleni, announce the birth of their son, Pericles George, on Oct. 20. Maillis, who continues to work as a relationship manager for the Nassau, the Bahamas, offices of Banca del Gottardo’s Private Banking Operation, completed the International Compliance Association’s International Diploma in Compliance and Anti-Money Laundering, and received certification as a compliance officer; he is pursuing his master of business administration degree for wealth managers, fiduciaries and trustees through Manchester University in England. Thomas J. O’Leary is a principal of the ApparenzA Design Studio, a furniture design firm based in Mahopac, N.Y. Last October, the studio received a Pinnacle Award from the American Society of Furniture Designers for a symphony hall chest, in the “occasional storage” category. Also, last fall, the firm released the “Tachi Collection”—a special edition furniture line manufactured by Polidor—at the International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, N.C. Karen (Hadlock) Putney, who graduated in May 2004 with a certificate in American Sign Language Interpreting from Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, Mass., is now pursuing national certification. In June 2004, Mark C. Quinto completed his master of science in education degree from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., while teaching full time on the Westside of Chicago. Married: Mark J. Benotti and Julie D. Delegianis, on July 4, 2004, in New York. Nicole A. Colby and Stephen C. Longton, on Oct. 2, at St. Stephen’s Church in Boston. Kathleen M. Cornell and Keith Janosky, on Sept. 22, 2001, in Saddle River, N.J. Lauren L. Murphy and Brian T. Akashian ’01, on Aug. 7, 2004, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. Lindsay Rose and Michael B. Nozozoillo ’99, on July 3, 2004, at the Popponesset Inn, on Cape Cod, Mass.

2001
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
CATHERINE G. BRYAN
SARAH K. FOLEY
MEGAN E. KEHEW

2002
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
LAUREN M. BUONOME
PETER D. MCLEAN
Catherine M. O’Neil is a history teacher at the Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, Mass. Nickole J. Sciortino serves as the controller and

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**MARRIED:** Catherine A. Whamond and William J. Walsh Jr., on March 19, at the Roman Catholic Church of the Resurrection in Rye, N.Y.

### 2003

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

ELIZABETH L. MALOY
INEZ C. RUSSO

Lauren M. Bourque now works as an advertising coordinator with Dream Homes San Diego (Calif.) Magazine. Since August 2003, Michael J. Corti has been working in New York City as a risk analyst in the risk management casualty department of Marsh USA Inc.–a Marsh & McLennan Company. Andrew L. Gilmore is studying the Arabic language at the American University in Cairo, Egypt. The March 3 edition of The Boston Globe included the announcement that Timothy M. Hoppe has been appointed to serve as the director of constituent and community relations for Massachusetts state Sen. Richard T. Moore. Dale M. Johnson II, who works as a paralegal in the Omaha, Neb., law firm of Hunter & Hunter, received his master’s degree in theology from Creighton University, also in Omaha. Justin J. Kiczek, who teaches English at Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange, N.J., is also pursuing his master of arts degree in English at Hunter College in New York City. Robert S. LeBlanc, who is pursuing his master of arts degree in English at Fitchburg (Mass.) State College, began working last September as the graduate assistant for the Fitchburg State English department. The February edition of the Harvard Gazette included an article about Evan A. MacCarthy and his examination of the hundreds of signatures found on the walls of the choir loft in the Sistine Chapel that had been uncovered during the Vatican’s restoration of the Cantoria in 1997. MacCarthy, a graduate student in the music department at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., is studying 15th- and 16th- century motets and chansons. Ralph A. Milillo attends SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, N.Y. Brendan J. Ratchford, who graduated from flight school in Virginia last September, is currently flight instructing and flying charter routes around the Northeast out of Danbury (Conn.) Airport. Jennifer M. Saba serves as assistant to the state superintendent of schools at the Illinois State Board of Education in Springfield. Jean E. Saleebly is a student at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark. Alexa K. Simeone, who continues to work as the residence director for Wright Hall at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., writes that she was recently named the “Tennessee Association for College and University Housing Officers (TACUHO) 2004 Outstanding New Professional.”


### 2004

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

KATHRYN C. LEADER
KATHRYN D. MEYERS
JOHN M. O’DONNELL

Ryan S. Belanger is a financial adviser at Morgan Stanley in Worcester. Laura A. Brennan is a 2nd lieutenant in the Air Force, stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nev. Kevin P. Burke is studying the Mandarin and Taiwanese languages at the National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei. Samuel J. Caccavale is pursuing his master of arts degree in history at Boston College. Jacqueline M. “Jackie” Dale works in medical device sales for Power Medical Interventions in Chicago. Christopher J. Edmonds works as the sports writer for the weekly newspaper, The Nantucket (Mass.) Independent. George J. Gatta works as a litigation paralegal at Winston & Strawn in New York City. Joan M. Golden works as an analyst for JP Morgan Chase in New York City. Robert A. Heinimann Jr. is attending the Quinnipiac University School of Law in Hamden, Conn. During the 2004-05 academic year, Sara R. Janecko volunteered as a ninth-grade science teacher in an inner-city, Los Angeles, Calif., high school, through the P.L.A.C.E. (Partners in Los Angeles Catholic Education) Corps—while pursuing her master’s degree in education at Loyola Marymount University, also in Los Angeles. Since September, David J. Kerr has been an executive recruiter with Incendia Partners, Inc., in Framingham, Mass. Kristina M. “Kristie” Lake is pursuing her D.M.D. at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine in Farmington. Lindsey K. Lavoie is a graduate student at the University of Florida in Gainesville, studying medical physics. The Feb. 16 edition of the Manchester, N.H., newspaper Union Leader included a story about Suzanne D. Loisel and her coronation as Miss Manchester 2005 on Feb. 13. Keith A. Macfarland attends the New England School of Law in Boston. Sangita Malhotra attends General Electric in Danbury, Conn., as a communications leader. Ernest C. Ng teaches sixth-grade math in the Bronx, N.Y., for “Teach for America.” Timothy D. Quinn attends the Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. Melissa “Missy” Crump Rubino is a purchasing manager at Ultimate Nutrition in Farmington, Conn. Stephanie K. Serven is pursuing her master’s degree in higher education and student affairs at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. 2nd Lt. Emily A. Simmons, USA, is attending the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. Natalie S. Smith works in national sales for the New York City publishing house, Penguin Group. Erin E. Sullivan teaches in the early stimulation program at the American School of Puebla in Puebla, Mexico. Erica C. Tebbetts is pursuing her master’s degree in college student personnel administration at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., and also working at the University of Buffalo. Patrick M. Tigue has accepted a position as a clinical project assistant with the Harvard Clinical Research Institute in Boston.

1933
MONSIGNOR THOMAS J. DALEY
APRIL 3, 2005
In Worcester, at 93. Prior to his retirement in 1982, Monsignor Daley had served as the pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Barre, Mass., and St. Augustine Mission, in the Wheelwright section of Hardwick, Mass.; previously, he had been the pastor for 10 years of St. Stephen’s Church in Worcester. Ordained to the priesthood in 1938, Monsignor Daley was chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Boys’ Camp in Hawley, Mass., until he became associate pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Westfield, Mass., in September 1938. He subsequently was appointed the associate pastor of three Worcester parishes, St. Peter’s, in 1941, St. Margaret Mary’s, in 1949, and St. Stephen’s Church, in 1955. After serving as the pastor of St. Columba Parish in Paxton, Mass., for one year, he became the rector of St. Paul’s Cathedral in Worcester and pastor of the cathedral parish; Monsignor Daley had also been the diocesan Newman Club director and chaplain of the Newman Club at Clark University. In 1964, he was elevated to domestic prelacy by Pope Paul VI. There are no known survivors.

1934
RICHARD J. MCCORMICK JR.
JAN. 20, 2005
At his home in Cambridge, Mass., at 91. During his career, Mr. McCormick had worked as an attorney for the U.S. Navy Investigative Division in the Boston and Washington, D.C., naval offices, retiring in 1974. From 1946 to 1951, he had served as an assistant legal counsel for the Massachusetts secretary of state. A Navy captain, Mr. McCormick had been a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Clare; a son; two daughters; and three grandchildren.

1935
WILFRED L. MAILLET
MARCH 12, 2005
At the Hospice Residence on Coes Pond in Worcester, at 91. During his career, Mr. Maillet had been a co-owner of the Yellow Barn–outing grounds in Northborough, Mass. In addition, he had served 25 years as an agent for the Sentry Insurance Company, where he had been a Master Sentry Man. Mr. Maillet was also the co-founder and president of the Senior Core Group. A member of the 1928 Eastern U.S. Champion American Legion baseball team from Post 5 in Worcester—which participated in the summer World Series in Chicago—he subsequently played semi-pro baseball in the Blackstone Valley League. Mr. Maillet had been a member of the Holy Cross Club of Worcester. He is survived by a son; a daughter; a brother; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a nephew; and several nieces.

1936
CHARLES F. HOAR
MARCH 15, 2005
At the Life Care Center of Scituate, Mass., at 92. During his career, Mr. Hoar had been a public relations officer at the Boston Fire Department and Boston Police Department; a news camera operator at WBZ-TV; and the chief probation officer for the Suffolk County Court system in Massachusetts. He retired in 1994. A World War II veteran, Mr. Hoar had served in the Army, attaining the rank of colonel. Later appointed military aide-de-camp to former Massachusetts Gov. Edward King, he had been executive secretary of the Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. Mr. Hoar was a graduate of Jamaica Plain (Mass.) High School, where he had achieved all-scholastic choice in football, baseball and hockey. A Holy Cross class chair and class agent, and a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross, he was named “Crusader of the Year” in 1961. Mr. Hoar is survived by two sons, including Robert J. ’71; a daughter; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

1937
JOHN T. QUIRK JR.
MARCH 21, 2005
At the Mercy Medical Center, Springfield, Mass., at 91. During his career, Mr. Quirk had maintained a private law practice in Springfield for many years; in partnership with his wife, he had been associated with the former Quirk Lovett and Quirk Law Office. Mr. Quirk was also a former Springfield city solicitor. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Quirk is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, Paul B. ’66 and Peter S.P. ’71; six daughters; 11 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

1938
FRANCIS J. LOGAN
MARCH 11, 2005
In St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, at 92. Mr. Logan had worked many years for the Veterans Administration, serving as the assistant director of VA hospitals in Jamaica Plain, Mass., Fort Howard, Md., and Newington, Conn.; previously, he had been the registrar for many years at the Rutland VA Hospital. After retiring from the Veterans Administration, Mr. Logan held the post of acting director of the Worcester County Hospital for several years. At the start of his career, he had worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Vermont. An Army veteran of
Mr. Logan had been a member of the Quartermaster Corps in Central Europe, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. Returning to active duty during the Korean War, he subsequently served in the Army Reserves, retiring with the rank of colonel. Active in community affairs, Mr. Logan had been a longtime member and past chairman of the Worcester Parks and Recreation Commission and a former member of the board of directors of St. Vincent Hospital. A member of the Retired Officers Association and the Retired Military Officers Club, he was a past president of the Brittain Square Veterans Association. Mr. Logan is survived by a son, Michael J. ’66; four daughters; a sister; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

Gerard B. Lavery died Jan. 21 at his family’s home in Minot, Maine, at 71.

Associate professor emeritus, Mr. Lavery had taught 34 years in the classics department at Holy Cross, retiring in 1995; he had served as the chairman of the department from 1971-74.

Mr. Lavery received both his master’s degree and Ph.D. from Fordham University in New York City; while pursuing his Ph.D., he taught at his alma mater, Regis High School, in New York.

He is survived by a sister; nephews; nieces; grand-nephews; and grandnieces.

Blaise Nagy, professor of classics at the College, offers the following reflection on Mr. Lavery and his career at Holy Cross:

“By word and example, Gerry profoundly affected the lives of the students he taught and the colleagues with whom he shared Fenwick Four. For those of us who worked with him in the classics department, there is not a day that goes by that we don’t think of him and reminisce about his good-natured Witticisms and his constant bonhomie. He was a man of enormous erudition, who knew pretty much everything that was worth knowing about ancient Greece and Rome and who generously shared his knowledge with colleagues. His many years at Holy Cross were marked by an unstinting dedication to his students and by a conviction that, in the classroom, nothing can take the place of a close reading of the texts. His pedagogy was old-fashioned and void of all gimmickry; it was also very effective, as countless of his former students will testify. Requiescat in pace.”

Following is a tribute by one of Mr. Lavery’s former students, L. Michael “Lee” Fratantuono ’95:

Professor Lavery told us in Lucretius class that the greatest poets “always leave their readers asking for more.” I thought of that line both when he retired from Holy Cross and when I received the news of his passing. I am reminded of his influence every time I realize I have borrowed some idea, technique, turn of phrase or metaphor from his classes in my own teaching. Several of us from Professor Lavery’s final years on Mount Saint James are now spread across the country, teaching our own classics courses. It seems hard to believe. But, in great part, each one of us who had him as a professor and mentor owes a debt of gratitude to him for what we have accomplished. He was a man of quiet, private wisdom and deeply felt Catholic faith. He could teach more with a glance than many of us can with a whole period of words. Thank you, Professor Lavery. Your influence on us was incalculable. You left us too soon. We mourn. We ask for more.

Robert F. Mautner Jr.

In Connecticut, at 91. During his career, Mr. Mautner had been the owner, for many years, of the R.F. Mautner Co., a beer distributor in Connecticut. Following graduation, he had taught and coached at Cheshire (Conn.) Academy. Commissioned a lieutenant commander in the Navy, he flew catapult planes off the USS Augusta flagship of the Atlantic Fleet during World War II; a senior aviator for the invasion of North Africa, he served as an aide to the admirals and generals in the campaign. At Holy Cross, Mr. Mautner had been the captain of the football team. He is survived by three sons, including Thomas M. ’73; five grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and several nephews and nieces.

Louis G. McGoldrick, M.D.

At his home in Mashpee, Mass., at 89.
Prior to his retirement in 1981, Dr. McGoldrick had maintained a private dermatology practice in Worcester for more than 35 years. During World War II, he had been a lieutenant in the Navy, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific theater. Dr. McGoldrick had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Marion; a son; a daughter; three brothers; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1939  
P A T R I C K  O ’ N E I L L  H A Y E S  S R .  
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In Newport (R.I.) Hospital, at 87. During his career, Mr. Hayes had been a partner in the Newport law firm Corcoran, Peckham, Hayes and Glavin; he had joined the practice in 1946. Active in community affairs, Mr. Hayes had been a member of the Newport Zoning Board, from 1950-54, and the Newport City Council, from 1955-59 and 1961-65. Elected to the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1967, he served five years in the state senate; during this time, Mr. Hayes helped to establish the Green Acres Commission that provided funding for the acquisition and preservation of open spaces, including Brenton Point State Park and Fort Wetherhill in Jamestown. A past president of the Newport County Saltwater Fishing Club and a co-founder of the Visiting Nurse Association of Newport County, he had been an accomplished golfer and historian of the sport, serving as a past president of the Wanumetonomy Golf and Country Club in Middletown, R.I., and as a member and past director of the Newport Country Club. In 1938, he teamed with a friend to win the 1938 Rhode Island Golf Association Best Ball Invitation Tourney; that year, he was also a runner-up in the Rhode Island Stroke Play Tournament. At Holy Cross, Mr. Hayes had been the captain of the golf team. A World War II Army veteran, he had served in Europe as a French interpreter. Founding president of the Alliance Française Association of Newport, Mr. Hayes was a recipient of the Order of Palms Medal by the French government for his work in fostering Franco-American relations. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Hayes is survived by his wife, Marilyn; four sons, including Patrick Jr. ‘69 and Christopher ’74; three sisters; and nine grandchildren.

WILLIAM D. TUCKER JR.  
M A R C H  7 ,  2 0 0 5  
In Massachusetts, at 87. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Tucker had been a senior partner of the New York City law firm of Davis Polk & Wardell; he was also a former director of the Chubb Corporation and Manville Corporation. Mr. Tucker had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Mary; four sons; three daughters; four grandchildren; and two sisters.

1940  
J O S E P H  V .  A I E T A  
J A N .  1 1 ,  2 0 0 5  
At the Blue Hill Alzheimer’s Center, Stoughton, Mass., at 86. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Aieta had worked as an insurance underwriter in the Boston office of Home Life of New York for more than 45 years. A Navy veteran of World War II, he served aboard the battleship USS Wisconsin in the Atlantic and Pacific and attained the rank of lieutenant commander. At the start of his career, Mr. Aieta had worked a brief time for the federal government. He had been a past president of the Holy Cross Alumni Club of Boston and a member of the Catholic Alumni Club of Boston. Mr. Aieta had also been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Maria; two sons; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

S. FRANCIS DILORENZO, M.D.  
J A N .  2 1 ,  2 0 0 5  
At Waterbury Extended Care, Watertown, Conn., at 85. Prior to his retirement in 1984, Dr. DiLorenzo had maintained a private pediatric practice in Waterbury, Conn., for 37 years and served on the staffs of St. Mary’s and Waterbury hospitals there. Dr. DiLorenzo had been a retired member of the Connecticut State Medical Society and the American Medical Association of New England Pediatric Society. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a brother; and two sisters.

MONSIGNOR SINON F.  
F A L V E Y  
F E B .  7 ,  2 0 0 5  
At his home in Newport Beach, Calif., at 85. Ordained to the priesthood in 1945, Monsignor Falvey had served as the pastor of St. Norbert Church, Orange, Calif., from 1970-89; he became a monsignor under Bishop William R. Johnson in the newly created Diocese of Orange. Monsignor Falvey had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by two sisters; many nephews and nieces; and grandnephews and grandnieces.

WILLIAM F. FINUCANE  
J A N .  2 6 ,  2 0 0 5  
In Newton (Mass.)-Wellesley Hospital, at 85. Prior to his retirement in 1990, Mr. Finucane had been a partner for many years in the Boston law firm of Dunn & Finucane. Legal counsel in the formation of the Boston Patriots in 1959, he continued to serve as the football team’s general counsel for several years—and, subsequently, as a member of its board of directors until the team was sold in 1988. Following retirement, Mr. Finucane helped to establish the Institute of Learning in Retirement at Boston College where he also had been a member of its board of directors. A first lieutenant in the Army artillery during World War II, Mr. Finucane saw action in North Africa and Europe; while serving as a member of Battery D 68th AA Battalion at Anzio Beach in Italy, he was awarded a Bronze Star. At the end of his Army career, Mr. Finucane had been part of the special troops sent to Heidelberg, Germany to handle military courts-martial related to war crimes. While in the service, he had also organized a football league for servicemen overseas. Mr. Finucane had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons; three daughters; a sister; and 11 grandchildren, including Michael C. Barnicle ’08. His brother was the late Thomas M. ’38.

WILLIAM R. MAHONEY  
M A R C H  1 6 ,  2 0 0 5  
At the University Community Hospital in Tampa, Fla., at 87. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Mahoney had taught for more than 30 years in the Marlboro,
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Mass., school system. During World War II, he served in the Marine Corps, attaining the rank of corporal. Mr. Mahoney had been a member of the National Education Association and the Massachusetts Teachers Association. He is survived by two sons; a daughter; a brother; eight grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

WILLIAM T. STEVENS
JAN. 18, 2005

In New York, at 82. During his career, Mr. Stevens had been an attorney in private practice for many years in New York and a 62-year member of the New York Bar Association. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Stevens is survived by his wife, Louise; two sons, including William T. Jr.; five daughters, including Elizabeth Stevens Murdy ’81 and Kathryn S. McCormack ’91; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

1942
REV. JOHN K. BUCKLEY
FEB. 9, 2005

In Indiana, Pa., at 82. Ordained to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Boston in 1947, Fr. Buckley had ministered in the Miami (Fla.) Diocese in the 1960s. In 1970, he joined the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Fla., and served there for more than 20 years; for most of this time, he had been the associate pastor of St. Paul Catholic Church in Tampa. Fr. Buckley is survived by six nieces; and a sister-in-law. His brother was the late Rev. Frederick J. ’41.

REV. RICHARD E. HARVEY
JAN. 18, 2005

At St. Joseph Hospital, Bangor, Maine, at 84. Prior to his retirement in 1996, Mr. Harvey had been the pastor of St. Joseph Church, Brewer, Maine, for 26 years; during this time, he had been the dean of the Southern Penobscot Deanery for the Diocese of Portland, spiritual moderator for the Bangor District, Maine Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and an active member of the Brewer Ministerial Association. From 1967 to 1970, Fr. Harvey had been the pastor of St. Mary’s Star of the Sea Parish in Stonington, and chaplain at the Maine Maritime Academy. Ordained to the priesthood in 1951, he completed a temporary assignment at Sacred Heart Church, Portland, before becoming the assistant pastor of St. John’s Church in Bangor; serving there for 16 years, Fr. Harvey had been an active participant in the Bangor-Brewer CYO and chaplain for the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella. A lieutenant in the Navy during World War II, he had been a navigator aboard a landing vessel, shuttling troops and supplies across the English Channel during the Normandy invasion. Active in community affairs, Fr. Harvey had been a member of the board of St. Joseph Hospital, the Eastern Regional Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Maine Right to Life. Commissioner for the Brewer Housing Authority, he had been a member of the board of trustees for the John Bapst Memorial High School, the Maine Maritime Academy and St. Joseph Healthcare. In 1991, the Felician Sisters honored him with the “Mother Mary Angela Award”—“for outstanding service to St. Joseph Healthcare and to the community at large.” He is survived by a brother; three sisters; a brother-in-law; and several nephews and nieces.

1943
WALTER C. ROBERTS
FEB. 15, 2005

At the Prescott Nursing Home, North Andover, Mass. Prior to his retirement in 1982, Mr. Roberts had been a teacher and coach for many years at the Masconomet Regional High School in Topsfield, Mass.; previously, he had coached at Andover, Belmont, and Methuen, Mass. In 1942, Mr. Roberts left Holy Cross to enter the military; a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, he served four years with the 501 Bomber Group in the Pacific Combat Zones as an aerial gunner on a B-29 bomber; Mr. Roberts returned to the College in 1946 to complete his studies. A member of the Holy Cross varsity football team, he was named All-New England in 1940, 1941 and 1946; in January 1947, Mr. Roberts played in the East-West Shrine game in San Francisco, Calif. He was inducted into the Holy Cross Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987; the Johnson High School Hall of Fame, North Andover, Mass., in 1983; and the Massachusetts State Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1980. In 1987, the Masconomet High School athletic field was named in his honor. During his career, Mr. Roberts and his wife had founded and operated the Happy Day Camp in Boxford, Mass. He is survived by four sons; three daughters; four grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

JAMES T. SMITH
JAN. 2, 2005

In Bar Harbor, Maine, at 83. During his career, Mr. Smith had worked many years for the Connecticut Blue Cross, retiring as the comptroller of the corporation. A World War II veteran, he had served in the Army Air Force. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Barbara; two sons, including James M. ’74; a daughter; a brother; a sister; seven grandchildren, including Natalie S. ’04; and a great-grandchild.

ROBERT F. WRIGHT, M.D.
DEC. 28, 2004

At the Life Center of West Bridgewater, Mass., at 82. Prior to his retirement, Dr. Wright had been an “eye, ear, nose and throat” specialist for many years in Brockton, Mass. In addition to his medical practice, he attended Suffolk Law School, Boston, in the evening and passed his law boards in the 1970s. A World War II veteran, Dr. Wright had served in the Army Air Corps. He had been a member of the American Medical Association and a past member of the Commercial Club. Dr. Wright is survived by his wife, Irene; four sons, including Robert F. Jr. ’69; two daughters; a sister; seven grandchildren; a nephew; and two nieces.

1944
GEORGE V. COONEY SR.
FEB. 25, 2005

In Connecticut, at 82. During his career, Mr. Cooney had worked many years for the state of Connecticut as an insurance examiner. An Army veteran of World War II, he had been stationed in Brazil. Mr. Cooney is survived by his wife, Jandira; seven sons; four daughters; many grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.
Rev. Joseph J. LaBran, S.J., died March 23 at the Campion Center in Weston, Mass., at 89.

Fr. LaBran had served as a chaplain at Holy Cross for more than 40 years; during this time, he led thousands of students in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Prior to his retirement to Campion in 2001, Fr. LaBran continued to take an active part in campus ministry and to assist at local parishes.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1947, he had entered the Society of Jesus in 1936 at Shadowbrook in Lenox, Mass., after attending Holy Cross for two years; Fr. Labran pursued novitiate and juniorate studies at Shadowbrook and philosophy and theology studies at Weston (Mass.) College. From 1942-44, he returned to Holy Cross to teach English, mathematics, physics and religion in the Navy V-12 program.

Following ordination, Fr. LaBran completed a year of ascetical studies and pastoral service in Pomfret, Conn. He then taught nine years at the New England Jesuits’ secondary school, Baghdad College, in Iraq.

Fr. LaBran began his chaplaincy at Holy Cross in 1958, serving as the director of the student Christian Life Community; a student counselor; the director of the Lay Apostolate; and the director of campus ministry. In 1961, Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan awarded him the Pro Deo et Juventute Award “for his spirit of dedication to young people in the Diocese of Worcester.”

During his ministry, he had also been an activist in the areas of racial, social and civil justice.

A member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross, Fr. LaBran received an honorary degree in ministry from the College in 2001.

He was a 1933 graduate of Lynn (Mass.) Classical High School.

Fr. LaBran is survived by a nephew and several nieces. His brother was the late Bernard F. ‘40.

Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of Holy Cross, offered the following reflection at the time of Fr. LaBran’s death:

“All of us here at the College are deeply saddened by the news of Fr. LaBran’s death. His exuberant faith and warm and devoted care for others made him a major influence on generations of students, faculty and staff, enriching their lives and bringing many closer to God. Now we send him forth with our heartfelt prayers, that he may find the eternal rest he longed for at his Savior’s side, while praying also for the comfort and consolation of all those who will feel keenly the loss of their dear pastor, counselor and friend.”

Following is an excerpt from the homily given by Rev. William J. O’Halloran, S.J., vice president emeritus of Holy Cross, at Fr. LaBran’s funeral Mass:

“As a member of the Chaplaincy, he began the retreat work, the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius, for which he is best remembered. It is no exaggeration to say that, for many years, at least a third of the graduating seniors had made the Exercises with him. Letters by the hundreds told the story of lives repaired and changed; of discovering Jesus, the sacraments, prayer and meaning. On return from retreat at Narragansett, we’d ask him how it went. The answer was always, “the best ever!” … Joe LaBran was surely God’s gift to each one of us. But a question now remains: What will we do with the gift? Will we put it on our bookshelf in its ribboned box, to admire, gather dust and be forgotten? Were we to do so, it would grieve him greatly. Or, do we dare to give it away—to feed the hungry; to work for justice; to proclaim the good news of God’s love for us; to replace ugliness with beauty; to fight war with peace, ignorance with schooling, poverty with a sharing of this world’s riches. The potential betterment wrapped up in that gift is without measure. From above, with Joe LaBran as our powerful advocate before the throne of God, with Jesus and Mary and all the Saints, there is no limit to what we will accomplish.”

Funeral services were held at the Campion Jesuit Community in Weston, and a memorial Mass was celebrated on April 15 at the College; Fr. LaBran was buried in the Jesuit cemetery at Holy Cross.

Prior to his retirement from the College in 1978, Mr. McBrien had taught approximately 30 years in the mathematics department, serving as the department chairman in the 1960s. From 1952-53, he studied algebraic geometry at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., through a Ford Foundation Fellowship; from 1960-61 and, again, from 1976-77, he had been a research associate in mathematics at the University of California at Berkeley. During his career, Mr. McBrien took a one-year sabbatical to serve as a visiting professor of mathematics at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland; in addition to lecturing first-year engineering students, he pursued a tutorial in algebraic geometry. From 1978-79, Mr. McBrien was a research associate at Harvard University.

A 1937 graduate of Providence (R.I.) College, with a degree in physics, Mr. McBrien worked as an assistant civil engineer for the city of Attleboro, Mass., during the summers of 1935 and 1936 and, also, for a year after graduation. Awarded a Knights of Columbus fellowship for graduate studies in mathematics at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 1938, he earned a master of science degree there in 1940 and his Ph.D. in 1942. Mr. McBrien then performed a year of scientific research for the Navy before accepting a position in the mathematics department at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y.; he enlisted in the Navy in 1944.

Mr. McBrien was the author of several papers on algebraic geometry and two textbooks on college calculus.

Active in civic affairs, he served as a Town Meeting Member for Precinct One in Auburn, Mass.

Born and raised in Attleboro, Mass., Mr. McBrien was a 1933 graduate of Attleboro High School. An amateur baseball player, he had been an infielder on town teams for many years.

Mr. McBrien is survived by two sons; two daughters; 17 grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1946
FRANCIS X. McGRATH
FEB. 9, 2005
In UMass Hospital, Worcester, at 79. Prior to his retirement in 1987, Mr. McGrath had worked many years as a regional account executive for the R.T. French Company in Worcester. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. A Eucharistic minister and member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Christ the King Church in Worcester, Mr. McGrath had been involved as well in the Diocese of Worcester’s Bishop’s Fund drive; he had also been active for many years in the pro-life movement.

Mr. McGrath is survived by three sons; two daughters; 12 grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1947
RICHARD A. KEFFLER, M.D.
NOV. 26, 2004
In Texas, at 78. Dr. Keffler is survived by his wife, Patricia; two sons; and five grandchildren.

1948
EDWARD J. KEATING
SEPT. 28, 2004
At his home in Michigan. Mr. Keating is survived by his wife, Mary; seven children; 10 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

1949
WILLIAM J. BAXTER JR.
JAN. 23, 2005
At his home in Worcester, at 80. A 35-year veteran of the Worcester Public Schools, Mr. Baxter had been a sixth grade teacher and the assistant principal at West Tatnuck Elementary School in Worcester. During World War II, he had served in Europe with the Army Air Corps. Mr. Baxter had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude; three sons; and several nephews and nieces.
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DONALD L. DESCHENES SR., D.M.D.
DEC. 28, 2004

At Cape Cod Hospital, Hyannis, Mass., at 76. Prior to his retirement in 1990, Dr. Deschenes had maintained a private dental practice in Holbrook, Mass., for many years. From 1982-83, he had been the president of the South Shore District Dental Society. Following retirement, Dr. Deschenes performed dental work on a volunteer basis at Friendship House in Naples, Fla., while a part-time resident of Bonita Springs. A veteran, Dr. Deschenes joined the Navy Medical Corps after graduation and served in New London, Conn., and Antigua. He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth; four sons; three daughters; two brothers; a sister; and eight grandchildren.

RICHARD S. FAHEY
JAN. 21, 2005

At the Belmont (Mass.) Manor Nursing Center, at 76. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Fahey had worked as a graphic artist and designer for the Executours Tour Company in Cambridge, Mass. A Navy veteran, he was a recipient of the Purple Heart during the Korean War. Mr. Fahey is survived by his wife, Ellen; four stepchildren; nine grandchildren; a brother; a sister; and several nephews and nieces. His brother was the late Laurence R. ’46.

EDWARD F. KENNEDY JR.
MARCH 27, 2005

In UMass-Memorial Hospital, Worcester, at 77. Prior to his retirement in 1993, Mr. Kennedy had been a clerk at the Westborough (Mass.) District Court for 10 years; previously, he had served 29 years as a supervisor for Travelers Insurance. At the start of his career, Mr. Kennedy worked as a Massachusetts state trooper. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Kennedy is survived by his wife, Patricia; two sons; a daughter; a sister; three granddaughters; and many nephews and nieces.

JAMES M. MCCANN
FEB. 4, 2005

At his home in Rye, N.H., at 78. A long-time radio broadcasting executive, Mr. McCann had been the principal owner of WEMJ Laconia, N.H., and WIDE /WSTG Biddeford, Maine, from 1982-92. Previously, he had worked 25 years in Manchester, N.H., as the general manager of WKBR and the vice president and shareholder of the Good Neighbor Stations Network which owned WKBR and WZID, Manchester; WTSN, Dover, N.H.; WEMJ, Laconia, N.H., and WBSM, New Bedford, Mass. Active in the N.H. Association of Broadcasters, Mr. McCann was a past recipient of the N.H. Broadcaster of the Year Award. He served as the police commissioner in Manchester, from 1973-76. Mr. McCann and his wife had owned and operated Crown Colony Cottages in Rye. A veteran, he had served in the Navy during World War II. Mr. McCann is survived by four sons, including James M. Jr. ’74; two daughters; 10 grandchildren; and a sister. His brother was the late Edward T. Jr. ’40.

WILLIAM D. MCDONALD
JULY 26, 2004

In Melbourne, Fla., at 77. During his career, Mr. McDonald had taught science and math in the New Haven, Conn., school system for more than 30 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Mr. McDonald is survived by his wife, Jean; two brothers; and several nephews and nieces.

DANIEL R. TAFFE JR., M.D.
FEB. 19, 2005

At his home in Haverhill, Mass., at 79. Prior to his retirement in 1990, Dr. Taffe had practiced medicine for many years in Haverhill, forming the medical group, Summer Ob-Gyn Associates. During his career, he had been associated with the former Hale Hospital in Haverhill, where he had been the chief of staff, from 1971-75, and a member of the board of trustees, from 1981-91. As president of the Hale Foundation, Dr. Taffe had helped to raise funds to furnish the newly constructed Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill and later served on its board of trustees; the mammography unit at the hospital was dedicated in his honor when the building opened. He had also served on the Haverhill Board of Health and received the Northern Essex Community College’s annual leadership award. Prior to his retirement from medicine in 1997, Dr. Taffe had worked four years at Andover Obstetrics and Gynecology. Stationed in the Pacific during World War II, he had been a pharmacist’s mate in the Navy. Dr. Taffe is survived by his wife, Agnes; three sons; three daughters, including Mary Beth Vitas ’80 and Callie M., M.D., ’81; two sisters; six grandchildren; and 18 nephews and nieces.

1951

PHILIP J. DOOLEY
JAN. 5, 2005

In California, at 76. Mr. Dooley was a retired colonel of the U.S. Marine Corps. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Dooley is survived by his wife, Patricia; six children; a sister; 10 grandchildren; and a cousin. His father was the late Philip E. ’14.

JOHN E. GEARIN JR.
FEB. 13, 2005

At the Mercy Hospital, Portland, Maine, at 78. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Gearin had been an area operations manager for the New England Telephone Company; for the majority of his 36-year career, he had been an engineering manager for outside plant in the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. A World War II veteran, Mr. Gearin had served in the U.S. Merchant Marines and the U.S. Army in the Pacific. He is survived by a sister; two nephews; a niece; and a longtime companion, Alice MacNeil. His father was the late John E. ’17.

EDWARD F. O’DONNELL
DEC. 31, 2004

At Berlin (VT) Health and Rehabilitation Center, at 74. Prior to his retirement in 1979, Mr. O’Donnell had worked many years as an actuary for the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company in Springfield. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he served in Japan as a navigator. Mr. O’Donnell is survived by a brother; a nephew; a niece; and a close friend, Jane H. O’Connor.

JOHN J. STAVOLA, M.D.
JAN. 14, 2005

At Hartford (Conn.) Hospital, at 75. Prior to his retirement in 1996, Dr. Stavola had
maintained a private obstetrics-gynecology practice in Hartford for 34 years. During his career, he had been associated with Hartford Hospital, serving as the assistant director of the department of obstetrics and gynecology, from 1975-90; in 1997, the hospital awarded him its Distinguished Service Award. A member of many professional organizations, he had been a biographer of numerous Who's Who publications since 1976, including Who's Who in America. Dr. Stavola had served in the Navy from 1960-62; based at the Groton Submarine Base, he practiced obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Stavola is survived by his wife, Judith; his father; two sons, including Joseph J., M.D., ’83; a daughter; three stepchildren; a sister; a sister-in-law; and five grandchildren.

1952
REV. JOHN T. FINNEGAN JR.
FEB. 9, 2005
At the Regina Cleri retirement home for priests in Boston, at 76. During his 45-year ministry, Fr. Finnegan had been a parish priest, college professor and canon lawyer. Ordained to the priesthood in 1960, he served at St. Mary’s Church in Foxborough, Mass., for a brief time before going to Rome to study canon law at the Lateran University. Receiving his Ph.D. in 1964, Fr. Finnegan then taught history and canon law for 15 years at the Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Mass; from 1974-75, he was president of the Canon Law Society of America. Fr. Finnegan subsequently taught at several universities, including Boston College; Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.; the University of Notre Dame in Indiana; and the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass. Beginning in 1979, he served five years as the pastor of St. Ann’s University Parish in Boston and as a chaplain at Northeastern University; Fr. Finnegan then worked three years at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Fla. Returning to the Archdiocese of Boston, he assisted at several parishes, including St. Peter’s Church in Cambridge; St. Patrick’s Church in Brockton; St. Susanna’s Parish in Dedham; St. John Chrysostom Church in West Roxbury; and the Infant Jesus-St. Lawrence Parish in Brookline; while in residence at St. Peter’s Church, he served on the faculty of Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge. In addition to his pastoral and teaching duties, Fr. Finnegan spoke and wrote many articles in professional journals about contemporary church issues. A Navy veteran of the Korean War, he had been a lieutenant and operations officer aboard the destroyer USS Gainard. Fr. Finnegan is survived by four brothers, including Paul W. ’63; two sisters-in-law; several nephews; nieces; grandnephews; grandnieces; and cousins.

1954
JOSEPH F. DZALUK
FEB. 13, 2005
In New York, at 71. A 35-year employee of IBM in New York, Mr. Dzaluk had held several positions during his career, including manager of financial evaluation of DP Equipment; manager of training and recruitment programs; manager of affirmative action programs; and program manager of compliance. Promoted to IBM corporate headquarters in 1980, he was responsible for negotiating the company’s national affirmative action program with the U.S. Department of Labor; prior to his retirement in 1988, Mr. Dzaluk served six years as an employee relations manager at IBM Group Staff headquarters. Following retirement from IBM, he worked seven years as the executive director of the Westchester Housing Forum, Inc., in White Plains, N.Y. Mr. Dzaluk had also been active in municipal government, serving as a trustee of Port Chester, N.Y., from 1967-70 and, as mayor, from 1970-72 and 1974-78. During his tenure, he implemented the village manager form of government in Port Chester; lobbied to have the city join the Urban Coalition in 1976; and founded the Port Chester Industrial Development Authority in 1972–serving many years as its chairman. In addition, Mr. Dzaluk had been involved in community service programs, including a soup kitchen in the Bronx, N.Y. During the Korean War, he had served in the Army. Mr. Dzaluk is survived by three children; seven grandchildren; and a sister.

1955
ROBERT P. MCVOY
FEB. 20, 2005
At the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., at 71. Prior to his retirement in 1985, Mr. McVoy had served 30 years in the Navy, attaining the rank of captain. During his career, he was the executive officer on the minesweeper Bulwark, the radio picket escort ship Lansing and the guided missile cruiser Standley; other assignments included commanding the guided missile frigate Furor and the guided cruiser Wainright. Later serving with the chief of naval operations, Mr. McVoy completed his final active-duty assignment as a department head for the strategic plans division. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Mr. McVoy received many honors, including the Defense Superior Service Medal; four awards of the Meritorious Service Medal; and two awards of the Navy Commendation
1956

JOHN D. CONKLIN SR.
JAN. 16, 2005

At the Gilmour Health Care Facility in Norwich, N.Y., at 71. During his career, Mr. Conklin had worked more than 37 years for Norwich (N.Y.-Eaton Pharmaceuticals, retiring in 1994 as a section supervisor. A veteran, he had served in the Army from 1957-59. Mr. Conklin is survived by a son; a daughter; a brother, James C. ’59; a sister; three grandchildren; two nephews; and a niece.

1959

ROBERT P. CARBRAY
DEC. 26, 2004

At his home in Ledyard, Conn., at 67. Prior to his retirement in 1993, Mr. Carbray had taught industrial arts at the Clark Lane Junior High School in Waterford, Conn., for 31 years. A founding member and honorary lifetime member of the Mohegan Striders, he had served 17 years as secretary of the running club. Mr. Carbray is survived by his wife, Sheila; his parents; three sons; two daughters; a sister; and six grandchildren.

1960

RICHARD G. WHITMAN
NOV. 27, 2004

At Vermont Respite House in Williston, at 68. During his career, Mr. Whitman had worked as a hardware salesman for IBM. Relocating to Stowe, Vt., in 1986, he had served as a bookkeeper for the Stowehof Inn. Mr. Whitman was a veteran of the Army. He is survived by his wife, Susan; a son; a daughter; two brothers; three sisters; and many nephews and nieces.

1961

THOMAS P. WHALEN
FEB. 13, 2005

At his home in Arlington, Vt., at 65. Mr. Whalen had been an attorney for many years in Manchester, Vt., specializing in estate and probate law; at the start of his career, he had served three years as assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Vermont. Arlington town moderator for more than 30 years, Mr. Whalen had been a member of the town’s Board of Selectmen and Planning Commission in the late 1960s and a longtime member of the board of directors of the Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library in Arlington; he had also been a member of the Arlington Recreational and Park Committee, serving as its president in 1977-78. Active in community affairs, Mr. Whalen had been a member of the executive committee and trustee of the Putnam Memorial Health Corp. and its vice chairman, from 1991-93; a member of the board of directors of the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and its chairman, from 1991-94; and a director of the Factory Point National Bank for 30 years where he had held the post of chairman, from 1996 until the
time of his death. A member of the state board of education and its vice chairman, from 1985-87, Mr. Whalen had also served on the boards of: Mount Laurel School; Pine Cobble School; Manchester Health Services; and Southern Vermont College. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Whalen is survived by four sons; a daughter-in-law; two brothers; a sister; twin grandsons; a nephew; and two nieces.

1963
BERNARD J. WELCH
DEC. 27, 2004
At HealthAlliance Leominster (Mass.) Hospital, at 63. A longtime educator, Mr. Welch had been the principal of Fitchburg (Mass.) High School for 18 years, prior to his retirement. Beginning his career in 1965 as a teacher at St. Bernard's Junior High School, Fitchburg, he joined the staff of Fitchburg High School in 1967 as an English teacher and later served as a guidance counselor; before assuming the post of principal in 1986, Mr. Welch had been the school business manager. During his tenure, he had served in various capacities, including: Student Council adviser; class adviser; yearbook adviser; Booster Club adviser; chairman of the Faculty Social Committee; junior-senior relay coach; and coach of the varsity swim and golf teams. In addition, Mr. Welch had been the principal of the Adult Education Evening Program, where he had taught English and U.S. Government. Other professional and community involvement included: serving as an adjunct professor at Fisher Junior College in Boston; an organizer of Special Olympics Day; a member of the Fitchburg High School Building Advisory Committee; a coach of the former Stephens Business College basketball team; and chairman of the Fitchburg-Leominster United Way Budget Committee. He had been a member of several professional organizations, including the Secondary School Administrators Association and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Mr. Welch is survived by his wife, Rosemary; a son; a daughter; a sister; several nephews and nieces; and grandnephews and grandnieces.

1965
BRIAN T. QUINLAN
FEB. 20, 2005
In New York. Mr. Quinlan is survived by his wife, Annamarie; his mother; and two sons.

1966
FRANCIS M. SIMMS SR.
FEB. 1, 2005
At his home in Mercerville, N.J., at 60. For the past 25 years, Mr. Simms had worked in the banking industry—for Citicorp Bank, Chase Manhattan Bank and Fleet/Bank of America, as a senior vice president; most recently, he had served as a senior vice president of Wachovia Bank and, as an investment counselor, for Wachovia Securities. Previously, Mr. Simms had sold sales and marketing positions for 13 years in the pharmaceutical industry. Following graduation, he joined the Air National Guard in Baltimore, Md. Mr. Simms had been active in the American Cancer Society, serving as chairman of the Prostate Cancer Awareness Task Force; founder of “Run for Dad,” an event held each Father’s Day since 2003 to raise awareness about prostate cancer; and vice chairman of the board of trustees. The American Cancer Society selected him as the recipient of its 2004 “Shining Star Award,” for outstanding volunteer services—to be bestowed posthumously last March at the society’s “Celebration of Life” event. Mr. Simms had also volunteered at the Center for Outreach and Services for the Autistic Community (COSAC), serving as treasurer of the board of trustees and chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee; from 2002-03, he had been a member of the board of trustees of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Mr. Simms is survived by his wife, Dorothy; two sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; and six grandchildren.

1970
THOMAS R. GALLAGHER
JAN. 22, 2005
At his home in Cross Lanes, W. Va., at 57. Mr. Gallagher had been a corporate attorney for the Peabody Coal Co. and the Eastern Associated Coal Corp. A scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 2, he was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award from the Buckskin Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Gallagher had served in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps, attaining the rank of major. He is survived by his wife, Suzette; his mother; three sons; four daughters, including Meghan K. ‘00; three brothers; and a sister.

JAMES M. MILLIGAN
JAN. 7, 2005
In New York, at 56. Longtime dean of the Admissions Office of Columbia Law School in New York City, Mr. Milligan had joined the staff in 1980 as assistant dean and the director of admissions. Previously, he had served three years as the associate director of admissions at Hampshire College, Amherst, Mass. Mr. Milligan began his career as the coordinator of residential life in the Office of Student Affairs at the University of Connecticut and then held the post of assistant director of financial aid at Teachers College; from 1976-77, he had been an administrative intern in the Admissions Office at Columbia Law School. A trustee of the Law School Admissions Council, Mr. Milligan was also chairman of Columbia’s Community Impact, which coordinates the volunteer social service efforts of students and staff. He is survived by his wife, Karen; a son; and a sister.

1972
LAWRENCE D. LORENZO
FEB. 25, 2005
In Boston, at 54. Employed by Legg Mason as a financial adviser, Mr. Lorenzo had previously worked for L.F. Rothschild & Co. and Morgan Stanley. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Lorenzo is survived by his mother; a brother; a sister; and nephews and nieces.

1970
FRANCIS R. PARADIS
MARCH 14, 2005
At the University of Massachusetts Hospital, Worcester, at 55. During his career, Mr. Paradis owned and operated the New England Chemical Company; previously, he had been a construction
Following graduation, he played varsity basketball at Holy Cross and served as a co-captain of the team. Mr. Hamilton also worked full time in the health and human services department of the city of Hartford, coaching and counseling children and teens at one of the city’s community youth centers. He is survived by his parents; a sister; two uncles; an aunt; and several nephews and nieces.

1979

ROBERT G. FLATER
JAN. 6, 2005

In Scottsdale, Ariz., at 47. During his career, Mr. Flater had been an entrepreneur, executive and business management consultant for several national and international enterprises; he had also been active in many Boston charities, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation. In 1996, Mr. Flater had taught a course at Columbia University in New York City, titled “Management of Financial Institutions.” A Holy Cross class co-chair from 1979-83, he had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross—founded in 1993-94, a member of the “Campaign for Holy Cross” Boston Regional Committee. Mr. Flater changed his name in 2000 to Robert G. Flaherty. He is survived by his parents; a sister; two uncles; an aunt; and several cousins.

1995

GORDON S. HAMILTON
JAN. 23, 2005

In an automobile accident on the New Jersey Turnpike, at 31. Mr. Hamilton was in his fourth season as the head boys’ varsity basketball coach at the Watkinson School in Hartford, Conn. He also worked full time in the health and human services department of the city of Hartford, coaching and counseling children and teens at one of the city’s community youth centers. Mr. Hamilton played varsity basketball at Holy Cross and served as a co-captain of the team. Following graduation, he played professional basketball in Belgium and South Africa. Mr. Hamilton then returned to Connecticut, where he became an assistant men’s basketball coach at Central Connecticut State University; he also served in this capacity at the State University of New York in Binghamton. A 1991 graduate of Kingswood-Oxford High School in West Hartford, Conn., he had been a member of the basketball, tennis and soccer teams. Mr. Hamilton is survived by his wife, Chastity; a son; an adopted son; his parents; his grandparents; his father-in-law and mother-in-law; a sister-in-law; his godparents; uncles; aunts; and cousins.

FRIENDS:

NEXT TIME

“Business 101”

During Spring Break ’05, while packs of college students were sunning themselves from Fort Lauderdale to Cancun, Ben Shephard ’05, Brad Grinna ’06, John Speer ’07 and Casey Gough ’07 were busy taking over Apple Computer, Inc. …

Read about the College’s innovative new “Executive in Residence” Program in the fall issue of Holy Cross Magazine.
Road Signs

Tuscany Revisited

BY REV. JOHN E. BROOKS, S.J. ’49

“To follow the history of Italy through the centuries is to penetrate the very heart of western civilization. The artists, thinkers and statesmen of this small but complex and vital country are part of our past and have helped to make the present world what it is today.”

To grasp more fully the richness of Tuscan culture and its influence upon our contemporary world, 21 alumni and friends—accompanied by four staff and faculty—recently journeyed to Italy and participated in the College’s new alumni educational program, titled Tuscany: Culture and Christianity.

The group gathered in Rome several days prior to the opening of the Conclave that was soon to elect Pope Benedict XVI. The Eternal City was vibrantly alive as thousands of visitors from around the world flooded its piazzas and narrow streets in anticipation of the scheduled funeral of Pope John Paul II and the election of a new Pope. Restaurants, hotels and buses were crowded and abuzz with the sound of many languages. Before departing for Tuscany, I was privileged to celebrate the Eucharist for my fellow travelers in the restored rooms of St. Ignatius Loyola. It was in these rooms that the founder of the Society of Jesus worked, wrote, studied, listened, prayed, dreamed his vision of service to God and to the Church, lived the final 12 years of his life and died on July 31, 1556.

The following day found our company of Holy Cross “students” traveling by comfortable bus to Tuscany—the one-time territory of the Etruscans—located between the Arno and Tiber rivers. Mountains, hills, valleys, inland basins, low coastal plains, rivers and streams all serve to create the variety and splendor of the Tuscan countryside adorned as it is with olive groves, vineyards, grain fields and woods. There is a rustic elegance and beauty about Tuscany that could not help but capture the imagination of artists, poets and travelers over the centuries.

Outside the towns of Arezzo and Cortona, we learned from classics Professor Tom Martin something of the Etruscans and their distinctive culture that evolved around the eighth century B.C., achieved its peak power and wealth during the sixth century B.C., and eventually submitted to Roman rule in the third century B.C. Fascinating were the structure of their above-ground temples, their vast burial grounds and their sepulchral art.

Moving to the 15th century A.D. in Arezzo, it was Piero della Francerca (1416-92) who painted the striking frescoes on the walls of the apse in the Church of San Francesco illustrating the Legend of the True Cross and judged today to be one of the truly outstanding examples of Renaissance art. Thanks to Professor Susanna Buricchi’s extensive knowledge of Piero della Francerca, we

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all came to gain new insights into the artist’s understanding of perspective, geometric rules and the use of soft and, on occasion, slightly muted colors.

Perched on a hill and offering excellent views of the Chiana valley and Lake Trasimeno, the town of Cortona, once an Etruscan town that fell to the Romans, has changed little since the Renaissance period. Our visit to town was an opportunity to stroll its narrow and steep streets, stop at the square abutting the town’s walls, do a bit of shopping, visit the museum of the Etruscan Academy or view the interior of the Cathedral and its many 16th-18th century A.D. paintings.

While it’s commendable to nourish the mind and senses with exposure to Etruscan culture and Renaissance art, I seriously doubt that anyone can visit Tuscany and fail to reflect on the region’s cuisine. Be they enjoyed in restaurants or private homes, Tuscan meals will challenge the diner’s appetite because of the abundance of food—multiple pasta servings followed by a variety of soups, vegetables, meats and cheeses—and all accompanied by Tuscan wines. After touring a winery in Montefollonico and tasting a number of local wines, the “students” exhibited a decided preference for Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, essentially a Chianti whose grape composition is comprised of Prugnolo Sentile, Canaiolo Nero and Mammolo grapes.

Our Tuscan adventure was certainly not all play. Invited to the country home of an Italian noblewoman and ably instructed in the art of making bruschetta and picci by two experienced Tuscan farm women, we were then individually provided with the appropriate ingredients (eggs, flour and olive oil) and told to make our own. Photos taken during this culinary exercise demonstrate beyond any doubt that my calling in life is far removed from running an Italian kitchen!

I first visited the walled city of Siena on July 2, 1962 while en route from Rome to London. Unknown to me until my arrival that summer day, July 2 is one of the two days each year when the “Corsa al palio,” a dangerous horse race in which the jockeys race bareback three times around the Piazza del Campo, is run, and festivities continue long into the night. I was happy to revisit this warm and welcoming city with its yellowish-brown buildings, its black and white marble-banded Cathedral and its famous motto inscribed above the Camollia Gate—“Coraggio tibi Seni Pandit” (Siena opens its heart even wider to you).

The final two days of our educational program immersed the “students” in the rich and plentiful history, art and architecture of Florence. So many sites to be seen—the Duomo, the Uffizi, the Bargelo, the Churches of Santa Maria Novella and Santa Croce, the Convent and Museums of St. Mark and the Piazza della Signoria. But having resided in Florence more than 40 summers ago, I chose on my final day in the city to omit the sites and take my favorite Florentine walk—leave the Piazza Vecchio, cross over the Ponte Vecchio where the goldsmiths’ shops are, walk up the Via Maggiore toward the Palazzo Pitti where, just opposite the Palazzo and the Church of San Felice, stands the Casa Guidi—the old ancestral home of the Guidi family, where one of the truly great love stories of all time was enacted. For it was in this house that the “incurable” invalid, Elizabeth Barrett, told Robert Browning how much she loved him and how she wanted to be loved by him, and so filled his heart with song that he became one of England’s great poets while she, transformed by his love, wrote a collection of sonnets that earned her an important place among the world’s great poets of love.

Perhaps it was Aly Reichheld, the 11 year-old daughter of Dr. Steve Reichheld ’83 and his wife, Deb, who best captured the genuine warmth and affection of the trip’s participants when, at the conclusion of our final meal in a Florentine restaurant decorated with dozens of Parma hams hanging from the ceiling, she rose, thanked everyone for the attention and kindness shown her throughout the trip and concluded with the words, “And you are all invited to my wedding.” Thank you, Aly, your words certainly reflect the spirit of what proved to be a wonderfully educational travel program. We hope that there will be more!

REV. JOHN E. BROOKS, S.J., ’49, is president emeritus of Holy Cross.
Q & A

What was the most valuable lesson you learned at Holy Cross?

I learned that I had the ability to modulate success. I was not applying myself in school, and I was not doing as well as I used to. I previously had been a diligent student and worked hard. By the end of my sophomore year I realized I had to apply myself if I wanted to go to graduate school. I realized I could be successful, but it was something I had to apply myself to.

Did you participate in any sports, clubs or activities at Holy Cross?

I ran for office in my first year. I had the good luck of being elected treasurer of the student body. That got me involved in a lot of activities. I later ran for class president but lost in a bitterly narrow election. I also joined the Purple Key.

With Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather retiring and the career of Peter Jennings uncertain, what do you see as the future of network news?

The Nightly News has a bright future, but we are going to have to work hard to gauge if it is responding to the audience that is available. They are doing a very good job of that now. I'm very optimistic. But if you lose track of what the audience wants or needs you will be in trouble. NBC Nightly News anchor Brian Williams is a great successor to Tom Brokaw and will be around a long time.

What is your favorite television show?

Seinfeld and Miami Vice are my favorites.

As chairman and chief executive officer of NBC Universal, Robert C. Wright ’65 is one of the most visible and accomplished entertainment and media executives in the world.

As head of NBC Universal, Wright is at the helm of a global entertainment, information and news empire that includes television, movies and theme parks.

As a General Electric executive, Wright’s Sept. 1, 1986 appointment as president and chief executive officer of “the peacock network” was not without controversy. Critics were skeptical of the influence a buttoned-down GE “lifer” would have over the network. But Wright proved the doubters wrong—and has been a bold, forward-thinking media and entertainment industry executive. Financially, NBC earnings have increased nearly 300 percent, while revenue has more than doubled during his tenure.

Today, NBC is the most profitable television network in the country.

But, perhaps, Wright’s most important accomplishment is the co-founding, with his wife, Suzanne, of Autism Speaks, an organization dedicated to raising awareness and funding to find answers to the causes of autism. The Wrights founded the organization after a grandson was born with autism.

“Autism Speaks is an enormous undertaking,” Wright says. “It’s a real challenge, and my wife and I are in this very deeply. I feel obligated. I feel I don’t have a choice but to be involved. It’s a cause I can’t walk away from.”

Wright said he was “directed” by his guidance counselors at Chaminade High School to attend Holy Cross. He was destined for a Catholic college education and chose Holy Cross over Georgetown.

Unbeknownst to the young college-bound Wright, his father signed him up for a premed program that was the most difficult Holy Cross had to offer. As part of his coursework, Wright was required to take Greek, Latin and all premed courses.

“It was clearly the school’s premier degree,” Wright says. “It was the best education you could get at Holy Cross. But I had no interest in being a doctor.”

Instead Wright untangled himself from that program and eventually majored in psychology with a minor in history.

For the past 15 years, Wright has been a Holy Cross Trustee—and is enthusiastic about the College, the faculty and the student body. He thinks the admittance of women to the school has had an enormously positive impact.

“Holy Cross has a much more balanced sensibility now,” Wright says. “It was the best education you could get at Holy Cross. But I had no interest in being a doctor.”

STATS

- Born: April 23, 1943, in Hempstead, N.Y.
- Family: Wife, Suzanne (Werner) Wright (married in 1967); children: Kate, Christopher and Maggie
- Additional Education: University of Virginia Law School, graduated 1968
- Residence Halls: Wheeler Hall, Beaver Hall, Hanselman Hall; was a prefect his last year, in Lehy Hall.
- Greatest Inspiration in Life: Earlier in life, attorney Edward Bennett Williams: “I had a picture of him hanging in my room. At that time he was the most talked about lawyer in the country and that is something I wanted to do. I finally met him when I was a Holy Cross Trustee.”
Play Ball!

Here’s Mystery Photo # 3 in our series. If you are the first person to identify correctly the individuals in this photograph, HCM will send you a complimentary T-shirt from the College Bookstore. Please send photo information to: hcmag@holycross.edu or mail to:

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Congratulations to David Saint ’75, artistic director of the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, N.J., who was the first person to identify last issue’s mystery photo. Saint recognized Carl Fischer ’73, Mary Lazarides and Michael Chase ’73—all of whom were starring in a Fenwick Theatre production of Heartbreak House, written by George Bernard Shaw and directed by Professor Don Ilko. A College T-shirt is on its way to Saint.

Thanks to all who participated in our contest.