The Myths and Legends of Holy Cross

Folklorists agree that college campuses are ideal breeding grounds for urban legends and a quick inventory of Holy Cross myths confirms that assessment. The exorcism in the spire. The Jeanne Dixon prophecy. The horse on the roof of Kimball Hall. In this issue, HCM digs into these and other curious stories that perennially bloom on Mount St. James.
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Influential Teachers

The magazine is simply first-rate. The recent article on teachers who influenced lives was especially poignant. I knew Bill Grattan and considered him a wonderful teacher. His sonorous voice and calm manner were most appreciated, and memories of them continue to recur. As a member of the class of 1955, I well remember Frs. Haran and Facey, William H. McCann, Frs. McNally and King, as well as other fine teachers. It might be interesting to fish around among alumni and resurrect the “living memories” of professors either no longer teaching or deceased.

Gordon A. Cronin ’55
Northampton, Mass.

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I especially enjoyed the essay on Professor William Grattan in the summer issue. It struck an emotional chord deep within me. Whatever might be said in praise of him as a teacher, even more could be said in a positive vein of his personal qualities as a human being. I always thought of him as a model of faith.

While I may not always have met his high expectations as a scholar, I can honestly say that I always aspired to them. And to the extent that I may have done anything consistent with his personal qualities, that would be the highest honor I could attain in my life. But isn’t that what great teachers are supposed to inspire in their students? Among those personal qualities, first and foremost, is the cardinal, Christian tenet of redemption.

Richard T. Sponzo ’68
Cromwell, Conn.

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A Plea from Dartmouth

I’m writing this on the off chance that one of you knows what happened to my award-winning pledge paddle from Sigma Nu, Dartmouth College. Back in 1957, as a pledge at this fraternity, I carved a pledge paddle with a snake coiled around the handle and a white star on one side. It won the award for our pledge class and was on exhibit in our downstairs bar room. During this period the Holy Cross basketball team visited our house after a game at the invite of one of our brothers. When they left, the paddle was nowhere to be found. If one of these hoopsters took this paddle, I now offer an opportunity to clear your conscience after almost 50 years.

George W. Potts (Dartmouth ’60)
Natick, Mass.

(The editor has volunteered to serve as a “go-between” for Mr. Potts. Any alumni with information regarding the allegedly pilfered paddle may contact HCM without fear of reprisal.)

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From Fitton Field to the Big Show

The Holy Cross Magazine continues to set high marks for excellence. I especially enjoyed the articles in the summer issue on the College’s baseball history and players who went on to the major leagues.

However, I was disappointed to note the omission of one name from the story—that of Holy Cross Hall of Famer and three-sport varsity athlete, Harold “Chick” Gagnon ’22. Chick

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I first heard of the “exorcism legend” late one night in a Carlin 3 dorm room, sometime in the autumn of 1977. Twenty-eight years later, the details of that night are a little hazy—but I’ve never forgotten the legend itself. I don’t recall in whose room my new friends and I had gathered. And I can’t remember what it was that determined the eerie bent of our conversation. But as the night progressed toward dawn, and the stories ricocheting around the tiny room grew more extravagant, that circle of first-year Carlinites was visited by our ever-patient and good-humored resident assistant, Dan Day ’78.

A senior and a writer for The Crusader, Day was a font of authoritative knowledge about the College. I imagine that on this particular evening, he poked his head into our gathering to request that we lower the volume of our bull session. But, budding newsman that he was, Dan was quickly drawn into our discussion. And within minutes, he was initiating us, passing on some of the choice myths and legends of Holy Cross.

According to most folklorists—including Professor Jan Harold Brunvand, who coined and popularized the term “urban legend”—that’s usually the way these kinds of stories are transmitted: orally and with just a hint of both menace and humor.

That night in Carlin, Dan Day saved the best story for last and told it beautifully, relaying, with just the right mix of earnestness and suspicion, the tale of a mysterious and frightening ritual that took place in one of the Fenwick spires—which loomed perfectly above the quad outside the dorm room window.

With regard to Holy Cross legends, the cream of the crop must be the exorcism story. Last year, when we asked out readers to send us their favorite College myth, we were not surprised to find that the exorcism legend was, by far, the most popular submission. Interestingly, it arrived in a number of iterations, its specific details and settings dependent, it seems, on when the tale was first heard.

Today, after a decade with the Associated Press, Dan Day is the managing editor of The Modesto (Calif.) Bee. In the early stages of research for this issue, I contacted him to see if he could shed any additional light on the exorcism story. While he recalls the College’s most enduring myth, it turns out that Dan has no recollection of the night he initiated a pack of over-tired freshmen into the world of Crusader mythology.

Somehow, that seems appropriate. Legends like this one thrive on the outer edges of memory, and nothing can kill a campus myth faster than cold documentation. This issue of HCM, in fact, may put to rest a few of the taller tales that have been circulating around Mount St. James for decades. But, as regards the most popular of all College legends, I doubt it. Because, for the last two years, the Halloween issues of The Crusader have featured articles by current students attempting to piece together the details behind a peculiar story about frightening rituals in the Fenwick spires that they had recently heard. Late at night, I’m sure. In a cramped dorm room. From an upper-class hallmate with a knack for telling a good tale.
AINLAY ACCEPTS PRESIDENCY OF UNION COLLEGE

Stephen Ainlay, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, has been named the 18th president of Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. Founded in 1795, Union is an independent, liberal arts college.

Ainlay, a sociologist with a distinguished record as a teacher, scholar and administrator, has been a professor at Holy Cross since 1982 and a dean since 1996. Union College selected him after an extensive national search.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for Stephen,” says Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of Holy Cross, “and one that is well deserved. We are very happy for Stephen and wish him all the best as he looks to take on this new challenge. His leaving will be a significant loss for us. In his 10 years as dean and eight as academic vice president, he has done tremendous work enhancing the faculty, starting a number of important new programs, leading our academic planning and curriculum review, and raising the national profile of Holy Cross in the higher education community. He has also been a great friend and colleague to many of us, one who always puts the interests of the College and its students first. He will certainly be missed. Nevertheless, change is an inevitable part of the life of an institution, as it is for individuals and communities, so we will accept this one with gratitude for all that Stephen has done for us and our sincerest best wishes for his happiness and success in his new position.”

Ainlay will depart on Feb. 15, at which time James Kee, associate professor and chair of the English department, will assume the post of interim academic vice president and dean of the College; Kee had previously served as the first associate dean of the College.

Holy Cross will undertake a national search for a permanent successor to Ainlay. Fr. McFarland has appointed a committee with representatives from the faculty, administration and student body to advise him on the search.
The annual fall faculty convocation and awards ceremony was held on Sept. 20 in Brooks Concert Hall. The event honored biology professor George Hoffmann, the recipient of the 2005 Holy Cross Distinguished Teaching Award.

The Holy Cross Distinguished Teaching Award recognizes and honors the teaching excellence of the College's faculty. A committee of students, faculty, alumni and administrators selects the honoree after careful review of nominations from individuals and groups on campus. Recipients demonstrate the College's commitment to teaching and personalized instruction by making ideas come alive for students both in and out of the classroom. The Distinguished Teacher is invited to give the principal address during the Faculty Convocation and is awarded a $1,000 honorarium.

"Members of the Selection Committee were extraordinarily impressed by the testimonials received from George’s colleagues and from current and former students," says Stephen C. Ainlay, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. "Members were struck by the consensus among those who nominated him about the traits that made him a distinguished teacher.”

A colleague described the enthusiasm Hoffmann brings to the classroom: “George spends an enormous amount of time incorporating current material into his lecture notes and lab manuals in order to keep both as up-to-date as possible.”

A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1981, Hoffmann earned his Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee; he had appointments as a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellow, senior staff officer at the National Academy of Sciences and visiting scientist at Oak Ridge Associated Universities. Hoffmann has distinguished himself by his many research papers, essays, editorials, book reviews and abstracts. He has also served as president of the Environmental Mutagen Society and the Mutagenesis Association of New England.

The Raymond J. Swords, S.J., Faculty Medal honors those members of the faculty who have served the College for 25 years or more. This year’s recipients were: Susan L. Berman, associate professor emerita of biology; David M. Hummon, professor of sociology; Mary Lee Ledbetter, professor of biology; John B. Little III, professor of mathematics; Rev. Philip C. Rule, S.J., professor emeritus of English; and Jorge H. Valdés, associate professor of Spanish.
This year, eight new trustees have joined the Holy Cross Board:

**Robert Atchinson P05** is the co-founder and managing director of Adage Capital Management. From 1991-2001, he served as senior vice president and head of the Select Equity Group at the Harvard Management Company, managing the $5.4 billion domestic equity portfolio for the Harvard Endowment. A chartered financial analyst, Atchinson earned his bachelor of arts degree from Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., and his M.B.A. from Stanford (Calif.) University.

**Joan Hogan Gillman ’85** is vice president for interactive TV and advanced advertising at Time Warner Cable; previously, she served as president of OpenTV and as director of British Digital Broadcasting Ltd. For 10 years, Gillman had been state director for the office of Sen. Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut. She earned her master of arts degree in legislative affairs from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

**Mark G. Holowesko ’82** is chief executive officer and chief financial officer of Templeton Capital Advisors Ltd.; president of Templeton Global Holdings Ltd.; and director and executive vice president of Templeton Worldwide Inc. He earned his M.B.A. from Babson College, Wellesley, Mass. Holowesko is a chartered financial analyst (CFA) chartholder.

**André K. Isaacs ’05** earned his bachelor of arts degree in chemistry last May. A member of the dean’s list, he received the CRC Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award in 2002 and the ACS Undergraduate Award for Achievement in Analytical Chemistry in 2004. Isaacs is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program in chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Edward J. Ludwig ’73** is chairman of the board and the president and chief executive officer of BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company), a global medical technology company headquartered in Franklin Lakes, N.J. His previous roles have included: president, Becton Dickinson Diagnostic Instrument Systems Division; vice president, planning and development; senior vice president; and chief financial officer. In the policy arena, Ludwig is chairman-elect of the
Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed), the world’s largest medical technology association, and chairman of its Technology and Regulatory Committee. A certified public accountant, he received his M.B.A. in finance from Columbia University in New York City.

John E. Luth ’74 is the founding partner and chief executive of the Seabury Group; he has senior account responsibility for corporate restructurings, equity placements, corporate finance and M&A advisory engagements. A NASD-registered principal, Luth earned his M.B.A. at the Wharton Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Joseph M. McShane, S.J., is the 32nd president of Fordham University, New York City, where he has served as dean of Fordham College, professor of theology and a member of the board of trustees. Fr. McShane, who entered the Society of Jesus in 1967, was ordained to the priesthood in 1977. Named president of the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania in 1998, he served in that position until 2003, when he returned to Fordham. Fr. McShane is a graduate of Boston College, where he received his bachelor’s degree in English and philosophy and his master’s degree in English; he holds a Ph.D. in the history of Christianity from the University of Chicago. Fr. McShane received his master of divinity and master of theological studies degrees from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkley in California.

David A. Spina ’64 retired in June 2004, after a 35-year career with State Street Bank in Boston. Over the years, Spina served as the bank’s chief financial officer, treasurer, director, president, chief operating officer, chief executive officer and chairman of the board. In addition, he has been president of the Federal Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and a director of the Massachusetts Bankers Association. Spina earned his M.B.A. at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration in Boston.
The Office of the Dean at the College of the Holy Cross announces the hiring of seven new faculty members in tenure-track positions this academic year. They are:

Melissa Ann Boyle (assistant professor, economics), earned her Ph.D. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, and her bachelor of arts degree at Holy Cross. Her teaching interests include: the economics of health care and aging; public finance; health economics; labor economics; and applied econometrics. Boyle, who is the recipient of several honors, scholarships and fellowships, has written or co-written several papers on economics. She has also taught at MIT.

Sylvia M. Schmitz-Burgard (assistant professor, modern languages and literatures), earned her Ph.D. and master of arts degree at the University of Virginia; she also attended Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn and Albertus-Magnus-Universität Köln. Her research and teaching interests include: 18th-, 19th- and 20th-century German literature; Austrian and German cultural history; women writers and feminist theory; 18th-century European novels; literary theory; as well as law and literature. Schmitz-Burgard has taught at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; Princeton (N.J.) University; MIT; and the University of Virginia. In 2000, she published a book on novels by Richardson, Rousseau, and Goethe titled Das Schreiben des anderen Geschlechts.

Leon Claessens (assistant professor, biology), received his Ph.D. and master of arts degree from Harvard University and his B.Sc. and M.Sc. from Utrecht University in the Netherlands. His teaching interests include: vertebrate surgery; human functional anatomy; veterinary anatomy; and the biology and evolution of dinosaurs. Earlier this year, Claessens received international media attention after he co-published a study in Nature suggesting that the breathing systems of Tyrannosaurus res are similar to those of living birds.

Diana V. Cruz (assistant professor, English), received her Ph.D. and master of arts degree from Boston College and her bachelor of arts degree from Providence (R.I.) College. Teaching and writing in the fields of American and African-American literature, she has focused on the poetry of Rita Dove. In addition to Dove, Cruz has delivered lectures at various colleges on writers Toni Morrison, Gloria Naylor and Grace Nichols. The recipient of several academic fellowships, she has taught at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I., and at Boston College.

Cynthia V. Hooper (assistant professor, history), earned her Ph.D. and master of arts degree at Princeton University and her bachelor of arts degree at Harvard College. Her teaching
interests include: Russian and Soviet history; the politics of memory; and the practice of dictatorship. The recipient of several fellowships, she has taught at New York University and Princeton University. Her dissertation on Stalin-era repression recently won an international award for the best work by a junior scholar in 20th-century history.

**Paola Marconi** (assistant professor, modern languages and literatures), received her Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., her Diplôme d’Etudes Avancées (D.E.A.) from the Université de Genève, her master of arts degree from the University of Virginia and her bachelor of arts degree from the Università degli Studi di Bologna. She has many years of experience teaching undergraduate literature and language courses in Italian and English—also, in conjunction with cinema. Marconi, who has expertise in Medieval and Early Renaissance Italian literature, has published articles on Dante, Boccaccio, Della Casa and Manzoni.

**Paul K. Oxley** (assistant professor, physics), earned his Ph.D. at Harvard University and his bachelor of arts degree at Oxford University. His teaching interests include: quantum mechanics; atomic physics; plasma physics; particle and nuclear physics; laser physics; and experimental methods in physics. The co-author of 16 papers and publications, Oxley has taught at the University of Minnesota, Harvard University and Oxford University.

**Ann M. Sheehy** (assistant professor, biology), received her Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and her bachelor of arts degree from Kalamazoo (Mich.) College; she earned her postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania and King’s College, London. Sheehy has conducted extensive research on HIV and has published articles on the subject—as well as others in the field of biology. Her significant contribution to science to date has been the discovery of an anti-HIV gene.

**Susan Crawford Sullivan** (assistant professor, sociology and anthropology), earned her Ph.D. at Harvard University, her M.P.A. at Princeton University and her bachelor of arts degree at Duke University, Durham, N.C. Her research and teaching interests include: religion; poverty and social policy; gender; non-profit organizations; service-based learning; research methods; and applications of sociological research. Sullivan has taught at Harvard University and Princeton University.
Steven Vineberg has received the inaugural Monsignor Edward G. Murray Professorship in the Arts and Humanities at the College of the Holy Cross.

The Monsignor Murray Professorship recognizes the outstanding achievements and contributions of a current member of the Holy Cross faculty. Holders of the Monsignor Murray Professorship will be appointed for a term of three years (with the possibility of a one-year extension should circumstances warrant it). The Professorship is awarded to a member of the Holy Cross faculty who teaches in the arts or humanities.


Vineberg has directed a number of productions at the College, including Chekhov’s *The Three Sisters* and *The Sea Gull*, Tennessee Williams’ *The Eccentricities of a Nightingale* and *The Night of the Iguana*; John Guare’s *Marco Polo Sings a Solo*, *The House of Blue Leaves* and *Lydie Breeze*; Christopher Durang’s *The Marriage of Bette and Boo*; and Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill’s *The Threepenny Opera*.

“From the time of his arrival, Steven has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to undergraduate teaching and a remarkable dedication as a citizen of the College,” says Stephen C. Ainlay, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. “While known for their rigor, his courses continue to draw large numbers of students. He has served on the College’s most demanding committees, including three terms on the Committee on Tenure and Promotion. He has also contributed generously to the surrounding community, including regular participation in the Humanities Scholars Collaborative sponsored by the Worcester Public Schools.”

The Professorship was established in memory of Rev. Monsignor Edward G. Murray ’25, Hon. ’50.
From Sept. 30-Oct. 2, more than 120 representatives from 77 faith-based colleges and universities convened at Holy Cross for the 15th annual national conference of the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts. In addition to three days of plenary lectures and scholarly discussions, participants reflected on the theme of “Keeping the Faith: Four Religious Perspectives on the Creation of Tradition,” during a powerful concert organized by the music department, titled “Voices of the Spirit.”

The lecture program featured distinguished scholars and theologians, including Alan Avery-Peck, Kraft-Hiatt Professor in Judaic Studies and chair of the religious studies department at Holy Cross; John Thiel, professor of religious studies at Fairfield University; Margaret L. Benderoth, executive director of the American Congregational Association; and William J. Abraham, Albert Cook Butler professor of Wesley Studies and university distinguished professor at Southern Methodist University. A workshop for senior administrators—Marketing for Mission—preceded the conference.

On Oct. 1, participants and other invited guests gathered in Brooks Concert Hall for a program featuring performances by acclaimed soprano Dawn Upshaw and the Holy Cross College Choir, conducted by Venezuelan conductor Maria Guinand. Upshaw, Guinand, and Osvaldo Golijov, world-renowned composer and associate professor of music at Holy Cross, have worked together on many previous productions. Guinand had spent the week prior to the performance working with the College Choir, under the auspices of the College’s conductor Pamela Getnick. The students performed a range of international songs of worship and praise spanning four centuries, including selections from Golijov’s St. Mark’s Passion.

Also during the Lilly conference, Robert K. Cording, the James N. and Sarah L. O’Reilly Barrett Professor in Creative Writing in the Holy Cross English department, received the Arlin G. Meyer Prize, for work “that highly exemplifies the practice of the Christian artistic vocation.” Cording is most recently the author of a book of poetry titled Against Consolation.

The Lilly Fellows Program seeks to renew and enhance the connections between Christianity and the academic vocation at church-related colleges and universities. Stephen C. Ainlay, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, and James Kee, associate professor and chair of the College English department, serve as Lilly Fellows Program representatives at Holy Cross. Thomas M. Landy, associate director of the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture at Holy Cross coordinated the conference.
Robert Principe, director of multicultural training and special projects, has left the College to become the director of diversity and multicultural affairs at the Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill, Mass. Principe came to Holy Cross in 1981 as the director of the Crusader Good Time Marching Band, Color Guard and Pep Band; he arrived from Waterbury, Conn., where he had been music director at Holy Cross High School. During Principe’s tenure as director, membership in the band grew to 60 performers.

“Bob lives his work,” says Mabel Milner, assistant dean of the College and director of multicultural education. “Everyone who came in contact with him could see his passion, commitment and genuineness.”

William Kristol, editor of The Weekly Standard, delivered the 40th annual Hanify-Howland Memorial Lecture on Nov. 16 in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom. The lecture, which focused on American foreign policy in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, was followed by a question and answer session. In addition to his lecture, which was open to the campus community and the general public free of charge, Kristol met the following day with approximately 50 students who were members of the Hanify-Howland committee or who had applied to attend the special seminars.

One of the nation’s leading political analysts and commentators, Kristol regularly appears on Fox News Sunday. The co-author of The New York Times bestseller The War Over Iraq, he has most recently edited the well-received anthology The Weekly Standard, A Reader: 1995-2005. Before starting The Weekly Standard in 1995, Kristol led the “Project for the Republican Future,” where he helped shape the strategy that produced the 1994 Republican Congressional victory. Prior to that, he served as chief of staff to Vice President Dan Quayle during the Bush administration, and to Secretary of Education William Bennett under President Reagan. Before coming to Washington in 1985, Kristol taught politics at the University of Pennsylvania and at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

The annual Hanify-Howland Lecture honors the late Edward F. Hanify, a 1904 graduate of Holy Cross and a Massachusetts Superior Court justice for 15 years, who died in 1954. The series was started by Hanify’s friend, the late Weston Howland of Milton, Mass., board chairman of Warwick Mills, Inc., who died in 1976.

Kristol follows a long list of speakers in the prestigious series, including his own mother, scholar and writer Gertrude Himmelfarb, who lectured in 1998. Other Hanify-Howland speakers have included Linda Chavez, president of the Center for Equal Opportunity; Leon R. Kass, former chairman of the President’s Council on Bioethics; Christopher J. Matthews ‘67, MSNBC “Hardball” anchor; and the Honorable Clarence Thomas ‘71.
REV. DANIEL BERRIGAN, S.J.,
speaks on poetry, peace

Visit by peace activist and poet is part of College’s “JESUIT HERITAGE WEEK”


Ordained to the priesthood in 1952, Fr. Berrigan was influenced early in his ministry by Dorothy Day and the pacifist Catholic Worker Movement. A sponsor of the National Catholic Peace Fellowship and co-founder of Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, he gained national attention in 1968 by setting fire to draft records in Catonsville, Md. Convicted and sentenced to prison, Fr. Berrigan dramatized the trial in his award-winning play, The Trial of the Catonsville Nine, which was later made into a feature film. Continuing peace activism as a member of the Plowshares movement, he has been arrested frequently for his protest actions.

Fr. Berrigan is the author of several books, including the volume of poetry, Time Without a Number (1957); Night Flight to Hanoi (1968); The Trial of the Catonsville Nine (1970); Prison Poems (1973); We Die Before We Live (1980); and a memoir, To Dwell in Peace (1987).

Jesuit Heritage Week is an annual event that celebrates the vibrant spiritual and intellectual Jesuit heritage of Holy Cross and commemorates its rich history.

SANCHEZ appointed REGISTRAR

Mary J. Sanchez has been appointed the new registrar of the College.

For the past seven years, Sanchez has served as associate registrar and associate university registrar at Santa Clara (Calif.) University; previously she held the position of assistant to the dean at Mission College in Santa Clara and associate registrar at California State University in San Bernardino.

In addition to gaining a wealth of experience in student records, Sanchez played an integral role at Santa Clara in its transition to the PeopleSoft computer system. She also has experience in developing and implementing policies and procedures—as well as in serving on university-wide strategic planning committees.

Sanchez received her bachelor of arts degree from California State University, San Bernardino, and her master of arts degree in educational administration from Santa Clara University.
NEWS BRIEFS

Noted alumni speak with students

McCurley ’82 speaks on “War and Plague in Africa”

Ellen McCurley ’82 returned to campus on Nov. 8 to deliver a presentation on “War and Plague in Africa: The Social and Human Costs of Political Violence.” The founder of the Pendulum Project—a non-profit organization that helps children who are orphaned and vulnerable due to HIV/AIDS, poverty and war—McCurley is also the executive producer for Pendulum Films, a documentary film company that produced Malawi—A Call to Action, about the AIDS epidemic in Malawi and sub-Saharan Africa.

Upon graduation from Holy Cross, McCurley pursued a successful career in advertising and marketing. In 2001, however, following a trip to Malawi, she embarked on a different professional and personal path. After watching the suffering of people there, McCurley shifted her priorities and she started the Pendulum Project; she also returned to school to pursue degrees in social work and public health. McCurley has traveled extensively in Africa and has witnessed some of the most dramatic consequences of armed conflict in the region.

A board member, adviser and fund-raising volunteer for several national humanitarian, non-profit organizations devoted to women and children and the AIDS effort, she was the subject of a recent feature story in The Boston Globe that detailed her dedication to helping children affected by AIDS in Africa.

McCurley’s presentation was sponsored by the College’s Peace and Conflict Studies concentration.

Simmons ’92 talks Red Sox and writing

On Sept. 29, popular sports columnist Bill Simmons ’92 returned to campus to discuss his book, Now I Can Die in Peace: How ESPN’s Sports Guy Found Salvation, with a Little Help from Nomar, Pedro, Shawshank, and the 2004 Red Sox (ESPN Books). In the book, Simmons chronicles his fervent passion for the Red Sox and replays the years leading up to the team’s historic championship season. After the talk, Simmons fielded questions from students and faculty.

Simmons writes the “Sports Guy” column for ESPN.com’s Page 2 and ESPN The Magazine. A former sports reporter for the Boston Herald, he founded the award-winning bostonsportsguy.com Web site in 1997; Simmons was also a writer for the television show, Jimmy Kimmel Live.
Sher ’81 returns to campus from Broadway

“TONY”-NOMINATED DIRECTOR meets with theatre students

Bartlett Sher ’81, director of the award-winning musical, The Light on the Piazza, returned to alma mater on Oct. 27 to meet with students and attend an open discussion session with Steve Vineberg of the College’s theatre department.

Winner of six Tony Awards, five Drama Desk Awards and two Outer Critics Circle Awards, The Light on the Piazza opened on Broadway in April under the auspices of the Lincoln Center Theater. The musical is currently running in the Vivian Beaumont Theater in New York.

Sher has served as artistic director of the Intiman Theatre in Seattle 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.

Baldwin ’85 brings Ray to Kimball Cinema

OSCAR-WINNING FILM screened for campus community

Karen Baldwin ’85 and her husband, Howard, returned to Mount St. James on Oct. 14 for a day of discussions that culminated in the screening of their Oscar-winning film, Ray. Meeting with students in the College’s prebusiness program as well as students and faculty from the theatre department, the Baldwins shared their experiences in both the world of professional sports and the film industry. They have produced eight feature films in the last three years. In 2004, the Baldwins formed their own independent development and production company, the Baldwin Entertainment Group. They are currently working to adapt Ray into a Broadway musical.
Second **ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM** Announced

The College’s Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture has announced its second annual Alumni Colloquium, which will be held May 12-14 in the Hogan Campus Center. This year’s theme is “Change in a Church that Cannot Change.” Discussants will include: John Noonan of the United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit; M. Catherine Kaveny, University of Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Ind.; Margaret Farley, S.M., Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.; and Rev. James Heft, S.M., chancellor, University of Dayton in Ohio. The maximum number of registrants for the colloquium is 100. For further information contact the Center’s administrative assistant, Patricia Hinchliffe, by phone at (508) 793-3869 or by e-mail at phinchli@holycross.edu.

To read the papers from the first colloquium, visit the Center Web site at: [http://www.holycross.edu/departments/crec/colloquium/](http://www.holycross.edu/departments/crec/colloquium/)

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**NEARLY $20,000 RAISED FOR HURRICANE RELIEF**

Money raised by the College’s “Stand By You” relief effort—a coordinated show of financial, physical and spiritual support for the victims of the hurricanes that ravaged the Gulf Coast—totaled $19,780, according to the Chaplains’ Office, which is organizing the effort. Reporting the results, director of the Office of College Chaplains, Katherine McElaney, said that members of the Holy Cross community “answered the call with creativity and generosity.”

Students, faculty, staff and alumni participated in the effort in a variety of ways, from passing collection buckets at football games to planning fund-raisers; from buying “Stand Bayou” T-shirts to participating in prayer vigils. The volunteer and fund-raising effort will continue into 2006 as well with the Chaplains’ Office expanding its existing Appalachia Service Program and sending approximately 50 students to participate in service opportunities in the Gulf region over spring break.

When Hurricane Katrina devastated the New Orleans area, administrators and faculty moved swiftly to enroll 11 displaced Loyola University students at Holy Cross for the fall semester. Several of the Loyola University New Orleans students gathered recently on the steps of Dinand Library. *Pictured, left to right:* Victoria Godel ’07, economics major from Jersey City, N.J.; T.J. Clark ’07, political science, Auburn, Mass.; Shekinah Harris ’09, psychology, New Orleans; Stephanie Marrone ’07, political science, Houston; Marie d’Auria Groux-Holt ’09, psychology/French, Santa Cruz, Calif.; Kevin Marshall ’07, classics, New Orleans; and Cassie Chapel ’09, music, Savannah, Ga.
Calendar of Events

Important Dates:

**JAN. 17**  Senior Convocation
**JAN. 18**  Classes Begin
**FEB. 11**  Winter Homecoming
**MAR. 31-APR. 2**  Siblings Weekend
**APR. 8**  The Classroom Revisited: GAA Continuing Education Day
**APR. 23**  The Admissions Office Open House for accepted students
**APR. 26-29**  Sixth Annual Student Academic Conference
**MAY 6-13**  Final Examinations
**MAY 25**  Baccalaureate Exercises

Lecture:

**MAR. 22**  13th Annual Leonard C. Sulski Memorial Lecture in Mathematics:
“The Sound of Algebra”
by: Michele Intermont ’89, associate professor of mathematics at Kalamazoo (Mich.) College
Hogan Campus Center, room 519

Holy Cross Chapel Artists Series:

**MAR. 19**  Concert: Karel Paukert, curator emeritus of musical arts at the Cleveland (Ohio) Museum of Art and, director of music, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio
St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 3 p.m.
**APR. 9**  Concert: David Heller, professor of music and university organist at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas
St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 3 p.m.
**APR. 23**  Concert: Jeffrey Wood, Holy Cross 2006 Organ Scholar
St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 3 p.m.

Programs Sponsored by the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture:

**FEB. 8**  Thomas More Lecture on Faith, Work and Civic Life: Sheila C. Cavanaugh ’81, senior vice president of internal communications at Fidelity Investments in Boston
Rehm Library, 7:30 p.m.
**MAY 12-14**  Conference: “Change in a Church that Cannot Change”
for alumni and their spouses, by preregistration
Hogan Campus Center
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Theatre Performances:

**MAR. 30**

**APR. 1**

**APR. 6-8**  Admission: $7 Holy Cross community and $10 general public
For reservations, please call (508) 793-2496.

**APR. 27**

**APR. 28**  An evening of Balinese music, dance and mask, performed by students and guest artists, under choreographer/musical director, I Wayan Dibia.
Brooks Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

Exhibitions at the Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery:

**ONGOING-**

**JAN. 25**  The Art of Ebrû: Turkish Paper Marbling with Islamic Calligraphy by: Feridun Özugören and Güzı Pamukoğlu
The exhibition features paper marbling, ebrû in Turkish, a traditional art of the Islamic world.
The gallery will be closed Jan. 7 and Jan. 16, 2006.
**FEB. 22**  Catholic Collecting, Catholic Reflection:
Objects as a measure of reflection on a Catholic past and the Construction of recusant identity in England and America
This exhibition focuses on the preservation of liturgical vestments and Mass vessels as well as paintings, books, sculpture and stained glass by Catholics during “penal times” under British law, 1538-1829. These objects, acquired with great risk, embodied the faithful’s bonds with God, church tradition, and each other.
Curator: Virginia Raguin, Holy Cross professor of visual arts
Major lenders: Stonyhurst College Lancashire, England and Georgetown University.
Guided Tours: Feb. 20-April 13, 2006

**APRIL 13**

**APRIL 27-**

**MAY 26**

Senior Concentration Seminar

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THE TOWER OF EXORCISM

KEPT BEHIND LOCKED DOORS...
WHAT IS THE UNSPEAKABLE TERROR OF FENWICK TOWER?
Over the last 160 years, Holy Cross has accumulated its share of folklore, tall tales and curious rumors. Most of these stories lay outside the domain of official College history. They are transmitted down the years by way of loose oral tradition—usually from authoritative upper-class students to green freshmen during the ubiquitous post-midnight bull sessions that have been taking place in residence halls since the beginning. Or at least since the “lights out” rule was abolished. HCM spent the last year investigating some of the more well-known myths of Mount St. James. And while we doubt that our report can match the atmosphere of those legend-swapping sessions, we hope it will spark a memory or two of the first time you heard that particular story and wondered if, just maybe, it might actually be true.

“The Fenwick Exorcism”

You’ll find the entrance to the “Holy Cross Exorcism Room” on the fourth floor of Fenwick, where that adamant edifice of brick and stone connects with O’Kane, forming a looming L-shape on the northern slopes of Mount St. James. Twenty well-worn steps, generally known as the Stairway to Nowhere, lead up to a locked door. The stairway apparently jogs to the right and continues its ascension, but a wall has been erected to hide the staircase; one can see only the disembodied banisters and handrail disappearing into the ceiling above. Holes have been dug out of the plaster at the foot of this wall, giving the impression of someone or something trying to burrow in or out.

Above the lock on the door someone has scribbled “666.” At the foot of the door is a tiny sticker that reads:

To: Students
Help me!
From: Demon
The story of the “Holy Cross Exorcism” has been told on campus since time immemorial. There are many versions of the legend, which variously takes place in the Fenwick clock tower, in secret underground passages beneath campus or in the famed Exorcism Room itself. A 1990 version of the story in The Crusader spoke of two priests who were locked in the Fenwick tower for three days to perform an exorcism on a possessed woman. When the door was opened on the third day, the priests were dead, and there was no sign of the woman. In 1988, several students reported seeing a sign reading “HELP” in the windows of the Fenwick tower. Nobody investigated, apparently, and the next day the sign had disappeared.

Stacy Waters ’94 recalls being told as a first-year student of rooms in the towers that were boarded up and to which entry was forbidden. “The tower room had once been the site of an exorcism in the 1800s,” Waters says. “I remember looking up at those tower windows and thinking that they did seem uninhabited, so perhaps there was some truth to the legend.”

“'You'll notice that the stairway for the corner tower in Fenwick leads literally to nowhere,’” points out Chad Clifford ’01. “The stairs simply run into a wall on the top floor, leading up to what presumably used to be the tower's entrance.”

According to the version of the story Clifford heard, the priests unsuccessfully tried to exorcise one of the patients from the old Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

Stephanie Baker ’04 reports hearing that, because of the immense demonic forces released as the priests tried to drive out the evil spirit, the tower clock broke and didn’t work properly for years after. Mark Umphrey ’05 heard a version of the young woman’s exorcism that contained even more Gothic elements.

“There was a thunder and lightning storm going on outside,” he says. “As she was being exorcised, lightning struck the top of the tower and caused the overhead light to short out and all of the room’s occupants to disappear—never to be heard of or seen again.”

Simon J. Bronner, Distinguished Professor of American Studies and Folklore at the Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg and current holder of the Walt Whitman Distinguished Chair in American Culture at Leiden Leyden University in The Netherlands, has published widely on such matters of folklore—and has heard many of the elements of the Holy Cross legend at other schools.

“The detail of secret underground passages is common,” he says. “These days, the passages are remembered on other campuses as a leftover from the 1960s campus unrest, supposedly to allow for escape by administrators. Earlier, they were remembered as being built for nuclear disaster. On older campuses, they are imagined to be evidence of secret societies or innovative students.”

Bronner finds another relatively common aspect in the Holy Cross myth.

“What is familiar about the Jesuit story,” he says, “is the role of the woman as victim, since such stories seemed to have arisen on other campuses at the time of the coeducational movement. The stories served as cautionary tales to women about the hostile environment on many campuses and, in this case, seem to warn of possession, rather than of ‘going insane’ or ‘having a nervous breakdown’—which appeared on other campuses, often coupled with a suicide climax and a return as a dormitory ghost.”

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In the late 1970s, a rumor spread around campus that nationally syndicated astrologer Jeane Dixon had predicted an axe murder in a college dormitory overlooking a Jesuit cemetery at a Catholic college. The murder was supposed to take place in 1978.

Daniel Day ’78, then editor of The Crusader and now managing editor of the Modesto (Calif.) Bee, investigated the rumor in a Crusader piece published Oct. 21, 1977. A spokesperson for Dixon’s syndicate told him that no such prediction had been made. Day did manage to trace a similar rumor to Georgetown University, where a mass murder in a dormitory overlooking the Jesuits’ cemetery had been predicted. Folklore expert Professor Bronner says that such unfounded rumors of mass murder are quite common.

Still, the rumor at Holy Cross inspired one Mount St. James wag to create a “crime scene” in front of Lehy dormitory, showing the outline of a body in masking tape. The sidewalk artist further showed off his chops by placing an outline of the murder weapon itself nearby and splashing around a good quantity of ketchup.

The fatal year of 1978 came and went with no murders on campus.

J.D.
Since at least the 1960s, students have climbed to the upper floors of the western tower of Fenwick Hall to leave letters addressed to future visitors who stumble upon their words. The letters lay in a neat pile, slowly moldering in the damp, dusty, unlighted attics. Some are personal in tone and some grandly public, some serious and some humorous. Many refer to contemporaneous events that inspired the writers with hope or filled them with dread. Others simply chat about the student’s experience during final exams. Taken together, they comprise a curiously fascinating repository of the histories of Holy Cross students and the wider world. Here are some excerpts:

Dear Reader,
Today is Palm Sunday, April 7, 1968.

On Thursday, April 4, Dr. Martin Luther King was killed by an assassin’s bullet in Memphis, Tennessee.

Today, President Johnson declared a national day of mourning.

We ask all those who find these to leave them as a symbol of the time.

Dear HC:
Today is Sunday, September 28th, 2003, in the early morning hours. Last month the Apartments were finished and seniors moved in for their first semester. In the past year the war with Iraq drew to a close, the space shuttle Discovery burned up on re-entry, and the R.I. nightclub fire took 100 lives. ... in addition, we sadly saw the fall of N.H.’s “Man in the Mountain” this spring. ...

Never miss a chance to have an adventure!

To Whoever it May Concern:
On Sept. 11, 2001 the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were hit by a coordinated terrorist attack orchestrated by the terrorist group Al Qaeda. The twin towers and Pentagon were hit by hijacked civilian planes and the towers collapsed. Total death—over 3,000.

To: Whoever 5/8/03
The war in Iraq is drawing to close. Iraq has been liberated by U.S. and British forces. Democratic rule by Iraqi people soon to follow. Make the most of it! Never be satisfied!

Aug. 25, 05
To Whomever:
It has been close to three years since the Iraq war started. Since then there have been numerous innocent deaths due to suicide attacks. ... The war will not end and many more will die in the name of “Democracy.” ... 

Thursday, August 25, 2005
Whoever that loves ...
Love is free, love is kind
Love has no bounds
Love is kewl. Love knows
No color, race or gender
I love blindly and so should you.
To those who I could not openly love, I love you.
Love is life.
LETTERS TO TOMORROW

ASTOUNDING STORIES SALVAGED FROM TIME ITSELF!
And yet, Bronner admits that there is one “motif” of the Holy Cross tale he finds in no other legend of exorcism: that of two Jesuits taking a possessed woman into a tower.

A popular sub-genre of the exorcism story is that of the “Exorcism Library.”

“I worked in Dinand Library for three summers as a student,” remembers Dave Beauvais ’68, “and came back after graduate school (at Yale) for another five years on staff. I know very well what’s being referenced here. It was a ‘locked’ steel-mesh cage in the basement of Dinand, to which the librarian held the key. I had several opportunities to examine the contents myself when the cage was opened for inventory purposes. There was nothing remotely salacious or satanic about it. The ‘trove’ was actually rather boring and disappointing. It contained basically books by 18th- and 19th-century authors whose works the Vatican had placed on the “Roman index” of condemned books—they seemed to be mostly French Romantic novelists and poets, with the occasional Enlightenment Deist thrown in for good measure!”

“I suppose,” Beauvais continues, “there was a (probably unfounded) fear at the time that exposure to scholarly criticism of Catholicism would ‘destroy the faith’ of vulnerable young students. Hence the locked cage.”

Tom Healey ’76 recalls an attempt by a group of students in 1972 to find the library. Supposedly the students found a set of “chain-locked” doors.

“Unable or unwilling to break the lock, or maybe just plain scared,” he remembers, “this intrepid group attempted to tunnel their way in through the steam system and actually made it to Fenwick.”

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“Did someone really bring a cow up to the third floor of Lehy?” wonders Colleen Riley ’91. “And did it need to be hoisted by crane out of the window because it refused to go down the stairs?”

Tom Patton ’86 reports hearing of a similar incident at either Fenwick or Beaven, but his bovine was less fortunate than Riley’s. “It is said that the cow wouldn’t or couldn’t walk down the stairs,” he says, “so the school ‘offed’ the cow and had a meal or two out of it.”

Ken Martin ’74 reports a version taking place on the fourth floor of O’Kane, where the creature was shot and removed by janitors—and Heather Drinan ’92 heard of similar events in Carlin. Michael Foster ’70 was told of someone taking a horse to the roof of Kimball.

The legend is partly true. According to Rev. Anthony J. Kuzniewski, S.J., the College, at one time, maintained a farm where Loyola Hall is now located. “The farm once produced all the dairy products for the College as well as potatoes, apples and forage for the cattle,” he says.

In the early 1960s, there were still some cattle and sheep grazing on the hills of campus, says Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, president emeritus, and some pranksters led one of the cows into Hanselman Hall. The animal was taken upstairs, as the legend tells—and did indeed balk at descending. Eventually the hesitant heifer was persuaded to return to terra firma without the assistance of cranes or firearms—however, it was evidently a stomach-churning experience for Bessy. “There was a good deal of cleanup afterward,” remembers Fr. Brooks.

The College cows provided amusement to students for many years. The Daily Diary, maintained by the College minister, refers to at least a couple of incidents, such as the one recorded on Monday, May 2, 1955: “Fr. Minister interviewed 3 boys, the Police and the father of one of the boys who had been apprehended chasing the cows pastured on the college terrace. Conciliation was attempted rather than severity in view of the future.” Just 10 days later, the cowboy wannabes were at it again. “Conducted by Father Welch, the students held a song fest,” reads the entry. “Afterward, 100 hurried to the pasture to let out the four guest heifers and bull, but were interrupted.”

Nor are the animal pranks restricted to male students. M. Christine McLaughlin ’81 remembers Laurianne Florio ’81 leaving a pig in a friend’s dormitory room. The friend’s roommate was less than a meticulous housekeeper, and the presence of the pig was meant to reflect this characteristic.

“The roommates were a kind of odd couple, one neat and one sloppy,” McLaughlin remembers. “Laurianne somehow acquired a piglet in Paxton—she conned a farmer into loaning it to her. Joan (Donovan) worked at Kimball Friday nights, and when she walked into the dark room and found a pig there, she went bananas.”

The young women laughed over the joke, gave the pig a bath and put it in the maid’s closet until they could return it the next morning.

“The problem was the guys from the fifth floor found out about it,” McLaughlin continues, “and they were saying, ‘Hey, there’s breakfast on the hoof for tomorrow’—so we slept in the hall to guard the pig.”

J.D.
ONE MISSION...
ONE GOAL...
ONE...
TARGET!

CAN THE GREENHOUSE WITHSTAND ANOTHER ASSAULT?
Healey was told that the location of the secret library could be found by noting the first patch of snow to melt on the grassy knoll in front of Dinand. “Sure enough,” he says, right after the first snow a small plot of green grass appeared.”

Healey then realized the spot was directly above the steam pipes, which explained the melting snow. “But still,” he says, “at night, when I return to Mount St. James and climb the steps, I wonder….”

Mark Hedberg ’87 also heard of the Exorcism Library, which was variously located in Fenwick, in Loyola or in the underground tunnels.

“The constant theme was that each Jesuit institution had one,” he recalls. “A favorite location was the topmost floor of Fenwick, in the corner where it meets O’Kane. The room was odd because it was all by itself, sort of stuck on top of the building. I remember one day in my junior or senior year the outer door was open, and I went up there with a partner in crime. Nothing interesting, but we peered under the inner door and from what little we could see it was just a bunch of junk.”

“Or,” he adds, “a well-disguised Exorcism Library.”

Rev. Anthony J. Kuzniewski, S.J., quite literally wrote the book on Holy Cross. Thy Honored Name is a 516-page tome telling the history of the school from its founding in 1843 to the modern day. In his research, Fr. Kuzniewski delved deeply into The Daily Diary, a journal of events both large and small that was kept (in Latin, for the first 20 years)

from the College’s beginnings until the mid-1960s. He found nothing in the diary that referred to anything like an exorcism.

And yet, knowing that students often spoke of dark doings in the Exorcism Room—and one day, finding the door unlocked—Fr. Kuzniewski decided to indulge his curiosity. He saw nothing but old textbooks.

As for the curious configuration of that part of the building, Holy Cross president emeritus, Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, maintains that the need for additional storage was the only reason for the realignment of rooms.

**THE PLOT AGAINST THE GREENHOUSE**

Why the poor greenhouse became a target for pranks and vandalism is an enigma lost in history, but nevertheless there have been many conspiracies to attack the unoffending hot-house over the years.

The classics and physics departments are most often named as the perpetrators. E. Thomas Mitchell ’70 recalls the classics department plotting to build a catapult with which to attack the greenhouse—a plan that evidently never got beyond the drawing board. Then again, classicists are not known for their mechanical aptitude. Mitchell also remembers a third-year classmate who managed to get the physical plant’s bulldozer started and aimed at the greenhouse. Apparently the dozer ran out of fuel, averting disaster.

Grounds superintendent Jim Long, who has been at Holy Cross for 48 years, also recalls a group of students in the 1970s planning to buy an old car after finishing their exams and crashing it into the greenhouse. “It didn’t pan out,” he says. “Either they chickened out or didn’t have the money.”
Ah, winter, when the thoughts of young men turn to stripping naked save for a necktie or so and running madly through the snows of Mount Pakachoag.

Streaking during the first snowfall of the season had a long tradition at Holy Cross. “I can remember being up on the hill, hurling snowballs at guys wearing nothing but ties,” says Mark Hedberg ’87. “If I can remember right, it was the freshmen from Alumni who ran all the way around the quad, past Carlin, then down in front of Kimball and back in again.”

Richard Wareing ’90 remembers the Alumni streakers being joined by “former residents of the dorm, some sympathetic Carlin brethren and a scattering of other brave souls.

“It was also part of the tradition that other students would sit on the hill between the quad and Fenwick … and try to pelt the streakers with snowballs,” he says. Wareing was told the streaking originated in the 1950s when an Alumni resident studying hard for exams relieved his anxieties by sprinting naked around the quad. The tradition-loving residents of Alumni continued the run in his honor. The streaking fad hit its apogee in 1974, when hordes of students disrobed and gamboled gleefully around campus. The event was recorded in cheeky detail by The Crusader.

History professor Ed O’Donnell ’86 ran the streak of the first snow at Alumni every year as an undergraduate.

“We were told the freshmen guys were expected to streak around the quad at midnight in the first snow,” he says. “The worthiness of snowfall, whether it was a light dusting or something heavier, was decided by the upperclassmen.”

O’Donnell, who believes his class may have started the revival of the
Yet the legend marches on. Jim Riley '91 wrote an unpro-duced X-Files script based on the legend, in which three stu-
dents are murdered in Fenwick, and three priests die while trying to perform an exor-
cism there. The souls of all six are trapped in what the writer calls “The Well of Souls,” until they are freed by kindly Fr. Pawl who dies in the attempt. Riley, who wrote the script during the summer of 1995, says he never sent the script to the producers of the X-Files.

“I understood at the time that they did not accept unsolicited manuscripts,” he says. “I did it purely as a way to tell a good story regarding the legend of the Exorcism Room.”

“The modern university, rather than displacing legend formation, has increased it, because of the need for cultural passage in a situation where people are strangers to one another,” says Bronner. “As a result, residents of this new community tell legends which invite commentary about subjects that may be difficult to broach in everyday conversation. With the new model of the university as a reflection of mass society, students often look to such legendry, too, for a formation of subcultural identity—and it does not surprise me, therefore, that you can identify stories that relate students to their Holy Cross identity. They want to know what the unofficial heritage of their new community is.”

Unlocking the door at the top of the “Stairs to Nowhere” reveals a flight of six steps leading to yet another door. A sign, in red, reads: Only Authorized Maintenance Personnel Allowed Beyond This Point. One thinks of Dante and Virgil at a similar portal.

The “Exorcism Room” is tall and surprisingly bright and airy, about 35 feet long and 25 feet wide—with windows on two sides, through which one sees a sweeping view of Worcester. In one corner is a small storage loft. The varnish on the hardwood floor has been worn down to the bare wood in places, and the
Myth: Underground Tunnels Connect Every Building on Campus
False

One persistent Holy Cross myth tells of underground tunnels that connect all of the older buildings on campus. Various iterations of this legend tell of tunnels or catacombs that were used as: burial places for “renegade Jesuits”; as part of the Underground Railroad during the Civil War; and as storage vaults for liquor supplies during the years of Prohibition.

According to Dennis Shea, the former director of the College’s mechanical systems, who was employed at Holy Cross for 50 years—and knows every inch of the campus—the myth is hogwash.

Myth: A Bus Was Once Deposited on the Library Steps
True

In the late 1940s, reports college historian Fr. Kuzniewski, someone did park a No. 10 Worcester bus on the steps of the Dinand Library—at about the spot where the Hand of Christ sculpture now resides. Some fingers of accusation have pointed to Fr. Brooks himself as the perpetrator of this prank.

“Father Brooks always tells the story in the subjunctive, so you’re never sure if he was the perpetrator or not,” says Fr. Kuzniewski. “But he always seemed to know how to do such a thing.”

Fr. Brooks denies any knowledge of the incident. “I was charged with driving the bus there, but it’s not true,” he says.

Myth: A Pirate Radio Station Operated on Campus in the 1960s
True

According to undisclosed sources, “Radio Free Holy Cross” operated for a full decade out of the basement of Alumni Hall. In the early 1960s, FCC regulations still limited station WCHC to on-campus only broadcasts. But, with engineering help from members of the College’s Amateur Ham Radio Club, provocateurs rigged a hidden antenna across the length of the Alumni roof—boosting the intra-campus signal as far as Framingham and often knocking commercially licensed stations off the air.
**MYTH:**
KEITH MOON, DRUMMER FOR THE WHO, ONCE FELL OUT OF A WHEELER HALL WINDOW.
FALSE

Legendary rock group The Who did perform in the College fieldhouse on Oct. 17, 1969, as part of Homecoming Weekend. There are no reports, however, that Moon visited with students in Wheeler ... much less fell out a dorm window.

**MYTH:**
THE LINDEN LANE GUARD SHACK WAS PAINTED PINK ONE NIGHT.
UNCONFIRMED

Sitting as it does near the first entrance to campus, set away from the administrative buildings and residence halls, the guard shack long has appeared a prime target for campus pranksters. But while the myth of the “pink paint job” persists and some longtime campus employees vaguely recall such an incident, there is no hard evidence to confirm it.

**MYTH:**
INTERSTATE 290 WAS ALTERED TO AVOID FITTON FIELD
TRUE

Yes, Interstate 290 curves in the southern section of Worcester solely to avoid Fitton Field. “They wanted to build it through near the corner of Carlin Hall,” explains College historian, Fr. Kuzniewski. “The school was able to establish something called ‘consequential damages,’ which meant we would be entitled to reimbursement not only for the value of what was lost but also to the diminished value of property adjacent to the highway. It finally became less expensive for the state to tear down some old factories.”
walls are cracked with age. On one side, an electrical conduit, torn from its moorings, hangs limply.

These days the Exorcism Room falls under the aegis of the alumni and development offices, and most of its contents reflect the work of that department. There are Holy Cross T-shirts, Holy Cross banners and Holy Cross hats. There are pamphlets and brochures extolling the benefits of giving to the College. There are boxes upon boxes of fancily packaged tchotchkes bearing the Holy Cross colors and insignia to be handed out to generous alumni: tie-tacks, name-tag holders, Christmas tree ornaments, silver bowls and knights’ helmets.

With the opening of every box of knick-knacks, the color purple glows warmly from within. But there are two items—a bag of balloons marked “purple” and a Holy Cross tie—that stand out from everything else. They have both turned inexplicably and profoundly black.

Just off the Exorcism Room, beneath the storage loft, is a smaller room filled with the mustiness and genteel friability of an antiquarian’s den. There are disposed-of filing cabinets containing lesson plans, worksheets, class records and even student recommendations dating back to the 1960s. The walls are lined with books, mostly by classical authors. The giants of the classical pantheon are well represented, including Homer, Euripides and Aristophanes in the original Greek, and Virgil, Horace and

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**THE IMMUREMENT OF FATHER CROWLEY**

It is no understatement to say that Rev. John Dennis Crowley, S.J., who resided in Lehy Hall in the mid-1960s, was not particularly popular with the students in that dormitory. A professor of philosophy, he was known, because of his temper, as “the Dancing Bear.” Even Fr. Brooks admits that his “aggressive and hard-charging personality” made him the “perfect subject” for the Poe-inspired prank played on him in May 1964.

Loyola Hall was undergoing construction at the time, and the students smuggled cinder blocks from the site into the Lehy dormitory, one by one, until they had the requisite number. One spring night, after the Dancing Bear had finished growling for the day and retired to his den, the students mixed a batch of cement and quietly bricked up the doorway to his room. Fr. Brooks recalls that when the contractor was called the next day to dismantle the wall and liberate the immured and fuming Fr. Crowley, he found the work so good he offered to hire the student masons on the spot. Fr. Crowley’s response to this generous compliment is not recorded.

There is an elaboration of the story that is somewhat harder to corroborate, but which bears mentioning. The evening before the immurement, a student asked Fr. Crowley to hear his confession. When the priest turned away to perform the sacrament, as was the custom, the penitent cut his telephone wires. Consequently, in the morning, Fr. Crowley had no option but to open his third-floor window, bellow to passersby below and wait, like Rapunzel in her tower, to be set free. Theologians may wish to consider the intriguing issue of whether the student was committing a sin in cutting the Jesuit’s wires—and, if so, whether the sin grew in seriousness because it was perpetrated during a confession in which it was not confessed.

The incident was featured in the *Worcester Telegram* under the headline “Professor ‘Plastered.’” (Of course, there was no plaster involved, but when there is an alliterative apothegm to be had alluding to clerical crapulousness, the journalist’s license extends even further than that of the poet.) The newspaper story reads: “In spring, a young man’s fancy lightly turns to ghoulish thoughts of ‘A Cask of Amontillado,’” referencing that delightful short story by one of our country’s noted writers, involving a bricked-in corpse and a hungry cat. The article concludes: “This week’s prank was perhaps the most notable at Holy Cross since students ushered a live cow into a corridor a couple of years ago to protest the removal of a milk machine.”

J.D.
WALLED UP IN HIS ROOM BY THRILL-MAD STUDENTS!

FOR PAST TYRANNIES HIS FATE WAS SEALED...

BRICK BY BRICK!

SCREAM OF THE FATHER

A SAVAGE DRAMA PLAYED OUT TO A CHILLING CLIMAX!
Did J.R.R. Tolkien, author of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*—renowned linguist and distinguished professor of language and literature at Oxford University—once teach at Holy Cross, as is sometimes rumored? Only in fantasy, we fear. But it almost happened.

Edward F. Callahan, professor emeritus and former chair of the English department, joined Holy Cross as a newly minted Ph.D. in 1957. At that time Rev. William Donaghy, S.J., was president of the College, and Rev. Thomas J. Grace, S.J., was head of the English department.

Fr. Grace, who held a Ph.D. from Oxford, was moving to modernize the department—by replacing many of the Jesuits teaching English with professors who had their Ph.Ds. But Fr. Donaghy, who was old-school in many matters, including pedagogy, thought that the Jesuits were doing a fine job. As a result, the two priests often locked horns. (Once Fr. Donaghy used a eulogy he was giving for a deceased Jesuit librarian to mount a fierce attack on the New Criticism. The members of the English department had to sit silently in the pews and listen.)

“Grace had contacts at Oxford and was a close friend of Tolkein’s,” Callahan says. “He thought Tolkein might come for a semester and teach at the College—so he went to Donaghy and explained that the scholar who had produced one of the most important essays on *Beowulf* in the history of English scholarship might be interested in coming to Holy Cross.” “Absolutely not,” was Donaghy’s response. “We have enough Oxford people here as it is.” “Of course,” adds Callahan, “The only Oxford person on campus was Fr. Grace.”

**The Lord of the Rings on Mount St. James?**

JAMES DEMPSEY was a columnist for *The Evening Gazette* and *The Telegram & Gazette* for 18 years. The winner of awards from the Associated Press and United Press International, he now teaches writing, journalism and literature at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Clark University.

Juvenal in the original Latin. There are countless copies of Harkness’ *First Greek Book*, a hugely popular introduction to the language that was first published in 1850. The only artifact in the room even suggesting modernity is a hefty Webcor tape recorder that was in use during the late 1950s.

But in this room, this sanctum sanctorum (or rather, this impium impiorum) of Holy Cross’ most enduring legend of the Dark Side, one may indeed find the handiwork of Old Nick.

On the floor, among the yellowing grammars and readers and lesson plans generations old, is a book with a bright scarlet cover. No, it is not a text on demonology, nor a record of the horrific exorcism that took place within those walls. Worse, it is a vocabulary to aid in the reading of Demosthenes’ *Orations*. Worse still, its publisher—cue shrieking Hitchcockian violins, the cackling of devils and the groans of the damned—is Boston College.
On Saturday evening, Nov. 12, 250 guests attended a black-tie dinner held in their honor at the Hogan Campus Center. Attendees were distinguished, regent and benefactors circle members of President’s Council, and members of the recognition societies Fitton, Fenwick and Cornerstone. The dinner is held annually to thank the College’s most generous benefactors.

College president, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., updated those in attendance on the progress of the fund-raising effort, *Lift High the Cross*. Fr. McFarland projected that the Campaign would finish at approximately $180 million if expected gifts and pledges come to fruition.

“It is my hope that we will be able to far exceed our original goal ($175 million),” he said. “I stress that this is a hope that springs not from greed, but from need. Our mission, of course, is not to become the nation’s richest school, but its finest.”

Fr. McFarland concluded his remarks by introducing Park B. Smith ’54, a man “who has made an indelible mark on the Holy Cross campus.”

Smith, owner and chairman of Park B. Smith Ltd., gave the majority of the funds to build The Carol and Park B. Smith Wellness Center, Carol and Park B. Smith Hall, and The Linda Johnson Smith Soccer Stadium. “The landscape of the College has been

THE $10 MILLION CHALLENGE

PARK B. SMITH ’54
Exhorts Alumni to be Bold
changed much for the better,” Fr. McFarland said, “while academic, spiritual and athletic opportunities have been created, thanks to Park’s generosity.”

Holy Cross’ most significant philanthropist and benefactor then rose with his wife, Linda, to speak to the audience. Smith talked about how remarkable it has been for him to experience the immense impact his dollars have had on Holy Cross.

Yet he pointed out: “Certainly, money isn’t everything: In fact, I would say that what makes Holy Cross so special is that it has the things money can’t buy—community, spirit, dedication, faith, devotion, excitement about learning and teaching, and the power to make a positive difference in the world.” Smith continued, “But where additional financial resources are needed, that’s where we can play a meaningful role.”

Smith explained that his competitive nature and his recognition that the College has significant financial needs were driving him to propose a challenge to alumni, parents and friends of Holy Cross.

He said: “I ask all of you here tonight, and all who will hear this message after tonight is over, to band together, to reach deeper into your hearts, to raise $10 million more than what Fr. McFarland expected we would do, bringing our total to $190 million. If you can accomplish this, I will contribute an additional $10 million to make sure that the College reaches the remarkable goal of $200 million.”

Smith’s message generated considerable excitement and buzz in the ballroom. He concluded by saying: “I do this out of a love for Holy Cross and out of a love for all of you who share my passion—a passion for this small College on a hill, a College that transforms lives; and in transforming lives, transforms the world for the greater glory of God.”

Alumni, parents and friends interested in hearing more about the challenge may call Paul Sheff, vice president for development and alumni relations, at (508) 793-3776.

“We all need goals. And the goal should be the top.”

Simple isn’t it? William H. Brine ’52 recently gave a challenge grant to the Holy Cross lacrosse program, and his goals for the program are ambitious. To build an endowment and provide operating support for Holy Cross lacrosse, Brine has agreed to match $100,000 in donations. And, he has pledged to increase that match if sufficient interest from others is demonstrated in the coming months.

“Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in the United States,” says Brine. “Now is the time to get in. Some schools are known to have good lacrosse programs—it is not too late for Holy Cross to become one of them. I’ll give a challenge grant, I’ll follow through. I’ll give more.”

“I want an NCAA championship team,” he continues, “and I think the school would be well-served by having one. My thrust is in what I know best and that is the game of lacrosse. It’s close to my heart.”

Brine joined the family sporting goods business in the 1950s. At that time, Brine Inc. sold football, basketball and baseball equipment. Their customer base was primarily colleges and prep schools. Brine says that his grandfather had three rules for success in business: “Get bigger; get specialized; or get out.” In the early 1960s, Brine began to specialize and since that time, the company has grown to become one of the most well known names in soccer and lacrosse in the country.

Brine’s bottom line for the Holy Cross lacrosse program: “Whatever it takes—if they follow through, I’m sure they can do it.”

Just like that.

And Athletic Director Dick Regan ’76 agrees.

Though lacrosse became a varsity sport at Holy Cross in 1958, it has not been very strong over the last 10 or 15 years—which Regan attributes to lack of funding.

“We never developed a strong tradition,” he says. “Historically, we were more focused on the so-called traditional sports such as baseball, football, basketball and track. Some of the schools we’re playing now, like Bucknell and
Lehigh, have had a longer tradition. Holy Cross had a later start, but we’re in a strong lacrosse conference, and we have the chance to change that.”

The men’s lacrosse team has only won two Patriot League games since joining the league—but it’s a highly competitive league, and the Holy Cross team is playing well, according to Regan. He says that an immediate goal is to become more competitive within the league—and, then, within three to five years, to get to the NCAA tournament. He stresses that the lacrosse program will need a lot more funding for that to happen.

Head men’s coach, Adam Pascal, believes that Brine’s challenge gift will help. Holy Cross is recruiting hard and has a litany of strong selling points for prospective student athletes he says—athletes who join this team on the rise will get the chance to play earlier than they would at another school. And, Pascal adds, they’ll play in a great league and graduate with a great education.

He hopes that Brine’s gift will allow him to elevate his assistant coaches from part time to full time and also increase recruiting; Pascal says that he has already noted an increase in players’ interest in the Holy Cross program.

“This is a great school, and we’re in one of the best leagues in the country,” he observes. “We can build this into a powerhouse.”

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Tall and elegant, with an upright British reserve, Florence Townsend Coutant served as legal secretary for William J. Sullivan ’24 for more than 50 years. With her Great Pyrenees lying on the floor beside her desk, Coutant made sure the office ran like clockwork. A close friend of the whole Sullivan family, Coutant also took the Sullivan boys, Paul ’63 and Michael ’61, shopping for their parents’ gifts each Christmas. And though she had no personal connection to the College, she soon became a ready fan of Holy Cross.

“Throughout his life, my father was an enthusiastic supporter of all things purple,” said Paul T. Sullivan, “so Florence found out early on about Holy Cross. She was amazed by his loyalty to the College.”

In addition to his sons, Sullivan’s granddaughter, Laura Sullivan ’97, is also a Crusader.

At the beginning of Paul’s last year, Coutant had the opportunity to visit Holy Cross herself for the first time, volunteering to bring the younger Sullivan back to school when his father was unable to make the trip. It was to be a memorable experience for her.

“Florence was excited finally to see Mount St. James after having heard so much about it,” recalls Sullivan, today a partner with the Montclair, N.J., law firm Sullivan & McLaughlin. “As we were unpacking outside of Healy, Fr. Joe LaBran came by. He quickly offered to take Florence on a tour of the campus, and, an hour and a half later, when they returned from the trek, Florence turned to me and said, ‘Now I finally know what the big deal is about Holy Cross.’”

Coutant died last summer at the age of 95. Not long afterward, Holy Cross received the unexpected news that she had left the College a $50,000 bequest “in memory of my friend, William J. Sullivan, a loyal alumnus of Holy Cross College.”

A distinguished Albany, N.Y., attorney, William J. Sullivan wrote the New York State Law repealing prohibition; he also served as a lecturer at Albany (N.Y.) Law School. Entering Holy Cross at the age of 16, Sullivan remained an enthusiastic supporter of the College throughout his life. A past General Alumni Association president, he was a founding member of the Holy Cross Club of Northeastern New York; Sullivan received the College’s In Hoc Signo award in 1969.

During a memorial service held by the Albany County Bar Association, one eulogist remarked, “to know Bill was to think somehow that you, too, had attended Holy Cross.”

Following William Sullivan’s death in 1980, the rest of the family maintained close ties with Coutant.

“Florence was such a unique individual,” says Paul Sullivan. “It does the Sullivan family proud that, by her most generous gift, Florence has paid a glowing tribute to Holy Cross and to my Dad, both precious memories to all of us.”

Sarah O’Brien Mackey is a freelance writer from Cambridge, Mass.
Dubliners, Ulysses, Finnegans Wake—the works of James Joyce have challenged, inspired and, often confounded, generations of English majors. In the hands of a lackluster teacher, Joyce may remain unknowable, opaque. In the hands of a great teacher, however—like Holy Cross English professor emeritus, Edward Callahan—both Joyce and the class discussing him will spring to life.

When Peter Merrigan ’88 recently decided that he wanted to make a gift to Holy Cross, he found himself recalling many such classes with Callahan.

“I knew I wanted to make a gift that had focus and impact,” says Merrigan. “I thought about my favorite teacher and favorite classes, and Professor Callahan’s Irish literature course stood out immediately. I knew right then what I was going to support.”

In honor of Callahan, and in support of Irish studies at Holy Cross, Merrigan has created The Professor Edward Callahan Irish Studies Support Fund.

“We were thrilled to hear about Peter Merrigan’s gift in Ed’s honor,” says James M. Kee, chair of the College’s English department and a longtime colleague of Callahan.

“Ed simply defined what a Holy Cross liberal arts education meant for several generations of students.”

“The Callahan Fund will significantly enrich the experience of students and faculty alike,” says Paige Reynolds, assistant professor of English. “It will allow us to bring interesting and exciting speakers to campus, support student and faculty research, and take better advantage of Irish cultural events—by taking students to see plays, music performances and art exhibitions. The sky is really the limit.”

The president and chief executive officer of Taurus Investment Holdings, LLC, a global commercial real estate firm with $1.4 billion in investments, Merrigan is also an owner of the Worcester Tornadoes, an independent league baseball team that plays its games on Holy Cross’ Fitton Field. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children.

Callahan, who is now retired and living part of each year in Montana, wrote to Merrigan after finding out about the gift, calling it a “wonderful surprise.”

“Professor Callahan was a warm and approachable man and a wonderful teacher,” says Merrigan. “He’s had more influence on me than he even knows.”

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October 15, 2005: The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the President’s Council, in Kimball Hall: (From top to bottom, left to right): Annmarie and Michael Vermette ’88; Joseph O’Keefe ’88 and Mary Ellen Devine O’Keefe ’88; Lauren Bylinski ’00 and Leah Byrne ’00; Gia Felis and Paul Hally ’72; John ’78 and Cindy Ferrucci; Bob Cousy ’50 and the evening’s speaker, Charles P. Pierce; Dominic Blue ’98; and in his last night presiding over the fall patrons’ dinner as Chair of the President’s Council, Tom Sullivan ’70.
November 12, 2005: The President’s Council dinner for distinguished, regent and benefactors circle members and for donors being recognized in the Cornerstone, Fenwick and Fitton Societies, was held in Hogan Campus Center. Ray ‘56 and Susie Bruttomesso, of Atlanta, were inducted into the Cornerstone Society. (From top to bottom, left to right): Mark ’80 and Colleen ’80 Wernig; Ray and Susie Bruttomesso with Fr. McFarland; Ed McLaughlin ’78 and David Drinan ’69; Rory Keenan ’92 and Jennifer Lindblad; Margaret Golden Cooke and Patrick Golden ’55; Alexandra ’09, Richard ’59 and Patricia Clark with Bill Maloney ’59.
Join the over 8,000 alumni who have already registered for the Holy Cross Online Community and stay connected with your classmates and friends!

Holy Cross alumni are able to locate classmates, keep in touch, and exchange information and ideas by joining the Online Community. Some of the popular features include:

- **Online Alumni Directory**—Staying in touch has never been easier! The alumni directory contains personal and professional information in a secure environment. It allows you to update your information online as well as search the entire alumni directory!

- **Permanent E-mail Forwarding**—Tired of giving out a new e-mail address? This will be the only e-mail address you’ll ever need to use! Plus it’s convenient, easy to remember and shows your Crusader pride! Include your two-digit class year after your name when creating your user ID—example: jsmith63@alumni.holycross.edu

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- Go to www.holycross.edu
- Click on “Alumni & Friends”
- Click on “General Alumni Association”
- Click on “Online Community”

**ONLINE CAREER CENTER**

Want to hire a Holy Cross graduate? Looking to be hired? Need to network with other Crusaders? The College has its own “monster board”! Just follow these easy steps:

Check out the career services offered on the Holy Cross Web site, www.holycross.edu

- Click on “Alumni & Friends”
- Click on “General Alumni Association”
- Click on “Online Community”
- Click on “Career Center Services”

Choose from job postings or resume postings to offer your services or search for that Crusader who might help fill your company’s need!

Fellow alumni also offer career advisory services. To join the ranks of over 3,000 alumni who make available career information and support, just update your personal directory listing in the online community.

To join the Career Advisory Network:

- Click on “Online Directory”
- Click on “Update Your Online Directory Listing”
- Scroll to “Career Planning Volunteer”
- Indicate willingness to be an advisor with a “Y”

Be sure to let us know of your success stories! Contact Bob Wally ’68, coordinator of the student and alumni career network, by phone at (508) 793-3758, or via e-mail at rwally@holycross.edu
The General Alumni Association recently awarded scholarships to members of the Class of 2006 at its Homecoming meeting. The 2005-06 scholarship recipients are: Grace E. Doherty, daughter of James ’73 and Judith Doherty; Matthew W. Howard, son of William ’75 and Arleen Howard; Stephen M. Kostrzewa, son of John ’74 and Carol Kostrzewa; Robert L. Leader, son of Leonard ’81 and Anne ’81 Leader; Andrew P. Lovley, son of Mark and Christine ’77 Lovley; Kevin B. McCarthy, son of John ’69 and Betsy McCarthy; Christine E. McMahon, daughter of Dennis ’71 and Elizabeth McMahon; Justin P. Parrella, son of Anthony ’71 and Robin Parrella; Meghan J. Pintavalle, daughter of Thomas and the late Catherine Pintavalle ’79; Erin B. Robert, daughter of Paul ’77 and Maureen Robert; Allison P. Rose, daughter of John ’74 and Alice Rose.

GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Continuing Education Day
Saturday, April 8, 2006

Join fellow alumni as they return to Mount St. James for the 24th year of “The Classroom Revisited.” Participants may choose from nine engaging lectures and workshops during the day’s three sessions. Attendees can look forward to helpful updates on familiar subjects or stimulating introductions to new areas of interest!

For more information, contact the Alumni Office at (508) 793-2418.
HURRICANE KATRINA: IN THEIR OWN WORDS

On August 26, Hurricane Katrina devastated the city of New Orleans. HCM asked three local alumni to describe the impact of the storm on their lives and the region. Here are their stories, in their own words.

Interviews by Kathleen S. Carr ’96

God’s Plan
H. Bruce Shreves ’65, Attorney

“I live in Lafayette, 140 miles west of New Orleans, in the lakefront region, off of Lake Shore Drive. I stayed with my brother, while our wives took the kids and fled to Baton Rouge. When the levee broke, there was water everywhere, and we were trapped. We were shocked when we heard about the levees on 17th Ave. breaking. That was about a mile and a half from where we lived. Then there was water everywhere. The biggest damage came from the flooding after the hurricane. Water wiped out areas that hadn’t been damaged by the hurricane. You can’t prevent a hurricane, but you could’ve built those levees better. We lost power, water and sewers. We stayed there for six days until we realized we weren’t going to get out. It was clear that the water wasn’t going to subside for weeks. So we walked to a clearing, waved our shirts in the air, and an Army helicopter picked us up and brought us to New Orleans International Airport. One of my neighbors’ sons picked us up there and drove us to Baton Rouge. I found my family, and we stayed in Baton Rouge with friends. My law firm relocated to Lafayette, where we’re living right now. A lawyer down here gave us her house. You can’t find rentals anywhere in this state. I had to buy another car. Partners of mine had to buy houses here. We are going to try to get back to New Orleans in the next couple of weeks. I have partners whose homes were destroyed. Those who relocate have to put children in new schools. There are so many problems that no one ever anticipated. To lose an entire city for several months is unheard of in this country. We thought we had everything in our life under control, and we soon realized there was nothing in our control.

If you want to give God a good laugh, tell him your plans for the next five years.”

Loss
Cathleen M. Ryan ’84, Architect

“I didn’t know there was a hurricane coming. A friend called me at 9 a.m. on Saturday and asked if I was going to evacuate. I said, ‘Why?’ By 9:45, I had a plane ticket out of New Orleans. I’m staying with my boyfriend in D.C.; I’m lucky, I had somewhere to go. As evacuees, we talked on the phone all day long and were glued to the Internet. I had to stop watching TV. People kept asking me if I lost my house, and they seemed kind of disappointed when I said ‘no.’ I had a flight to go home the weekend Rita hit, and I couldn’t get back. So I changed my plans. My mom and two siblings live in New Orleans. My mom’s house and my brother’s house didn’t fare well, but mine did. Everyone else’s loss puts yours in perspective. So many people have lost everything. My mom happened to be in Delaware taking care of her mother when the storm hit. We thought her house was fine, but three weeks later, we realized the roof had come off and the ceilings had fallen. Typically, whenever my mother leaves for a hurricane, she takes all the photos down and puts them on the beds. But this time, she didn’t do that; as a result, all our family photos have been spared. But the loss keeps coming in waves. All the flooding. All the people who didn’t get any help. The sadness of those desperate people.

The Ryan home was devastated by Katrina’s aftermath.
The newest wave of despair are all the layoffs and cuts.
But I’m going back."

NEW ORLEANIAN, BORN AND RAISED
CLAUDE J. KELLY III ’83, CRIMINAL LAWYER, CONSULTANT

“I love New Orleans. Recently, at times, I’ve had thoughts of moving altogether, but now I feel even more committed to bringing it back. It needs people to come back. It’s a great city. My father always said there are only three cities in the United States worth living in: San Francisco, Boston and New Orleans.

I’m a typical New Orleanian; I was born and raised here. I’ve never evacuated for a hurricane in my life, but the hysteria was growing around Katrina, so I took my wife, two daughters and my mom and drove to Houston around 4 a.m. that Sunday. I took an alternate route, and we left early. The mayor has been faulted a lot, but he didn’t sugarcoat anything. From Saturday afternoon on, he kept saying, ‘If you stay, you will die.’ He made it abundantly clear.

Monday morning we thought we’d dodged a bullet. Then the levees broke, and everything changed. To say the levee breaking was never imagined is ridiculous. This was the most anticipated natural disaster in the history of the United States. What protects you from hurricanes is distance. We used to have distance with the wetlands, but they’ve eroded. This has been widely known; people weren’t shocked by this. There was plenty of warning.

We’re stuck in Houston. We’ve lived in four places in the last five weeks. Life has been fairly hectic but my kids are in school in Houston and playing soccer. Things are starting to feel settled. But we’re going back. Our house is salvageable. My mother lost everything. It’s amazing to see a water line above your head. Until you go there, and see block after block of destruction, you can’t imagine it. There’s a nice area called Lakeview. It looks like nuclear winter now. There’s no color; everything is in shades of gray. The places that survived were the oldest regions originally settled on the highest ground. It’s the low areas that man took over that Mother Nature has taken back. I hope the sections that come back retain some character.

A lot of resettlement efforts will depend on whether or not people get compensated for their losses. That will determine who and what come back. The big fear is that businesses that have moved won’t return, and that New Orleans will just become a gas port and an isolated tourism spot.”

The Kelly home survived the flooding.

ROSANNE B. PRATS ’94, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

“Everyone is exhausted from the response phase, and, as a result, the recovery phase has been even more painful. I’m pictured here in the red shirt, during a reconnaissance flyover. I serve Louisiana as the executive director of Emergency Preparedness for the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. As such, and under the direction of the state health officer, Jimmy Guidry, M.D., I work with our Public Health Office and EMS volunteers. Despite the negativity in the press, we—local, state and federal agencies—have evacuated 25 hospitals for Katrina, 19 hospitals for Rita and 49 nursing homes. In addition, we’ve opened and staffed special needs shelters across the state for low acute care type patients. We’ve also triaged and cared for more than 20,000 individuals across the state.”

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Book Notes

All the Stars Came Out That Night
BY KEVIN B. KING ’68

All the Stars Came Out That Night (Dutton) by Kevin King ’68 is a literary novel about “the greatest baseball game never (officially) played.” Set in the 1930s, this mythic story is narrated by the late gossip columnist Walter Winchell. The tale depicts a vibrant portrait of Depression-era baseball, from its boozing and womanizing to its associations with racketeers and Hollywood stars. The climactic game, funded by Henry Ford and politically orchestrated by Clarence Darrow, is played at Fenway Park. It features Dizzy Dean’s all-white team, made up of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and rookie Joe DiMaggio, versus Satchel Paige’s Negro League all-stars, including Josh Gibson, Cool Papa Bell and Buck Leonard.

King is a published poet whose work has appeared in Ploughshares, The Threepenny Review and Prairie Schooner. He lives in Exeter, N.H., with his wife and son. This is his first novel.

Peril in the Powder Mills: Gunpowder and Its Men
BY DAVID H. MCMAHON ’63 AND ANNE KELLY LANE

David McMahon ’63 is co-author of Peril in the Powder Mills (Infinity Publishing), a chronicle of America’s “Black Powder Era.” Intertwined with the early expansion of our country, gunpowder played an integral role through the 19th century. This book provides overviews of leading powder companies, their roles in the Civil War, and the risks involved in powder making. Numerous powder labels, vintage photos, trade cards and gunpowder ads are presented throughout the book. McMahon’s story will be of particular interest to Civil War buffs, historians, gun aficionados, game hunters and sporting collectors.

McMahon, who is a chemist, earned his Ph.D. at the University of New Hampshire. A presenter at national chemical conferences, he has published numerous articles in analytical chemistry journals. McMahon is the author of many historical articles and booklets.

Looking for Longleaf: The Fall and Rise of an American Forest
BY LAWRENCE S. EARLEY ’66

In Looking for Longleaf (University of North Carolina Press), Lawrence Earley ’66 explores the longleaf pine forest—formerly the most extensive and biologically diverse ecosystem in North America. Out of the original 92 million acres of longleaf, fewer than three million remain today, threatening such species as the gopher tortoise, the red-cockaded woodpecker and the Venus flytrap. Drawing on extensive research, Earley tells his story through first-person travel accounts and interviews with biologists, botanists and landowners. He explains how recent collaborations between ecologists and foresters have brought new hope that, with continued human commitment, the longleaf pine may flourish once again.

A photographer as well as a writer, Earley is a former editor of Wildlife in North Carolina magazine; he resides in Raleigh, N.C.

Broken: The Troubled Past and Uncertain Future of the FBI
BY RICHARD GID POWERS ’65

In his book, Broken (Free Press), Richard Gid Powers ’65 answers the controversial question: Why did the FBI fail to protect the country from the 9/11 attacks? The answer, he asserts, is a result of the FBI’s “risk aversion culture.” Fearful of being criticized for infringing on civil liberties, the FBI avoids any activity that could result in opposition from the American people. Powers writes that the bureau has abandoned its original mission—to pursue the most dangerous threats to the nation—to address less contentious crimes. According to Booklist, “as a history of the nation’s most powerful law enforcement agency, this work is informative and engrossing.”

Professor of history at CUNY Graduate Center and the College of Staten Island in New York, Powers is the author of many books, including the biography, Secrecy and Power: The Life of J. Edgar Hoover.
An Introduction to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal
BY JOHN J. BOUCHER ’70 AND THERESE BOUCHER

John Boucher ’70 and his wife, Therese, are co-authors of An Introduction to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (Servant Publications), an informative pamphlet that explains this significant renewal movement. The booklet covers how the renewal has developed through conferences, prayer groups and communities, and how it is transforming parish life today. The Bouchers draw upon the book, Fanning the Flame, by Rev. Kilian McDonnell and Rev. George Montague, to place the renewal at the heart of the Church.


Unfinished Business
BY DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS ’76

Unfinished Business (Llumina Press), by Diana Beard-Williams ’76, is a tale of politics, infidelity, vengeance and family secrets. Set in Washington, D.C., in 1960, the book tells the story of Larry Edwards, a man trapped in a suffocating marriage and disillusioned by a business system that fails to see past the color of his skin. Suddenly, Edwards sets off a chain of events that creates an intriguing life’s journey for his infant daughter, Regina, and 17-year-old sister-in-law, Rosa. Along their way, the cast of characters enriches, challenges and defines the true meaning of friendship, commitment and compromise. Beard-Williams presents an up-close and personal look at both the joy and pain people inflict on one another in the name of love.

A public speaker, consultant and public relations professional, Beard-Williams’ columns on socioeconomic, political and educational issues have appeared in numerous publications, including the Los Angeles Times. She lives in California with her husband and two sons.

Alibi
BY STEPHEN M. MURPHY ’77

Alibi (Jove), by Stephen Murphy ’77, is a legal thriller set in Manchester, N.H. Lawyer Dutch Francis, known for defending people accused of driving while intoxicated, is enlisted by a boyhood friend to assist with a murder case. Francis accepts the challenge and takes the case of a troubled young man accused of killing the local high school football star. The further he gets involved in the investigation, however, the more he is convinced of his client’s innocence—and the more he gets manipulated. In this suspenseful story, we quickly learn that all is not what it should be, and Francis soon discovers some disconcerting facts about his friend.

Murphy, a practicing civil litigator, is an officer of the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association and editor in chief of its Trial Lawyer magazine. He was recently named by the San Francisco Recorder as one of the city’s top plaintiff’s employment attorneys.

Critical Companion to Tennessee Williams: A Literary Reference to His Life and Work
BY ALYCIA SMITH-HOWARD ’89 AND GRETA HEINTZELMAN

Alycia Smith-Howard ’89 is co-author of Critical Companion to Tennessee Williams (Facts on File), a reference book about one of the greatest American dramatists of the 20th century. Known for his sensitive characterizations, ironic humor and depiction of harsh realities in relationships, Williams drew on his own troubled life to depict the loneliness, fear and sexual anxiety of his memorable characters. This book includes entries on all of Williams’ major and most of his minor works. In addition, it cites places and events related to his works, major figures in his life, and issues in criticism on Williams. Library Journal describes the book as, “a one-stop resource for Tennessee Williams scholars ... stands out for the breadth of its coverage, its focus on the writer’s work, and its user-friendly format.”

Assistant professor at the Gallatin School at New York University, Smith-Howard earned her Ph.D. at the Shakespeare Institute in Stratford-upon-Avon, England. She is the artistic director of the Gallatin Arts Festival.
Born with a Basketball in His Hands

Kevin Hamilton ’06 exhibits passion, talent and dedication on and off the court.

All eyes are upon him, watching his every move. Fans, family, friends and foes. Following his moves on both defense and offense. The eyes don’t get a chance to rest because Kevin Hamilton Jr. never stops.

His father, a standout collegiate guard at Iona, studies his namesake son. He punches a mental calculator every time his oldest boy touches the basketball. He records exactly what happens. His father knows the game inside and out. Shrewdly, he is formulating his opinion about how Kevin is playing. He seems too busy to be proud.

Kevin’s coach, Ralph Willard ’67, a captain-guard himself at Iona, follows Hamilton during the ebb and flow of each game. He knows Hamilton will do something to change the tide of every game—a burst of three-pointers, a flurry of steals, a wave of energizing excitement. He realizes Kevin Jr. has something special, that he is another All-American in the student-athlete tradition of Holy Cross.

Kevin’s mother, Netty, is there to cheer on her son. Until the game gets too tense, and her nerves rattle, and she needs to exit the building and sneak a puff or three on a calming cigarette.

The fans wait for Kevin to explode. At home, they chant “MVP” to encourage or remind him that he is the reigning Patriot League Player of the Year. The pressure to perform surrounds him.

Being under such constant scrutiny might suffocate some athletes. Fortunately, nobody watches Kevin more closely than Kevin himself. He understands how to play the game and exactly why he is playing it.

His father had been an Iona College shooting star under Jimmy Valvano. His net-snapping touch made him the fourth draft-pick of the Boston
Celtics in 1980 (selected after the College's All-American Ronnie Perry).

“My dad is not shy about voicing his opinion,” says Hamilton, with a telling smile.

“Coach Willard doesn’t sugarcoat anything. It’s like having another parent,” Hamilton adds. Now he breaks into a full-fledged grin.

“I have so many coaches when I’m playing, it’s not even funny,” he cracks. Then he corrects himself. “Actually it is funny. I’m always joking around with them about it. I appreciate how supportive my parents and coach are. I have a lot of friends back home who didn’t have both parents around.”

His dad and his coach come from the same breeding ground. Willard was a skinny 6-foot-3-inch guard at St. Dominic’s in Oyster Bay. He was coaching at his high school alma mater when Kevin Sr. emerged as a schoolboy whiz at Long Island’s North Babylon High.

“As a coach, I knew about him, and he knew who I was,” remarks Willard. “We know all the same folks. He understood from the beginning, this (the grooming of Kevin) was going to be a process. We speak all the time.”

Kevin Sr. had written Willard a note, suggesting that he come watch his son play at a hoop invitational. Kevin was still an undeveloped kid who hadn’t played much as a junior.

“I watched Kevin for a half hour and told his dad, ‘I’ve got to have him!’” says Willard. He perceived that “New York City guard instinct” and envisioned Kevin in a more mature body. “He’s got incredibly quick hands and a relentless attitude,” Willard says.

Holy Cross had what his parents insisted upon. Academics would come first.

“Kevin is very bright and needed to be challenged academically. Lots of basketball factories were interested, but Holy Cross is the perfect fit,” his dad comments.

Willard had Kevin signed up by the fall of his senior year. Kevin would blossom, making All-City and becoming a blue-chip commodity among hoop cognoscenti.

It would be easy to insert Kevin Hamilton in a convenient formula. Genetics plus geography equals success. Just analyze the nurture and nature factors, and one might assume Kevin Bernard Hamilton Jr. would be an All-American basketball player from the day he arrived on May 2, 1984.

“My mother says I was born with a basketball in my hands,” quips Hamilton.

He did grow up in a basketball incubator. He learned the game in the neighborhoods of Queens Village, a few hook shots away from St. Albans—where Hall of Famer Bob Cousy, Holy Cross All-America, became All-City Captain while performing for Andrew Jackson High.

Hamilton played at Archbishop Molloy in Queens, coached by the legendary Jack Curran, who has been developing players such as Kenny Anderson and Kenny Smith for more than four decades.

His dad had been a scoring machine (20 points a game) for 20-2 North Babylon High, making the 1976 All-Long Island team. The slender 6-foot-3-inch guard emerged as the outside force on the highly regarded Iona team led by burly Jeff Ruland. Recall that team upset No.1-ranked Louisville on Feb. 21, 1980. That January, Hamilton scored 18 points as Iona trounced Holy Cross 82-67 in the Hart Center. Only an elbow injury during preseason grind dashed Kevin Sr.’s dreams of becoming a Celtic in the Larry Bird era.

Netty and Kevin Hamilton come from large families where excellent athletes abound. Netty excelled in racquetball. Their younger sons are also following in their dad’s footsteps. Keith, 16, is a fine junior guard with Division 1 promise, playing at Holy Cross High in Flushing. Dad serves as the freshman team coach there. Kiernan, 9, is already showing signs of hoop excellence as he tags along with Kevin and Keith to summer workout sessions. “I’ve never seen a kid his age so dedicated to doing basketball drills,” remarks Kevin Jr.

Kevin Jr. is quick to point out his good fortune. His mom, her heritage rooted in Puerto Rico, was the first in her family to graduate from college (the Catholic all-women’s College of New Rochelle in New York where Iona is located.) “We were college sweethearts,” notes Kevin Sr., now a regional vice president for IKON Office Solutions, a major distributor of business equipment. Netty is an addiction counselor at Queens Hospital.

“My dad never pushed me into basketball,
never pressured me to play. I showed some interest in junior high, and I signed up for youth leagues like CYO.

He was never overbearing, not a drill-sergeant type at all,” Hamilton says.

“I never wanted to pressure him to do what I did—I didn’t want him to play at Iona and feel he had to be another me,” says Kevin Sr., who is a member of the Iona Hall of Fame.

“I knew Holy Cross would give him the independence to grow. I knew Ralph would make him a complete player. There is nobody I trusted more than Ralph Willard with my son’s development as a player and person.”

His parents are always there for their three sons. At their games, chauffeuring them around. His mom insists their homework be done. His dad shows them some sweet moves.

Yet Kevin Jr.’s ardent passion for basketball seems to erupt somewhere from deep within.

*To be sure, Hamilton has made himself into an honorable-mention All-American with a gleaming future in basketball. No doubt geography and genes and coaching have helped. But he is the one who devotes countless hours in weight rooms and on asphalt courts. Back home, he pushes himself to lift at a local YMCA and play endless pick-up games at a nearby summer camp.

He arrived at Holy Cross uncertain. There were talented upperclassmen who would play ahead of him. They would show him the ropes but cut him little slack. Even pals like Jave Meade would test him rigorously in practice. His high school coach, Jack Curran, is old-school tough but had mellowed some. Willard would be a no-nonsense, no-shortcuts mentor who had the full blessing of Kevin’s father.

His first year, a tough transition for any freshman, would shake him. “He would come to me and ask if I liked him,” Willard recalls.

Willard, who acknowledges he “loves Kevin like a son,” would treat Hamilton as he does any first-year grunt once he enters the arena of combat. Hamilton would be brainwashed until the Willard brand of basketball that emphasizes defense was ingrained. You don’t play in-your-shirt defense, you don’t get to shoot … make that, you don’t get to play.

Hamilton sat and learned. In his debut appearance, Kevin played 15 minutes against mighty Kansas and scored seven points. In the Patriot League playoffs, Hamilton flashed his potential and made the all-tourney team.

“My dad is not shy about telling me I played badly. Coach Willard drilled defense into my head. In time, I learned how not to listen to their tone, but to take the words out and understand they weren’t trying to hurt me, but to teach me,” Hamilton says.

His dad says he no longer lectures his son. “He’s bigger than I am,” Kevin Sr. adds, laughing. “He’s also better than I was. But I’ll never tell him that!” Yet he confides that truth to Willard and others all the time.

Hamilton has improved every year. He has learned to love the intricacies and challenges of Willard’s defensive schemes. His defensive prowess sets him apart. Relying on his amazing quickness and instinct, Hamilton had 92 steals last season, ranking him third in the country. He can run, rebound, thieve and bury threes. He is the prime reason Holy Cross came within an eyelash of winning the Patriot League Championship and a trip to the NCAA (the Crusaders went to the NIT).

From last April through the fall, his fierce weight-lifting routine sculpted his muscular upper body and added 12 pounds to his frame. Before last season’s liftoff, three left-wrist fractures in 14 months had slowed his development.

Now Hamilton is a senior leader. Now he puts good pressure on himself. He leads by exemplary hustle. He welcomes the burden.
The fans wait for Kevin to explode. At home, they chant "MVP" to encourage or remind him that he is the reigning Patriot League Player of the Year. The pressure to perform surrounds him.

Off the court, he does very well. He loves his college and its campus life. A sociology major, he goes beyond course requirements and volunteers extra hours dishing out food down at the Worcester Inebriate Center's "People in Peril" shelter.

His girlfriend, Ariana Guerrero '08, is also a sociology major. He gets razzed by his pals about the high percentage of Holy Cross undergrads who marry each other. He enjoys education and even raves about courses he takes, such as "Classical America" (the influence of the Latin and Greek cultures on our country's formation).

He would love to play pro ball but also anticipates a later business career in a competitive environment.

"He's a complete player with NBA potential," gushes Willard.

Willard also adds, “Kevin is a great kid … quiet, well-spoken, intelligent, modest. He has a great sense of humor. And once he steps on the court, he is very, very competitive.”

Sounding very much like a dad bragging about his son.

JOHN W. GEARAN '65, was an award-winning reporter and columnist at the Worcester Telegram and Gazette for 36 years. He resides in Woonsocket, R.I., with his wife, Karen Maguire, and their daughter, Molly.
He starts most days on bended knee, at St. Patrick’s Church, down on Cape Cod. There are few who attend early morning Mass there. But Paul Harney ’52, newly beatified on this temporal earth as a golfing Hall of Famer, goes to thank God for all his blessings.

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“Morning Mass gives me time to reflect,” Harney says. “An old habit but a good one. I think of my wonderful wife, who always has been the backbone of the family. She has incredible energy. She raised six kids and still finds time to volunteer at the hospital, something she has done for 30 years. And, as always, she takes care of me.”

Harney has struggled with his health in recent years. In addition to a debilitating stomach ailment, he is recovering from back surgery performed in February. No longer does he play golf even though he still operates the Paul Harney executive golf course in East Falmouth, which he developed in 1972 on 65 acres of woodland off Route 151.

Harney is not a born-again family man. His devotion to his family has been the simple pattern of his life. His passion for golf has always come second to his responsibilities at home. Amazing as it may seem in hindsight, Harney amassed nearly half of his Hall of Fame credentials as a part-time player.

At the top of his game, at age 33—having finished in the Top 10 in earnings in four of the previous eight years—Harney got off the PGA merry-go-round. By then, he and Patti had three of their six children.

“When Patti and I got married I vowed to quit playing full
time when our first child started school,” Harney recalls. “In 1963, I got a club job, and I have no regrets.” His days of playing 45 tournaments a year came to an end, but the best was yet to come.

That very June, Harney was inducted into the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame. That honor was posited on his splendid college record of 52-4 while serving as the Crusaders’ captain and on his professional accomplishments.

That same month, his 12-foot putt stopped two inches short of the 18th cup at The Country Club in Brookline. By a single stroke Harney missed entry into the historic 1963 U.S. Open playoff—a showdown won by Julius Boros over Arnie Palmer and Jackie Cupit.

Part-time Paul, a willowy 5-foot-10-inch athlete with premature streaks of graying hair, won the L.A. Open back-to-back in 1964-65, until then a feat accomplished only by Ben Hogan. In 1964, he finished fifth in the Masters, marking the fourth time he cracked the top eight in that major.

After serving as club pro at California’s Sunset Oak, Harney headed home to Pleasant Valley Country Club, which became a tour stop in Sutton in the outskirts of Worcester. He enticed his pal Hogan, still a top-drawing card at 52, to grace Pleasant Valley’s first PGA tournament, the 1965 Carling Open.

He would sharpen his skills hitting golf balls into a net in his garage, then squeeze in a few months on tour before PV would open in the late spring.

“The family station wagon was dad’s office. We’d all jump in the car and go to work with him,” recalls his son Mike, the head pro at his dad’s course and still regionally competitive at 38. Daughter Erin Abbott is the club’s general manager.

Harney would put 10,000 miles on his car driving to events with his family. In 1971 he finished in the money in 14 of the 15 PGA tournaments he entered, earning a total of $40,316.

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In 1972, he capped his playing career winning the San Diego Open, his seventh PGA tour victory—the best record among golfers hailing from Massachusetts. In San Diego, Harney had his largest payday—$30,000. For his PGA career he earned $361,884, and on the senior tour, he won another $436,063.

Truly, Harney walked fairways with the kings of the game. In 1960, on the final day of the U.S. Open at Cherry Hills, he played the final 36 holes with Palmer. Under enormous pressure, Hogan, at age 47, hit 35 of 36 greens in regulation only to see his second shot of the last hole backspin off the green. Palmer’s afternoon 65 won that Open and Jack Nicklaus finished second.

“Ben Hogan was my hero. And, I suppose, every golfer’s hero” Harney would later remark.

In 1974, Harney was heralded as “PGA Golf Professional of the Year.” In 1996, he became the first inductee into the New England Hall of Fame (he won all five Massachusetts Opens he entered).

This past Sept. 8, Harney was enshrined into the PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame. He chose not to attend.

“That’s the highlight of my career. I’m flabbergasted,” he told Bill Doyle, who wrote a wonderful profile on Harney in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette.

Sometimes defeats lend insight into greatness. Harney lost all four playoffs of his PGA career—three to the legendary Palmer and a fourth to “Champagne Tony” Lema.

Harney spends most of his time at his Cape Cod home and some time hibernating in Florida. Typically, he shows up at his pro shop six days a week at 7:30 a.m., after Mass. He enjoys chatting with dear old friends who stop by, folks like Steve Kelleher, a retired judge who is Harney’s Worcester Classical High and Holy Cross classmate.

He talks some golf but isn’t mired in the past. His San Diego Open silver bowl trophy sits on his pro-shop counter, filled with tees for sale. He’d rather talk about his kids—Chris ’80, Tim, Mike, Anne Marie, Erin and Helene ’88—and his grandchildren. Or how his wife, Patti, can hit a golf ball from either the left or right side.

He returns on rare occasions to Worcester and Holy Cross, where he was a four-year dayhop on academic scholarship. He comes back to visit relatives or his old golfing buddies, Frs. John Brooks, Francis Miller and Earle Markey—the Holy Trinity of the Links.

Memories of great shots fade, he says. But he doesn’t forget people who were kind to him. Guys like Walter Cosgrove, who would let him play the Green Hill Municipal Golf Course for free. Or his College coach, Charles Donnelly. Or his Holy Cross Hall of Fame golfing mentor, Gerry Anderson ’38. Or his newspaper pal, Paul Johnson. Or friend, Bob Nanoff, who would always pick him up at the airport.

“I’ve been lucky,” Harney says, “Holy Cross gave me a tremendous education and the Jesuits gave me a good perspective. Patti gave me six terrific children, and now we have 14 grandkids.”

What Harney has given us is a shining example of what is a fading virtue—true humility embodied in athletic immortality.

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1937
CLASS CHAIR
CHARLES H. KEENAN
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
JOSEPH W. DALY
Last October, The John Paul II Newman Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago honored Monsignor Edward J. Duncan, STD, on the occasion of his 90th birthday and, also, in honor of his longtime service to the university. Appointed director and chaplain of St. John’s Catholic Chapel and the Newman Foundation in 1943, he served in this capacity for more than 50 years; Monsignor Duncan had also been chaplain of the Fighting Illini athletic teams.

1947
CLASS CHAIR
GEORGE A. CASHMAN
Last September, the city of Newburyport, Mass., recognized George A. Cashman for his work in establishing Newburyport as the birthplace of the United States Coast Guard—enabling the city to hold an annual U.S. Coast Guard Day celebration and establishing its place in American and maritime history. A civic leader and Navy veteran of World War II, Cashman served as chairman in 1958 of the Yankee Homecoming celebration; his efforts led to the dedication of a monument in Newburyport to the U.S. Coast Guard and to the city as its birthplace—Congress formally recognized this distinction by joint resolution in 1965; President Johnson subsequently signed it into law; and the U.S. Post Office issued a commemorative stamp—which was first sold in Newburyport. Cashman is a recipient of the Coast Guard’s Meritorious Public Service Award. John J. Gibbons, a director in the Newark, N.J., law firm of Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione, was recently the recipient of several honors: Named “Lawyer of the Year” last January by the New Jersey Law Journal, he was presented the American Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award at a dinner in New York in March; on April 7, the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey bestowed on him its pro bono award—in recognition of his efforts on behalf of indigent clients.

1950
CLASS CHAIR
KIRBY HENDEE
John S. Conroy is a member of the board of directors of the international health and aid organization, Concern America; after 16 years of service, he also continues to be involved in the Habitat for Humanity program. The Sports Museum honored Robert J. “Bob” Cousy at its fourth annual “The Tradition” event, held last June at the FleetCenter in Boston; Cousy was the recipient of a legacy award.

1951
CLASS CHAIR
ALBERT J. MCEVOY JR.
Edwin J. Madden, M.D., retired from the practice of orthopedic surgery in 2001; he and his wife, Dorothy, have owned and operated the Stella Maris Inn in Newport, R.I., since 1990. The Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys (MATA) recently honored James F. Meehan with its 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award. A former president of MATA and a longtime trial attorney, Meehan had been a principal in the Boston law firm of Meehan, Boyle, Black & Fitzgerald; from 1957-84, he had served as a partner in the Boston firm of Parker, Coulter Daley & White. An active member of the American, Massachusetts and Boston bar associations as well as MATA, Meehan had been a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International College of Trial Lawyers. In addition, he had been president of the Federal Bar Association; member of the National Panel of Arbitration for the American Arbitration Association; Massachusetts chairman of the Defense Research Institute; and a member of the board of directors for the Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association. The July 18 edition of the Hartford (Conn.) Courant included an article about Leo V. Willett Jr., M.D., and his retirement as public health director for the town of Durham, Conn., following 35 years of service.

1952
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
JAMES E. HAYES
BERTRAM U. MOUNT JR.
JOSEPH F. WHALEN JR.
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
REV. JOHN R. MULVEHILL
The Oct. 31 issue of the Jesuit magazine America included an article by Joseph A. Califano Jr., titled “Parent Power/The price young people pay for parental pessimism and nonchalance is high”—about the results of the 10th annual survey of 12-to-17 year olds, undertaken by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University in New York City; Califano is the chairman and president of CASA. Andrew J. Kalinski was one of the attorneys profiled in the June 17 edition of New Hampshire Bar News, in honor of his 50-year membership in the New Hampshire Bar Association; Kalinski continues to maintain a private practice in Manchester.

1953
CLASS CHAIR
REV. EARLE L. MARKEY, S.J.
David P. Donohue is the corporate technical director of Thermal Spray and Machine, Inc., in Norfolk, Va. A retired rear admiral of the Navy, Donohue...
served as the 2004-05 chairman of the Tidewater, Va., section of the American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE); he is in his sixth year of service on the National Council of ASNE. Last October, John S.T. “Jack” Gallagher was appointed interim director and chief executive officer of Stony Brook (N.Y.) University Hospital; he also serves as a deputy county executive of Nassau Health and Human Services in New York.

Robert J. “Bob” Meyer writes that he has been elected to a second term as a trustee of The Players Guild of Leonia in New Jersey. Salvatore J. Parlato Jr. writes that, for the 10th consecutive year, he taught “Sign Language of the Deaf” to 8-to-11-year-old children for Greece (N.Y.) Community Education.

**1954**  
**CLASS CHAIR**  
**BARRY R. MCDONOUGH**  
**CLASS CORRESPONDENT**  
**PAUL F. DUPUIS**  

Cornelius F. “Neal” Murphy Jr. writes that his book, *Theories of World Governance: A Study in the History of Ideas* (Catholic University of America Press, 1999), is being translated into Chinese. Raymond L.H. Murphy, M.D., who retired as chief of pulmonary services at two Boston hospitals, continues to teach—at Tufts, Harvard and Northeastern universities—and conduct research on “methods to improve non-invasive diagnosis using computerized acoustic analysis”; he started his own company, Stethographics Inc., in Westborough, Mass.

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

Paul H. Kerin works for the real estate firm Benchmark Property Management Services, located in Mamaroneck, N.Y.

**1956**  
**CLASS CHAIR**  
**DANIEL M. DUNN**  


**1957**  
**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**  
**WILLIAM J. ELLIS**  
**RAYMOND A. NOTHNAGLE**  

John E. Alberghini is an adjunct professor of physics at the Cape Cod Community College in West Barnstable, Mass. Mark A. Delaney writes that he was presented with the President’s Award from the Association of Former Intelligence Officers at a ceremony in Las Vegas, Nev.—in recognition of his community outreach program, which has provided counseling services to teenagers in Las Vegas. Rev. John E. “Jack” Kelley is now a “senior priest,” working halftime at St. Mary’s Parish in Uxbridge, Mass. Bruce E. Zawacki, M.D., writes that, since his retirement in 1998 as associate professor of surgery and, of religion/social ethics, at the University of Southern California (U.S.C.) in Los Angeles, he has been teaching healthcare ethics to premedical and medical students, and, to surgical residents—in association with faculty from the U.S.C. Schools of Medicine, Religion and Law.

**1958**  
**CLASS CHAIR**  
**BRADEN A. MECHLEY**  
**CLASS CORRESPONDENT**  
**ARTHUR J. ANDREOLI**

Peter J. Filicetti is professor emeritus, department of graduate psychology, at LaSalle University in Philadelphia. The Aug. 28 edition of the Cape Cod Times included a profile of Joseph J. Reardon who serves as the first justice of the Barnstable (Mass.) District Court.

**MARRIED:** Richard A. Cody and Joan Forbes Erhard, on July 23.

**1960**  
**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**  
**GEORGE M. FORD**  
**GEORGE F. SULLIVAN JR.**  

Louis F. “Lou” Cumming writes that, having successfully launched a new, independent community bank earlier this decade as the executive vice president and chief credit officer, he has subsequently taken a sabbatical leave to devote time to his consulting firm, Financial Proctology Associates.

Lawrence J. DeNardis, who serves as chairman of the Tweed New Haven (Conn.) Airport Authority, was recently appointed by Gov. M. Jodi Reil to the Connecticut Humanities Council and reappointed to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity—which advises the secretary of education on accreditation in higher education. DeNardis is president emeritus of the University of New Haven. Jay O’Callahan Jr. was selected to serve as an ambassador for storytelling, Oct. 18-
22, at the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough, Tenn. The Gibson Foundation, headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., recently announced the appointment of Charles D. Pacunas as executive director; he had formerly served as the senior vice president of special projects at Gibson.

1961
CLASS CHAIR
C. CLARK HODGSON JR.
Paul E. Pedisich writes that, in continuing his second career, he was advanced to the position of associate professor at Brazosport College in Lake Jackson, Texas; Pedisich teaches history and humanities there.

1962
CLASS CHAIR
WILLIAM J. O’LEARY JR.
Last October, the Pennsylvania Delaware affiliate of the American Heart Association announced that Joseph H. Jacovini has been selected as the recipient of its Heart of Philadelphia Award. Jacovini, who is a senior partner in the Philadelphia office of the law firm Dilworth Paxson, specializes in corporate law and corporate litigation; he also serves as chairman of the board of trustees of Drexel University in Philadelphia and as vice chairman of the board of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

1963
CLASS CHAIR
CHARLES J. BUCHTA
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
MICHAEL J. TONER
Billy Collins has released a new compact disc, *Billy Collins Live: A Performance at the Peter Norton Symphony Space*—a live recording of the poetry reading he presented there last April to benefit New York Public Radio. Last June, 3M Corp., headquartered in St. Paul, Minn., appointed Robert S. Morrison interim chairman and chief executive officer of the company. Morrison, who is retired vice chairman of PepsiCo Inc. and the former chairman, president and chief executive officer of the Quaker Oats Co., joined the 3M board of directors in 2002. Robert E. Terry is first justice, Barnstable (Mass.) Probate and Family Court.

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Peeling labels: Susan ’77 and Mike Toth ’74 and Luke O’Brien ’84 work to feed the hungry

By Rebecca Smith ’99

When Rev. Paul O’Brien called on Michael ’74 and Susan Toth ’77 to help fight hunger in Lawrence, Mass., the couple was eager to assist their friend. In fact, they thought so highly of the priest that, when he was transferred from their parish in Concord, Mass., to Lawrence’s St. Patrick Parish, they traveled there to celebrate Mass with him every Sunday. And while worshiping in the impoverished community, the Toths got to know their fellow parishioners and felt obligated to help them.

“There were faces to this concept that would haunt us if we didn’t do anything,” explains Mike Toth.

As a pastor in the state’s poorest city, Fr. Paul’s idea was to sell T-shirts to raise money to build a food center. He brought in the Toths for their support, creativity and branding expertise. A fine arts major at Holy Cross, Mike Toth is president and chief executive officer of Toth Brand Imaging, whose clients include Tommy Hilfiger and J. Crew.

Discussing with the Toths the pervasive problem of societal labeling, Fr. Paul explained that people in his parish—such as ex-convicts and recovering drug addicts—were trying to make a fresh start but were being held back by stigmas that others assigned to them. It was out of this concept that the Toths brainstormed an innovative branding idea: Labels are for jars—not people. They designed thought-provoking T-shirts with derogatory labels on them, such as “homeless,” “prisoner” and “geek.” At the Toths’ suggestion, the shirts are sold in jars, which can be filled with money that is then donated to the food center. T-shirts are sold at www.labelsareforjars.org and select Newbury Comics stores.

“We worked off the idea that food comes in jars,” says Mike Toth. “So it’s symbolic to fill a jar with money that goes toward feeding the hungry.”

Labels are for Jars is a wildly successful grassroots campaign. To add backing to the project, Fr. Paul called on his connections with Cincinnati Reds first baseman Sean Casey and former Harvard housemate, late-night talk show host Conan O’Brien, to help spread the word. Conan O’Brien’s brother, Luke ’84, who had befriended Fr. Paul years earlier, willingly lends his expertise as an attorney to the organization.

Director and counsel of Secure Record Services in Boston, O’Brien feels compelled to help Fr. Paul—most recently served as president and general manager of the Boston ABC Network affiliate.

Frank E. Delmonico, D.D.S., writes that, in a poll of Rhode Island dentists conducted by Rhode Island Monthly magazine, he was recently voted the number one general dentist in the state; Delmonico, who maintains a private practice in Wakefield, had previously received this honor in 1999. The June 29 edition of Real Estate Weekly included...
an article about Arthur J. Mirante II and his recognition at a recent dinner of the Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York, held at the New York Palace Hotel. Mirante, who currently serves as president of global client development at Cushman & Wakefield in New York City, is also an active member of several community and service organizations, including The United Way of New York City; The Alvin Ailey Dance Company; and The National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine.

1966
CLASS CHAIR
KENNETH M. PADGETT
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
WILLIAM L. JUSKA JR.
The April 22 edition of the Orleans, Mass., newspaper Cape Codder included the announcement that the Eldredge & Lumpkin Insurance Agency has promoted Peter F. Della-Luna Jr. to the position of manager of the agency's Harwich, Mass., office.

1967
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
JOHN J. MCLAUGHLIN JR.
JOHN P. SINDONI
Thomas F. Hogan writes that he and his wife have completed their stint with the U.S. Peace Corps in the Ukraine; for almost two years, they had served as TELF teachers at the secondary school-and college-level in Khust. Thomas E. Kelly, a longtime educator and coach, received a Special Achievement Award “for his decades of public service to the youth of Dartmouth,” at the Dartmouth (Mass.) High School Athletic Hall of Fame 12th annual installation dinner held last spring at the Hawthorne Country Club. The June 18 edition of the Bangor (Maine) Daily News included an article about Rev. Joseph J. Koury and his recent appointment as the administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Belfast, Maine; he had most recently served 10 years at Our Lady of Wisdom Parish in Orono—as well as the Newman Center at the University of Maine and St. Mary’s Parish in Orono. Christopher J. Matthews served as commencement speaker last May at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn.; Matthews is the creator and host of Hardball with Chris Matthews on MSNBC and host of the NBC syndicated weekly news program The Chris Matthews Show. The May edition of Fenway News included a profile of Robert F. “Bob” White, professor of animation and communications at Simmons College in Boston; a member of the Simmons College faculty since 1971, White has also produced more than 30 films during his career.

1970
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
ANTHONY M. BARCLAY
JOHN R. DOYLE, M.D.
The July 25 edition of The Boston Globe included an article about Mark J. Doherty, D.M.D., titled “He’s dedicated to dental care for all.” A public health dentist, Doherty has served as the director of oral health services at the Dorchester House Multi-Service Center in Boston since 1979. Bernard F. Kelly Jr. is a concierge for One Seal Harbor, Meredith Management Corp., in Winthrop, Mass. Theodore C. “Ted” Nardin has recently been appointed chief executive officer and publisher of the Springer Publishing Co., Inc., in New York City. The Oct. 31 issue of the Jesuit magazine America included an article by Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi, titled “Challenge and Opportunity/John Paul II on the gift of Christian suffering.” Msgr. Vaghi is pastor of the Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda, Md. The St. Thomas More Society of Worcester County honored Vito A. Virzi with its Distinguished Jurist Award at the 48th annual Red Mass, celebrated in November at St. Paul’s Cathedral in Worcester; Virzi is an associate justice of the Massachusetts District Court.
1971
CLASS CHAIR
ROBERT T. BONAGURA
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
JEROME J. CURA JR.
Peter F. Keenan Jr., a partner in the Millbury, Mass., law firm of Keenan & O’Connell, has recently been elected to the board of trustees of Millbury Savings Bank. P. Michael Saint now serves as chairman and chief executive officer of The Saint Consulting Group, a land-use and zoning politics consulting firm with five offices in the United States and one in London, England; Saint founded the company in 1983.

1972
CLASS CHAIR
ALLAN F. KRAME R II
In October, the law firm Venable LLP announced that, effective Nov. 1, William J. Donovan joined its Washington, D.C., office as a partner—serving in the banking/financial services and legislative/government affairs practices. Joseph B. “Joe” McDonough writes that, as a fellow at the UMass McCormack Institute Center for Democracy and Development in Boston, he has been awarded State Department funding to work on judicial training in China and to train Russian judges in intellectual property rights.

1973
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
GREGORY C. FLYNN
EDWARD P. MEYERS
The July 9 edition of the Burlington (Vt.) Free Press announced the appointment of Brian L. Burgess to the position of associate justice of the Vermont Supreme Court. John F. Cambria, a partner in the New York City law office of Alston & Bird, is included in the 2006 edition of Best Lawyers in America, for commercial litigation; selection is based on a peer-review survey. The June 1 edition of the newspaper Southbridge (Mass.) Evening News announced that Brian M. Chandley has joined Southbridge Savings Bank as the vice president of commercial lending. Last February, Kevin B. Frawley was appointed executive vice president of Crawford & Company, an independent provider of claims management solutions to insurance companies and self-insured entities, headquartered in Atlanta, Ga. The July 29 edition of the Westbrook, Mass., newspaper Community Advocate included the announcement that James F. Kattany, a financial representative with The Kane Group, celebrated his 30th anniversary with the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network last June; recipient of the company’s National Quality Award 27 times since 1978, Kattany was named a Million Dollar Round Table Life Member in 1987. Christian McCarthy, executive vice president of finance and administration at Assumption College, has been appointed to the board of directors of Fallon Community Health Plan. Rev. Paul M. Sullivan, S.J., was named Knights of Columbus Chaplain of the Year for 2004-05, by the Maine State Council Knights of Columbus.

MARRIED: Stephen T. Johnson and Tuwanda Shakoor, on Aug. 24, in Las Vegas, Nev. Kenneth D. Kolb and Kathy McLennan, on June 24, at the First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich, Conn.

ERRATUM
Due to an error by HCM, the 1973 class notes section of the summer 2004 issue erroneously reported that Darrell L. Williams was the author of the article, “Hit Discriminators Where it Hurts,” that had appeared in the November 2003 issue of Black Enterprise. It was also incorrectly noted that Williams is a principal of the Los Angeles, Calif., consulting firm, Economic Analysis, LLC, and a member of the Black Enterprise Board of Economists. HCM apologizes for this error.

1974
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
BRIAN R. FORTS
EDWARD J. SULLIVAN
The Milford (Mass.) Federal Savings & Loan Association recently announced the appointment of Joseph F. Edwards Jr. to its board of directors; Edwards is co-owner of the family-owned business Edwards Memorial Funeral Home Inc. in Milford. The Sept. 9 edition of the Wilton (Conn.) Villager announced the appointment of Jean Giblin Haynes as the associate director of development and annual fund director at St. Luke’s School, a nondenominational, coeducational independent day school in New Canaan, Conn. The April 18 edition of the newspaper The Times Record announced the appointment of Christopher P. Kelley as the new controller of its parent company, the Brunswick (Maine) Publishing Co. This fall, the Worcester African Cultural Center presented “Colors on Sand: Images of Senegal”—an exhibit of photographs and paintings by Kenneth P. Martin and Verjik Abramian-Martin, “capturing the vibrancy and movement of life in Senegal.” Last September, Alan D. Mulshine became the business manager for the Holy Spirit Center, a Jesuit retreat and spirituality center in Anchorage, Alaska; a volunteer in many ministry areas for the past 12 years, he continues to serve as a spiritual director and facilitator for Ignatian spirituality programs. Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Ill., announced in July the appointment of James L. Mulshine, M.D., to the new position of vice president for research—and, also, his appointment as associate provost for research at the university.
1975
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
JOSEPH W. CUMMINGS
JOSEPH A. SASSO JR.
The April 15 edition of the Hollis Brookline Journal announced the appointment of Timothy J. Kelley as the new principal of Hollis (N.H.)/Brookline High School. Lawrence J. Mone continues to serve as president of the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research in New York City.

1976
CLASS CHAIR
THOMAS E. RYAN
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
THOMAS C. HEALEY
Joseph F. Brennan, senior vice president of public policy for the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, has been appointed a director on the board of The Governor’s Prevention Partnership in Connecticut. Maureen Kelley O’Connor has recently been promoted to senior vice president and general counsel of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina.

1978
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
MARCIA HENNELLY MORAN
MARK T. MURRAY
MICHAEL H. SHANAHAN
William L. Hennrikus, M.D., has retired from the Naval Reserves with the rank of captain, following 26 years of service; he is the recipient of many honors, including the Navy Achievement Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. Dr. Hennrikus is currently medical director of the department of orthopaedics and sports medicine at Children’s Hospital Central California in Madera and associate clinical professor of surgery at the University of California, San Francisco-Fresno. His assignments in the Naval Reserves included: director of pediatric orthopaedics and residence program director, Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.; staff orthopaedic surgeon at the naval hospitals in Bremerton, Wash., Portsmouth, Va., and Lemoore, Calif.; battalion surgeon, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in Okinawa and Korea; and staff orthopaedic surgeon, Naval Hospital, Sigonella, Italy. Recalled to active duty during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Dr. Hennrikus was assigned to the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va. Last December, Raymond J. Phaneuf organized the Third International Workshop on Nanoscale Spectroscopy and Nanotechnology at the University of Maryland, College Park—with speakers from Japan, Europe and the United
Theresa M. Lynn ’87 and Holy Cross team up with “ReadBoston”

By Rebecca Smith ’99

Seen at a “Storymobile” event in Boston’s North End (left to right): Rachel Lapal ’06, Erin Smith ’04, Theresa Lynn ’87, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and Greg Salvucci ’06.

Theresa Lynn ’87 has been working in the nonprofit field since graduating from Holy Cross. Currently the executive director of ReadBoston, a nonprofit children’s literacy program, Lynn attributes her career path to her involvement in the College’s SPUD (Student Programs for Urban Development) program.

“At Holy Cross, I taught religious education and volunteered at Abby’s House women’s shelter,” explains Lynn. “I don’t think I would have even thought of doing this kind of work today had I not had such positive exposure to nonprofit organizations in college.”

Founded by Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino in 1995, ReadBoston is a citywide leader in the field of early literacy. With a mission to have students reading at grade level by the end of third grade, ReadBoston does a lot of work with the public schools, after-school communities and other nonprofits. Lynn’s responsibilities in the organization include fund raising, strategic planning, developing new initiatives and strengthening collaborations with com-
community partners. She recognizes that the knowledge she gained as an economics and religious studies double major at Holy Cross enables her to succeed in her professional life.

Although most of her work is with the mayor, Lynn is overseen by fellow alumnus Mark Maloney ’72, director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority. And the Holy Cross connections don’t end there—Lynn also works with Erin Smith ’04, formerly a Holy Cross summer intern at ReadBoston who did such an impressive job that she was hired by Lynn to a full-time position. In her role as development and community relations manager, Smith directs the Storymobile program, a summer initiative that promotes reading among the city’s at-risk youth.

Last summer, with the assistance of two Holy Cross interns, Rachel LaPal ’06 and Gregory Salvucci ’06, Smith coordinated and oversaw 82 Storymobile visits, complete with readings by professional storytellers and the donation of over 28,000 books for children.

This Holy Cross trio staffed Storymobile sites daily and helped organize over 28,000 books, ensuring that the subject matter and quantity of books were appropriate for each visit’s demographic. Lynn expresses her sincere gratitude to the College’s Summer Internship Program (SIP) and the Holy Cross Club of Boston—which pays most of the interns’ salaries—for making their participation in this program possible.

“As a nonprofit, the SIP has helped us tremendously—we’d never be able to afford such qualified help without it,” she explains. “In fact, we look forward to hiring Holy Cross students every summer!”

Lynn stresses the significance of the work that the Holy Cross team members perform as well as their deep commitment to the communities they serve.

“Putting reading and literacy in the middle of a summer day for kids in a fun way is so important for their education and the development of their love of reading,” she says. “And we simply wouldn’t be able to run the Storymobile program without Erin, Rachel and Greg.”

Executive officer and president of Nabi Biopharmaceuticals in Boca Raton, Fla. In October, James H. Mullen Jr. was installed as the ninth president of Elms College in Chicopee, Mass. Thomas M. Ripp has recently accepted the position of president of the security and detection division of L-3 Communications, based in Woburn, Mass. The July 21 edition of the Telegram & Gazette included the announcement that Timothy P. Wickstrom has been elected chairman of the board of directors of US Bancorp—the parent company of UniBank—and its subsidiaries.

Wickstrom is a partner of the law firm Tashjian, Simsarian & Wickstrom, with offices in Worcester and Whitinsville.

1981 Class Co-Chairs
James G. Healy
Katharine Buckley McNamara
Elizabeth Stevens Murdy
William J. Supple
U.S. Trust announced in April the promotion of Richard G. Califoux Jr. to the position of senior vice president; Califoux, who has worked in the company’s Melville, N.Y., office since 2004, also serves as a senior trust officer.

Susan G. Dooley writes that, after retiring from the Marine Corps in April 2004, she began working in administration at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.—and accepted a new position as director of admissions at the school, effective this past June. The Aug. 28 edition of the Worcester Sunday Telegram included an article, titled “Turnaround specialist shakes up Allmerica”—about Frederick H. Eppinger and his two-year tenure as the president and chief executive officer of the Allmerica Financial Corp. in Worcester. The June 16 edition of the Providence (R.I.) Visitor announced that Rev. David F. Gaffney has been named the pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in Providence. Ela Sulimirski Blakeslee Landegger serves as president of the Junior League of Toronto. In 2004, Sean J. McCue began working for KPMG-Financial Risk Management in New York City. James P. McDonagh is an associate counsel for the Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists in Boston.

1982 Class Co-Chairs
Jean Kelly Cummings
Susan L. Sullivan

Last April, H. Patricia “Trish” Cronin was promoted to senior vice president at the JP Morgan Chase Bank in New York City. Health Industry Insights, headquartered in Framingham, Mass., announced last September that Lynne A. Dunbrack has joined the company as program director, health payer research. Daniel W. Fulham is a founding member and partner of Bridgepoint Partners LLC, a management consulting firm located in Buffalo, N.Y. The Aug. 29 edition of the Framingham, Mass., newspaper, Metro West Daily News, included the announcement that Robert J.
Patrick Quinn ’89 races toward the 2006 Olympic Games

By Rebecca Smith ’99

At an age when most athletes have retired, 39-year-old Patrick Quinn ’89 is looking to compete in his first Olympic Games. As the back driver on the second-best luge doubles team in the country, Quinn’s journey to the 2006 Olympics is one of determination, devotion—and speed.

A hockey player in high school, Quinn resolved to play as well at Holy Cross. While his efforts to make the team revealed his athletic drive and competitive spirit, he struggled for months—and was ultimately released. Devastated, he tore off a piece of his purple practice jersey and vowed to return it only when he made the team again. Quinn practiced hard for two years and earned a spot on the roster in his final year. But he did not return that piece of cloth.

“My career as a hockey player on the Hill was far from illustrious, but I cherished every moment,” explains Quinn. “Natural ability may not have been my strong suit, but I made up for it with effort.”

He also applied energy and intensity to his position as a coach of the College’s first women’s ice hockey team.

After college, Quinn took up inline skate racing. While competing at the National Championships, he was invited to a tryout camp by a United States speed skating coach. Unfortunately, Quinn failed to make both the 1998 and 2002 Olympic speedskating teams.

In the meantime, to support his training, he started his own company—Q Sports Marketing, Inc. A sports agent, Quinn has represented many of his fellow speedskaters and other Olympic athletes; at the 2002 games, his clients won 11 medals.

Despite his business success, Quinn was not content merely to represent Olympians. When he read an article about an Olympic luger in need of a partner, he called then-stranger Chris Thorpe and made him a proposition: He would represent Thorpe if the luger would give him a shot as his partner. Thorpe accepted. Ironically, Quinn had attended a luge tryout camp 20 years earlier, where—despite finishing first in every category—he was told he was too old for luge.

Luge is the fastest sport on ice—sled speeds exceed 80 miles per hour—and athletes are subjected to up to five G’s of pressure in the high-speed turns.

“Things can go horribly wrong, but they can also go beautifully right,” says Quinn. “And it’s a very fine line either way.”

Thorpe has since retired but not before introducing Quinn to his current partner, Christian Niccum. In November, Quinn and Niccum—along with the U.S. luge team—opened the World Cup season in Latvia. This series of competitions will determine the U.S. Olympic team for February’s games in Torino, Italy. The pair’s progress can be tracked at: www.americansliders.com.

As for that piece of practice jersey he took years ago, Quinn does not plan to return it.

“To me, it has become a symbol of not giving up,” he explains. “It’s the most prized possession I have.”

When not competing, Quinn resides in Illinois with his wife, Kathleen, and daughter, Alaina.
Paulhus Jr. has been promoted to the position of senior vice president at Clinton (Mass.) Savings Bank; he joined the bank in 1999.

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


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

Christopher P. Henzel and his wife, Adrienne, announce the birth of their son, Joseph Charles, on Feb. 10. Henzel is the political counselor at the American Embassy in Amman, Jordan. Last spring, Maine Gov. John Baldacci announced the nomination of Lloyd P. LaFountain III to a five-year term as superintendent of the state’s Bureau of Financial Institutions; in this capacity, he serves as the chief regulator of state-chartered financial institutions in Maine. LaFountain is a partner with the Biddeford law firm of LaFountain & LaFountain. Katherine J. “Kathy” (Sellar) Lang, who retired from the Air Force in October 2004, received her master’s degree in library science last May from Catholic University, Washington, D.C. Sherry B. Levin, who is the girls’ varsity basketball coach at Worcester Academy, was selected for induction into the Newton (Mass.) North High School Athletic Hall of Fame in November. David F. Mangan, M.D., and his wife, Martha, announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Catherine. Mangan maintains an anesthesiology practice in Buffalo, N.Y.

1985
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
THOMAS M. FLYNN
JOSEPH TERRANOVA
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
JOANNE S. NILAND

The June 28 edition of the Telegram & Gazette announced that Patricia O’Leary Engdahl has accepted the position of director of the Molly Bish Center for the Protection of Children and Elderly at Anna Maria College in Paxton, effective July 18; Engdahl has served as director of the Office of Healing and Prevention for the Diocese of Worcester since its inception in 2002. Daniel A. Grabauskas has recently been appointed general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. In August 2004, Daniel J. Lawrence relocated to Richmond, Va., where he accepted a new position with Johnson & Johnson as general manager of the Virginia distributorship.

Christopher J. Supple and his wife, Kate, announce the birth of their son, Timothy Sutherland, on Jan. 18, 2005.

1986
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
VIRGINIA M. AYERS
PATRICK L. MCCARTHY JR.
EDWARD T. O’DONNELL
KATHLEEN QUINN POWERS

The April 21 edition of The Boston Globe included an article about the work of Francis X. “Chip” Flaherty, his brother, Michael, and film producer, Cary Granat, in the Boston-based film company Walden Media. Founded in 2001 by Michael Flaherty and Granat, the company is involved with the adaptation of popular children’s books, such as Because of Winn-Dixie—and, also, with the development of a program of educational materials related to each film for classroom use; Chip serves as executive vice president and general counsel of the company. Marie-Christine (Durnan) Longo and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of their son, Mark Joseph, on July 24, 2004. Longo is a pediatrician in Seattle, Wash. Mary-Elizabeth McDonald announces the birth of her son, Spencer Raymond Mahoney, on June 4, 2004. McDonald continues to work as a film and television producer. Last April, John T. Rollins became the publisher of Elle magazine. Thomas M. Ryan and his wife, Stephanie, announce the birth of their twins, Sydney Elisabeth and Tatum Francis, on Aug. 2.

1987
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
KATHLEEN E. MOYLAN
ERIN B. GRIMES MYERS
JAMES W. NAWN JR.

Robert H. “Rob” Bowen writes that he was recently reelected to a second, three-year term on the Lunenburg, Mass., board of selectmen—and unanimously selected by the board to serve as chairman for this year. Catherine T. “Kate” Brandley has been named the 2005 Guidance Counselor of the Year by the Catholic School Counseling Association; Brandley serves as a guidance counselor and as the director of admissions at Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro, Mass. The Sept. 19 edition of The New York Times included an op-ed piece by James J. Collins Jr. about his experience as a MacArthur Foundation fellow; a professor of biomedical engineering at the Boston University College of Engineering and co-director of the Center for Biodynamics, Collins received this honor in 2003. Colleen A. Conley writes that, after working more than 17 years in the biotechnology industry, she has founded touchstone designs—a manufacturer, distributor and importer of greeting cards throughout North America and the United Kingdom. David M.
Emanuel, D.M.D., M.D., is a partner with Metrowest Oral Surgical Associates in Framingham, Mass. Catherine M. Sullivan is a management supervisor in public relations at Publicis Dialog in New York City. Cmdr. Karen A. Tsiantas, USN, is the chief staff officer of Fleet Activities Okinawa.


1988 Class Co-Chairs
Ellen S. Conte
Paul E. Demit

Martha Carroll Casey and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Coughlin, on May 31. Casey continues to practice family law part time at Taylor, Ganson & Perrin in Boston. The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut in Stamford announced the appointment of Julia B. Dailey to its board of directors; Dailey serves as managing director and director of marketing at Andor Capital Management, also in Stamford. Wendy A. DeFeudis is the founder and president of VeryWendy Designs in New York City—offering custom fashion illustrations and on-site event services. Rita Desnoyers-Garcia and her husband, Enrique, announce the birth of their daughter, Susana Alicia, on July 4, 2004. Thomas J. “Tom” Estep and his wife, Jenny, announce the birth of their son, Will. Martha Jane Gagnon and her husband, Stephen, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Thomas, on Dec. 29, 2003. Gagnon continues to work in internal audit at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. Leotha D. “Lee” Hull and his wife, Stacey, announce the birth of their daughter, Laila Nicole, on June 5. Hull coaches at Oregon State University in Corvallis. James L. Januzzi Jr., M.D., is a staff cardiologist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Dennis F. Kerrigan Jr., a partner with the Hartford, Conn., law firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, has been elected a fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows Program. Joseph A. Layden Jr. and his wife, Sally, announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Elizabeth, on June 29, 2004. The April 4 edition of the Worcester Business Journal included a profile of Edward P. “Ted” Pidcock in its Small Biz Ink. column; Pidcock is the owner of the Needham, Mass.-based company Chilly Bears and, also, of Image Apparel Inc. in Worcester. Margaret “Peggy” Mulshine Timoney and her husband, Gavin, announce the birth of their son, Gavin James, on Nov. 27, 2004.

1989 Class Co-Chairs
Christina M. Buckley
Sean T. McHugh

Maureen F. “Mo” Browne and her husband, Michael Byars, announce the birth of their son, Patrick Cullen Byars, on Jan. 5, 2005. Browne is a partner in an intellectual property and international trade law firm in Washington, D.C. Christopher Capot recently started his own firm, Above the Fold Public Relations, LLC, in Wallingford, Conn.—specializing in financial services, industrial manufacturing and other industries. Jane Toole Casanta and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of their twins, Daniel Joseph and Anne Kiley, on Nov. 3, 2004. Casanta is employed by Titleist. Dennis J. Golden and his wife, Jennifer ’90, announce the birth of their son, Michael Duane, on Oct. 30, 2004. The July 21 edition of the West Hartford Journal announced an article about Andrea M. Melanson and her recent partnership with family therapist Marc Lehman, to form Cooperative Solutions—a mediation service for couples facing divorce; Melanson continues to maintain a private law practice in Simsbury, Conn. Kevin J. Sullivan and his wife, Annie ’94, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Bridget “Ellie,” on Aug. 23.

1990 Class Co-Chairs
Nancy L. Meaney
Lisa M. Villa
Mark P. Wickstrom

James D. “Jamie” Cleveland and his wife, Laurie, announce the birth of their son, James Fenimore “Fen,” in October 2004. Cleveland has worked for Phillips Electronics for the past 11 years. Elizabeth A. Fasy, M.D., and her husband, Nick Lurie, announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, on May 8. Jennifer M. Golden and her husband, Dennis ’89, announce the birth of their son, Michael Duane, on Oct. 30, 2004. Kevin M. Jordan and his wife, Kristin, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna. Jordan is a managing director at Goldman Sachs in New York City. Suzanne B. (Wilz) Klein has been teaching kindergarten for the past 14 years in the Bergen County, N.J., school system. Kim Morrow Laguzza and her husband, Gian-Carlo, announce the birth of their daughter, Margaret Grace “Maggie,” on Dec. 5, 2004. Christopher M. Picone and his wife, Meghan ’91, announce the birth of their daughter, Fiona Catherine, on Sept. 9, 2003. Picone began working in fall 2004 at Fitchburg (Mass.) State College, teaching ecology and environmental science courses. The Sept. 22 edition of the Lewiston, Maine, newspaper, Sun Journal, announced that Timothy J. Tower has joined Northeast Bank as a regional vice president and commercial loan officer, for its Lewiston/Auburn, Maine, market; his responsibilities include portfolio management and commercial loan administration.
1991

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
PETER J. CAPIZZI
JOHN R. HAYES JR.
KIRSTIN M. KRAEGER

Paul N. Bartilucci and his wife, Helene, announce the birth of their daughters, Isabella Grace and Lilly Catherine. The July 28 edition of the Lowell, Mass., newspaper Sun included an article about the Atlantis Playmakers of Billerica, a theater company started in 1998 in Billerica, Mass., by Kimberly Davis Basso and her mother, Jeannette Davis; Basso serves as the company's artistic director. The military health plan Tricare recently honored Lt. Cmdr. Timothy F. Donahue, M.D., USN, as a “Tricare hero,” for his work in the field of prostate cancer research and treatment, and for his “personalized patient care.” Donahue is head of the urologic surgery department at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. Andrea Cox Fidurko and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of their son, Kevin Edward, on March 7. Carrie A. and Timothy S. Hanlon announce the birth of their son, Sean Patrick, on Dec. 6, 2004. Boston Herald publisher Patrick J. Purcell announced in July the appointment of Julie A. Mehegan as chief editorial writer for the newspaper. Megan (Fitzgerald) Pane and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Vivian, on Nov. 26, 2004. Diane Kaseta Phillips and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their daughter, Fiona Catherine, on Sept. 9, 2003. Picone currently works part time in Gardner, Mass., at both Heywood Hospital and Mount Wachusett Community College, teaching nursing. Michael A. Pisacano, M.D., and his wife, Robin, announce the birth of their son, Anthony Jack, on Dec. 29, 2004. Pisacano practices ophthalmology in White Plains, N.Y. Bradley J. Stamm and his wife, Meegan ’92, announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Josephine, on May 4. Maura Sullivan, M.D., and her husband, John, announce the birth of their son, Patrick Michael, on Nov. 16, 2004. Sullivan continues to practice family medicine part time in Northern Dutchess County, N.Y. Maj. Marc R. Tessier, USAF, writes that he was recently awarded the U.S. Air Force Distinguished Flying Cross for leading a flight of four USAF C-17s on an airdrop mission in Iraq on March 28, 2003; he is currently flying C-17s on an exchange with the Royal Air Force at RAF Brize Norton, UK. Last July, Mary Helen Walker was named assistant coach of women's basketball at Northeastern University in Boston.

1992

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
MAURA E. MCGOVERN
TIMOTHY D. MCGOVERN
CHRISTOPHER J. SERB

Nichelle R. King is now a weekend co-anchor and general assignment reporter for WHDH-TV Channel 7 in Boston. Last October, Syracuse (N.Y.) University announced the appointment of Karen P. Morrissey as the director of benefits, compensation and human resources services in the university’s Office of Human Resources. Marybeth (Sposito) Murdoch and her husband, Doug, announce the birth of their daughter, Melissa Susan, on Nov. 5, 2004. Mary E. “Melissa” (Vogt) Ryan and her husband, Joe, announce the birth of their daughter, Maria, on Oct. 25, 2004. Meegan Matlak Stamm and her husband, Bradley ’91, announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Josephine, on May 4.

1993

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
PATRICK J. COMERFORD
EILEEN KASPRZAK READ

Christopher J. Cunio writes that he has been named a partner of the Boston law firm Cooley Manion Jones; a trial attorney, he focuses his practice on civil litigation matters, including business, trademark, copyright, employment and real estate disputes. Shannon (Carroll) Haley and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of their twins, Jacob Matthew and Samantha Carroll, on March 31, 2004. Linda (McMorrow) Ries, M.D., and her husband, Justin, announce the birth of their daughter, Megan McMorrow, on May 3. Katherine “Kate” (Lemke) and James A. “Jim” Rogers announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia Kathryn, on Sept. 30. Patrick J. “P.J.” Sansonetti Jr. and his wife, Shannon, announce the birth of their daughter, Caitlin Jean, on May 14. John “Jack” Thorburn and his wife, Kerry, announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Hannah, on June 3. James G. Whitehouse continues to work as an assistant city attorney for St. Augustine, Fla., and as a special assistant state attorney for the 7th Judicial Circuit of Florida.

MARRIED: Marcia S. Lee and Jeff Taylor, on April 30, at Holy Trinity Church in Washington, D.C.

1994

CLASS CHAIR
AMANDA M. ROBICHAUD

Erin O’Brien Choquette and her husband, Rob, announce the birth of their daughter, Alicia Frances, on April 29. Jennifer Murray Crowson now works as in-house counsel to Trans-Expedit Inc., a freight-forwarding and warehousing business in El Paso, Texas. William J. “Bill” DiSciullo Jr. is a director in the
George Spencer ’00 was diagnosed with high-risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia during his last year of high school. At the time, his symptoms were progressing so quickly that his doctor later told him that if he had waited two more days before seeking help, it would have been too late.

Faced with intense treatment, Spencer decided to attend college close to his family home in Ashland, Mass. A member of the hockey team at St. John’s High School in Shrewsbury, Mass., he had played games at the Hart Center—and, through this experience, forged an early connection with Holy Cross.

Throughout that difficult summer before entering college, Spencer remembers the care and compassion of his younger sister, Jennifer.

“Jen stayed by my side the whole time,” Spencer recalls. “She made me realize that when you’re sick and lonely, it’s important to be surrounded by supportive people.”

A 2002 Boston College graduate, Jennifer majored in nursing and subsequently worked as a nurse oncologist on the bone marrow transplant floor at Children’s Hospital in Boston. She is currently pursuing her graduate degree in pediatric oncology at the University of Pennsylvania.

“My experience helped convince her that nursing is what she wanted to do,” explains Spencer.

At Holy Cross, Spencer underwent weekly cancer treatments for two years in Boston. Since he could not play hockey, he took a work-study job driving the convertible bond department at CIBC World Markets in New York City. The May 2 edition of the Worcester Business Journal included an article by Brendan J. King, titled “Protecting your assets”; King is a partner in the Worcester law firm of Fusaro, Altemare & Ermilio.

Kristen (Haviland) McEnaney and her husband, John ’95, announce the birth of their daughter, Haviland Mary “Hallie,” on March 24.

Cynthia (Tole) Miller and her husband, Gordon, announce the birth of their son, Callanan Quincy, on Oct. 24.

Beth (Hughes) Mittelman and her husband, Joel, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Hamilton, on March 8.

Joel P. Poudrier, USMC, is currently pursuing his master’s degree in communications engineering at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

MARRIED: William J. DiSciullo Jr. and Paula D. Metz, on April 9, at St. Thomas More Church in New York City.

1995

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
CHRISTOPHER J. CASLIN
B. TIMOTHY KELLER
SHELAGH FOLEY O’BRIEN

Carolyn A. and Nicholas A. Cauvuto announce the birth of their son, Thomas Anthony, on April 22.

Eileen K. D’Alessandro, who received her M.B.A. from Regis University, Denver, Colo., works as a sales manager for Tyco Healthcare/Kendall. Jacqueline (Gray) Ellipoulos and her husband, William, announce the birth of their son, John William, on Feb. 1.

Kristen Nykvist LeVangie and her husband, Rob,
announce the birth of their son, Kyle Robert, on March 16. John P. McEnaney and his wife, Kristen '94, announce the birth of their daughter, Haviland Mary “Hallie,” on March 24. Kerri (Koller) Mercier and her husband, Ray, announce the birth of their son, Sawyer, on Nov. 30, 2004. Megan (Emanuelson) Perrotta and her husband, Derek, announce the birth of their son, Sean Derek, on April 19. Kimberly M. (Petersen) Pyne and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Eva, on July 18. Maj. David A. Rapko, USAF, was promoted to the rank of major last April during his second tour of duty at a field hospital in Iraq; he is currently stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, where he is on staff in the department of internal medicine.


**1996 CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

Jennifer E. Burns
Holly R. Khachadoorian-Elia, M.D.
Christopher L. Sears

Kathleen (Sierpina) Battles and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their son, John “Jack” Lawton, on Sept. 27, 2004. Andrea Gennaro Cerone, M.D., maintains a private practice in Ohio as a family physician. Jeffrey S. Cerone, M.D., who recently received his degree from the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in Rootstown, is pursuing his residency in urology in Akron, Ohio. Jonathan Costa, D.O., and his wife, Michelle, announce the birth of their daughter, Joseph Liam, on May 16. Emily (Moore) and Kevin J. Dixon announce the birth of their son, Matthew James, on Feb. 2. Last May,
Denise E. Hamwey received an Excellence in Education award from the Melrose (Mass.) Excellence in Education program—an organization that “recognizes personnel who have made a positive impact on Melrose students”; the honor includes recognition at a public ceremony. Hamwey has taught French for the past six years at Melrose High School.

Kathryn (Voveris) LaFlamme and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Paul, on March 25.

Andrew P. Lannon and his wife, Corazon, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Patricia, on Feb. 23.

Tye J. Morancy writes that he recently received his master of science degree in physics and radiological science and is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in biomedical science and medical physics; he works as a medical physicist at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Pia (Theophiles) and Carl D. Olson announce the birth of their son, Nathaniel James Stephen, on April 10, 2004. Joshua R. “Josh” Pahigian announces that his new book, Why I Hate the Yankees, was released last October by the Lyons Press. The Aug. 25 edition of the Greenville, R.I., weekly newspaper, Observer, included the announcement that Steven J. Short received his degree last May from the Creighton University School of Dentistry in Omaha, Neb.

MARRIED: Catherine A. Sichol and James Lombardo, on May 22, 2004, at St. Cecilia’s Church in Boston.

CLASS NOTES

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Married: Dana R. Arvidson and Meghan G. Harris, on June 11, at Sacred Heart Church, in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass. Allyson N. Spadora and Peter Zariczny, on July 23, in St. John the Evangelist Church, Leonia, N.J.

1998

Class Co-Chairs

Christian P. Browne
Eric B. Javier

Allyssa R. Maccarthy

John M. Beczak, who received his M.B.A. in finance and management last May from the New York University Stern School of Business, currently serves as an assistant vice president in the alternative capital division at Credit Suisse First Boston. Stephanie (Babinski) Brewer and her husband, Joe, announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Lynne, on April 29. Alicia (Hoag) Casey, M.D., who received her degree last May from the University of Vermont (UVM) College of Medicine, has accepted a pediatric residency at UVM/Fletcher Allen Healthcare, in Burlington, Vt. Christopher J. Casey works for Burton Snowboards, South Burlington, Vt., in the distribution department. Sharon (Longo) Claffey and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of their daughter, Everett Jane “Eve,” on July 16. Jeffrey M. Croke and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their son, Gavyn Andrew, on Sept. 10, 2004. Croke currently works for MFS Investment Management in Boston. Jennifer (Andrews) Donnelly is pursuing her M.B.A. at Providence (R.I.) College and working in the Controller’s Office at Brown University, also in Providence. Turner Investment Partners, Berwyn, Pa., announced in November that David J. Honold Jr. has joined the firm as a security analyst/portfolio manager in its growth equity investing team. Jaime L. Kach has been appointed assistant principal of Clinton (Mass.) High School; she had previously taught Spanish at the school for two years. Kach writes that she received her master’s degree in Spanish from Framingham (Mass.) State College in 2003 and her master’s degree in educational leadership and administration from Framingham State in 2005. Danielle M. McCann was elected president of the Central New York Women’s Bar Association. After teaching at Holy Cross for two years, Megan F. Pinch has accepted a tenure-track professorship at the Texas Tech University College of Mass Communications in Lubbock, teaching photography and digital imaging. She writes that her photography has been exhibited this year in galleries in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Missouri, Arkansas and Washington, D.C.—and that she was a 2005 recipient of a fellowship at the Women’s Studio Workshop in Rosendale, N.Y. Melissa L. Rogers-Marinello, M.D., who received her degree last May from the Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., accepted a residency in general surgery in Richmond, Va. Christine A. Wyman Rossi and her husband, John, announce the birth of their son, John “Jack” Wyman Rossi, on Aug. 27, 2004. Rossi manages the finance development program at the EMC Corp. in Hopkinton, Mass. Steven M. Solano, M.D., who received his degree last June from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, accepted a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. Michael P. Sugrue has joined the law firm Goodwin Procter as an associate in its Boston office.


1999

Class Co-Chairs

Roland A. Baroni III
Thomas C. Soper

Ashling A. Besgen and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of their daughter, Annabelle Catherine, on June 10. Besgen received her master’s degree in education in March from the Bank Street College of Education in New York City. Ann R. Buote, M.D., is currently pursuing her residency in pediatrics in California at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. Michelle E. Espey, who received her degree from the Quinnipiac University School of Law, Hamden, Conn., in 2003, recently joined the Melville, N.Y., law firm of Karen J. Tenenbaum, P.C., as an associate. Sarah J. Laduzenski, M.D., who received her degree last June from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, is currently pursuing a one-year internship in internal medicine at the UMass Memorial Medical Center, also in Worcester. Frances C. “Kitty” O’Hare is pursuing her residency in internal medicine-pediatrics, at the University of Pennsylvania; she also continues to be involved in music ministry at St. Agatha-St. James Parish in Philadelphia. Cristine M. Picariello teaches advanced placement environmental science and biology at Sanderson High School in Raleigh, N.C. Matthew F. Quinn received his master’s degree in journalism and a certificate in business and economic reporting from New York University in January 2005; last April, he accepted a position as a reporter with the American Banker newspaper in New York.
York, covering mortgage lenders and credit card companies. Gina (Martin) and Timothy R. Trachimowicz announce the birth of their son, Andrew Timothy, on May 12. 

**MARRIED:** Sarah Greisch and Jeffrey J. White ’00, on Aug. 13, at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Wilton, Conn. 

Jennifer L. Jenkins and Shane Powers, on June 26, 2004, at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church in Sayville, N.Y. 

Christopher J. McCoy and Alison M. DeViva, on April 22, in New York City. 

Cristine M. Picariello and Michael J. Kardas ’00, on July 9, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. Elizabeth A. Rausch, M.D., and Quentin S. Phung, on April 23. 

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS** 

**2000** 

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS** 

**JASON C. HOFFMANN, M.D.** 

**KATHRYN R. REMMES** 

Isaac W. Andres writes that he recently co-founded RainForest Imports, an import company focusing on fair trade. Isaac W. Andres writes that he recently co-founded RainForest Imports, an import company focusing on fair trade. 

Michael J. Kardas is completing a postdoctoral fellowship in drug development at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. 

Christopher J. Kral is pursuing his master’s degree in environmental management—with a focus on international policy and sustainable development—at the Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, in New Haven, Conn. Kate E. McHugh is pursuing her M.B.A. at the Notre Dame University Mendoza College of Business, Notre Dame, Ind., concentrating in entrepreneurship and marketing. After serving three years in patrol and two years in the tactical street crimes unit of the Sarasota (Fla.) Police Department, Patrick M. Robinson has recently been promoted to the rank of detective—with assignment to the department’s crimes against property unit. Robinson is also pursuing his master’s degree in criminology through Capella University in Minneapolis, Minn. 

Katherine (Lowe) Thome, who completed her M.B.A. at the A8 Freeman School of Business at Tulane University in New Orleans, accepted a position as an assistant vice president in the marketing department at Hibernia National Bank, also in New Orleans. Karen M. Zakrzewski, who received her juris doctor degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in Philadelphia last May, accepted a position as an associate with the New York City law firm of Cahill Gordon & Reindel, effective this past September. 

**MARRIED:** Elizabeth M. Berstene and James Gallagher, on July 16, at St. Bernard Church in Rockville, Conn. Elizabeth J. Gunn and Kevin R. Hennessy, on May 28, at the Old Cathedral in St. Louis, Mo. Michael J. Kardas and Cristine M. Picariello ’99, on July 9, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. 

**2001** 

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS** 

**MEGAN K. BARONI** 

**CATHERINE G. BRYAN** 

**SARAH K. FOLEY** 

Kimberly Anne J. “Kim” Hewitt attends the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, Pa. Stefanie L. Murphy received her juris doctor degree last May from Roger Williams University, Bristol, R.I. 

**MARRIED:** Kara A. Lamb and Derek Cunha ’02, on June 11, at Our Lady of the Cape Catholic Church, Brewster, Mass. Karen Mullen and Michael J. Broderick, on Aug. 6, 2004, at St. Joseph’s Church, Needham, Mass. 

Katherine R. “Kate” Barker has recently relocated to Charlotte, N.C., where she accepted a TV news-reporting position with News 14 Carolina. Tasha L. Buzzell writes that she worked last summer at the department of public health in Boston; the recipient of a Rappaort Fellowship, she undertook a comprehensive analysis of Massachusetts state policy on domestic violence, sexual assault and disability issues—for use by the Governor’s Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence subcommittee on disability issues. 

Elena R. de Blank is a 2005 graduate of Suffolk University Law School in Boston. Angeline M. Eliopoulos is a 2005 graduate of Suffolk University Law School, Boston. 

Nina T. Villanova, who recently received her M.B.A. from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, has been accepted to Suffolk University Law School in Boston, effective last September. 

M. Nicholas “Nick” Washburn, who received his degree last May from Villanova (Pa.) University Law School, accepted a position in the New York City office of the law firm Jones Day—working in the mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance departments. 

**MARRIED:** Derek Cunha and Kara A. Lamb ’01, on June 11, at Our Lady of the Cape Catholic Church, Brewster, Mass. Nicole E. DiStefano and Ryan P. Fealey, on April 16, in St. William the Abbot Church, Seaford, N.Y. 

Andrew A. Haff and Samantha Collins, on June 25, 2004, at the Federated Church, Skowhegan, Maine. Joseph A. Petriello and Loredana Altamura, on July 30, in St. Matthew’s Church, Ridgefield, N.J.
Sarah A. Binke writes that she has been accepted into the physician assistant program at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Roy W. Bjorlin III attends Suffolk University Law School in Boston. Jianna M. Chew is working at Bloomberg LP in New York City. Amanda C. Corbett teaches German and Spanish at Weymouth (Mass.) High School. Michael B. Creeden now works as an analyst for Blitz Media, a media agency in Natick, Mass. Joel M. DiGrado is pursuing his master of arts degree in political science at the American University School of Public Affairs and working in the office of U.S. Sen. David Vitter, in Washington, D.C. Gina F. Hernandez writes that she has recently become a New Jersey real estate agent. Edward W. Kulesza II writes that, last May, he earned his master of arts degree in history—with a concentration in world history and medieval studies—from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey-Newark.

Jessica L. and Joseph J. Mammi serve as house parents at Visitation House, a home for women facing crisis pregnancies in Worcester. Kathleen E. Ruyak is the marketing director for E & E Publishing in Washington, D.C. Last June, Elissa A. Schott began the physician assistant program at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in New York City. Kelsey A. Scott works as an event coordinator for Yahoo! in California. Kristin L. Seely recently received her master of science degree in counseling and development from Long Island (N.Y.) University.

MARRIED: Heather A. Petersen and Timothy J. Hersey, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Bedford, N.H.

2004

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
KATHRYN C. LEADER
KATHRYN D. MEYERS
JOHN M. O’DONNELL

Katherine A. Bagdis has become a certified instructor of radKIDS Personal Empowerment Safety Education—which involves conducting 10-hour, family-centered safety education programs, geared to children aged five to 12, that emphasize “essential decision-making skills as well as physical resistance options to escape violence.” Bagdis works for John Hancock as a registered representative with the AspenCross Financial Group in the company’s Westborough, Mass., office. Laura S. Cosgrove works in human resources at Vertrue, Inc., Stamford, Conn. Rebecca A. Guerin, a volunteer with the Inner City Teaching Corps, teaches fifth-to-eighth grade basketball team; she is also pursuing her master’s degree in primary education at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. Matthew L. Kostoulakos works as a paralegal in the justice department at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Boston. Andrea M. Krajci, who is employed by Coach, Inc., in New York City, works in corporate merchandising on women’s wearables and scarves. Nicholas J. “Nick” Larsen and his wife, Kelly, announce the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Nicole, on May 23. Katherine R. “Kate” McGrail works as a general practice associate at the Charlestown, Mass., public accounting firm, Vitale, Caturano & Company. Matthew R. Petricone is a research associate at Bear Stearns & Co. Inc. in New York City, covering publicly traded banking institutions. Heather M. See is pursuing her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland-College Park, in the department of human development; she is studying early childhood education and parental involvement. Kyle N. Thornton works as a consultant with IBM’s business consulting services.

2005

CLASS CO-CHAIRS:
LUZ M. COLON-ROMERO
ELIZABETH B. CORRIDAN
JENNIFER L. MARCOTTE

excelled in football, baseball and—despite his small size—basketball. Unfortunately, during a football game against Syracuse in his senior year, Chick was hit by an offside tackle that damaged his knee, and the injury bothered him for years afterward. Despite his injury, Chick went into the major leagues right after graduation—as did the entire infield in that graduating class!

Chick played first for the Detroit Tigers under coach Ty Cobb, and was later loaned to Rochester in the triple-A league to help them in their quest for a league title. He ended his career with the Washington Senators, where he played with the great Walter Johnson. His old knee injury—which, with today’s modern medicine, would easily be correctable—worsened, forcing him into retirement.

In an interesting sidelight, my classmate and close friend, Harold “Chick” Gagnon Jr., played baseball for Holy Cross 30 years after his father, under the legendary coach Jack Barry. Between his second and third years, Chick Jr. had a tryout with the St. Louis Cardinals and was offered a contract—which was quickly refused by his Dad, who insisted that Chick Jr. finish college. Unfortunately, shortly afterward, Chick Jr. severely injured his right shoulder in an accident and ended his hopes for a major league career. Chick Jr. lives in Vernon, Conn., and would appreciate hearing from his old friends from Holy Cross.

Ed Riordan ’52
Vernon, Conn.

Give Another Hoya!

In 1945-46, my family lived in Cos Cob, Conn. My Dad, John F. McQueeny ’18, had a floor-model RCA radio and loved to listen to baseball and football games (not surprising since he’d been the former sports editor of the Worcester Telegram & Gazette).

John Gearan’s column on Bob Conway ’49 and the Orange Bowl game (fall ’05) got me to harken back to that crisp day on
Jan. 1, 1946, when Dad sat in his favorite chair, and I kept my good ear close to the radio speaker like the faithful RCA logo dog. If memory serves, you wouldn’t have called this game a “thriller”—until the last play, that is.

“Oh,” cried Dad, “What a bonehead call. DeFilippo should never have thrown a ball like that!”

Well, the rest of the story we know. I believe the head referee allowed the joyful Miami team to add on the unnecessary extra point, which made the final score 13 to 6. Dad kept calling it a “flat pass”—a very high risk pass that went on and on.

Then he received a phone call from his friend, Paul Mahoney, a B.C. grad. Paul called Dad twice, in fact, to tweak him about the loss. The second time, Dad slammed the receiver down.

Nine years later, in 1954, in O’Kane 484, I listened with Bill Gilhuly to my desk model Emerson radio. Holy Cross had returned to Miami to play the Hurricanes in a regular season game. The touts had installed Miami as a four-touchdown favorite over mismatched Holy Cross. Sure enough, Miami jumped out to a 20 to nothing lead at the half. It would become a total rout—or so the Hurricanes thought in the locker room at halftime.

Was it Smithers or Roberts who connected with long bombs? I think it was Roberts—and he led us back in the third and fourth quarters. We tied Miami 20 to 20. But, as the fates would have it, we missed out on that one last golden opportunity, and Miami regained just enough momentum to win in the final minutes, 26 to 20.

I enjoyed Gearan’s account of the Bowl game. It put a different spin on what really happened on Jan. 1, 1946. But I’m left wondering—will Holy Cross ever get back to another “bowl game”?

John M. McQueeny ’58
Garden City, N.Y.
In Memoriam

1926
REV. FRANCIS J. SULLIVAN
JULY 25, 2005
At the Life Care Center in Wilbraham, Mass., at 99. A longtime priest of the Diocese of Springfield, Mass., Fr. Sullivan had been the pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in Holyoke, prior to his retirement in 1976. Previously, he had served as the pastor of: St. Cecilia’s Parish in Wilbraham; St. James Parish in South Deerfield; and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Cheshire; from 1954-55, Fr. Sullivan had been the administrator of Blessed Sacrament Church in Northampton. Ordained to the priesthood in 1930, he began his ministry at St. Paul’s Cathedral in Worcester. Fr. Sullivan then served as a curate at: St. Ann’s Parish in Lenox; St. Joseph’s Parish in Pittsfield; St. Agnes Parish in Dalton; Holy Family Parish in Springfield; and Blessed Sacrament Parish in Northampton; from 1943-51, he had also been the chaplain at the Farren Memorial Hospital in Montague. Fr. Sullivan is survived by a nephew and his wife; and friends.

1928
JOSEPH M. PORCELLA
OCT. 5, 2005
At his home in Chelsea, Maine, at 97. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Porcella had worked many years for the Revere, Mass., public schools; a teacher at the McKinley School and Revere High School, he later served as principal of the Abraham Lincoln School. During World War II, Mr. Porcella had been a lieutenant in the Navy. He is survived by three nieces; and a cousin.

1934
HAYDEN W. KELLER
SEPT. 28, 2005
In Connecticut, at 91. Prior to his retirement in 1970, Mr. Keller had been employed by Contramatics, Inc., in Vernon, Conn. Previously he had worked at Arrow Hart in Hartford and Russell Manufacturing in Middletown, Conn. Mr. Keller is survived by a son, Stephen H. ’69; three daughters; six grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

F. RUSSELL SANDFORD, M.D.
AUG. 16, 2005
At his home in Sea Girt, N.J., at 93. Prior to his retirement in 1982, Dr. Sandford had maintained a medical practice in Caldwell, N.J., for more than 30 years. Team physician for the Caldwell High School football team for more than 20 years, he had provided medical services as well for the Curtis-Wright Corp. in Wood-Ridge. Dr. Sandford had been an Army veteran of World War II, serving as commanding officer of the 134th and 331st medical regiments; his responsibilities included activation and training of the 182nd Medical Battalion in the United States and operation of his unit in the European theatre. Dr. Sandford, whose unit was attached to the Third Army, took part in the Rhineland, Central Europe and Ardennes campaigns; he received the Bronze Star in honor of his service in the Ardennes. Dr. Sandford is survived by two sons; a daughter; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1935
PHILIP R. BYRNE
OCT. 24, 2005
In Norwell, Mass., at 91. During his career, Mr. Byrne had been active in the wholesale paper and building materials business; soon after graduation, he joined Whitney Bros. Inc. of Boston which had been acquired by his father and others in 1914. Becoming president of the firm in 1958, he worked there until the company’s closing and his retirement in 1987. Mr. Byrne had been the president of both the Boston Paper Trade Association and the New England Paper Merchants Association. A longtime resident of Milton, Mass., he was co-founder and first commissioner of the town’s Little League Baseball program and, later, a director and coach for many years. In 1969, Mr. Byrne and his wife became co-founders and leaders of the New England chapter of the Scleroderma Foundation, which has raised funds for research and support programs for individuals with the disease. A 53-year member of the Wollaston Golf Club in Milton, he was club secretary from 1965-66; president from 1967-68; and a member of the board of directors from 1965-69. After the construction of a new club facility in 1975, Mr. Byrne continued to serve on numerous committees as well as on the Board of Governors; in 2004, he received the club’s Distinguished Service Award. Involved in sports, Mr. Byrne had played hockey at his alma mater, the Boston Latin School, and, as a student at Holy Cross; he had been a member and president of the College’s Student Athletic Council. Mr. Byrne had been active in alumni affairs, serving as a Holy Cross class agent and, also, as a career planning counselor; from 1946-47, he had been the president of the Holy Cross Club of Boston. Mr. Byrne was a recipient of the College’s In Hoc Signo Award in 1981. A member of the Coast Guard
Reserve during World War II, he had served with the Coast Guard in Boston. Mr. Byrne is survived by four sons, including Philip M. ’62 and Matthew P. ’67; a brother, Robert M. Sr. ’41; five grandchildren; six nephews; and nine nieces.

1937
JOHN T. REILLY, M.D.
OCT. 17, 2005
At the Holly Manor Nursing Home in Mendham, N.J., at 90. Prior to his retirement, Dr. Reilly had maintained a medical practice in Morristown, N.J. During his career, he had been affiliated with All Souls and Morristown Memorial hospitals, where he had held the post of chief of medicine and cardiology. Dr. Reilly later worked at the VA hospitals in East Orange and Newark, N.J., as assistant chief of pulmonary medicine. A former president of the Morris County (N.J.) Heart Association, Dr. Reilly had been a visiting lecturer at the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry. During World War II, he served as a lieutenant commander in the Pacific, in P.T. Boat Squadron 16. Dr. Reilly is survived by his wife, Isabelle; two sons; a daughter; and five grandchildren.

1939
JOHN J. REARDON SR.
OCT. 10, 2005
In Middletown, Conn., at 88. Prior to his retirement in 1989, Mr. Reardon had been a purchasing agent for the American Steel Co. in Pawtucket, R.I.; previously, he had worked for the Bob Director Shipyard. During World War II, Mr. Reardon had served as a lieutenant in the Navy. A longtime resident of Barrington, R.I., he had been a member of the Holy Cross Club of Rhode Island. Mr. Reardon is survived by his wife, Ellen; two sons; four daughters; and 10 grandchildren.

1940
THOMAS J. O’LEARY SR.
OCT. 17, 2005
At his home in North Reading, Mass., at 88. A management consultant for many years, Mr. O’Leary had worked for the H.B. Maynard and Company Consulting Firm in New York City and for the Bigelow, Kent, Williard Consulting Firm in Boston; prior to his retirement in 1985, he had been self-employed. Active in civic affairs, Mr. O’Leary had been a longtime member of the School Committee in North Reading, Mass., and a member of the town’s School Building Committees; he had also served on the Housing Authority and the Democratic Town Committee. Mr. O’Leary had been a member of the Holy Cross Clubs of Merrimack Valley and Boston. He is survived by his wife, Edith; five sons; two daughters; a sister; 25 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

1942
ROBERT M. DEE
SEPT. 11, 2005
In Grosvenor Park Nursing Center, Salem, Mass., at 85. An organic chemist, Mr. Dee had owned and operated Seaboard Chemicals Incorporated in Salem, prior to his retirement. During World War II, he served in the Navy. Mr. Dee is survived by three sons; a daughter; a sister; three grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

1943
DANIEL A. GALLAGHER
JAN. 1, 2005
In Massachusetts, at 85. An international hide and skin broker, Mr. Gallagher had been the president of Daniel A. Gallagher Inc., prior to his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Anne; two sons; two daughters; and 12 grandchildren.

1944
THOMAS F. KILFOIL
AUG. 21, 2005
In Connecticut, at 82. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Kilfoil had worked 33 years at the West Hartford (Conn.) Public Library; joining the staff in 1968 as a reference librarian, he was subsequently promoted to head of circulation and, then, head of reference services. At the start of his career, Mr. Kilfoil taught speech for five years at St. Peter’s College in Jersey City, N.J.; he then served as the director of the Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum at Columbia University in New York City, while pursuing his master’s degree in library science there. A Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Kilfoil had been a lieutenant junior grade aboard the destroyer escort USS Spangenberg in the North Atlantic. He is survived by two sisters; and several cousins, including Henry F. ’44.

1945
FELIX G. CATALDO, M.D.
SEPT. 22, 2005
At his home in Worcester, at 81. A surgeon in Worcester for 52 years, Dr. Cataldo had been a member of the staff of Worcester City Hospital and Fairlawn Hospital and, later, of the University of Massachusetts and
IN MEMORIAM

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In Maine, at 79. Dr. Dubord had
the late Lewis J. Jr., M.D., '43.
nephews and nieces. His brother was
12 grandchildren; and many
daughters, including Eileen M. '84;
sons, including Paul F. '79; three
Cataldo had been a member of the
Massachusetts Audubon Society. Dr.
Worcester and as a member of the
New England Aquarium in
serving as a founding member of
Community involvement included
the Waterville Medical Society, the
Waterville Public Library; he
had also been a director of the
Waterville Savings Bank and, later,
the Peoples Heritage Bank. Dr.
Dubord is survived by his wife,
Beatrice; a son, Daniel J. '73; a
daughter; a sister; and many
nephews and nieces. His brother
was the late Richard J. '43.

1947
ROBERT P. DUBORD,
D. M. D.
JULY 14, 2005
In Maine, at 79. Dr. Dubord had
maintained a private dental practice
in Waterville, Maine, from 1948
until his retirement in 1996; follow-
ing retirement, he volunteered at
the Maine General Medical Center. A
member of the Army Reserves while
attending college, Dr. Dubord had
enlisted in the Army in 1944; during
the Korean War, he served in the Air
Force as a dental officer and
attained the rank of captain. A
member of the Maine and
Kennebec Valley Dental associations,
Dr. Dubord had been active in many
community associations, including
the Waterville board of education
and the Waterville Public Library; he
had also been a director of the
Waterville Savings Bank and, later,
the Peoples Heritage Bank. Dr.
Dubord is survived by his wife,
Beatrice; a son, Daniel J. '73; a
daughter; a sister; and many
nephews and nieces. His brother
was the late Richard J. '43.

1948
JOHN L. HUSSEY
JULY 24, 2005
At the Delray (Fla.) Medical Center,
At 78. Prior to his retirement in
1982, Mr. Hussey had taught
English for 30 years at Malden
(Mass.) High School, becoming the
chairman of the department in
1968. During his career he had also
coached football, baseball, basket-
ball and golf at the school; from
the late 1960s to the mid-1970s, he
had been the head boys' basketball
coach. Elected to the Golden
Tornado Club Hall of Fame as a
coach, Mr. Hussey had held the post
of president of the club for several
years. A World War II Navy veteran,
he had served aboard the USS
General S.D. Sturges and the USS
Malabor; discharged as a seaman
first class in July 1946, Mr. Hussey
had been the recipient of the
World War II Victory Medal, the
Philippine Liberation Medal and
the Asiatic Pacific Medal. He had
been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr.
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er; and a sister. His father was the

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EDWARD J. GALUSKA
AUG. 17, 2005
In the Memorial Hospital of Rhode
Island, Pawtucket, at 83. Prior to his
retirement in 1982, Mr. Galuska had
been an English teacher in the
Pawtucket school system for 38
years. A Marine Corps veteran, he
served during World War II in the
South Pacific and, later, in the
Korean War, attaining the rank of
lieutenant colonel. Mr. Galuska is
survived by his wife, A. Laurian;
three sons; three daughters; four
grandchildren; and a nephew and a
niece.

1948
JOHN M. REYNOLDS
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At the Cheshire Medical Center,
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1949
ROBERT J. DONOGHUE
SEP'T. 14, 2005
At the UMass-Memorial Medical Center, Worcester, at 78. A longtime Worcester attorney, Mr. Donoghue had been associated for more than 30 years with attorneys John W. Spillane and William C. Tattan; at the start of his career, he had practiced law with his father, specializing in estate administration, banking and real estate. Mr. Donoghue had been honored by the St. Thomas More Society for his professional endeavors. A trustee of the Bay State Savings Bank for many years, he had served as its clerk and legal counsel; in 1960, Mr. Donoghue had been involved with the formation and operation of the Shrewsbury Bank & Trust Company. Legal counsel to the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District since 1968, he had been associated as well with the Worcester office of the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company. A veteran, Mr. Donoghue had served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Donoghue is survived by a son; a daughter; and many nephews and nieces.

SIGISMUND L. KOPERNIAK
AUG. 28, 2005
In the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, New London, Conn., at 83. Prior to his retirement in 1979, Mr. Koperniak had worked many years as an insurance broker for the John Hancock Insurance Co. A veteran, he served in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Koperniak was a former president and director of the Polish Naturalization Independent (PNI) and Polish National Alliance (PNA) Clubs. He is survived by two sons; four daughters; a brother; a sister; 17 grandchildren; four great-grand-

1979 BRIAN P. DAVIS
SEPT. 17, 2005
Brian P. Davis died Sept. 17, 2005 in UMass Memorial Hospital, Worcester, at 47, after an illness.

Mr. Davis had served as a capital giving officer at Holy Cross. Previously, he had worked in admissions at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Becker College in Worcester and the University of California, Los Angeles.

Mr. Davis had been involved with the Pancreatic Cancer Alliance; he assisted with its slogan, “Don’t Give Up The Fight.” He had also been active in sports, playing basketball and serving as a referee at many area schools.

A graduate of North High School in Worcester, Mr. Davis had attended graduate school at Indiana University.

He is survived by his wife, Paula; a son; a daughter; two brothers; an uncle; and several nephews and nieces.

College president emeritus, Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, offers the following tribute to Brian Davis:

I first gained insight into the character of Brian Davis when I participated more than a year ago in The Walk to Cure Cancer in Worcester, and heard Brian passionately address 7,000 committed walkers. At the time, Brian himself was fighting pancreatic cancer. Delivering his legendary exhortation, “Don't give up the fight!” to fellow cancer patients, Brian was indeed a source of strength and courage for many.

In an eloquent commentary in the Sept. 23, 2005 edition of the Worcester Telegram and Gazette, UMass Medical Center researcher, Dr. Dario Altieri, noted that Brian had become the spokesperson for the local Pancreatic Cancer Alliance. Until his death in September 2005, Brian was a witness to hope and a voice of love for those men and women coping with pancreatic cancer.

The late German Jesuit theologian, Karl Rahner, S.J., taught that there is no path to God except through sharing in the cross of Christ. In laboring throughout his own illness to support and encourage his fellow cancer patients, Brian embraced that same cross, and, in doing so, came to know and experience his loving God. May Brian now rest in the peace of the Lord.
children; many nephews and nieces; and his longtime companion, Esther Moynagh.

EDWARD A. LOFY  
SEPT. 9, 2005  
In Wisconsin, at 80. Mr. Lofy had served in the Navy during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Rita; two daughters; a brother; three grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

PHILIP J. MOLLOY III, D.M.D.  
OCT. 4, 2005  
In MetroWest Medical Center, Natick, Mass., at 81. An endodontist, Dr. Molloy had maintained a private dental practice in Boston and on Cape Cod, Mass., for many years, retiring in 1998; he began his career in dentistry in 1955 in Framingham, Mass. Until 2004, Dr. Molloy had served as a longtime instructor of endodontics at the Tufts School of Dental Medicine in Boston; in addition, he had taught at Harvard University, Cambridge, and the VA Hospital in Jamaica Plain, Mass., for more than 20 years. During his career, Dr. Molloy had lectured in Europe, Russia, Australia, Asia and Central America; in 1969, he volunteered his services in Guatemala for three months, opening a dental clinic there. Dr. Molloy had served as a communication specialist in the Army during World War II. A member of the American Dental Association, the Massachusetts Dental Society and the Pierre Fauchard Academy, he had been a diplomat of the American Association of Endodontics and both general chairman and scientific chairman of the Yankee Dental Congress. Dr. Molloy is survived by his wife, Claire; five sons; three daughters; two brothers; two sisters; and 20 grandchildren.

C. PHILIP O’ROURKE JR.  
SEPT. 18, 2005  
At Bryn Mawr (Pa.) Hospital, at 79. Mr. O’Rourke had worked 18 years for Conrail in Philadelphia, retiring in 1994 as assistant vice president for government sales; previously, he had been associated for five years with the Lehigh Valley Railroad in Bethlehem, Pa., holding the post of sales and marketing director. Mr. O’Rourke began his career with the Boston and Maine Railroad; he had joined its sales department in Boston in 1952. Mr. O’Rourke was a Navy veteran, serving aboard destroyers in the South Pacific during World War II; a naval intelligence officer in the United States in the Korean War, he later continued military service in the Naval Reserve. Mr. O’Rourke had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Claire; five sons; three daughters; two brothers; two sisters; and 10 grandchildren.

JAMES F. RILEY JR.  
SEPT. 8, 2005  
In Florida, at 78. Prior to his retirement in 1988, Mr. Riley had worked 34 years for the IBM Corp. He had belonged to the Society of Former FBI Agents. A Holy Cross class agent, Mr. Riley had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; four sons; two daughters; and 10 grandchildren.

THOMAS E. O’NEILL  
SEPT. 2, 2005  
In Holyoke, Mass., at 78. During his career, Mr. O’Neill had been a car salesman for many years, working at the former Ed Nacke Chevrolet and Cartelli Pontiac in Holyoke, and at Burke-Whittacker in Northampton, Mass.; he was also the former pro-
priestor of the Rainbow Club in Holyoke. Mr. O’Neill was a Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by three sons; two daughters; a sister; a sister-in-law; seven grandchildren; nephews; nieces; and cousins.

MAURICE F. RUEST
AUG. 11, 2005
At his home in Warwick, R.I., at 78. During his career, Mr. Ruest had worked many years for the Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank; prior to his retirement in 2004, he had been employed by Stop & Shop. Active in youth sports programs in Warwick for 40 years, Mr. Ruest had been the regional athletic director of the West Bay CYO and the director of athletics for St. Kevin’s Parish and the Apponaug girls softball league; named CYO Man of the Year in 1963 and 1981, he received the CYO Regional Athletic Director Award in 1985. Mr. Ruest had been a World War II veteran. He is survived by his wife, Betsy; four sons; two daughters; and eight grandchildren.

1952
REV. THOMAS LEE BURNS
OCT. 14, 2005
In Charlotte Regional Medical Center, Punta Gorda, Fla., at 76. Prior to his retirement in 1989, Fr. Burns had taught music for 14 years in the New York archdiocesan school system; previously, he had served three years as the pastor of St. Christopher’s Church on Peaks Island in Maine. Ordained to the priesthood in 1956, Fr. Burns began his ministry in Maine as an assistant at St. Joseph’s Parish in Portland and at St. Mary’s Church in Augusta. He subsequently served many years at St. Patrick’s Church in Lewiston; director of the parish choir, he accompanied the group on national and international concert tours. In 1956, Fr. Burns was appointed chaplain to the Abnaki Council of the Knights of Columbus in Augusta. A veteran, he had served two years in the Army. Fr. Burns is survived by two brothers; three sisters-in-law; and many nephews and nieces.

1955
ROBERT E. HAYES, D.D.S.
AUG. 30, 2005
At his home in Eau Claire, Wis., at 71. Prior to his retirement in 1989, Dr. Hayes had been an oral surgeon in Lowell, Mass., for 30 years. He is survived by two sons, including Edward P., M.D., ’88; three daughters; two sisters; 10 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

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JOHN R. CAMPBELL
AUG. 30, 2005
At his home in Stoneham, Mass., at 67. An attorney, Mr. Campbell had maintained a private practice in the Medford, Mass., and Boston area for many years. During his career, he had also served as a member of the Medford School Committee and City Council. Mr. Campbell is survived by his wife, Charlene; two sons; his mother-in-law; a brother-in-law; and a sister-in-law.

JOHN J. O’CONNOR
SEPT. 29, 2005
At the VNA Hospice Residence in Worcester, at 67. Prior to his retirement last May, Mr. O’Connor had been employed by Fidelity Investments in Marlboro, Mass., as a senior pension manager. Previously, he had worked 28 years for the former State Mutual Life Assurance Company in Worcester, now called Allmerica Financial. Mr. O’Connor is survived by his wife, Karen; two sons; a daughter; two brothers; five grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. His brother was the late Francis J. ’53.

1960

ROBERT E. COOGAN
OCT. 17, 2005
At his home in Clinton, Conn., at 66. During his career, Mr. Coogan had worked for the Southern New England Telephone Company in New Haven, Conn.; prior to his retirement in 1990, he had served 29 years as a district manager. Mr. Coogan then assisted his wife in the operation of Coogan Frame and Gallery, until they sold the business in 1999. He had been a Navy veteran, serving with distinction as a member of the Office of the Judge Advocate Generals in Washington, D.C.; a lieutenant commander, Mr. Coogan had been in the honor guard for President Kennedy. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; three sons; one daughter; a brother; and 10 grandchildren.

1963

ROBERT L. ARDIZZONE
AUG. 17, 2005
In Connecticut. Mr. Ardizzone had worked many years in the field of financial management. A Navy veteran, he had served as a lieutenant during the Vietnam War. Mr. Ardizzone had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by many cousins; and his longtime companion, Pamela A. Jones.

1966

GERARD J. QUIGLEY
JULY 17, 2005
In Alexandria, Va. While with the Jesuit New York Province, Mr. Quigley had worked with inner-city youth, runaways, mentally challenged adults and the terminally ill. In addition to serving as an assistant dean at Fordham University in New York City, he had taught art there—as well as at Holy Cross and the Loyola School in New York City; Mr. Quigley had been a frequent illustrator for America Magazine. He is survived by his father; a brother; a nephew; and two nieces.

1973

ANTHONY J. KONIECZNY
SEPT. 8, 2005
At his home in New Port Richie, Fla., at 53. During his career, Mr. Konieczny had worked in the manufacturing field, serving as a manufacturing manager for the Titeflex Corp. of Springfield, Mass., for many years. A standout athlete, he had played football and baseball at his alma mater, Chicopee (Mass.) Comprehensive High School and, also, at Holy Cross. Mr. Konieczny is survived by a son; a daughter; his mother; two brothers; a sister; a sister-in-law; two nieces; and his companion, Alaine Ferreira.

1976

THOMAS M. MICHEL, D.M.D.
SEPT. 17, 2005
In West Dennis, Mass., at 58. Dr. Michel had maintained a dental practice in Natick, Mass., for more than 20 years. He had been a member of the Massachusetts Dental Society, the American Dental Society and the Massachusetts Periodontology Society. Dr. Michel is survived by his wife, Ayune; a sister; and four nieces.

1977

ROBIN A. (MILLER) KEARIN
SEPT. 22, 2005
At her home in Eastham, Mass., at 50. Mrs. Kearin had worked many
years at the Eastham Lobster Pool. A writer and an illustrator, she received her master's degrees in English and art from the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston. Trained in dressage, Mrs. Kearin had enjoyed riding horses. She is survived by her husband, Robert; a son; her mother; two sisters; two stepbrothers; a stepsister; and several nephews and nieces.

1991
LISA MARIE (DUFF) NAJEMY
SEPT. 21, 2005
At Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, at 36. A certified public accountant, Mrs. Najemy had been the director of planning and analysis in the human resources department at Staples, Inc., in Framingham, Mass. She is survived by her husband, Daniel; two sons; a daughter; her parents; her father-in-law and mother-in-law; a sister; two brothers-in-law; a sister-in-law; uncles; aunts; a niece; and cousins.

2008
KURTIS F. WILKEY
OCT. 27, 2005
In UMass Memorial Hospital, Worcester, following a battle with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, at 19. A chemistry major, Mr. Wilkey was a graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett, Mass. His interests included computers, music and professional and collegiate sports. He had been a member of the Prince of Peace Church in Princeton, Mass. Born in Hanover, N.H., Mr. Wilkey had lived in Mattapoisett before moving to Princeton in 2004. He is survived by his parents; four brothers; a sister; uncles; aunts; and cousins.

FRIENDS:
Lorraine Augusto, Hogan dining services; mother of Donald G. Brady ’75; father of Charles J. Buchta ’63 and grandfather of Suzanne Buchta ’95; father of Carmel O’Connor Cowan ’79, father-in-law of Thomas S. Cowan ’79 and Patrick J. Creery ’70 and grandfather of Meghan Macnamara Halleron ’94; mother of Catherine Driscoll, development, and Cynthia Hayes, admissions; sister of Esther Evans, Kimball dining services; father of the late Robert G. Flater ’79; father of Jennifer Gilmore, information technology services and father-in-law of Christopher Gilmore, public safety; wife of Keith J. Hochstein ’68; mother of Jean Leavitt, administration and finance; sister of Barbara Letourneau, assistant dean’s office; mother of Patrick A. MacMurray ’87; grandfather of Timothy W. McDonnell ’05; mother-in-law of John Warren McGarry ’52; grandfather of Brian M. McKeon ’03; nephew of Paula A. Norbert ’83; husband of Marion Parsons, Hogan dining services; wife of the late Cornelius B. ’23 and mother of Cornelius B. Prior Jr. ’56; wife of F. William Rosenberger ’57 and mother of Kari R. Wolcott ’83; husband of Maureen Brooks Shambo ’84; father of Lori Stanford, Kimball dining services; wife of Mark G. Sullivan ’72; father of Stephanie Yuhl, history department.
About 10 years ago I had a curious conversation with one of my friends. “We look at the world very similarly,” he said, as soon as we started our regular walk—“yet our attitudes toward it couldn’t be more different.” After my puzzled look as the only reaction, he continued with an obviously prepared introduction.

“We agree that the 20th century may have easily been the worst that humankind has ever experienced,” he said. “This leads me to pessimism, sometimes despair, while you always seem to maintain your optimistic attitude.”

I was not sure what to say. We had often discussed a variety of related topics, from World War II and the Holocaust to the tragedies of Chernobyl and Rwanda. We are usually equally vocal, but that particular evening I was not eager to speak. It was a long day and all I needed was some fresh air and a much lighter exchange. Since my friend kept looking at me and expecting my answer, after a prolonged silence, I decided to share some of my anguish with him.

I told him how, a few minutes before going to teach my Kant seminar earlier that day, I had foolishly decided to check quickly on the Internet the news from the Balkans. In the middle of that day a bomb had exploded on the public market in Sarajevo, killing dozens and injuring many more. The scene described was of unspeakable terror—yet another tragedy in the sequence that was continuing almost daily for more than four years.

My friend knew that I had been born and raised in the former Yugoslavia, which was going through a bloody process of disintegration during the ‘90s. He knew that the Balkan wound was weighing heavily on my soul. He now followed my words with a puzzled look and silence, waiting for more.

“I did not want to teach that class,” I continued. “I wanted to cry and scream. I just could not understand why this war was going on—why it was necessary in the first place. Why is it that former neighbors, most of whom thought of themselves as Yugoslavs just a few years ago, were now determined to prove with guns and bombs that they are Serbs, or Croats or Bosnians? Even my own parents, who raised me in the spirit of Yugoslavia, were now full of animosity toward anything that was not Serbian. Even they—peaceful and educated people who used to be so open-minded—locked themselves in a vicious circle of fear and intolerance, preoccupied with how the historical injustices of the previous decades and centuries must finally be corrected.

“But where does this ‘pursuit of justice’ lead?” I asked. “How many more have to die before ‘justice is satisfied’? And would it ever be, by adding more dead and maimed bodies to an already disgustingly large pile?”

My friend wanted to hear more about what had happened earlier that day, about why I brought up the class I needed to teach.
“I really did not want to teach that class,” I reiterated. “I just could not do it. My eyes were full of tears; my mind far away from Kant. My wound bleeding.”

I dragged myself somehow to the classroom.

To buy a little time, without even greeting my students and taking my usual seat in order to check the attendance, I just dropped my books on the table and went straight up to the board. With my back turned to the students so that they could not see my face, I started writing on the board and speaking about Kant in a barely recognizable voice. After about five minutes, I finally turned to the class and went to my seat.

“Professor, are you OK?” asked one of the students.

“Yes, I am fine.”

Somehow I managed to finish my class.

I was hoping that this story would close the subject matter, but my friend did not think so.

“That’s exactly what I am wondering about,” he said. “In the face of such a horrific reality in which we live, in the face of the world overwhelmed with evil, I try to find a philosophical grounding for any optimism that we may preserve and that would not be a sheer self-delusion. You, however, seem to be optimistic by nature, innately, and it does not seem to bother you whether any optimism is rationally justifiable and, indeed, appropriate in this world.”

I tried to reassure my friend that things are not that simple, but long after our walk was over, I knew that he was at least partially right. Even though the Balkan wars were eroding my optimism, even though I had to think of evil more than ever, I was not facing the problem of evil—or our corresponding right to maintain a viable and non-deluding hope, in any deep or sustained way. My own life was fairly good, secure and successful, an ocean away from the dark clouds hanging over my native land and over not so rosy prospects of humanity at large. Although it was becoming more difficult to teach Kant when my mind and heart were elsewhere, I did not think sufficiently about integrating what I was most concerned with in my private life with what I write about or teach.

That conversation with my friend triggered something in me: the time had come for a different kind of education, for a different kind of soul searching.

I grew up in an entirely secular atmosphere—my parents were not believers, and Yugoslavia was a country with a loose communist ideology. In a village where I lived until the age of 11 there was no church, and I never knew anyone who attended religious services. When we moved to a city, I visited the local churches—Orthodox and Catholic—out of curiosity, and sometimes, also, because they would organize a free dance on a Saturday night. Before the age of 17, I had never had a copy of the Bible in my hands, and then I discovered a dusty one in my grandmother’s attic. I borrowed and read it, for I believed every educated person should know at least a little bit about religion. During my years of undergraduate studies at the University of Belgrade—and even later during graduate studies at the University of Rochester—religion did not seem to matter—not only to me, but also to my peers and professors.

And then, in 1991, I found myself as a teacher at the College of the Holy Cross.

Both of my parents were teachers, and from them I learned to think of teaching in terms of giving and taking—the only way to be a good teacher is by being a perpetual student. There was a lot for me to learn at Holy Cross. At first, it was curiosity again—about a radically different orientation toward the central questions of life and death—for the whole campus was permeated with the atmosphere of spirituality that I had never experienced before. Then, gradually, the inability to cope with the horrendous realities of my native country led me to start looking for consolation and answers in a new direction—not toward the optimistic philosophy of moral progress of the Enlightenment and Kant’s categorical imperative, in which I was steeped, but toward spirituality. My turn toward spirituality was slow and painful. It still remains a work in progress, but it was a redirection which could not be reversed any more.

The visible changes in my professional orientation soon followed. Instead of teaching “Theory of Knowledge” and “Early Modern Philosophy,” which I was hired to do, I started teaching “Philosophers on War and Peace” and “Foundations of Ethics.” A few years earlier, I’d barely known anything about the Book of Job, and now I was teaching the Honors Program seminar dedicated entirely to this biblical masterpiece. In the same period, Holy Cross history Professor David O’Brien led me first to co-teach “Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies” with him, and then to take over from him not only the teaching of this course on a regular basis, but also the directorship of the peace and conflict studies concentration (between 2000 and 2003).
O’Brien became director of the newly opened Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture and, with his encouragement and support, I organized the symposium, “The Anatomy of Evil,” held at Holy Cross on April 11-13, 2002. The symposium had its comical and not so comical moments. With his lecture, “Lamentations and Losses: From New York to Kabul,” Rev. Daniel Berrigan, S.J., opened the symposium in front of the audience that crowded St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. But, for some reason, he was speaking in two microphones that were interfering with each other—making it difficult for anyone beyond the first several rows to understand him. One of the main speakers, the world famous philosopher Slavoj Žižek, never arrived in Worcester, without even informing me that he would not be coming. Another distinguished guest, Rabbi Michael Lerner, called in the middle of the night before he was supposed to speak to tell me that he was just released from jail in Washington, D.C., for protesting against the government. He could not make it on time, but when he finally arrived, he was truly inspiring. His flamboyant personality and booming voice dominated the rest of the symposium.

Then there were brilliant presentations by Susan Neiman (“Roads to Hell”); Gil Bailie (“Two Thousand Years and No New God”); and Michael True (“Evil as Mystery: Primal Speech and Contemporary Poetry”). We also heard three profound papers on Thomas Merton: “We Are Prodigals in a Distant Land,” by John Collins; “Recovering Paradise: Thomas Merton on the Self and the Problem of Evil,” by Thomas Del Prete; and “Exposing the Deceitful Heart: A Monk’s Public ‘Inner Work,’” by Jonathan Montaldo—and inspiring lectures: by the eminent Yale Professor Nicholas Wolterstorff on Saint Augustine and the Stoics (“Identifying Good and Evil”); by the famous anti-communist dissident Svetozar Stojanovi (“From Relative to Absolute Evil”); and by the renown Kant scholar Sharon Anderson-Gold (“Uprooting Evil and the Building of Ethical Communities”). The working part of the symposium closed with an extraordinary two-hour round table in which the audience that had packed the Rehm Library for two full days participated with a great deal of enthusiasm and passion. The symposium officially closed with a performance of Shakespeare’s Tempest, masterfully directed by Holy Cross associate professor of theatre, Edward Isser.

The symposium turned out to be such a success because the participants treated the questions concerning the nature of evil not as abstract ideas that bewilder our intellects but as the questions that cut through the fiber of our fallible humanity. The materials presented did not offer proven recipes for how to eliminate evil but displayed a compelling testimony of human struggle with an aspect of our lives we cannot afford to ignore.

After the symposium was over, I had to decide what to do with the presented papers. Since publishers are not eager to print con-
Before the age of 17, I had never had a copy of the Bible in my hands, and then I discovered a dusty one in my grandmother’s attic. … During my years of undergraduate studies … religion did not seem to matter—not only to me, but also to my peers and professors. And then, in 1991, I found myself as a teacher at the College of the Holy Cross.

In the long process of preparing this book, it became clearer to me not only how to understand the problem of evil but also how to address the concerns of my friend, which had prompted my spiritual journey. Despite the undeniable growth of evil in the 20th century, I became convinced that the nature of evil itself has not changed. The growth of evil was explainable by the growing technological and production-oriented mentality that invaded every aspect of the human world; this new mentality led to an alarming increase in the fragmentation of individuals and societies, as well as to the depersonalization of our relations with other human beings. In puzzling over the question of whether we are destined for evil, I came to realize that the question itself is also not new. Doesn’t it take us all the way back to the question asked by Cain: “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

If our contemporary question is so old and familiar, so must be our answer to it. To Cain’s rhetorical question, we need to give a non-rhetorical and committed affirmative answer: Indeed, we are all supposed to be our brothers’ keepers. Even more importantly, our hope and our answer to the question of whether we are destined for evil depend on our ability to live up to this affirmative answer. They depend on our ability to awake out of the seduction of the God of war and vengeance, of rage and violence—and turn toward the God of love and care, compassion and altruism. Easier said than done, for let us not forget the biggest challenge that the God of love presents to us: When the choice is between being wronged or doing wrong, between being killed or killing others, could we consciously and willingly choose to find ourselves at the receiving end?

These were my final thoughts expressed in Destined for Evil? After sending this manuscript to the publisher and while teaching Dostoevsky’s masterpiece, The Brothers Karamazov, in my class, “Philosophy and Literature,” I noticed a new aspect of the problem of evil. Dostoevsky helped me realize that there are two great dangers of humanity: having hopes and ideals that are not congruent with reality, and having no hopes and ideals at all. The former warns us never to close our eyes to what the real world is really like; the second, never to abandon a healthy hope. How, then, can a healthy optimism co-exist with our harsh reality, which seems permeated by various forms and manifestations of evil? On our recent walks, my friend and I discussed the challenges posed by “The Grand Inquisitor,” and I am now working on a new book project: Dostoevsky: The Affirmation of Life in the Face of Evil.

And so my journey continues—life experiences and conversations lead to challenges—challenges to responses and new books. In the meantime, Destined for Evil? was recently published—three years after the symposium on evil, I am holding this new book, my seventh child. The book is mine, yet I know that it is not mine anymore, for it must now assume a life of its own. After all, books are written to lead back to life, back to the readers with their problems and challenges that our lives so tirelessly pose to us. What I don’t know, what only you can tell me, is whether this book will speak to you, whether it may prompt you to begin your spiritual quest.

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Q & A

Who was your best friend at Holy Cross, and do you still keep in touch with him?

Joe Reilly, who was my roommate. We were best men at each other’s weddings and are godfathers to each other’s kids. For the last five or six years he has worked on campus heading up the Bishop Healy Committee.

How did Holy Cross shape you as a person?

You can’t leave Holy Cross without a strong ethical guidepost. When issues come up in life or in business, the ethics I learned at Holy Cross spring up. The school also strengthened my religious beliefs.

What place does Holy Cross hold in your life now?

I recently attended my 50th class reunion. It was a renewal to see a lot of people again. A couple of my classmates are out here in California, and we see each other occasionally.

What lessons did you learn in the Marine Corps?

I was in the Marines for five years. I thought it would be a career. I was 27-28 years old when I finally figured out what I wanted to do. From the Marines I learned leadership, how to prioritize things and how to work with people. It was very challenging and very rewarding.

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