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Fr. Crowley

The article about my uncle, written by James Dempsey, is a misguided attempt to spin a sordid episode into a benign prank. The College of the Holy Cross should be deeply ashamed of this tale, since behind it lurks the Jesuit Community’s refusal to do anything about it at the time. I wonder if there was a single student leader in Lehy in May 1964 who voiced opposition to this crime. I also wonder if the students involved in the stunt developed as leaders in business, professional and civic life; whether they have lived by the highest intellectual and ethical standards over the years. Somehow, I don’t think I’d be surprised by the answer.

Fr. John is interred at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology. He doubtless would have preferred to be buried on Mt. Saint James, since he loved Holy Cross, but he had been transferred elsewhere because of the rift created by this incident.

That your publication would lend credibility to the idea that he deserved the brick wall treatment—and by extension what came afterward—comes as a shock. A fitting end to the story may arise if miscreants from the Class of ‘64 write in to admit contribution. Yes, that would be fitting indeed.

John Dennis Crowley II

James Dempsey’s wry treatment of the brick wall event glossed over enduring consequences of that night, more than 40 years ago.

At the time of the prank, my uncle was a middle-aged priest residing in a dormitory and pursuing his vows of poverty, chastity and obedience amid a herd of raucous students less than half his years. Father John was a burly ex-athlete, who would vent his displeasure upon them if the noise level got too high. The article derides him for that, but remains blithely non-judgmental about a student using a false confession as a ploy to cut his phone line.

The shameful brick-wall event is unworthy of the slightest whiff of legitimacy, never mind designation as a legend. Father John was a vibrant priest who encouraged his students, his siblings, his nieces and his nephews to do well. He came from a generation that learned to shave with a straight razor and speak bluntly. The cast of mind that tolerates situation ethics made his skin crawl. For Rev. Brooks to imply that those traits made him deserve to be so victimized is wrong, even maliciously wrong, and is the defamation of a good man. As for his jolly band of dormitory pranksters, all they have to show for that night are a few synthetic laughs and a permanent stain on their characters.

Joseph A. Crowley ’66

San Jose, Calif.

The gleeful “Immurement of Father Crowley” remains as evidence of a cruel student prank for which there were no penalties paid. The ultimate repercussion is that Holy Cross today has less stature than it did in the mid-1960s. At the time, it was widely viewed as the most academically distinguished of the Jesuit colleges. Now it has lost considerable prestige on several counts.

My uncle, Father John Dennis Crowley, was a born teacher. He did not suffer fools gladly, and he fully enjoyed the dialectic of the classroom. Unlike many modern priests who have personal insecurities about their vocation, Father John was committed to an informed Church, which could thrive on dissent with logic as the underlying structure.

As I understand the episode, our uncle concluded that the highest and best revenge was not to bellow, as the article erroneously states, but to walk out of the “entombment” with his head high and not a word on the subject. He did not want to give satisfaction to the disgraceful students who masterminded this incident. The College did not punish the students and, to my knowledge, used it indirectly as a means to have Father John transferred elsewhere. It is ironic that in the year 2006, Animal House-like stories make what passes for good press, while the legacy of a remarkable, tough-minded, intellectual is lost.

From my adolescence, I remember Father John visiting us often on Sundays to teach my two younger sisters and me the rules of debate. He also selected one hundred best books of fiction, non-fiction, classics and otherwise for our home library. In my later college career as a young scholar, I
Editor’s Note

An Invitation

This is the first issue of HCM to feature an exterior wrapper bound over our cover. Our hope is to call to your attention, in a dramatic manner, the upcoming conclusion of the College's “Lift High the Cross” campaign.

In this age of guerilla marketing, it's probably tempting to shrug off our "faux cover" message as yet another advertising gimmick—one more appeal for the reader’s already overtaxed awareness and support. But our genuine belief is that our wrapper is an invitation, to all the members of our community, to join in an effort to raise Holy Cross into a new echelon of quality and effectiveness.

In the fall 2001 issue of this magazine, we announced the "Lift High the Cross" campaign and its ambitious goal of raising $175 million. Over the last four years, we have reported in HCM the many generous gifts contributed by those who share a unique vision and a crucial sense of mission. As we go to press, we are just three months away from the conclusion of what has been an unprecedented effort to bring the College into an era of unparalleled excellence.

The munificence that we have witnessed over the course of this campaign has been impressive and inspiring. Alumni, parents and friends have responded to our appeal with a magnanimity that reveals a deep faith in, and passion for, the world-shaping possibilities of Jesuit liberal arts education. We have published stories about gifts small and large, and dedicated to a variety of needs. Each of those gifts is evidence of shared values. Each is a statement of belief in the unique role that Holy Cross plays in the formation of wisdom, hope and empathy. Each gift is a declaration of the value in cultivating the entire individual. And of how such cultivation transforms our world.

In this, the last issue before the campaign concludes on June 30, it seems entirely fitting to feature as our lead article the story of the kind of innovative and life-changing program that the campaign enables. In “The Teams of Summer,” you’ll read about faculty-student research duos involved in all manner of exciting projects and studies. In a very real way, this program—funded through alumni support—is helping to map the future of the undergraduate experience, while simultaneously making our students prime candidates for the best graduate schools in the country. But more than this, it is a portrait of the ways in which dedicated teachers— the kinds of scholars and mentors that Holy Cross has long attracted—work one-on-one with students to open up the possibilities of the individual’s future.

It is exactly this type of innovative and holistic program that sets Holy Cross apart. In my own experience, the mentoring nature of the student-teacher relationship on Mount St. James was nothing short of transformative. As it was, I know, in so many of your lives.

As you read our cover story, I invite you to keep in mind the bold mission to which the College has cleaved from its beginning. I invite you to recall how that mission may have inspired your own life. And I invite you to join us, in these final months of the campaign, in our efforts to ensure the legacy of opportunity for individuals to transform their lives and enrich the world—by carrying out the mission of living for others.

Jack O’Connell
Seven members of the Holy Cross faculty have been promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenure.


Sharon M. Frechette, of the mathematics and computer science department, earned her Ph.D. in mathematics from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2000, she is the principal investigator for the National Security Agency Young Investigator Grant, titled “Gaussian Hypergeometric Functions, Modular Forms and their L-functions, and Partition Functions,” which runs through September 2007. Frechette lives in Rutland, Mass., with her husband, Paul, and their two daughters, Claire and Olivia.

Andrew D. Hwang, of the mathematics and computer science department, earned his Ph.D. in mathematics in 1993 at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of more than 10 research articles on the geometry of surfaces and their higher-dimensional analogues. Hwang has served on the Common Requirements Committee since 2003 and the Diversity Task Force since 2004. He lives in Sterling with his wife, Connie.

Paige Reynolds, of the English department, earned her Ph.D. in English language and literature at the University of Chicago. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2000, she has made a number of contributions to the College, including serving as a speaker during the Ignatian Pilgrimage Panel; a member of the Faculty Affairs Committee; and a mentor for the Mentor Program for ALANA, international, and Passport students. Reynolds is the editor of the Pearson Custom Library.

Maria M. Rodrigues, of the political science department, earned her Ph.D. in political science at Boston University. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1999, she is the director of the Peace and Conflict Studies Concentration program and former chair of the Committee on Fellowships, Research, and Publication. Rodrigues is a member of the Faculty Advisory Committee for the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture and a member of the Latin American Studies Concentration and Environmental Studies Concentration programs. She lives in Boston with her husband and their four children, Ravi, Diego, Jairam and Isabel.

Constance S. Royden, of the mathematics and computer science department, earned her Ph.D in neuroscience at the University of California, San Francisco. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2000, she serves as a member of the Haberlin Building Committee, the Committee on Graduate Studies and Fellowships, and as co-facilitator of the College Committee on Collaborative Teaching. Royden is the principal investigator for a $297,365 National Science Foundation Grant, titled “Cortical Processing of Moving Objects by Moving Observers,” which runs through July 2007. She lives in Needham with her husband, Robert Colgrove, and their children, Caitlin and Thomas.

Stephanie E. Yuhl, of the history department, earned her Ph.D. in history at Duke University, Durham, N.C. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2000, she has served as a member of the Campus Center Advisory Board; the Community Standards Board; the Cantor Art Gallery Acquisitions Board; and the Curricular Goals Committee as well as both president and vice president of the Holy Cross chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. In addition to scholarly essays in American history, Yuhl is the author of A Golden Haze of Memory: The Making of Historic Charleston (University of North Carolina Press, 2005). She lives in Worcester with her husband, Anthony Cashman, and their three children, Julia, Emmett and Phineas.
Dinand Library’s Archives and Special Collections is home to many rare and unusual publications, photography, artwork, objects and artifacts. But for most of the past six years, the library has been without what is perhaps the most remarkable part of its collection: a 2,500-year-old Egyptian mummy and its coffin.

The 29-inch mummy of a young girl—named Tanetpahekau (which translates as “daughter of the magic god”)—first arrived at Holy Cross in 1896 through a donation by alumnus Rev. Peter Skelly. After more than a century, the mummy and the coffin had begun to deteriorate and became extremely fragile. In 2000, James E. Hogan, director of library services, took action, approaching Rika Smith McNally, a conservator of objects and sculpture. McNally then contacted the Winterthur Museum in Delaware, which offers a graduate degree program in art conservation, in conjunction with the University of Delaware. Winterthur agreed to study and restore the mummy and coffin without charge if the College would allow the museum to keep the artifact for two years.

Conservators told Holy Cross that mummies of children are rare—and that, at 36 inches, the decorated coffin was one of the smallest they had seen. Based on analysis, the Winterthur experts believe the girl’s approximate date of death to be 650 B.C. The mummy is wrapped in brown linen that, in turn, is covered in a net of blue-green ceramic beads. The wooden case is painted in blue, black, red, yellow and white; hieroglyphics decorate the case lid.

The mummy and coffin are currently on exhibit in the main reading room of Dinand Library and can be seen during normal library hours, until May 2006.
The Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery at the College presented Catholic Collecting, Catholic Reflection 1538-1850: Objects As a Measure of Reflection on a Catholic Past and the Construction of Recusant Self-Identity in England and America from Feb. 22 to April 13. The exhibit curator was College visual arts professor, Virginia Raguin.

The exhibition contained more than 60 objects—most from Jesuit institutions across the United States and in England—and included centuries-old and extremely rare stained glass, liturgical vestments, paintings, books, sculpture and other works of art important to Catholic culture and worship. More than half of the pieces have never before been viewed publicly in the United States.

The exhibition focused on the preservation of religious objects by Catholics during the “penal times” under British law. These objects, acquired with great risk, embodied the faithful’s bonds with God, church tradition and each other. When suppressed, many Catholics during this period came to identify their faith with the prayer books, paintings and objects of ritual such as Mass vestments and chalices that they were able to obtain or hide. These Catholics became known as recusants—recusing themselves from oaths of loyalty and participation in the state-sanctioned religion. The Society of Jesus played a major role during this period, in terms of missions in both England and the colony of Maryland, created as a sanctuary for Catholics in 1634.

Among the Jesuit institutions that loaned objects for this exhibition are: Stonyhurst College, Lancashire, England; Campion Hall at the University of Oxford, Oxford, England; Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.; Loyola University, Chicago; and Holy Cross. On display were: stained glass, alabaster carving, manuscripts, printed books, liturgical vessels, paintings and vestments, including the prized chasuble given to Westminster Abbey by Henry VII.

A fully illustrated catalogue of 224 pages has been published jointly with the Catholic University of America Press.
Holy Cross received a record 6,700 applications for admission to the Class of 2010—a 41 percent increase from the previous year. The increase is due to a mix of factors and new initiatives, according to director of admissions, Ann B. McDermott ’79.

“We’re seeing the results of our recruitment strategy and proactive outreach to prospective students,” she says. “We now have exciting new publications that successfully tell the Holy Cross story. Students, parents and teachers are reading about—and responding to—what makes the College distinctive. They are visiting campus in far greater numbers, and they’re participating in our new programs, such as special advisory days for high school juniors and a new and heavily promoted series of online chats.”

The outreach and new recruitment materials were in place several years before the College announced last spring that standardized testing would be an optional part of applications.

Janine Shertzer, the College’s Anthony and Renee Marlon Professor in the Sciences, has been elected a fellow in the American Physical Society (APS)—a rare honor for a professor at an undergraduate liberal arts college. Nominated by the society’s “Few Body Systems Topical Group,” Shertzer’s citation recognizes her “ground-breaking introduction of novel finite-element techniques in calculations of bound state and scattering properties of atomic and molecular systems.” According to the society’s rules, no more than one-half of one percent of the APS’s 43,000 membership is eligible for fellowship.

Shertzer earned her bachelor’s degree at Loyola College in Baltimore and master’s degree and Ph.D. at Brown University, Providence, R.I. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1984, she has served as chair of the physics department and as a member of the editorial board of Physical Review A. Shertzer has also twice served as visiting scientist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

Recipient of a National Science Foundation Faculty Award for Women and the author of numerous scientific publications and presentations, she conducts research in theoretical atomic and molecular physics. Her teaching interests include: quantum mechanics; development of interactive demonstrations for the class “General Physics in Daily Life”; and involvement of undergraduates in the application of finite element analysis to quantum systems.

Founded in 1899 at Columbia University, in New York City, the American Physical Society publishes the world’s most prestigious physics research journals.
BURNS AWARDS
presented to College staff

Six Holy Cross employees received the 2005 Claire B. Burns Award at a banquet held in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom on Jan. 11. The awards program, now in its ninth year, was established and endowed in 1997 by Donal J. Burns ’49 in honor of his wife, Claire, an alumna of the Class of 1990. The awards are presented annually to active and retired hourly and full-time employees who best demonstrate a commitment to fostering a spirit of family both in the conduct of their campus duties and in their interaction with co-workers and other members of the Holy Cross community. The honored employees have a combined total of 128 years of service to the College. This year’s recipients are:

Patricia T. Griggs of the dining services department; Warren H. Lohnes, of the physical plant/trades and shops department; Chouchanik Y. Mastro, of the dining services department; Marion L. Parsons, of the dining services department; George A. Query, of the physical plant/grounds department; and Leonard J. Soloperto Jr., of the public safety department.

The across-the-board application increase is also notable, McDermott says. “Every identifiable geographic and demographic group was up—yet all were proportionate to past trends in areas such as male vs. female, public vs. private high school, percentage of ALANA students, and so on.”

Early decision applications were also significantly higher, with about 200 more than last year, McDermott says. She anticipates that the Class of 2010 will enroll approximately 730 students.

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“We were already on their radar; and believe the positive attention generated by the SAT-optional announcement gave more students a reason to look at Holy Cross again.”

Approximately 80 percent of the applicants chose to submit their standardized test scores.

The application process (see HCM summer ’05 issue).

left to right: George Query, Marion L. Parsons, Claire B. Burns ’90, Donal J. Burns ’49 and Leonard J. Soloperto Jr.
Sheila Cavanaugh ’81, senior vice president for internal communications at Fidelity Investments in Boston, delivered the annual Thomas More Lecture on Faith, Work and Civic Life on Feb. 8 in Rehm Library. Cavanaugh leads a team of professionals dedicated to keeping Fidelity’s 37,000 employees knowledgeable, informed and educated. Previously, she worked as a global strategies consultant with Coopers & Lybrand and spent more than a decade as a banker in New York, Japan, Switzerland and the former Soviet Union. In the late 1980s, Cavanaugh took a sabbatical year from banking to teach English with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at a Vietnamese Refugee Camp in Southeast Asia. Returning to pursue a graduate degree in business at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., she spent two years at Harvard Business School, Boston, publishing research for use in graduate programs. From there, she became a Soros Foundation fellow and moved to the Baltic States to start one of the first credit training programs after the fall of communism.

An economics major at Holy Cross, she worked her way through college in factories in Worcester and suffered a stroke at the beginning of her career. She and her husband, Albert—whom she met in Indonesia—are the parents of three children from South Korea. Cavanaugh also volunteers at the International Institute of Boston, a refugee resettlement agency.

The Thomas More Lecture honors a graduate of Holy Cross who exemplifies the College’s dedication to the integration of faith and learning. It is sponsored by the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture.
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For more news about upcoming events and for up-to-date information about the campus, please visit the Holy Cross Web site at www.holycross.edu
With no classes taking place during the summer months, the Holy Cross campus at first glance seems to enjoy a respite from the buzz of activity that marks the academic year. But, underneath the quiet exterior, another story unfolds: Soon after Commencement, classrooms and laboratories come alive once again as more and more students remain on campus to undertake research projects with their professors.

Last year, 61 students participated in the College’s growing summer research program, including 24 in chemistry; 11 in biology; six in psychology; five in mathematics; and four in physics. In addition, eight economics students took part, as well as two students who interned as researchers at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, Calif. The summer program even included one music student.

The program gives Holy Cross undergraduates the rare chance to participate in research alongside a professor/mentor, with an eye toward having findings published in prestigious academic journals. Student researcher Patrick J. Thomson ’06, who worked on a research project with associate professor of economics, Katherine A. Kiel, says the collaborative nature of the program was immensely rewarding.

“Most students only see about half of what faculty members work on,” Thomson says. “The research program allowed us not only to know what professors are undertaking, but also to participate in it. The one-on-one relationship between the students and the professors made it more than just a job and turned it into a joint learning experience. We learned a lot from our professors, and I hope they learned something from us too.”
Holy Cross students involved with the summer research programs often have an advantage over undergraduate students from other colleges when they apply for graduate school or venture into the workforce. Much of the research being performed at Holy Cross is only done at the graduate level at other schools. And a primary goal of the program is for the students to have their findings published.

“Coming to Holy Cross allows for these experiences to happen,” says Charles S. “Chick” Weiss, director of grants, foundation and corporate giving, and associate professor of psychology. “At larger universities graduate students do this kind of research. It’s very difficult to get into graduate school without doing research. Getting published puts the key in the door for you.”

Student-professor summer research programs have been ongoing at Holy Cross for more than 20 years, but the programs are steadily increasing in popularity.

“We’ve been doing research with students for some time now at Holy Cross,” explains Stephen C. Ainlay, former vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. “It’s a very effective program that develops their sense of themselves as professionals.”

In the early days of the program, approximately 12 students spent summers doing research. But, in 1991, Holy Cross received a major research grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and “the summer program really exploded,” according to Weiss. The program was expanded to approximately 30 students because of that, and subsequent grants, and has been growing ever since.

“We could expand, but it’s more a question of student and faculty interest,” says Richard S. Herrick, science coordinator and professor of chemistry. “I can see it expanding somewhat at a moderate rate.”

Annual funding for the summer research program, which is approximately $250,000, is funded through foundation, corporate or individual grant money. No money from Holy Cross is used to fund the program.

Richard B. Fisher ’47 is the summer research program’s single biggest donor. Other grants come from the Simeon J. Fortin Charitable Foundation; Becton, Dickinson and Company; May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust; Pfizer Corporation; National Science Foundation; National Institutes of Health; Petroleum Research Fund; Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation; Research Corporation; and NASA.

Last summer the program ran for 10 weeks, from May 23-July 29. Summer research students receive a $3,200 stipend, on-campus room and board, $500 for supplies and $500 to travel to a professional meeting.

“Having our research students live together in a residence hall—something that began two summers ago—has made it a more cohesive program,” Herrick says.

The students not only lived and socialized on campus but also went on a field trip to Boston’s Museum of Science; formed a softball team; attended Worcester Tornadoes baseball games; saw movies together; shared meals; played tennis and basketball; and bonded in other ways during their stay on campus.

“When people live on campus they form a research community,” Weiss says. “It builds tremendous bonds between faculty and students. Students get to know each other, the professors and their families.”

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Two Holy Cross students spent 10 weeks last summer as research assistants at the prestigious Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, Calif.

Shant Manoushagian ’06, and Dina Hafez ’06, worked at the laboratory from June through the middle of August on ongoing research projects. Manoushagian, who hopes to become a doctor, helped research how different areas of the brain perceive color, motion, speed and direction.

“I thought this would be a great opportunity,” he says. “I worked with some very brilliant and accomplished people. It felt good to be around such people, and I learned a lot.”

Holy Cross alumnus Richard A. Murphy ’66, Salk Institute president and chief executive officer, says the program was the first time the research laboratory enlisted interns from Holy Cross. The program was funded with a grant from the Institute and the Richard B. Fisher Summer Student Research Fellowship Fund. The students were paid $6,000 for benefits, transportation, food, housing and stipend.

Murphy says he established the internship with Holy Cross because he knew the school’s students possessed “superb training and credentials.” He also felt it was a chance “to say ‘thank you’ to Holy Cross.”

“One of the benefits to the students is that it gives them the experience of working in a first-rate lab,” Murphy explains. “It also gives them a chance to work with leading scientists and cutting edge technologies.”

Founded in 1960 by Jonas Salk, M.D., the Salk Institute is one of the world’s leading independent non-profit institutions conducting basic science research dedicated to the improvement of human health. The Salk Institute was established with a gift of land from the city of San Diego and the financial support of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. The Institute’s major areas of research are molecular biology and genetics, and the neurosciences.

The Salk Institute internship has complemented a research project Hafez is working on this semester at Holy Cross.

“The work I did and the skills I learned fit nicely with the work I’m doing at Holy Cross,” Hafez says. “I gained competency in the lab that helps me work with the professor I’m doing research with.”

Hafez worked with a scientist on breast cancer research and how receptor and cell communication proteins influence cell growth. She says that the researcher had been working on the project for some time and helped her always to keep the long-term goal in mind.

“She was a wonderful mentor,” Hafez says. “She helped me understand the big picture.”

The dedication of the Salk Institute researchers was inspiring to the two interns.

“The scientists told me that there are not many rewards in research,” Manoushagian says. “It’s rare that you make a great discovery, and research is not financially rewarding. Despite all of this they are still excited about the work they are doing.”

M.R.
Ellen Gasparovic ’06 and Thomas Cecil, professor of mathematics
The selection process to participate in the summer research program is competitive—and usually several more students apply for the positions than can be funded.

"After their second or third years, students can participate in the summer research program," Herrick says. "A selection panel chooses students based on academic record, fit and recommendations."

To become eligible for the program, students need to have a faculty sponsor with whom they will be conducting research and also to develop a research proposal based on that faculty member’s project. Two faculty members must send letters of recommendation on behalf of the student applicants—one of the letters must come from the faculty member with whom the student will be doing the research.

Although selection into the program is based primarily on the student application, academic record and faculty recommendations, participation also depends upon: a student’s plans following graduation; interest in the research project; and continuing involvement in the research project during the academic year—as well as the number of students who have applied with a particular faculty member or within a certain department.

Ainlay, like Weiss, recognizes that the program is expanding and observes that, “the College is seeing a proliferation beyond the sciences.” For example, the economics department participated in the research program for the first time last summer, with eight economics students doing research with seven faculty members.

Becoming involved with the summer research program proved to be a positive experience in a number of ways for the professors and students in this department.

“I can’t imagine what we would change about the program,” says Kiel. “The students all jelled with each other and with the faculty. The faculty was thrilled with the whole experience. The students brought lots of energy to the project.”

Ainlay expects that the program will continue to expand beyond mathematics and the sciences into areas that are not traditionally associated with laboratory-based research.

“Over the next five-to-10 years I think you will see people consider research an integral part of education,” he says. “We’ll see more grants outside of the sciences, and research projects more in the humanities.”

Ainlay acknowledges that research projects in the humanities may be a tougher sell than chemistry, for example. After all, writers and artists usually work alone.

“It’s not immediately apparent how a painter would involve a student researcher,” he says. “But I think it can work. The role students can play is to see the creative process unfold—they will be able to do this by watching faculty mentors at work.”

Intensive research projects are also a way for the College to stand out as it competes for the best students, says Weiss. When considering where to go to college, high school graduates are increasingly searching for institutions that offer the opportunity for high-level research projects and internships.

“You are seeing today’s students come in with the perception that graduate schools and employers are going to look for hands-on experience,” Ainlay says. “They feel it strengthens them competitively. This is seen as an essential way to involve students in a level of sophistication you can’t get in a classroom setting.”

Kiel found that the summer program was a natural fit for an ongoing research project she has been conducting on the economic impact of the Superfund site in Woburn, Mass.—and whether housing prices have rebounded after the toxic area was declared clean.

Kiel and Thomson met everyday to discuss the work—what problems were encountered during the research, and where the project was headed. Thomson worked from about 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, in an office and in the computer lab located in the economics department area; he and Kiel would often meet informally as they passed each other in the hallway or at lunch.

“I’d tell him what I was working on or what I was stuck on or what I needed,” Kiel says.
“Some meetings would be an hour and structured,” adds Thomson, “but other times, I might just pop my head in and ask a question.”

In the end, Kiel and Thomson discovered that Woburn experienced a permanent decrease in home prices, with the appreciation rate the same as surrounding communities.

Thomson, who is in the economics department’s honors program, is planning to attend graduate school in this field and hopes one day to become a professor. According to Thomson, he considered the summer research project as a way to determine whether he is really cut out for graduate school.

“I was a little cautious at first about the specific topic,” Thomson says. “I hadn’t read about housing prices or environmental economics. As I got going, I became really interested in it, and I enjoyed the atmosphere on campus. We saw the professors day in and day out—and saw what they did outside the classroom. We were on a first name basis with them.”

Kiel believes it was valuable for Thomson to go through the process of doing the research in order to understand that it takes dedication and creativity to solve complex problems.

“You have to be tenacious,” she says. “There are problems you can’t solve right away. It’s hard but fun, and I saw this in Pat. You get into it, and you learn to solve different puzzles. It was good for students to see how passionate their professors are about what they do and to see them struggle and work to solve problems.”

Weiss finds that student researchers often discover who they are and what direction they want to take following graduation.

“You can help to grow a scientist,” he says. “Students find they are terrifically talented. This is a transformational experience.”

Mathematics major and Fenwick Scholar Ellen Gasparovic ’06, worked last summer with professor of mathematics, Thomas E. Cecil ’68, on a research project involving non-Euclidean geometry and Lie sphere geometry. This work is related to Cecil’s research in differential geometry, an area of mathematics used in Einstein’s Theory of Relativity. Gasparovic was supported by Cecil’s research grant from the National Science Foundation.

She is one of those students that Weiss describes as falling in love with the research process. Like Thomson, Gasparovic is headed to graduate school on her way to pursue her Ph.D., planning eventually to enter the field of geometry research. She and Cecil are also a great example of a student-professor team that truly works in collaboration.

“I like the independent aspect of doing research,” says Gasparovic, explaining why she intends to continue in the field. “Doing research last summer and throughout this academic year has helped me to focus my mathematical interests and narrow down the field in which I would like to eventually specialize. And Professor Cecil is a wonderful professor to work with. He’s incredibly supportive and a great teacher.”

In addition to Cecil, Gasparovic worked with fellow student Heather Johnson ’06 on the project—hunkered down, for the most part, in the Swords Hall student lounge. They would meet regularly with Cecil for about an hour a day—usually in the morning—then go to work. If Gasparovic and Johnson were stumped by a problem or had questions, they would meet with Cecil again.

“This gives students a taste of what it’s like to do research,” Cecil says. “It can be lonely at times. You work by yourself. You get stuck. You make progress and move toward the next step. It’s
A recent article in the prestigious magazine *Science* highlights genomics research being conducted by faculty and student research teams at Holy Cross and other institutions across the country.

Co-authored by Mary Lee Ledbetter, chair of the College biology department, the article chronicles the work being performed through the Genome Consortium for Active Teaching (GCAT), an organization that pairs students with faculty to engage in microarray research and data analysis.

Microarray research can be very expensive. Through grant money, GCAT enables colleges and universities to incorporate the use of microarrays into undergraduate programs at an affordable price.

“We think this is an indispensable way to make available to undergraduates technology that would normally be far beyond the reach of our budgets,” says Ledbetter, one of the founders of GCAT in 1999.

Ledbetter’s research is supported by a National Science Foundation Grant for Distinguished Teaching Scholar.

A microarray is a collection of microscopic DNA spots attached to a surface, such as a glass slide or silicon chip, to form an arrangement of samples. Microarray researchers can measure the expression levels of large numbers of genes simultaneously or identify the specific genetic makeup of multiple regions of a genome.

Microarray analysis was used to identify the SARS virus within three weeks—a process that formerly took a much longer period of time. Microarrays are also used in cancer research, developmental biology, human genetic disease research, and in agriculture.

Daron C. Barnard, a postdoctoral fellow and visiting professor, has been working on the project with Ledbetter. Over the past three years, nine Holy Cross students have been involved in microarray research.

One of the main goals of GCAT is to encourage students to work with faculty as collaborators.

“We want students to take intellectual ownership of a project, to be in on the decision-making,” Ledbetter says.

Jonathan Eskander ’06, Patrick Jones ’06 and Barnard worked as a research team, and the students made major contributions to the project.

“Most of the research is done by the students—with direction from me,” Barnard says. “As they become more and more familiar with the research, they take a greater role, need less direction and become adept at thinking about the project themselves.”

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good for them personally. They gain confidence and poise by having to do presentations and make arguments.”

On the first Friday of fall semester the research students participate in a poster session, where they present and explain to the Holy Cross community the results of the study they had undertaken over the summer. Some students, like Gasparovic and Johnson, also travel to present their findings at academic conferences. Last summer, for example, the two went with Cecil to the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where they gave a talk at a conference of the Clavius Group of Catholic mathematicians.

“Presenting my research to others was my favorite part of the summer project,” Gasparovic says. “I felt confident that we knew the material well and that we were ready for the tough questions. It went well and was an excellent experience. In mid-January, Gasparovic and Cecil traveled to San Antonio, Texas, for the joint national meeting of the American Mathematical Society, Association for Women in Mathematics and the Mathematical Association of America. Gasparovic was named the honorable mention for the Alice T. Schafer Prize—awarded by the Association for Women in Mathematics to an undergraduate female who demonstrates excellence in mathematics. While at the conference, Gasparovic presented her research at the Undergraduate Research Poster Session and won an award for her poster.

When Joshua R. Farrell ‘94, the Thomas E. D’Ambra Assistant Professor of Chemistry, was an undergraduate at Holy Cross, he worked on a research project with Herrick as his professor/mentor. Last summer, he and David Lavoie ’06 teamed up on a project involving advanced materials and making organic materials conduct electricity.

“It’s basic science,” Farrell says. “You’re putting compounds together in new ways. As you change volts it changes color. Some practical applications might be smart windows.”

Lavoie is a research veteran, having started working with Farrell on this project in the summer of 2003, between his first and second years. In total, he spent three summers and two school years on the project.

“It’s exciting to see students pull what they learned in class and discover where they can apply it,” Farrell says. “It’s even more exciting when students come in with ideas. We encourage that growth from passivity to collaboration. That’s what you are hoping for.”

In 2003, Farrell, Lavoie and three others published their research findings in The Journal of Organometallic Chemistry. Lavoie was a second-year student at the time.

“It’s not often that students that young would be published,” Farrell says.

As a result of a presentation he gave in 2004 on the research he has been conducting, Lavoie received Holy Cross’ Vanhook-Vidulich Award, which is presented to third- and fourth-year students for excellent research thesis and presentation. Lavoie also traveled to Atlanta this spring to give a poster presentation at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society.

As a chemistry major with a premed concentration, he hopes one day to become a primary care physician. Lavoie believes that he will take the valuable lessons he learned from his research experience with him as he treats his patients.

“The major relationship (between research and becoming a doctor) is the thinking strategy in the lab, problem-solving skills,” Lavoie says. “In the lab, you have to approach problems in new ways if things are not working out. Discoveries come over very long periods of time and take a lot of work. Diagnoses in general medicine are often not clear cut.”

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As its first graduating class prepares to enter high school, The Nativity School of Worcester is changing individual lives and building a transformative community.
“What do you think makes a good leader today?” social studies teacher Brian McClatchy asks his sixth-grade students, who have been discussing Marcus Aurelius, the last of the five great emperors of Ancient Rome. There isn’t a moment’s hesitation before the boys begin to fire back answers.

“Honesty,” says one young man.

“Bravery,” answers another.

“Fairness.”

“Responsibility.”

“Patriotism.”

“Confidence.”

In the two and a half years since The Nativity School of Worcester opened on Irving Street, these are only some of the qualities that their teachers have worked to encourage in the middle school boys who come to this independent Jesuit school every day. It is, by any definition, a long day. The boys, all from low-income families who live in Worcester’s at-risk neighborhoods, arrive at school for a free breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and remain until 6:30 p.m., on most days of the week. During those 11 hours, they are challenged, as the school’s Web site attests, “to discover and develop the fullness of their individual gifts.”

Nativity Worcester, sponsored by the College—as well as by the New England Province of the Society of Jesus—is one of 41 Nativity schools across the country; while all operate independently, they follow a faith-based model created in 1971 in New York City. In Worcester, the Nativity School depends entirely on gifts and donations to raise its annual budget, which supports a core curriculum in math, language arts, Spanish, social studies, religion and science; the children also take Renaissance courses in art, music, technology and
drama as well as participate in sports and a range of other activities. Teacher-led study hours and one-on-one tutoring provide each of the 48 students currently enrolled in the fifth through the eighth grades with a full range of academic and personal support.

Such an overview, however, cannot begin to capture the spirit of commitment that defines this small community of learners. On an ordinary weekday, the second-floor hallway is relatively quiet, but the buzz of voices in the classrooms is constant and the sense of energy palpable. Through an open door, math teacher Alice Mudiri can be seen at the blackboard, asking the class for possible solutions to a problem; boys’ voices clamor to answer. Bulletin boards celebrate the Nativity Man of the Week, the Artist of the Week and the Sportsman of the Week. The winning records of the two basketball teams in St. Mary’s Shrewsbury League are proudly displayed. In the teachers’ room, Vantrice Taylor ’04 and principal J. Michael Steele look through notecards written by some of the fifth graders. Executive Director Joanne McClatchy ’79 is everywhere—chatting with staff members, checking in with individual boys and handling an admissions’ issue on the telephone in her office, which is located at the uppermost corner of the building.

The 12 teachers on staff work together seamlessly, addressing not only curricular and administrative responsibilities but also virtually any task that needs doing.

“I do everything from serving lunch to sweeping the floor,” says Steele, who became Nativity’s second principal last July after years of teaching in Jesuit schools in Detroit. “I tell the boys I wouldn’t ask them to do something I wouldn’t do myself.” He teaches language arts to the seventh graders and coaches basketball, leading his Nativity team to the league championship this season.

Master teacher Kathleen Gorski, who is in charge of the curriculum, teaches seventh- and eighth-grade science; the network administrator as well as the librarian, she is in the process of preparing for the accreditation process, which will begin following the completion of the school’s fifth year.

Mrs. McClatchy serves as an art teacher. Her husband, Brian, in addition to teaching social studies, works on both graduate placement and development. The seven Nativity fellows, recent Holy Cross graduates who spend from
one-to-two years at the school, teach classes, coach sports, run clubs and mentor the boys. Steele calls the staff, “more dedicated than anyone I’ve worked with in 10 years.”

All are bound by their love for the boys and a deep faith in the wisdom of the Nativity School’s mission: to encourage each student “to learn, to serve and to grow to the best of his ability through the school’s four pillars: vires (strength), studium (scholarship/study), mores (character), and christianitas (service).”

“The whole purpose,” says Holy Cross president, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., who also serves as chair of Nativity Worcester’s board of trustees, “is to put the boys in a different culture, one that breeds success. They come from wonderful families, who want the best for them. But they’re all struggling with the impact of the environment and poverty. We want to expand their horizons.”

Nativity prepares its students to continue their education, not only by attending excellent secondary schools but also, eventually, by going to college as well.

Chick Weiss, director of the office of grants and corporate and foundation giving at Holy Cross and associate professor of psychology, recalls years of talking with like-minded colleagues about starting a school intended to address “the struggles of kids from disadvantaged environments and the difficulties of breaking out.”

When Fr. McFarland arrived on the Hill in 2000, a number of factors dovetailed to turn talk into action. The new president brought with him an interest in college and community relations and indirect experience in starting the Nativity Preparatory School of Boston. At the same time, an anonymous Massachusetts foundation, interested in investing in Worcester,
suggested conducting a study to ascertain the feasibility of opening a school. The Cassin Educational Initiative Foundation (CEIF), run by Brendan J. Cassin ’55, agreed to sponsor the study, which—conducted by Weiss and two Holy Cross students—identified Worcester’s Main South area as the best location for such a venture. With initial financial support from both foundations, the decision was made to borrow the Nativity School model; Joanne and Brian McClatchy, then working in Providence, were hired as executive director and director of development. “It was a nice bit of serendipity,” Weiss says.

It is hardly coincidental that the Nativity boys wear purple and white in the classroom as well as on the basketball court and baseball field. From the outset, the school has captured the hearts of students, administrators, trustees, faculty and staff in every department on the Holy Cross campus. The first campus-wide involvement occurred just before the school opened in August of 2003. The original plan to take over the Boys and Girls Club on Ionic Avenue fell through, leaving the school still without a building that July. When the minister at All Saints Church suggested leasing its adjacent building, recently vacated by Head Start, Joanne McClatchy recalls the full-scale campaign by volunteers from Holy Cross to get the space in shape for the entering students.

“Holy Cross carpenters and electricians built the library,” she says. “Abdi Lidonde from the College’s physical plant stepped in to strip the floors for free. We had College plumbers and painters here.”

What she describes as a “great symbiotic relationship” has only continued. Controller Robert Grenon handles the school’s accounting needs. College departments regularly donate equipment no longer in use. Tradespeople help out after work and on weekends. Henry Roy in the graphic arts department does all of the school’s printing at the reduced College rate and makes 18,000 index cards every year by cutting up the scrap paper in his office. Associate professor of chemistry, Jane Van Doren, brings her students to build solar cars with the Nativity boys as an after-school activity.

Every year, members of the College’s Development office hold a coat drive with the Chaplains’ office. A recent e-mail query to the College community asking for reading tutors elicited at least five responses a day from faculty...
“To Learn, to Serve and to Grow to the Best of My Ability”

from the Nativity Worcester mission statement

Daion Romeo is a fifth-grade student at Nativity.
members and students. Holy Cross alumni and parents have been generous in their support; a number of College scholarships have been earmarked for Nativity graduates.

Nowhere is the connection between the two institutions more evident than in the Nativity Fellows program.

“They are the heart and soul of the school,” says Brian McClatchy. All of the current fellows are 2004 graduates of Holy Cross. Vantrice Taylor teaches science and religion and serves as the volunteer coordinator. Andrew Gallagher teaches social studies as well as physical education; he also coaches basketball and holds the post of associate director of development. Sean Dillon teaches language arts and works with the boys in the areas of music and drama; in addition, he takes them hiking and coaches cross country. Teneka Hardy, who teaches sixth- and eighth-grade religion, is in charge of graduate support for the eighth graders. Rashaunda Tyson teaches fifth- and sixth-grade language arts as well as drama. She is also in charge of the parents’ group and serves as the conduit to the Mustard Seed, which provides the boys with hot lunches on Wednesdays. Cristina Gintoli teaches Spanish, coaches baseball and coordinates field trips. Eric Studt teaches religion, Spanish and music and directs retreats.

Fellows live together in the faculty house, Casa Maria, and receive a stipend as well as food, transportation and medical insurance. Taylor calls “living in the community the second-best part of the job,” next to working with
the boys. United as both friends and colleagues, the group is bound by the importance of the work they do. “A lot of the kids already have it in their heads that they’re not as good as others,” says Taylor. “We’re trying to combat that and build self-esteem.”

The tutoring program, run through the Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD) at Holy Cross, supplements that effort. In 2004, 37 Holy Cross students tutored at the school; this year, the number is close to 130—each works with a specific student on at least one of the three study evenings. In addition, a group of football players has begun tutoring at the school on Monday afternoons.

“You fall in love with these kids,” says Helene Horan ’06, who coordinates the program at Holy Cross. “They have so much life, so much promise. I say to people, ‘just give me an hour and a half. Come once.’ I can’t think of anyone who hasn’t gone back after that. You get hooked.”

The fellows program has decided academic benefits, according to Nativity School math teacher, Alice Murdi—with the Holy Cross students “going to great lengths to help the teachers.”

“The boys often open up to the tutors, telling them things they’re not telling us or their parents,” Taylor adds. “The tutors are our eyes and ears. They can give us a heads-up if a boy says that something is going on. The boys love the tutors.”

None of the Nativity students knew that Holy Cross existed before their first visit to campus—since that time, the College has become an extension of their own world. They use the athletic fields in the fall and spring, walk the hiking trails and play baseball on the women’s softball field. The boys, who sang with the Holy Cross choir the first year, joined the All College Choir last year for a concert at Mechanics Hall. They often attend Holy Cross basketball games. Indeed, this winter the Nativity basketball team played an intermission game during halftime that brought everyone in the stands to their feet.

This familiarity serves to reinforce the Nativity School’s larger goal: “to encourage the boys to think of college,” according to Fr. McFarland. The first step in meeting that goal is high school. To date, of the graduating eighth graders, several have been accepted to local high schools, including Holy Name, St. Peter Marian and St. John’s; five have applied to Worcester Academy. In addition, one is going through the admissions process at the Noble

Vantrice Taylor ’04 works with seventh graders, Luis Marcano (left) and Brian Johnson.
and Greenough School in Dedham, Mass., and, another, at the Northfield Mount Herman School in Northfield, Mass.

Eighth grader Gunlee Segrain describes the prospect of high school as: “a journey off into a new place—it’s exciting!” Gunlee, who came to Nativity as a seventh grader from the Elm Park Community School, says that the school has made him “more mature and more aware.”

“I was starting to hang around with a bad crowd,” he says quietly. “Here I’m not going to be afraid that someone’s going to pressure you into doing something you don’t want to do. Everyone believes in the common good.”

As its first graduates prepare to enter into a “new place,” the Nativity School has the challenge of making it happen. Efforts are now focused on finding resources for high school tuition costs and putting the tools in place for continued support and mentorship for graduates. To that end, additional tutoring hours will be added next year for ninth graders.

The College “will take a continuing interest in the boys as they go through high school and college,” says Fr. McFarland. Wherever the Worcester boys end up, he predicts, they will “give hope to those who come behind them.” Ultimately, the expectation is that the school will produce new leaders “who will go back to the community to give back and effect change.”

Gunlee, who wants to become a doctor, has no trouble seeing the larger implications of his middle school education. “Nativity School kids,” he says, “are really smart kids who want to do something with their lives.”

To learn more about the Nativity School of Worcester, visit the Web site at www.nativityworcester.org.

Editor’s note: At press time, Joanne McClatchy ’79 announced that she would be stepping down as executive director of Nativity Worcester. The school’s board of directors is currently accepting inquiries from prospective candidates for this position. Interested parties should contact Charles Weiss at (508)-793-2735.

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In both the triumphs and heartbreaks of his own life, Bob Wright ’65 has found the inspiration to make a difference in the lives of others. After his grandson was diagnosed with autism in 2004, he turned what was a devastating moment into a new family mission, co-founding Autism Speaks with his wife, Suzanne. The nonprofit organization raises funds to support research and help find a cure for the disease, which currently affects nearly 1.5 million children in the United States.
alone. “Autism Speaks was born out of a single family’s experience—our experience—but its goal is to give a voice to an entire community, to every family dealing with the hardships of autism,” Wright says.

While giving voice to the millions of families struggling with autism, the Wrights are also providing an opportunity to outstanding young men of modest means who wish to attend Holy Cross. They recently endowed the Suzanne and Bob Wright Scholarship Fund, which makes a Holy Cross education possible for high-achieving, highly regarded students from Wright’s alma mater, Chaminade High School, in Mineola, N.Y.

An all-boys Catholic high school, Chaminade is named in honor of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade (1761–1850), founder of the Society of Mary, Marianists. Wright said that attending Chaminade had a profound influence on his life and his decision to pursue a Catholic college education. In fact, he said, it was guidance counselors at Chaminade who directed him toward Holy Cross.

“Suzanne and I feel very fortunate that we are able to make a Holy Cross education possible for the brightest students at Chaminade,” says Wright. “Both schools offer rigorous academic programs...”
and place special emphasis on service to others. Throughout my life, I have drawn inspiration from both my Chaminade and Holy Cross educations.”

“Bob and Suzanne Wright have made a wonderful contribution to Holy Cross and to the many students who will be able to come here because of the Wright scholarship,” says Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of Holy Cross. “Their generosity serves as an inspiration to all of us who care about keeping the doors of Holy Cross open to the most deserving students, regardless of their families’ financial circumstances.”

Chairman and chief executive officer of NBC Universal, Wright also serves as vice chairman and executive officer of NBC’s parent company, General Electric. Joining NBC as president and CEO in 1986, he has had one of the longest and most successful tenures of any top executive in the media industry. Before NBC, Wright had a distinguished and diversified career spanning management, marketing, and law, much of it with General Electric. After majoring in psychology at Holy Cross, he received his law degree from the University of Virginia.

An active and generous philanthropist, Wright serves on the board of trustees of the American Film Institute and the Museum of Television and Radio, and on the board of directors of the Motion Picture and Television Fund Corporation and the Cancer Research Fund of the Damon Runyon-Walter Winchell Foundation. A member of the Society of New York Hospital Inc., he is on the board of governors of New York Presbyterian Hospital. Married since 1967, the Wrights live in Fairfield, Conn.; they have three children and four grandchildren.

A Holy Cross Trustee for the past 15 years, Wright is also a member of the New York Regional Campaign Committee for the Lift High the Cross campaign. As alumnus, Trustee, volunteer and benefactor, he has had a unique vantage point from which to view Holy Cross’ aspirations and achievements during the past 40 years.

“I can’t say enough how proud I am to be part of Holy Cross,” Wright says. “The students here are highly motivated and achievement-oriented, and our mission truly makes a difference in the world. Holy Cross is as vital a college as there is in our country today.”

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Ask John Duffy ’82 about his four years at Holy Cross, and he will tell you that, for him, they were as much a love story as a college experience. During the second week of his first year, Duffy met Patricia Galligan ’82—and, by second semester, the two were inseparable. They have been together ever since.

“Without a doubt, the most important part of my Holy Cross experience was meeting Tricia,” says Duffy. “By our senior year, everyone thought of us as an old married couple ... I guess they were right!”

It wasn’t until their second year that Peter Hill ’82 and Patricia McGovern ’82 met, but theirs, too, has been a lasting love story—and one highlighted by many fond memories of their time at Holy Cross.

“Where to begin?” asks Patti Hill. “There was the Southside Johnny concert, road trips to Boston, the unforgettable 30-29 football victory over BC, and Sunday night Masses at St. Joseph Chapel.”

Classmates who eventually married, the Duffys and the Hills were also good friends at Holy Cross, bound together by a slew of intersecting ties. Tricia Duffy and Peter Hill were in the same economics study group; Patti Hill and Tricia Duffy lived in the same residence hall; and John Duffy and Peter Hill were roommates during their final year on the Hill.

Although they don’t see each other as much today, the Duffys and the Hills are still bound in their affection for the College. John and Peter both work for JP Morgan in New York—where John runs the Northeast division of JP Morgan Private Bank and Peter heads JP Morgan’s U.S. municipal finance business. Because their offices are located across the street from each other, they usually catch up on the run.

It was during one such chance meeting that the two former room-
mates began talking about the Lift High the Cross campaign. “At the time, I hadn’t really thought about making a major commitment,” recalls Duffy, “but talking to Peter made me think more precisely about the debt I owe to Holy Cross. Both Tricia and I believe that the Jesuits do a uniquely superb job of providing an academically rigorous education that has a real impact on students’ lives. We see giving to Holy Cross as a way of perpetuating those values.”

“Holy Cross opened our minds as well as many doors of opportunity for us,” says Patti Hill. “Our experience there was such a positive one—in many ways life-changing—that we feel we would not be where we are today without it. We wanted to help the College provide a similar experience to new generations of Crusaders, and to help deserving students with the ability, but perhaps not the financial means, to attend Holy Cross.”

Both the Duffys and the Hills regard their recent campaign gifts as expressions of the Jesuit tradition of service to others. “The thing that drew me to Holy Cross—and that I will always cherish—was the concept of men and women for others,” says Duffy. “I think it was also a big part of what Tricia and I saw in each other, and it still rings true in our lives today.”

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Dec. 8, 2005 at Holy Cross: Appropriately held during the season of giving, the Holiday Reception honoring scholarship donors and award recipients affords an opportunity for benefactors and students to meet. (From top to bottom, left to right): Ann Marie Connolly '74 and Caitlin Welch '07; Sarah Tagg '08 and Brian McNeill '77; Helen Lucier, Shannon Bush '06, Maureen Glowik P09, 05, and Jean Glowik; Robert Nixon '84, Christopher Smith '08, Julia Nixon '84; Kerry Kennedy-McBride, Caitlin Powell '08, Daniel McBride '84; Christopher Kelly '82, Molly Cook '09, Shirley Kelly '83; and Barron Cashdollar, Mary McCann Cashdollar P94, Thomas Carson '08, Julia Gentile McCann '94, Winifred Gentile P94.
CLASS OF 2001 TAKES OVER STOCK EXCHANGE

Feb. 23, 2006: Forty-five members of the Class of 2001 gathered for a get-ready-for reunion cocktail party on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. (From top to bottom and left to right): Greg Formato and Dave Galalis; the group; Melissa Jangl, Devon Broderick and Jackie Furst; Mike Dowling and Mollie Cura; Ryan Hayward, David Jordan and Shauna McLoughlin Stecker; Anne Uba, Amanda Guarino, Allison Lurker and Jacquelyn Andrade.
When Maura Collins Matthews '97 decided to make the move from her native Washington, D.C., to Philadelphia in 2000, her strong Holy Cross ties—the daughter of John Collins '68, she is married to Steve Matthews '95, son of Jim Matthews '70—inspired her to get involved in Philadelphia's Holy Cross club.

A family friend who had been serving as the Philadelphia club's president, the late Tom Short '70, was moving from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C., just as Maura was making the reverse move. He thought Maura and Steve would be perfect to revitalize the region's club, which includes alumni in the greater Philadelphia area, Delaware, Southern New Jersey and Southeastern Pennsylvania. He was right.

Since 2000, Maura has served as president and secretary, and Steve has served as vice president and treasurer. Together, the couple has gradually built up club activity so that now there are multiple events throughout the year, including a summer picnic, football tailgates, trips to minor league baseball games, and even spur-of-the-moment gatherings such as meeting at a local pub to watch a Holy Cross basketball game on TV.

"It's not like New York or Boston where there are lots of Holy Cross alumni," says Maura, "so people seem eager to get together and meet other Holy Cross people."

In October, a dozen or so club members participated in Philadelphia Cares Day, a citywide initiative to help the city’s school system. Volunteers spent the day sorting old textbooks and painting at a local school. Maura notes that what helps keep up the club’s momentum is the willingness of a newly formed board of about 15 individuals to champion events. Kerry Skowron '99, for example, is planning a cultural excursion for the club to a local theatre company.

Maura is proud of the healthy attendance at events, as well as the mixture of classes represented. "Being involved in the club has helped me remain connected to Holy Cross and meet great people," she says.

One of six clubs in New York State, the Holy Cross Club of Eastern New York covers a large geographic area and draws alumni and families from the entire Adirondack region, most of the Catskills and the northern part of the Hudson Valley. As club President Elaine Dimase '84 says, "We are fortunate to have a large critical mass of graduates in the area." Members have shown generous commitments of time, talent and resources to make the club thrive.

The most popular event for this club, which boasts close to 700 members, is the President’s Reception, held each year.
in May. Other successful activities have been lectures by Holy Cross faculty such as David O’Brien, Loyola Professor of Roman Catholic Studies and professor of history, and Rev. William Clark, S.J., of the religious studies department. Recently, the club co-sponsored the one-man show, “Father Joe: A Hero’s Journey,” by renowned storyteller Jay O’Callahan ’60.

For sports-minded alumni in the area, ample opportunities exist to cheer on the Crusaders as they compete in a variety of contests against colleges in the Capital Region. Whether it’s hockey at Rensselaer or basketball at Siena College, club members and College supporters will likely meet each other—if not at an organized pre-game reception, then surely on the sidelines.

A late summer golf tournament has become instrumental in raising money for the club’s scholarship fund. Elaine reports that the fund has awarded or committed a total of $35,000 to eligible high school seniors from Eastern New York. Club members also share their personal perspectives of Holy Cross when they accompany admissions counselors to local high schools in the fall. And for those students who choose Holy Cross, the club hosts a reception in August.

Elaine and her board welcome all Holy Cross alumni, young and old, and their families, their ideas, and their energy to enrich further this regional club.

For more information concerning the GAA’s regional clubs, go to www.holycross.edu/departments/alumnidev/alumni and click on “Regional Clubs.”

MAURA FREDEY ’94 and JANINE CLIFFORD-MURPHY ’79 are members of the GAA’s communications committee.

At October’s “Philly Cares Day,” alumni gathered to help out. Left to right: Gayle Severance, Maura Matthews ’97, Marie Loveland P’00, Donyale Loveland ’00 (kneeling), Bridget Keegan ’98, Kirsten Whitaker ’01, Julia Madden ’02, Charles Rainey ’78 and Jim Connell P’01. Keegan was team leader for the day.
On Jan. 9, Holy Cross alumni gathered at the Fordham Law McNally Amphitheatre at Lincoln Center to impart wisdom from lessons learned regarding jobs loved and lost. The event was jointly sponsored by the College’s prebusiness and prelaw programs, the Holy Cross Lawyers Association and the Holy Cross Club of New York. Prebusiness adviser David Chu of the College’s economics department co-hosted the event with Pat Comerford ’93. Larry Rutkowski ’75, president of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association and David Jordan ’01, president of the Holy Cross Club of New York, also welcomed the students and introduced them to the support system that their respective alumni organizations provide to new and not-so-new alumni.

After the introductions, 21 alumni mingled and chatted with 40 students and parents about a range of topics—from Wall Street to white shoe, Marine Corps to Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and Coach merchandising to bull riding. Alumni present at the event included: Christina Atkinson ’04, Daniel Barrett ’93, Kate Cooney Burke ’93, Patrick J. Dolan ’93, Aaron Gallagher ’94, Nancy Kelly ’97, Brendan Kenny ’97, Ann Tondow Kovalick ’93, Andrea Krajci ’04, Tim McGovern ’92, Pete McHugh ’04, Molly McLane ’93, Maureen Murphy ’93, Joseph V. O’Connor ’93, Amy Phillips ’95, Eric Probst ’91, Kurt Sanger ’93 and Robert Wally ’68.

This will be an annual event. For more information on the prebusiness program, the prelaw program, the Holy Cross Lawyers Association or the Holy Cross Club of New York, please contact the College’s alumni relations office.
Finance Career Night

The Holy Cross students that gathered at J.P. Morgan Chase in New York City on Jan. 12 were not there to audition for The Apprentice and connect with Donald Trump. They had a more important agenda—to meet alumni career advisors and learn about the world of finance. The event, sponsored by the Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York, coordinated by John Mullman '82 and hosted by Larry Doyle '83, demonstrated the strong sense of loyalty and commitment to others that is so characteristic of a Holy Cross graduate.

“The networking event was a huge success on a number of fronts,” Mullman notes. “The students got some valuable information about career opportunities in financial services and managing the job search process; the alumni had an opportunity to get reacquainted with old friends and meet others in a similar field; and both groups got a fuller appreciation for the value of the Holy Cross Alumni Network—a resource which we are just beginning to tap into.”

The accumulated knowledge and insight of 27 alumni from the financial services field was well received and appreciated by the more than 35 students in attendance that night.

Alumni participants included: Anthony Barclay '70, Arthur Casavant '80, Frank Castellucci '04, Cassandra Clark '02, Patricia Cronin '82, Emmett Daly '82, Michael Clare '70, James Marrone '80, Devon Broderick '01, Elizabeth Shannon '01, Michael Contino '99, Lawrence Doyle '83, John Duffy '82, Constance Eagan '81, Susan Feitelberg '84, Steven Harr '93, Sean Harrington '03, John Julian '98, Patrick Kennedy '03, John Mullman '82, Thomas Osmond '90, William Phelan '73, William Phelan '04, Andrew Simons '03, Nicholas Sberlati '00, Kevin White '86 and Raffaele Zingone '90.

An event such as this serves to highlight the continuing need for alumni to sign on as career advisors through the alumni online directory or by contacting Bob Wally '68, coordinator of the Holy Cross Student/Alumni Career Network, at rwally@holycross.edu
The General Alumni Association has announced the names of those alumni nominated to serve as officers and members of its board of directors. Patrick L. McCarthy ’63 has been re-appointed executive secretary. Michael H. Shanahan ’78 has been re-appointed treasurer. GAA bylaws do not require yearly nomination to this office.

The nominations for the board were selected in accordance with the GAA bylaws, which allow for no more than 10 alumni to be chosen annually for three-year terms—two directors from among current and former regional club presidents and two other elected members from each of the four class groups.

Although this slate of candidates represents the choices of the GAA Nominating Committee, it should be noted that any member of the GAA may be nominated in accordance with Article VII of the bylaws, as follows: “Any member of the Alumni Association may be nominated for director by a petition containing the signatures of 20 alumni with the executive secretary.”

Any member of the GAA who would like to be so nominated should submit a petition to Patrick L. McCarthy, executive secretary. If any petition should be received, the executive secretary shall conduct an election for the class year group or for current or past presidents of a regional club by sending ballots to the members of the association. The names of newly elected officers and directors will be announced at the GAA’s annual banquet during reunion weekend. All alumni are invited to attend.

**PRESIDENT**

**Kathleen M. Troidle '83**

Kathleen Troidle, who has worked for IBM since 1987, is currently a client executive in its financial services sector. Prior to joining the company, she attained the rank of captain in the United States Air Force and worked as a systems analyst on the Air Force Data Intelligence Handling System in Omaha, Neb. Troidle holds a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and a master's degree in computer systems management from Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. Currently a vice president of the GAA, Troidle chairs the Scholarship Committee and the IT Committee. A class agent, she has served on the Nominating Committee, the Communications Committee, the Book Prize Committee and the Finance Committee. Troidle is a resident of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**

**John R. Hayes Jr. ’91**

John Hayes is associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement at the University of Massachusetts, Boston; he received his master’s degree in business administration from Babson College, Babson Park, Mass., in 2002. A class agent, Hayes served as a reunion gift co-chair for his 5th and 10th reunions; he has been a class chair since 2002. In addition, Hayes is also a volunteer for the Lift High the Cross Boston Regional Campaign Committee. For the GAA, he twice served as chair of the Senior Reception Committee, and has been a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Hayes is currently vice president of the GAA. He resides in Andover, Mass., with his wife, Nicole, and their two children, Mia and Jack.

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

**Brian A. Cashman ’77**

Brian Cashman is the manager of security and investigations for AT&T Broadband, New England region. An alumni admissions advisor, he is a member of the President’s Council and, also, of the Varsity Club. Cashman lives in Londonderry, N.H., with his wife, Madeline, and their children, Emily and Patrick.

**VICE PRESIDENTS**

Nominees for GAA Board of Directors Announced
Mark W. Powers ’85

Mark Powers is a partner in the law firm of Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, which has offices in Boston and Worcester. He has served as president of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Worcester and, also, on various committees of the GAA, including the Finance, Career Networking and Executive Committees. Powers and his wife, Lisa, reside in Shrewsbury, Mass., with their daughter, Rebekah.

Colleen F. Amann ’92

Colleen Amann earned her master’s degree in speech pathology from the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn. A class agent and an active admissions volunteer, she has served as president of her regional alumni club since 2001. Amann resides in Scarborough, Maine, with her husband, Peter ’93, and their children, Emily, Molly, Maggie and Brendan.

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“A SUPREME WAY OF LIFE”: JANE SULLIVAN ROBERTS ’76

The Roberts Family

Jane Roberts ’76 is busy. With husband John Roberts’ recent appointment to the Supreme Court, she has seen a few more demands on her time.

“Everybody wants to invite us somewhere,” she says—“whether to speak, or be a guest, the invitations are flowing in. It’s a busy time; we’re also in the middle of renovating our house, and we have two young children, Josie and Jack.”

That’s busy.

I ask her if the children understand what’s happened, and who their father is now.

“Oh, they’re aware. In the summer, they often saw their dad’s photo in the newspaper and on TV. They ran around saying, ‘Daddy is famous, daddy is famous.’ They saw the TV cameras outside our house, and at church. They’ve been introduced to another world. They’d already been in courtrooms, and Jack often simplifies cases so that they can talk to him about them and understand. But they know something different has happened now. They’ve met lots of senators, and they address them properly and shake their hands. They also know the White House and the Supreme Court. They were there when 200 cameras were clicking, and they knew it was all for their dad. At Halloween, Josie was running around while her little friend’s brother was chasing her. When he wouldn’t stop, she put her hands on her hips and said, “Stop it, my Daddy is the Chief Justice.”

Seems like she made a connection between her father and some authority.”

HCM: Have you had any unique opportunities these first few months?

Roberts: We’ve had some great opportunities come with this. We went to a White House dinner with Prince Charles and Camilla. It was a magical evening, like a 19th-century dinner. We had drinks in the state dining room, photos with the president and duchess, and a concert by Yo-Yo Ma in the East Room. The Air Force Strings serenaded us during dinner. Oscar de LaRenta was there. I used to sew his patterns as a kid. I now have the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. I spend a lot of time just pinching myself wondering, “Is this my life?”

HCM: How is the new Chief Justice holding up?

Roberts: It’s been a fabulous experience, and Jack is so well suited to this role. He’s enjoying it, and the people around him are enjoying working with him.

HCM: Are there any downsides to all the glitter?

Roberts: There’s a decrease in privacy. It’s difficult to go out to a public place without being stopped. It’s hard for him to get through a supermarket, and that’s true for me too, but to a lesser extent. I get stopped a lot with the children. It just means talking to a lot of people when you’re in a hurry. And it’s difficult to go out to a restaurant as a family anymore. But hey, we might lose a few pounds.

As for Jane, she now joins other Holy Cross alumni with Supreme Court ties—Associate Justice Clarence Thomas ’71 and Rev. Paul D. Scalia ’92, son of Associate Justice Antonin Scalia.

“BE PASSIONATE”: JOSEPH P. DONELAN II ’72

Joe Donelan loves wine.

“Wine is romantic,” he says. “Wine is fun.” He speaks easily about Rhone varieties, namely Syrah, and apparently he knows what he’s talking about. He has received four great Robert Parker reviews (Robert Parker is the wine critic, of The Wine Advocate fame), and Food and Wine has selected his winery, Pax Wine Cellars, as the best new winery of 2005.

But Donelan doesn’t actually own a vineyard—instead, he manages grapes.

HCM: How did you get into the wine business?
Donelan: Twenty years ago, I started learning about wine. I had a sommelier teacher on Nantucket, and I helped him develop a couple of business plans to start a store and a tour business. I met a lot of winemakers and owners, but I didn’t know what kind of business I could make of it.

HCM: How does Pax Wine Cellars operate?

Donelan: We don’t own any land. We buy grapes on long-term contracts, and we manage the vineyards as if they’re ours. Individuals either own their own vineyard, or they buy grapes from vineyard owners on long-term contracts. We buy grapes. It’s a great way to start a business. If you have a winery, and the grapes only come from your property, you’re limited in how big you can become. We were interested in demonstrating what wines you can make from different locations. We make Rhone varietals, primarily Syrah, and we demonstrate how unique these wines can be.

HCM: Have you seen success?

Donelan: Our cornerstone is quality. Our model was to sell 70 percent of the wine through a mailing list, and we’ve done it. I’m passionate about wine, and people are attracted to passion.

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Recently, Veritas, a New York City restaurant known for great food and great wine and owned by Park B. Smith ’54, was one of only 31 New York restaurants (out of 15,000) to get a Michelin star.

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By the 1920s, it had evolved into a restaurant guide; searching for the best food in the world, it sent out teams of inspectors to test local fare.

As for Veritas, it has been tested, and found worthy.

According to Smith, “The Michelin star, combined with the New York Times previous award of three stars and Zagat’s ’06 review awarding 27 for food (28 is the highest they’ve ever given), puts us in an enviable position, which we do not take lightly. We entered our seventh year in January and are, with few exceptions, sold out every night. We have also been recognized for having the finest wine list in America. I received the first ever Copia Award in California last year. This award is given to the wine collector deemed to have the finest wine collection in the United States.”

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The Trouble with Poetry: And Other Poems
BY BILLY COLLINS ’63

The Trouble with Poetry: And Other Poems (Random House), by Billy Collins ’63, is the poet’s first collection in three years. With his trademark playfulness and wit, Collins explores boyhood, jazz, love, time and writing. His clever style and simple language have made him one of the nation’s most popular and accessible poets. Collins’ work is filled with a mixture of self-deprecation, irony and mischief. Booklist raves: “Skeptical of love and scornful of pretension, Collins is breathtaking in his appreciation of the earth’s beauty and the precious daily routines that define life.”

Collins is the author of seven collections of poetry, including Sailing Alone Around the Room and The Art of Drowning. He is also the editor of two poetry collections. A distinguished professor of English at Lehman College, CUNY, he was Poet Laureate of the United States from 2001 to 2003; he currently serves as the Poet Laureate of New York.

Why I Hate the Yankees
BY JOSH PAHIGIAN ’96 AND KEVIN O’CONNELL

Josh Pahigian ’96 and Kevin O’Connell’s book, Why I Hate The Yankees (The Lyons Press), is a tongue-in-cheek examination of why the New York Yankees are bad for baseball. The authors use humor and fact to analyze the origins of the “Yankees mystique,” and discuss reasons to despise the team’s overbearing owner, George Steinbrenner. Interspersed with amusing anecdotes and revealing quotes from Yankees players, fans and the media, this book explores why the team has become the “evil empire” of the baseball world.

Pahigian has written for various magazines and literary journals, including the Telegram & Gazette, Portland Press Herald and Port City Life Magazine. A resident of Maine, he and O’Connell are also the authors of The Ultimate Baseball Road-Trip: A Fan’s Guide to Major League Stadiums.

The Collected Poems of Muriel Rukeyser
BY ANNE F. HERZOG ’81 AND JANET E. KAUFMAN

Anne F. Herzog ’81 and Janet E. Kaufman are the editors of The Collected Poems of Muriel Rukeyser (University of Pittsburgh Press). An admired poet of the American left, Rukeyser held a visionary belief in the human capacity to create social change through language. She earned an international reputation as a voice against war, poverty and racism. Her best-known work, The Book of the Dead, chronicles corporate negligence at a West Virginia construction project. In addition to the complete texts of her books, this volume also features new poems discovered by the editors; Rukeyser’s translations, including the first English translations of Octavio Paz’s work; and the poet’s early, unpublished work. The editors’ introduction traces the poet’s life and literary reputation and provides annotations and textual notes to the poems.

Herzog is associate professor of English at West Chester University in Pennsylvania. Together with Kaufman, she is editor of “How Shall We Tell Each Other of the Poet?: The Life and Writing of Muriel Rukeyser.

Battlebabble: Selling War in America
BY THOMAS LEE ’59

In Battlebabble (Common Courage Press), Thomas Lee ’59 shares his conviction that war is not the final solution to political conflicts, but a totally unacceptable alternative, ravaging its perpetrators as well as its intended victims. Lee believes that the language surrounding war softens its brutal realities, and serves as a vehicle to engender public support and encourage participation under the guise of patriotism. In this dictionary of war euphemisms, the author provides his definitions of the language so often used by the government and media. In defining such terms as “collateral damage,” “friendly fire” and “air campaign,” Lee explains the history, jargon and approaches to selling war to the public. Soldiers and civilians alike will find this book valuable as a means for exploring their own feelings about war.

A biologist and pacifist, Lee is also the author of books on the promises and perils of modern genetics, including The Human Genome Project: Cracking the Genetic Code of Life and Conquering Rheumatoid Arthritis: The Latest Breakthroughs and Treatments. He lives in Goffstown, N.H.
Contextual Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Chronic Pain

BY LANCE MCCracken '85

In Contextual Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Chronic Pain (IASP Press), Lance McCracken ’85 reviews the latest developments in the psychology of chronic pain, providing an overview of a practical, comprehensive and theoretically integrative approach that significantly expands the scope of current treatment methods. The past 30 years have seen a changing focus within pain management regarding patients’ behaviors, thoughts, beliefs and emotions—as well as a new awareness of the importance of social context. This volume describes the array of empirically based treatment methods now available to clinicians together with novel approaches to exposure-based methods and the promotion of coping techniques. It is for psychologists and other clinicians who treat patients with chronic pain, and for researchers of the psychological aspects of pain.

McCracken is a consultant clinical psychologist and clinical lead of the pain management unit at the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases in the United Kingdom. The author of many articles on chronic pain, he is a senior visiting fellow at the University of Bath.

Vergil: A Legamus Transitional Reader

BY THOMAS J. SIENKEWICZ ’72 AND LEAANN A. OSBURN

Vergil: A Legamus Transitional Reader (Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers), by Thomas J. Sienkewicz ’72 and LeaAnn A. Osburn, is designed to assist students in making the transition from elementary or intermediate Latin to reading the authentic Latin of Vergil. This reader contains selections from Vergil’s Aeneid, Books I, II and IV. Passages are accompanied by pre-reading materials, grammatical exercises, complete vocabulary, notes designed for reading comprehension, and other reading aides. Introductory materials and illustrations are also included.

Sienkewicz is the Minnie Billings Capron Professor of Classics and departmental chair at Monmouth College in Illinois.

The Jesuits and the Third Reich, Second Edition

BY REV. VINCENT A. LAPOMARDA, S.J.

In The Jesuits and the Third Reich, Second Edition (Edwin Mellen Press), Rev. Vincent A. Lapomarda, S.J., describes Nazi persecutions of the Jesuit order during the Third Reich and the fates of many Jesuits in Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, the Baltic States, Russia, Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Italy, the Low Countries and France. He also focuses on Jesuit efforts in defense of human rights—particularly those of Jews—and provides a corrective to such views of the Roman Catholic Church of the Nazi period as that popularized by Rolf Hochhuth in The Deputy. According to America magazine, “Readers of Father Lapomarda’s excellent book, rich in notes and bibliography, can understand better the dimensions of a drama that struck one small, if representative, group of servants of the church before and during World War II.”

Fr. Lapomarda is an associate professor in the College’s history department.

Children’s Play

BY IRIS PONTE ’00, W. GEORGE SCARLETT, SOPHIE NAUDEAU AND DOROTHY SALONIUS-PASTERNAK

Iris Ponte ’00 is one of the authors of Children’s Play (SAGE Publications), an account of the development of children’s play from infancy through late childhood. Play is a surprisingly complex and significant phenomenon in the lives of all children. The authors take a broad approach to examining how children play by including a wide variety of types of play, play settings and play media. The book also discusses major revolutions in the way today’s children play, including changes in organized youth sports, children’s humor and electronic play. Diversity is addressed throughout the text and play is explored in relation to gender, disabilities, socioeconomic class and culture. This readable text contains illustrations and case studies. Children’s Play is an excellent resource for students, practitioners, teachers, daycare workers and parents.

A former Watson Scholar, Ponte has conducted extensive research in preschools in the United Kingdom, Taiwan, China, Japan and Newfoundland. She has also worked for Sesame Street Research at the Children’s Television Workshop in New York.
Atop Mount St. James, on a frozen Sunday in February, Kevin Hamilton '06 and Billy Klotz '06 are Crusader captains playing right next to each other, yet worlds apart.

Hamilton is Mr. Inside, sweating under the bright lights of All-America acclaim at the Hart Center. He is inspiring Holy Cross to a 21-point lead while avenging a one-point away loss to Lehigh. There is a packed house of 3,274 purple partisans cheering him on as he steals, passes and hits crucial foul shots. Hamilton is a full-scholarship athlete playing basketball—the sport which has brought glory, highlighted by two national championships, to Holy Cross.

Klotz is Mr. Outside, running around goose-bumped on artificial turf. Like Hamilton, he is wearing short pants, but is freezing—as the wind chill factor had lowered the weather score to 15-below zero. Only a handful of the bundled-up faithful (officially, 181) are watching nationally ranked Fairfield University giving the Crusaders a whuppin' in their home opener.

With 3:40 left in the third period, Klotz whips a no-look bullet pass to the middle, which teammate Tony Banta '08 caresses and flicks niftily in the net for the score. But it is too little, too late.

Klotz and his mates are all walk-on athletes, recruited to play a “minor sport” without enhancement to their financial packages or much recognition. They are lacrosse players, competing for pride, pleasure and perhaps the character-building that being crushed 19-4 by Fairfield may bring.

The day before, a Saturday snowstorm arrives, but the women’s games up on the hill are played as scheduled.

Inside the Hart arena, Billy Gibbons’ heralded Lady Crusaders are knocking off Lehigh, 72-65, before 1,410 rabid fans. Outside, the College’s lacrosse women glide across the tundra for an 11-8 subzero victory over UMass. Patricia Sutton ’07 pulls a hat trick, a feat she duplicates in a victory at the University of New Hampshire three days later.

“It was so slippery we wore sneakers,” says captain Carolyn Smirti ’06. “But it felt great to finally beat UMass. Our coach played there. So we consider it a huge win.”

Smirti was grateful for the triumph and very thankful that 87 brave souls—including her boyfriend, her mom and roommates—came to support the Crusaders. Her two goals put an exclamation point on this sweet victory on an arctic afternoon.

Klotz and Smirti are part of a new breed of Holy Cross pioneers. They and their lacrosse cohorts are fighting for respectability in the highly regarded Patriot League and play a tough lineup of non-league foes. The men have the added burden of challenging Army and Navy, perennial Top 10 competitors.

With lacrosse's popularity burgeoning, the College must

BY JOHN GEARAN ’65

ATHLETICS

Some argue it’s the hottest college sport in the country.
But can lacrosse catch fire on Mount St. James?
play catch-up or else become a PL door-
mat. Improvements are already in motion. The quality of players being recruited is on
the uptick.

Captains Klotz and Smirti are prime examples.

Billy Klotz is from Derry, N.H., a lacrosse jewel embedded in the Granite State. He played football and lacrosse at Pinkerton Academy, a huge independent school of 3,300 students that is funded by Derry and several surrounding towns. With Klotz on the attack, Pinkerton Academy captured four state championships.

Klotz is a second generation lacrosse fanatic. His dad and youth coach, Jim, competed at Babson College; his mother, Mary, played in high school. His two brothers played in college. He became “an addict,” traveling to interstate jamborees and playing summer pickup games anywhere he could find them.

Recruited by several colleges, Klotz opted for Holy Cross. “I loved the family atmosphere here and wanted strong academics,” says the political science major. “I knew I could play right away, and we would be playing top-ranked opponents like Army, Navy, even Duke.”

“Our hard work has paid off,” contends Klotz, an invitee to last year’s tryouts for the United States national team. He points out that last season the Crusaders forced No. 9-ranked Army into double overtime before succumbing. And, after losing 23-5 to No.2-ranked Navy in 2004, the Crusader team came within three points of defeating Navy in ’05.

Klotz doesn’t like losing, mind you. “But I’ve learned a lot,” he says. “Losing forced me to grow up a bit, to accept losses with class, to motivate others, not to get frustrated and to be calm in the face of adversity.”

On March 7, Klotz and his Crusaders learned another hard lesson in Durham, N.C. Duke, ranked No. 3, smoked them, 20-2. Duke had 64 shots on goal, Holy Cross had 14. But the Crusaders gave it their best shot, and Klotz came away with a story for his grandchildren. With 8:35 left in the third period, the captain scored the team’s first goal.

On a Thursday in February, Smirti is hustling through a typical day. She has classes all morning. She gets out a bit early from the 2:30-to-5 p.m. practice so she can ice down her aggravated shin splints. A quick bite, and she’s off to a 7-to-9 p.m. showing of the film, Kiss of the Spider Woman, a course assignment. Then she’s back to her room to start a term paper due the next afternoon.

Smirti is representative of the recruits prized by the lacrosse program. She was a superb student-athlete at Cold Spring Harbor High on Long Island, a longtime breeding ground for lacrosse. Smirti was a county all-star in lacrosse and all-class in soccer—her team won the New York 1999 Class C championship. Last season she pulled off five hat tricks in 19 games.

Smirti committed early to Holy Cross at her high school adviser’s recommendation. The College offered the excellent academics she sought and challenges in lacrosse.

“I felt I had plateaued in soccer,” she says. “But I always seemed to be progressing in lacrosse.”

“We make lot of sacrifices,” she explains, “but I enjoy lacrosse and the Holy Cross experience. I love our coach. She
makes us work our butts off, and it’s paying off.”

She talks about the great times the team has on road trips, watching silly movies and such. She talks about family being there for the games. And the players selling belts and running youth clinics to raise money for the Florida trip to play Sacred Heart.

“Really, we play for the fun of it,” she says.

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Dick Regan ’76, in his eighth year as the College’s athletics director, has hired two full-time head coaches with dufflebags’ worth of lacrosse creds.

Adam Pascal, a two-time All-American at Middlebury College, holds several NCAA tournament records, including most goals in a game, 8. After graduating in 1999, he served as a college assistant at Nazareth, Harvard and Williams.

A bachelor, he still plays with a group of Middlebury alums in tournaments like the Vail, Colo., “Shootout.” From early June to August, he travels 9,000 miles in his car, checking out recruits in summer leagues and development camps. He’s not recruiting from the Top 50 list, but “keeping an eye out for kids, any size or shape, who are a little quicker and a lot smarter.”

His players are promoters. They act politely, wear coats and ties, represent their sport with class, sell themselves as being worthy of support. They thank the grounds crews and secretaries, inviting those folks to their banquets. They hand out lacrosse T-shirts and hats, hoping the craze will catch fire.

Coach Stephanie Pavlik, an all-around athlete at Mount St. Joseph’s Academy outside Philadelphia, excelled as an MVP midfielder at UMass. Her game-winning overtime goal against Temple hoisted her team to the 2000 Atlantic 10 Championship. Settling into the Holy Cross family, she is engaged to marry head volleyball coach Chris Ridolfi on July 1.

Pavlik believes in the same approach that Pascal takes. She tells recruits they will have a chance to blend into a team with great chemistry at Holy Cross while netting a great education. She emphasizes the quality of the whole College experience. Her players appreciate that she is a players’ coach. One of seven children, she knows how to scrap for recognition. She looks for natural leaders. In her first season, the team lost to Colgate in the Patriot League championship game.

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Regan understands that lacrosse is at a crossroads.

“For years lacrosse has languished here,” he says. “Holy Cross has always been known for its traditional sports programs. But lacrosse is one of the fastest growing sports in America, and we must go with the flow.”

Lacrosse is currently considered the “it” game, at least in suburbia. U.S. Lacrosse, the mother-hen of the sport, notes that there are 130,000 high school players and 500 college clubs.

A Native American tribal competition known as “The Creator’s Game” was documented in 1636 by Jesuit missionary Jean de Brebeuf. A Canadian dentist, who no doubt figured lacrosse would be a boon to his business, standardized its rules in 1867. Lacrosse survived in prep schools and posh colleges and in hotbeds such as Maryland and Long Island. Today, more than a half-million competitors play for club and school teams across America.

“The Patriot League happens to have a strong group of lacrosse teams,” Regan notes. “The sport has taken off, moving from prep schools into parochial and public schools. In hot spots, it is taking over baseball as the No.1 spring sport. It’s a sport we want to do well in.”

Regan is hoping that the College’s new foray into raising money dedicated to an Athletic Fund will help sports programs. There are 14 varsity sports for women and 13 for men, all vying for a piece of the financial pie.

“A quarter of the student body plays a varsity sport,” Regan says.

Sporting goods entrepreneur William H. Brine ’52, recently made a challenge grant to the lacrosse program, agreeing to match $100,000 in donations (see the winter 2006 issue of HCM). Regan emphasizes that there remains a need to allocate more money for recruiting, staffing, equipment and enhancement of preferential packages for lacrosse recruits.

Someday, aspiring advocates hope, lacrosse will no longer be a minor sport, out in the cold, looking in.

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.
Capt. Robert Patrick McGovern ’89 brandished a M-4 rifle, cocked it and squeezed the trigger, twice. Holding that weapon of murder, he re-enacted a scene of chaotic horror that had shaken Camp Pennsylvania in Kuwait on March 22, 2003.

In the dark of night, Sgt. Hasan Akbar had gone on a rampage, rolling grenades into tents where comrades slept and firing his M-4 rifle at fellow soldiers. Akbar shot Army Capt. Christopher Seifert in the back, killing him. Air Force Maj. Gregory Stone died from 83 shrapnel wounds. Fourteen other “Screaming Eagles” from the 101st Airborne Division were wounded.

“Sgt. Akbar executed that attack with a cool mind,” argued McGovern, a prosecutor with the Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps. “He sought maximum carnage,” McGovern emphasized during his powerful closing before a 15-member military panel seated in a Fort Bragg courtroom a year ago.

As the guilty verdict was read, Capt. McGovern turned to face the widow of Capt. Seifert. Mrs. Terri Seifert and McGovern locked eyes and nodded to each other. He had delivered Akbar’s conviction as promised.

McGovern argued the guilt phase of the trial. Capt. John Benson delivered the opening statement. And the lead prosecutor, Col. John Mulligan, presented the penalty phase. Akbar received a sentence of death by lethal injection, which has been appealed.

“On the eve of battle, in a sneak attack, Sgt. Akbar turned on his own. What could be worse than that?” McGovern asks. “This will be ‘The Case’ used to prove that justice sometimes demands the death penalty.”

For almost two years, McGovern had pushed himself to the brink of obsession on the Akbar case. He had trouble sleeping. He lost weight. For McGovern, his investigation became a disturbing journey into a twisted mind whose dark passages were festering with evil intentions.

He poured through 13 years of Akbar’s shocking diaries. One 1997 entry reads: “My life will not be complete unless America is destroyed.” McGovern interviewed people who had known Akbar since childhood.

“I know more about Hasan Akbar than I want to know,” he says.

McGovern’s main job was to prove that Akbar had committed an act of deadly treachery with premeditation.
To obtain the death penalty, he had to refute the defense’s contention that Akbar was mentally ill and—as a Muslim convert—confused and conflicted by the war in Iraq.

McGovern artfully used the words in Akbar’s own diary to prove murderous premeditation. The guilty verdict came down on Thursday, April 21, 2005.

The next day, Capt. McGovern requested a transfer from Fort Bragg to Iraq. “Are you crazy?” fulminated a ranking officer.

At age 30, Rob McGovern was gleefully crossing the bridge from his relatively carefree days of athletics and academia to an unknown future.

In that May of 1997, McGovern was enshrined into the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame. Surrounded by teammates like his steadfast pal Tom Kelleher ’88 from the glory days when the Crusaders ruled Division 1-AA football. Embraced by his parents and eight siblings. And, as usual, standing at his side was his uncle, Rev. Earle Markey, S.J., a 1953 basketball All-American and a compassionate Jesuit who has helped troubled souls, from the Philippines to Mount St. James.

McGovern, a determined guy with a wonderful sense of humor, had enjoyed the sunshine of his life. He had been a high school hero. He had earned All-America honors as a Holy Cross football captain and linebacker. He had competed four seasons in the NFL for Kansas City, Pittsburgh and New England before giving up his fading hopes of becoming more than just a special-teams’ extra. He had graduated from Fordham University Law School and landed his dream job as a special narcotics prosecutor for the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office. And, for good macho measure, in 1997, McGovern enlisted in the Army Reserve.

“At that moment, I thought all the real excitement in my life was behind me,” McGovern recalls. Little did he know what daunting challenges loomed.

In Manhattan, McGovern was relishing his life as an assistant district attorney. From 1997 through 2001, he was in the big leagues of crime-fighting. He would team up with undercover cops to target high-crime areas and formulate strategies to bug, bust, arrest and convict drug dealers. “I got thrown into the deep end fast,” McGovern says. “But I loved the action.”

Then lightning struck.

On Sept. 11, 2001, McGovern was emerging from a subway station when he was overwhelmed by the sight of clouds of toxic dust billowing from the shattered World Trade Center. Like countless others, he found himself, like some helpless refugee, walking in disbelief up Third Avenue, five miles back to his East Side apartment.

“I sat on my couch, angry and upset,” he says. “I wanted to do something to help.”

The next morning, he put on his Army uniform and headed back to Ground Zero. “It was chaotic,” he says. “Everyone wanted to help. I stood in line. Because of my uniform, finally, I got waved forward.”

McGovern was in the fray, no longer on the sidelines, gladly taking orders from front-line firefighters.

For four days, trauma was his constant companion. He saw body parts and thought “this is someone’s loved one.” He couldn’t imagine a family going to a funeral without a casket.

On Thursday, he uncovered a badly disfigured body. A medic stood on the other side of a huge pile of rubble, unable to provide help. McGovern knew he must act alone. In great anguish, he filled a plastic body bag and dragged it out to be identified.

On Friday, like many other rescue workers, he shook the hand of President George Bush.

Later, McGovern would learn Sean Lynch, a Cantor Fitzgerald broker with whom McGovern enjoyed dinner just two weeks earlier, had died in the terrorist attack. So had a fellow JAG officer, Bill Pullman.

Rob McGovern knew what he had to do.

The next week, he called his Army Reserve Unit,
volunteering for active duty in the 18th Airborne Corps. His days as a Manhattan assistant district attorney and a weekend warrior were over.

After eight months of intense training—jumping out of planes, crawling through rugged terrain and honing his combat skills—JAG officer McGovern headed out for Afghanistan.

McGovern helped to create an Afghan National Army. He arranged government funding, laid plans for when and where to deploy troops, and helped establish a central authority that would prevent warlords from spinning out of control. He tailored rules of combat and answered legal questions about pursuing the enemy across borders. He lectured soldiers about the first law of warfare: Always defend yourselves.

He dealt with violence daily. Taliban fighters would launch rockets at his compound, once missing, by the length of a football field, the tent where Capt. McGovern slept.

Four Afghan youngsters, scavenging a practice range for scrap metal to sell, were killed by Army mortars. McGovern was assigned to defuse this volatile situation. He expressed deep regret to the Afghan families of the victims. He helped arrange for the building of a school that was dedicated to the dead youngsters. “We couldn’t undo the tragic accident,” he says. “But we could show we cared.”

Capt. McGovern had become a wartime diplomat.

After his 2005 victory in the Akbar trial, the Army JAG assigned McGovern to prosecute war crimes in Iraq’s Central Criminal Court, which operates under an Inquisitional System of Justice: one judge, no jury, a prosecutor, a few witnesses, a defense lawyer and an English-Iraqi interpreter.

“Sometimes I’d handle three trials a day,” says McGovern. In five months McGovern won more than 400 convictions, many for murder and attempted murder. He had a 90 percent conviction rate against grenade-throwers, bombers, terrorists and insurgents of every description.

He stood nearby as four mortars exploded at the United States Embassy in Baghdad. He was there when a suicide bomber drove into a crowd where an American soldier was handing out candy to Iraqi kids. The soldier and 18 youngsters died.

McGovern had to search for justice in a minefield of mindlessness.

Today, McGovern, 39, is back home, based in Washington, D.C. He travels with an Army JAG team training other military lawyers how to prosecute at home and abroad.

“I have experienced significant events in my life and, hopefully, it has made me a wiser person,” he says. “There are serious consequences to every decision. That drives me to work so hard at my craft.”

Just doing his job, he says. Just doing his duty to community and country. Again trying to be a part of a winning team. A Crusader, still wondering what “real excitement” in his life lies ahead.
In Memoriam

1931
Joseph L. Finn, M.D.
Dec. 9, 2005
At St. Joseph’s Manor, Meadowbrook, Pa., at 95. Dr. Finn had maintained an obstetrics/gynecology practice in Philadelphia for 50 years, retiring in 1987. Associated with Dr. P.B. Bland at the start of his career, he subsequently organized obstetrics/gynecology departments at Nazareth Hospital in Philadelphia, Lower Bucks Hospital in Bristol, Pa., and Holy Redeemer Hospital in Meadowbrook. Dr. Finn had been the first medical staff president at Holy Redeemer Hospital, serving from 1956-59; he was subsequently the first member of the medical staff to be elected to the hospital’s board of directors. A five-year veteran of World War II, Dr. Finn served the last two years as commanding officer of a portable surgical hospital attached to the Chinese Army in Central China; he attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. A 1935 graduate of Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Dr. Finn then served his internship and residency at Jefferson Hospital, where he had been the first physician to hold the position of resident; he later taught at Jefferson Medical College as an associate professor of obstetrics/gynecology. A founding member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Dr. Finn had belonged to the American College of Surgeons; state and local associations; and the Philadelphia College of Physicians. He had been a Navy officer in the campaigns of the Southern Philippines, Northern Solomons and New Guinea; Mr. Hayer attained the rank of captain. He was a recipient of the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal; Philippine Liberation Medal with Bronze Service Star; the World War II Victory Medal; and American Service Medal. A 1934 graduate of Springfield (Vt.) High School, Mr. Hayer had been class valedictorian and a member of the varsity football team; he was named to the Vermont All-State varsity football team. Mr. Hayer is survived by his wife, Lorraine; a son; a daughter; a sister; three grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1937
Ellsworth H. Simpson
Nov. 15, 2005
In Florida, at 89. During his career, Mr. Simpson had been an accountant with General Motors for many years. A veteran, he served in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Simpson had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Lois; a son, Alan H. ’65; a daughter; two stepdaughters; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1938
Stuart W. Cosgriff, M.D.
Dec. 17, 2005
In New Jersey, at 88. A longtime physician, Dr. Cosgriff had been associated with the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, from 1951-83; he served as professor of medicine until 1983, and, subsequently, as professor emeritus. A 1942 graduate of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, he had specialized in internal medicine and vascular diseases. During World War II, Dr. Cosgriff had been a captain in the Army. He is survived by four sons; a daughter; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

1941
Gerard R. Davis Sr.
Nov. 3, 2005
In Bethesda Hospital, Boynton Beach, Fla., at 88. During his career, Mr. Davis had been the founder, owner and operator of the company, Gerard R. Davis Limited, in North Smithfield, R.I.; following his retirement in 1985, he relocated to Florida. Mr. Davis served as a North Smithfield town council president in the 1960s. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a former member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Forestdale, R.I. Mr. Davis is survived by his wife, Georgette; three sons; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

1935
Daniel A. Shea Jr.
Oct. 23, 2005
At South Shore Hospital, Weymouth, Mass., at 93. An attorney in Plymouth County, Massachusetts, for more than 50 years, Mr. Shea had specialized in land court examining and had performed work for the state. During World War II, he served in the Army; a member of the Wessagussett Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Weymouth, Mr. Shea had worked on behalf of veterans’ issues. During his career, he had also been involved in local civic and church affairs. Mr. Shea is survived by a son; a daughter; a brother; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1939
William A. Jackson
Nov. 19, 2005
At his home in Lynn, Mass. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Jackson had worked 40 years for the General Electric Co. in Lynn. During World War II, he served in the Army. Mr. Jackson is survived by his wife, Betsey; four sons; a daughter; a brother; a sister, 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1941
Raymond J. L’Esperance
Dec. 6, 2005
In the Radius Healthcare Center, Worcester, at 87. A 38-year employee of the Norton Company in Worcester, Mr. L’Esperance had been a production supervisor in the diamond grinding wheel division; he retired from the company in 1978. An Army veteran of World War II, Mr. L’Esperance served in the
European theater and fought at the Battle of the Bulge; he was a recipient of a Bronze Star. Active in sports throughout his life, Mr. L’Esperance had been a member of the baseball and track teams at Holy Cross; at his alma mater, North High School in Worcester, he had played varsity baseball and, as a member of the track and field team, broke high school records in the high jump and hurdles. Mr. L’Esperance had been a youth baseball coach for many years with the Jack Barry Little League and the West Side Babe Ruth League in Worcester. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a son; a daughter; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

FRANCIS X. MORRISSEY
MARCH 13, 2005
At Heritage Hall, Southwick, Mass. Mr. Morrissey is survived by three sons.

1942
JAMES C.B. MILLARD JR.
DEC. 3, 2005
In Connecticut, at 84. A longtime attorney, Mr. Millard had been associated with the New York firm of Webb & Knapp; he concentrated his practice on real estate contract law. At the start of his career, Mr. Millard had worked in the Corporation Counsel’s Office of the city of New York and the District Attorney’s Office. During World War II, he had been a pilot in the Navy, attaining the rank of lieutenant commander; Mr. Millard later served in the Korean War. He is survived by a son, James C.B. III ’73; two daughters; a daughter-in-law, Kathleen S. ’74; six grandchildren, including Anne Brady ’06; and five great-grandchildren. His brothers were the late Rev. Daniel F.M. ’47 and Charles E.F. ’54.

1943
GEORGE T. DOOLEY JR.
DEC. 12, 2005
In Massachusetts. A veteran, Mr. Dooley had served in the Army Air Force during World War II. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Dooley is survived by his wife, M. Elisabeth; three sons; and five grandchildren.

1944
JOSEPH E. GEORGE, D.D.S.
DEC. 29, 2005
At his home in Pittsfield, Mass., at 83. Dr. George had maintained a private dental practice in Pittsfield for 34 years, retiring in 1988. He began his dental career in 1948 in Great Barrington, Mass., and remained there until 1952, when he closed the practice to serve in the Korean War. A first lieutenant and oral surgeon with a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) unit in the Korean War, Dr. George had also been an Army veteran of World War II—serving from 1942-44, he was honorably discharged as a private first class. A member of the Berkshire District, Massachusetts and American dental societies, he had been active as well in civic and community affairs. Dr. George is survived by his wife, Norma; two sons; two daughters; and 10 grandchildren.

1946
WILLIAM A. KERRIGAN
DEC. 23, 2005
At his home in Ocean Park, Maine, at 81. During his career, Mr. Kerrigan had worked more than 42 years for the United Way; joining the United Torch Drive—precursor to the United Way of Greater Cleveland—as an assistant campaign director in 1972, he subsequently served as the chief executive officer of the United Way there from 1980-86, retiring in 1987. Previously, Mr. Kerrigan had been associated with agencies in other locations, including Boston, Albany, New York, Westchester County, N.Y., and Ashtabula, Ohio. He and his wife relocated to Ocean Park in 1993, where they opened an oceanfront guest house called Billow House; during this time, Mr. Kerrigan continued to offer United Way seminars in the local area. A veteran, he had served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Kerrigan had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Mary; three sons; six daughters; a brother, Joseph M. ’39; and 20 grandchildren.

1947
RAYMOND E. GORMAN
NOV. 20, 2005
At his home in Manchester, Conn., at 83. Founder of the Gorman Insurance Agency Inc. in Manchester, Mr. Gorman was a former corporator of the Savings Bank of Manchester and a former member of the Manchester Memorial
Monsignor Frederick R. McManus, professor emeritus of the School of Canon Law at The Catholic University of America, noted canon lawyer and key figure in the liturgical renewal of the Second Vatican Council, died Nov. 27, 2005 in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, at 82.

Monsignor McManus began his teaching career at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in 1958 as an assistant professor, after having served four years as a professor of canon law and moral theology at St. John’s Seminary, Brighton, Mass.; he was subsequently promoted to associate professor in 1960 and to ordinary professor in 1964. Appointed dean of the School of Canon Law in 1967, Monsignor McManus served in this capacity for six years; vice provost and dean of graduate studies from 1974-83, he held the post of academic vice president from 1983-85. Retiring from his position as a tenured faculty member in September 1993, Monsignor McManus continued to teach at the university until 1997.

He received the Papal Benemerenti Medal in 1984 for his service to The Catholic University of America.

An authority on the liturgy, Monsignor McManus had served as the director of the Secretariat of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy. During the Second Vatican Council, he had been a consultor to the Pontifical Preparatory Commission on the Sacred Liturgy; peritus or expert to the American bishops who attended the Council, he met with the press after each council session to explain liturgical changes. As consultor to the Consilium for the Implementation of the Constitution on the Liturgy, he helped to guide liturgical renewal following the Council.

Monsignor McManus had also assisted in the formation of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, begun during the Council by English-speaking bishops’ conferences to develop common English translations of liturgical texts; he had served as treasurer and member of its Advisory Committee from 1964-2000.

In 1964, Monsignor McManus celebrated the first official English-language Mass in the United States, in St. Louis. Beginning in 1967, he served as a consultant to the Vatican’s Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law; he continued in this capacity until the publication of the new code in 1983.

His contributions to ecumenism included serving as a consultant to the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity. A member of the Catholic-Orthodox Bilateral Commission and the International Joint Commission for Catholic-Orthodox Theological Dialogue, he had also been a member of the editorial board of Studia Liturgica, an international ecumenical quarterly for liturgical research.

The author of numerous books and articles on the liturgy and canon law, Monsignor McManus had served as a long-time editor of the Catholic University of America canon law journal, The Jurist.

Entering St. John’s Seminary in Brighton in 1942, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1947 in the Archdiocese of Boston. After one year of parish work, Monsignor McManus pursued his canonical studies at The Catholic University of America, earning his Ph.D. in canon law in 1954.

He received many awards during his career, including an honorary degree in juridical service from Holy Cross in 1989; the Pax Christi Award from St. John’s University, Collegeville, Minn.; and the John Courtney Murray Award from the Catholic Theological Society of America in 1990.

Monsignor McManus had been affiliated with numerous professional organizations, such as: the Canon Law Society of America; Catholic Theological Society of America; Catholic Commission on Cultural and Intellectual Affairs; Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art and Architecture; and the North American Academy of Ecumenists.

He is survived by a sister-in-law; five nephews, including Richard F. ’79, Paul J. ’81 and James G. ’82; a niece; and 12 grandnephews and grandnieces. His brother was the late Charles F. ’54.
IN MEMORIAM

John F. Crowley
Oct. 25, 2005

In Florida, at 79. Active in the retail industry, Mr. Crowley had worked 28 years for the W.T. Grant Co. He had also held positions with Zellers Ltd. in Montreal and the Canadian Tire Co. in Toronto. A veteran, Mr. Crowley had served with the Navy in the Pacific during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Betty; two sons, including Walter P. Jr. ’48; and three grandchildren.

W. A. McNeil
Oct. 11, 2005

In Arizona, at 78. A longtime resident of Arizona, Mr. McNeil had worked in the financial accounting field during his career, serving as: the chief accountant and division office manager of the Vinnell Corp.; accounting department manager of Hallcraft Homes, Inc.; controller-treasurer of W.R. Skousen Contractor, Inc.; and controller-vice president of Sunland Industries, Inc. He was a graduate of St. Peter’s High School in Southville, Mass., where he had been a member of the town’s volunteer fire department. Mr. McNeil is survived by his wife, Dinah; a son; four daughters; a brother; nine grandchildren; and a nephew.

Frederick A. Stanley
Oct. 24, 2005

At his home in Wayne, Pa. During his career, Mr. Stanley had worked in the field of business publishing, primarily with the former Chilton Company of Radnor, Pa. He had been commissioned an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Mr. Stanley is survived by his wife, Joy; four sons; a daughter; three stepdaughters; a sister; 11 grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

1949

John E. King
Dec. 2, 2005

In Knollwood Nursing Center, Worcester, at 81. Prior to his retirement, Mr. King had worked 30 years as a sales representative for the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the China-Burma-India theater. A longtime member of Christ the King Church in Worcester, Mr. King had assisted with fund-raising efforts for the parish. In 1988, the Emerald Club of Worcester honored him for his many years of service in support of the Mercy Centre for Developmental Disabilities in Worcester. Mr. King is survived by a son; a daughter; a brother, Francis L. ’52; two sisters; a grandson; many nephews and nieces; and cousins. His brother was the late Thomas H. ’53.

Stephen M. Nyulaszi
Nov. 1, 2005

In Maine Medical Center, Portland, at 79. During his career, Mr. Nyulaszi had worked many years for the U.S. Department of Commerce. Prior to his retirement in 1994, he served 15 years as the director of the department’s International Trade Administration, located in Portland and, then, Augusta, Maine; in this capacity, he assisted companies in the state compete successfully in the overseas market. Mr. Nyulaszi joined the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration in Portland in 1966 as a business development specialist; he was subsequently promoted to chief business loan and development specialist for New England and New York. Relocating to Philadelphia in 1969 when the Portland branch moved there, Mr. Nyulaszi then served as the chief of business development and technical assistance for companies adversely affected by foreign imports; his territory covered the 13-state area from Maine to West Virginia, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. From 1950-65, Mr. Nyulaszi had worked for Public Finance, a division of American Investment of Illinois. Active in community affairs, he had served on the board of directors for Canal and Key banks. Mr. Nyulaszi had played football and baseball at his alma mater Lewiston (Maine) High School and later at Holy Cross. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Nyulaszi is survived by his wife, Denise; two daughters; two stepdaughters; a sister and her husband; a brother-in-law and his wife; five grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; and nephews and nieces.

1950

Robert C. Flannagan
Nov. 2, 2005

In St. Vincent Hospital-Worcester Medical Center, at 81. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Flannagan had been employed as an accountant for the Van Brode Corp. in Clinton, Mass.; at the start of his career, he had worked for the road department at the Clinton Town Hall. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Flannagan served three years with the 14th regiment of the 4th Marine Division, fighting in the Marshall Island campaign, Saipan, and the Iwo Jima invasion. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Flannagan is survived by two sisters; several nephews and nieces; and many grandnephews and grandnieces.

John J. Hickey Jr.
Nov. 30, 2005

At his home in Exeter, N.H., at 79. Mr. Hickey had been a travel agent for Olde Harbour Travel in Melrose, Mass., for 20 years. At the start of his career, he had joined his father in the meat business; a self-employed meat broker for 25 years, Mr. Hickey had also worked for the Foster Beef Co. in Manchester, N.H. Past president of the Melrose Rotary Club, he had been a member of the board of the Melrose Housing Authority and an active volunteer with the Eastern Middlesex Association of Retarded Citizens. Mr. Hickey had been a Holy Cross class agent. During World War II, he served in the Navy. Mr. Hickey is survived by his wife, Marylyn; five sons; five daughters; three brothers; a sister; 17 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.
EMILE C. PLASSE
JAN. 13, 2006
At Speare Memorial Hospital, Plymouth, N.H., at 81. During his career, Mr. Plasse had worked 28 years for the Army Security Agency at Fort Devens, Mass. Following retirement, he relocated to Holderness, N.H., where he had been a member of several town committees. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Plasse had served with the Army Air Force in Europe as an armed gunner; he was a recipient of the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Service Medal with four Bronze Stars. Mr. Plasse is survived by his wife, Lillian; two sons; a daughter; and five grandchildren.

DONAL W. SULLIVAN
DEC. 8, 2005
At the D’Youville Senior Care Center in Lowell, Mass., at 77. During his career, Mr. Sullivan had served many years as president and member of the board of directors of the family business, the Michael V. Sullivan Furniture Store, in Lawrence, Mass. Commissioned an ensign in the Navy following graduation, he had been a supply officer aboard the USS Monrovia during the Korean War. Mr. Sullivan is survived by four sisters; three brothers-in-law; and several nephews and nieces.

1952
SAMUEL J. CASTELLINO
OCT. 30, 2005
In New York, at 75. A longtime member of the legal profession, Mr. Castellino had most recently served as a New York state Supreme Court justice, prior to retirement. Beginning his career in 1958 as an assistant district attorney in Chemung County, N.Y., he had also served as chief public defender, a lawyer in private practice and a Chemung County court judge. A founding member and past president of the New York state Public Defenders Association, Mr. Castellino was also a past member of the Glove House board of directors. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Mr. Castellino is survived by his wife, Katherine; three sons; two daughters; and a sister.

WILLIAM E. FLYNN
NOV. 26, 2005
In Naples, Fla., at 75. During his career, Mr. Flynn had served as a general contractor in St. Louis, Mo.; relocating to Naples, Fla., in 1986, he had worked for the Collier County government. Mr. Flynn had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Ellen; three sons; a daughter; two brothers; three sisters; and eight grandchildren.

JOHN F. MANNIX
DEC. 29, 2005
At Norwalk (Conn.) Hospital, at 75. During his career, Mr. Mannix had been involved in the automobile industry, owning Wilton (Conn.) Motors Corp. from 1956 until the time of his death. Following graduation from Holy Cross, he sold Ford automobiles in Bronxville, N.Y. Active in civic affairs, Mr. Mannix served on the town of Wilton Finance Board from 1962-67 and, on the Board of Selectmen, from 1967-72. Elected to the Connecticut House of Representatives in 1973 from the 142nd district, he had been a member of the Appropriations Committee from 1973-82. Mr. Mannix was recognized by a Connecticut Magazine poll as one of the state’s top legislators for three consecutive terms of office and, in 1974, by the Eagleton Foundation, as one of 50 outstanding legislators in the United States. Appointed to the Connecticut State Board of Education in 1983, he served two consecutive four-year terms, including two years as chairman, from 1990-92. A strong proponent of equal financing for inner-city schools, Mr. Mannix assisted in the foundation of Project Concern in Wilton; he and his wife also established a scholarship at Holy Cross, in honor of their parents, to assist minority students from Connecticut. Mr. Mannix had been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Wilton and its president in 1958; a member of the board of trustees for Our Lady of Fatima Church in Wilton and Norwalk Hospital; and a member of the board of directors for a Native American School in Thoreau, N.M. A graduate of Brooklyn Prep, he was the starting halfback his last year on the school’s 1947 undefeated football team.

1955
ROY C. GUNTER JR.
DEC. 28, 2005
Roy C. Gunter Jr., Holy Cross professor emeritus, physics, died Dec. 28, at his home in Charlton, Mass., at 89.

Mr. Gunter had taught physics at the College from 1962 until his retirement at the end of the 1980-81 academic year. Previously, he had been a physics professor for 19 years at Clark University; during World War II, Mr. Gunter took a leave of absence to teach radar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. In addition to his work in education, he served three years as a research manager for RCA.

A longtime resident of Charlton, Mr. Gunter had been a member and chairman of the town Planning Board for 20 years. Interested in gourmet cooking, he had also taught cooking for many years at the Bay Path High School in Spencer, Mass.

Mr. Gunter received his bachelor’s degree in physics in 1938 from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, and his Ph.D. from Boston University in 1942. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; three sons; a daughter; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandsons.

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Rev. George W. Nolan, S.J., former treasurer of Holy Cross and College Trustee, died Dec. 20 at the Campion Center in Weston, Mass., at 84.

During his career, Fr. Nolan served the New England Province of the Jesuits in various capacities, most recently as the superior at Loyola House in Boston, from 1991-99; relocating to Campion Center in 1999, he had been house treasurer there until his retirement in 2004.

Fr. Nolan first worked at the Provincial Offices as assistant treasurer, secretary to the provincial superior and director of the Jesuit Seminary Guild. He then served as the treasurer of Holy Cross from 1962-70.

After completing four years as executive assistant to the provincial superior, Fr. Nolan went to Jamaica to assume the post of assistant to the president of St. Joseph Hospital, which was then under construction. Becoming pastor and president of the mission to St. Thomas More Church in the town of May Pen in 1977, he was assigned two years later to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Ann’s Bay. From 1988-91, Fr. Nolan served as the rector of the Jesuit Community at St. George’s College in Jamaica.

He entered the Society of Jesus in Lenox, Mass., in 1941 and pursued ascetical and classical studies there for four years. From 1945-48, Fr. Nolan studied philosophy at Weston (Mass.) College and then taught three years at the New England Province Jesuits’ secondary school in Jamaica. Returning to Weston College in 1951 to study theology, he also worked during this time at the college’s Seismology Observatory and earned a degree in geophysics.

Fr. Nolan was ordained to the priesthood in 1954. After completing a year of theology studies and earning his baccalaureate degree in sacred theology, he pursued a year of advanced ascetical studies and pastoral work in Pomfret, Conn.

Fr. Nolan is survived by a sister-in-law; four nephews; a niece; numerous grandnephews and grandnieces; and cousins.

Frank X. Suter
Dec. 7, 2005

At his home in Hudson, Fla., at 76. A certified public accountant, Mr. Suter, during his career, had been an assistant treasurer for CBS-TV Broadcasting in New York and a controller for Stop & Shop in Boston and Waste Management in New Jersey; he had also been a board member of the Estates at Beacon Woods East Property Owners Association and a volunteer at the Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point, both in Hudson. A veteran, Mr. Suter served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Mary Anne; a son; two daughters; a brother, John L. ‘57; three grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

Bernard H. Tremblay
Nov. 27, 2005

In the Hospice Residence at Coes Pond, Worcester, at 75. A longtime educator, Mr. Tremblay had served 19 years as an assistant principal of Wachusett Regional High School, Holden, Mass., retiring in 1995. From 1962-76, he had been a teacher and assistant principal at Tahanto Regional High School in Boylston, Mass., and, from 1952-62, a teacher at Assumption Preparatory School in Worcester. Mr. Tremblay was an honorary member of the Future Farmers of America and organizer of Tahanto and Wachusett entrants to the New England Math Fairs and Academic Decathlons. Active in community service, he had been a “Den Dad” for the Cub Scouts, an Indian Guide Leader and a member of the Holden Baseball board of directors; Mr. Tremblay also coached a variety of sports in Holden, including boys’ and girls’ youth soccer, girls’ softball and Little League baseball. A Korean War veteran, he served in the Navy aboard the USS Robert L. Wilson; Mr. Tremblay continued military service as a member of the U.S. Naval Reserves for 20 years, retiring in 1978 as a commander. In addition to belonging to several professional organizations, he had been a member of St. Mary’s Church in Jefferson and the Alumni Sodality at Holy Cross. Following retirement, Mr. Tremblay had been a sexton at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Holden and a volunteer with the Holden "Meals-on-Wheels" program. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; four sons; a daughter; a brother; a sister; nine grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Philip J. Hannan Jr.
Sept. 10, 2005

In Maine, at 74. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Hannan had been a general agent with the Allstate Insurance Company for 31 years; previously, he had been employed by Boston Mutual for several years as an insurance agent. At the start of his career, Mr. Hannan had worked as a terminal manager in the family business, Maine Freightways. During the Korean War, he had served with the
Army in the finance department. Mr. Hannan is survived by his wife, D. Jeanne; two sons; two daughters; a sister; and three grandchildren.

RICHARD F. HOGAN
JAN. 4, 2006

In California, at 74. Mr. Hogan had been associated for many years with the Players West Golf Tour, a developmental tour for women professionals; at the start of his career, he played professional baseball briefly before serving as a high school teacher. Mr. Hogan, who played baseball at Holy Cross, had been a member of the 1952 NCAA baseball championship team. He is survived by his mother; and a daughter.

JOSEPH W. O'BRIEN
DEC. 9, 2005

In Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Mass., at 74. During his career, Mr. O'Brien had been the owner of the former Pomeroy Coal and Oil Co. in Chicopee, Mass.; prior to his retirement in 1994, he had been general manager of the family business. A veteran, Mr. O'Brien had served in the Army from 1953-55. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; a son; six daughters, including Julie M. Kelly '94; two brothers; a sister; 15 grandchildren; nephews and nieces; and a cousin.

LEONARD V. QUIGLEY
NOV. 15, 2005

At his home in Forest Hills, N.Y., at 72. During his career, Mr. Quigley had been a partner for more than 35 years with the New York City law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, and founder of its Canadian practice group. General counsel of the Archaeological Institute of America for more than 25 years, he had been a member of the board of directors. In addition, Dr. Sylvia A. Steiling and Dr. John F. Donovan Jr., he had held the posts of chief of thoracic surgery; chief of general surgery; and member of the center’s board of directors. In addition, Dr. O'Sullivan had been an associate clinical professor of surgery at the St. Louis University School of Medicine. Involved in many professional organizations, he had been a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, president of the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society in 1989 and president of the Missouri State Medical Association, from 1996-97; he had also been active in tort reform issues. His contributions to the community included serving as president of the Missouri Athletic Club; member of the board of directors of Downtown St. Louis from 1989-90; and a founding member of Boys Hope, which honored him with its Heart of Gold award in 1985. A captain in the Army from 1966-68, Dr. O'Sullivan had been chief of thoracic and vascular surgery at Fort Benning, Ga., and, subsequently, at the 85th evacuation hospital in Qui Nhon, Vietnam. In 2005, St. Anthony's established the O'Sullivan Lecture Series in honor of Dr. O'Sullivan and his late father. He is survived by his wife, June; five sons; three daughters; a brother; a sister; and 22 grandchildren.

1955

JOHN A. CONNARE JR.
NOV. 5, 2005

At his home in Rindge, N.H., at 72. During his career, Mr. Connare had been the owner and president of the Connare Tire Co. in Manchester, N.H. A lieutenant j.g. with the Navy during the Korean War, he had served aboard the USS Leyte and USS Samuel Roberts. Mr. Connare is survived by his wife, Marcelle; two daughters; a stepson; a stepdaughter; two brothers; a sister; seven grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

JOHN J. DAVENPORT JR., M.D.
DEC. 24, 2005

At College View Nursing Center, Frederick, Md., at 72. A graduate of Georgetown Medical School in Washington, D.C., Dr. Davenport had been an orthopedic surgeon in Connecticut; he was a member of the Professional Orthopedic Society of Connecticut. Dr. Davenport is survived by a brother; several nephews and nieces; and a cousin, John G. Haran ’68.

1956

DONALD F. CHIACCHIA
NOV. 25, 2005

In Florida, at 72. During his career, Mr. Chiacchia had been involved in youth sports in Hopkinton, Mass., for many years. A team manager and league commissioner for the Hopkinton Little League, he had also served as a longtime coach for the Hopkinton youth football league. Mr. Chiacchia is survived by his wife, Caroline; two sons; two daughters; and eight grandchildren.

1957

FREDERICK J. MAHONY JR.
JAN. 3, 2006

In Massachusetts. Mr. Mahony had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Joanna; four children; a brother; two sisters; and five grandchildren.

DANIEL J. O'LEYAR
DEC. 17, 2005

In Sterling, Mass., at 73. Prior to his retirement in 1990, Mr. O'Leary had been a representative of pharmaceutical companies for 34 years. A veteran, he had served in the Army during the Korean War. Mr. O'Leary is survived by his wife, Mary Jane; two sons; four daughters; and 18 grandchildren.

LEONARD J. SZUMILOSKI
SEPT. 29, 2005

In New York, at 70. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Szumiloski had been the chief executive officer of the Penfield (N.Y.) Federal Credit Union (now called the Family First Federal Credit Union); previously, he had been a mathematician.
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teacher with the Penfield Central School District. Mr. Szumiloski is survived by his wife, Molly; three sons; three aunts; a grandson; a stepgrandson and step-granddaughter; a great-step-granddaughter; and several nephews and nieces.

1958
ROY P. FLAHERTY
NOV. 6, 2005
In Texas, at 69. Mr. Flaherty is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; two sons; three daughters; three brothers, including Arthur F. ’54; a sister; and nine grandchildren.

1959
HARVEY R. HOYT
JAN. 16, 2006
In Florida, at 68. A longtime resident of Greenwich, Conn., Mr. Hoyt had been a member of the Winged Foot Golf Club there; as a student, he had been a captain of the College golf team. Relocating to Florida, Mr. Hoyt belonged to Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Ponte Vedra. A veteran, he had served in the Navy. Mr. Vogt had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by three daughters; a son-in-law; his brother, Douglas R. ’62; two nephews, including Christopher H., M.D., ’91; two nieces; and two granddaughters.

1960
GERARD E. O’BRIEN
JAN. 16, 2006
In Georgia, at 70. During his career, Mr. O’Brien had established the business, Expert Picture Framing, in Liburn, Ga., where he had lived for approximately 23 years. Following graduation, he had worked four years as a high school guidance counselor at a preparatory school in New England and, later, taught for several years in New Delhi, India. An Army veteran, Mr. O’Brien had been stationed primarily in Washington, D.C., where he served as a ceremonial dress soldier. He is survived by a brother; a sister-in-law; and two nephews and their mother.

1961
RICHARD M. WELCH
NOV. 11, 2005
At the Life Care Center in Lynn, Mass., at 67. Mr. Welch had been active in the advertising field for many years, working for the National Fisherman Magazine until his retirement in 1994. At the start of his career, he had been the owner and president for several years of his own business, Scott Advertising. Mr. Welch had been the recipient of numerous honors, including the Frank Hatch award for creativity. For several years he had held the post of vice president of the Marblehead (Mass.) Junior Chamber of Commerce. An accomplished sailor, Mr. Welch had been a life member of the Boston Yacht Club in Marblehead and a past president and competitive skipper in the Rhodes 19 fleet, aboard his boat Real Gusto. In later years, he became a nature photographer as a resident of Jekyll Island, Ga., and received numerous awards for his work. Mr. Welch is survived by a son; two daughters; a brother; two sisters; three grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1962
EUGENE F. McMAHON
NOV. 8, 2005
In Boston, at 66. A certified public accountant, Mr. McMahon had been the national director of banking for the international accounting firm Ernst & Young, prior to retirement. As a resident of New Hartford, Conn., from 1966-83, he had served as chairman of the School Board and as a member of the Board of Finance. A sports enthusiast, Mr. McMahon had been a member and former treasurer of the Weston (Mass.) Golf Club and, also, of the Megantic Fishing Club. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. McMahon is survived by his wife, Karen; two sons; two daughters; and seven grandchildren.

1963
PAUL F. HARRON JR.
DEC. 8, 2005
At the hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, at 63. Involved for many years in the cable television and broadcasting industry, Mr. Harron had established the Harron Communications Corp. in Frazer, Pa., with his father, Paul, in 1976. During his tenure as president and chief executive officer, he had developed and greatly expanded the business until 1999 when he sold the company’s cable subscribers list to the Adelphia Communications Corp. Mr. Harron had also pursued other endeavors, including the startup of Metabase Cable Advertising—which was later sold to Comcast—and, in recent years, operating Harron Entertainment; investing in radio and television and other ventures, he had served as president of the Harron Management Company. In addition, Mr. Harron had been a founding member of the public service cable network C-SPAN. At the start of his career, he had worked several years in New York City as an account executive for advertising agencies; in the 1970s, he began working for his father

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John H. Wilson, a longtime member of the Holy Cross English department, died Jan. 12 at his home in Worcester, at 69.

Joining the faculty in 1961, Mr. Wilson was promoted to associate professor in 1972. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he had served the College in many capacities, including assistant dean for the Class of 1972; director of the Study Abroad program; and Graduate Studies adviser. Gifted in language study, he participated in a yearlong faculty seminar on Chinese language and culture in 1987-88 and a six-week trip to China in the summer of 1988. Mr. Wilson took part in an NEH Summer Seminar on "The Oral Tradition in Literature" in 1989 at the University of Missouri.

An accomplished musician, he played the organ at St. Mary’s Church in Binghamton, N.Y., Yale University Chapel in New Haven, Conn., and St. Ann’s Church in Shrewsbury, Mass. In addition, Mr. Wilson had been a tenor for 18 years with the Worcester Chorus, traveling with the group to Russia, Sweden and Estonia.

Involved in Cursillo retreats, Antioch spiritual weekends and small prayer groups, he had been an active member of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Worcester where he sang in the church choir.

The winner of a national Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for graduate study at Yale University as a fourth-year student at Holy Cross, he earned his master of arts degree there in 1960 and his Ph.D. in English literature in 1966.

Mr. Griffin is survived by his wife, Margaret R. Griffin-Wilson ’76; a son, Holmes P. ’03; a daughter; four sisters; and many nephews and nieces.

**James M. Kee, interim vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College and associate professor of English, offered the following tribute to John Wilson as part of his Remarks of Remembrance during the funeral Mass, celebrated Jan. 16, at Blessed Sacrament Church:**

… John was so passionate and could share his passions in such life-giving and life-affirming ways because his soul was great. Even as he became weary in body, his soul remained ready, attuned, well-tempered. Striving all his life to respond to the Good, he had realized within his soul many of those forms of excellence we commonly call virtues. John was just and had a passion for justice; he was wise, and prudent, and courageous. Most importantly, he was a man of faith, and hope, and love. As a virtuous man, he was able to embrace life passionately and not lose his balance, not drown in the soul’s passionate depths.

*Following is part of a remembrance offered by Thomas M.C. Lawler, Holy Cross professor emeritus of English, in honor of Mr. Wilson:*

John knew for a year that his cancer was terminal. He spent time in the hospital and suffered pain there and at home. A year is a long time to have certain death on your mind. But his time at home with the family was beautiful—the best part of his life perhaps. And in thinking about it, I believe that John’s heart had been lifted up from our gray mortality by his joy, by the intensity he felt for life, by the people he knew, by bits of Chinese poems, and bottles of good wine, the market places in the Islamic States of Russia, singing in Sweden and Estonia, by King Lear and Beowulf and a heroic vision that will not quit. … To those who saw him in these last months, there was the same smile, the same inquiring love of literature, the same profound but quiet spirituality that pushed back death which he was not afraid of.

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who owned radio and television stations in Philadelphia and Utica, N.Y. Mr. Harron had also owned the Vesper Club, a private dining room in Philadelphia started by his father and a partner in 1941. He is survived by his mother; a sister; four nephews; and three nieces.

**1966**

**DAVID J. PHELAN**

**NOV. 30, 2005**

At his home in Marlborough, Mass., at 62. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Phelan had been a member of the faculty at Newton (Mass.) North High School for 31 years, serving as a foreign language teacher and department head; during his tenure, he had helped to establish student exchange programs in France, Spain, Russia and China. A Fulbright fellow, Mr. Phelan studied in Lyons, France, for two years, before earning his master’s degree in French at the University of Illinois. He had also been active as a coach for many years in the Marlborough Little League program. Mr. Phelan is survived by his wife, Anita; two daughters; a brother; a sister; and several nephews and nieces.

**1968**

**JOHN A. BANIONIS**

**NOV. 12, 2005**

At his home in Brunswick, Maine, at 59. During his career, Mr. Banionis had worked in the shoe industry for 25 years and, then, at L.L. Bean in Freeport.
1970
ROBERT A. COLE
NOV. 23, 2005
At his home in Shrewsbury, Mass., at 57. Active in the field of real estate design and development, Mr. Cole had been involved in several projects, including Colonial Drive and Park Grove Farms in Shrewsbury, as well as Eastern Point Condominiums and Quinsigamond Plaza. In addition to this work, he later maintained a private legal practice, specializing in real estate litigation and bankruptcy law. At the start of his career, Mr. Cole had been a clinical psychologist. His civic involvement included serving as a longtime member of the Open Space Planning Committee for the town of Shrewsbury. Mr. Cole is survived by his wife, Pamela; two daughters, including Elizabeth Cole Stapp ’97; two sons-in-law, including Brion A. Stapp ’98; his father; a sister; a granddaughter; and four nephews; and a niece.

1971
MARK G. MURPHY
DEC. 5, 2005
In Massachusetts. Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife, Lindsay; two daughters; his mother-in-law; four brothers-in-law; three sisters-in-law; and a grandson.

1972
JOHN P. SUOZZO
DEC. 3, 2005
At his home in Rockville, Md., at 55. Prior to his retirement in 1996, Mr. Suozzo had been a general manager of Toys “R” Us in Maryland for 15 years. He had been an active member of the Washington, D.C., Film Society. Mr. Suozzo is survived by his mother; three brothers; four sisters; five nephews; and two nieces.

1978
JOHN S. DOCTOR
OCT. 25, 2005
In Pennsylvania, at 49. At the time of his death, Mr. Doctor had been an associate professor and interim chair of the department of biological services at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh; joining the faculty there in 1991 as an assistant professor, he had served briefly as a visiting professor at the Carnegie Mellon University Bone Tissue Engineering Center in Pittsburgh. Previously, Mr. Doctor had been a postdoctoral research assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Madison; he had earned his Ph.D. at the University of California-Berkeley. Active in several professional organizations such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Genetics Society of America and the Society for Developmental Biology, Mr. Doctor had been a member of the education panels of the Council for Undergraduate Education and, also, of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. At Duquesne, he had been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences Faculty Award for Excellence in Service and in Teaching; the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching; and the university’s Creative Teaching Award. Mr. Doctor is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons; a daughter; a brother, William B. ’80; and two sisters.

2001
RACHEL E. (SOUZA)
ENTWISTLE
JAN. 22, 2006
In Hopkinton, Mass., at 27. Mrs. Entwistle had taught English and drama at St. Augustine’s Catholic High School, Redditch, England, from September 2002 to July 2005. An English/American Studies double major at Holy Cross, she had been a coxswain on the women’s rowing team and a member of the cross-country and track teams. In 1999-2000, she studied at the University of York in England, as part of the College’s study abroad program. Mrs. Entwistle was a 1997 graduate of the Silver Lake Regional High School in Kingston, Mass., where she had participated in the cross-country and track programs; in the summer, Mrs. Entwistle had been a lifeguard in Plymouth, Mass. She is survived by her mother, Priscilla (Cooke) Matterazzo; her stepfather; a brother; two stepbrothers; two stepsisters and their husbands; the Matterazzo, Cooke and Souza families; and many friends. Mrs. Entwistle’s daughter, Lillian Rose, also died on Jan. 22.

FRIENDS:
Wife of Leo N. Albert, Hon. ’94; father of George A. ’79, Anthony A. ’82 and Jeffrey A. Ashur ’85, father-in-law of Mary Lou Campion Ashur, M.D., ’80 and grandfather of Elizabeth A. Ashur ’07; father of Patrick F. Cassel Jr., M.D., ’74; Mary E. Cerasuolo, retired, philosophy department; father of William J. Collins III ’08; brother of Sonia Mangual Corazzini and brother-in-law of Henry Corazzini, physical plant; father of Mary Anne Kredatus Cronheim ’76 and Eugene G. Kredatus ’78 and father-in-law of Jayne Clarkin Kredatus ’79; father of Joseph P. Donelan II ’72 and Michaela Donadio ’83, grandfather of Timothy D. O’Connor ’01, Deirdre A. O’Connor ’04 and Martha T. Wallace ’04, and brother of the late Monsignor Joseph P. ’34; mother of John Dunphy, Dinand Library; wife of the late Joseph T. ’41, mother of Joseph T. Fahy Jr. ’79 and Margaret Galligan, athletics, and grandmother of Patricia M. Fahy ’07; mother of Sean W. ’88 and mother-in-law of Kathleen N. Farrell ’89; wife of the late Francis X. Glacken ’41; mother of Daniel E. Gustafson ’99; wife of Robert J. Harrison ’48; wife of the late Thomas F. Jr. ’47 and grandmother of Nicole M. Howard ’07; mother of Anne S. Manzello Kennedy ’89; wife of William D. Macaluso ’87; grandmother of William J. McCrystal Jr. ’08 and aunt of Raymond A. Peck ’61; Rev. George J. McMahon, S.J., former Holy Cross Trustee; brother of Robert E. Morris, D.D.S., ’65; mother of Carrol A. Muccia Jr. ’58; brother of Ryan T. O’Connor ’08; father of William J. Rynders, theatre department; son of Julia Severens, music library; Robert S. Smith, physical plant
Barbara Geddis Wooten

I thought I’d put in a few words for another side of Fr. John Dennis Crowley (featured in your winter issue article, “The Immurement of Father Crowley”). I first met him when I lived on his corridor—I don’t at the moment remember whether it was in Lehy, but it was about 1955—and I immediately fell under his spell. I say “spell” because there is no other way of explaining the influence he exerted over my formative years at The Cross. He struck me as one of the most humane, and human, men I had ever met—and a Jesuit to boot!

We became good friends. I served his Mass every morning in the Chapel basement. I took steps (rather difficult in those days) to extricate myself from the pre-arranged, “streamed,” philosophy section to which I had been assigned to take his course in Natural Theology; a truly “liberating” experience (pun intended). At a crucial juncture in my intellectual life (between third and fourth years, as it happened) he gave me a piece of specific, and salutary, advice. When about five years after graduation I got married, I took my wife to meet him in Rome one summer, where we three spent a memorable moonlit evening at the Tre Fontane piazza. When I went back to The Cross quite a few years later I learnt that he had left to go back to Fairfield, which was nearer, I believe, to his home, and that he subsequently died. I made some not very strenuous efforts to learn how this happened, and where he was buried, but I had intended to visit his grave and say a prayer of thanksgiving for having met this remarkable individual who took me under his affectionate spiritual wing and helped me (to use a not very original phrase) “find myself.”

In the period that I knew him, the mid-50s, I never heard him referred to as “the Dancing Bear” (although he did insist that the study-time and lights-out rules be observed on his corridor, thus making it possible for the majority of us who wanted to do so to live close-to-normal lives). Probably Fr. Brooks (whom I knew slightly and admired) has grounds for his assessment of Dennis as an “aggressive and hard-charging personality,” but I can honestly say that in the two years plus in which I became very close to him, I never saw anything to corroborate such a verdict. Perhaps Fr. Crowley changed considerably in the ‘60s. Or perhaps his “bearishness,” too, is just a myth.

Tony Podlecki ’57
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

The I-290 Bend

I do have some background information on one of the myths—“Interstate 290 Was Altered To Avoid Fitton Field.” You are correct in recording this myth to be true. Here are some further facts that will add detail to a wonderful act by a terrific person: My mentor in the commercial real estate business was Thomas Horan, president of Meredith and Grew in Boston. Tom was considered the dean of real estate in Boston in the 1960s and ’70s, a well deserved reputation. Among other distinctions, Tom handled all of the real estate for Harvard (his alma mater) and MIT. He was a man of great integrity and a highly accomplished real estate expert.

When Interstate 290 was in the conceptual stage, Meredith and Grew was hired to do appraisal work for the property takings. When Tom looked at the plans, he recognized the serious negative impact that the taking would have on the College. He immediately felt that it was wrong and went to Fr. Swords’ office and informed the president of the problem—and then stated that he would represent Holy Cross in order to right the potential wrong. I believe that he added, “You won’t have to pay me for my work.”

Tom then took the proposed highway layouts and spread them over his living room floor. The Fed’s route, of taking Fitton Field, would preserve the carpet factory, an A&P store, several tenements and a factory near Freshman Field. Tom’s layout preserved all of the above except for a corner of the carpet factory. He convinced the Feds that this was the right thing to do ... and they did it!

That was Tom Horan! He always did the right thing. In addition, Tom became a supporter of the College, joining the President’s Council when it was first formed and continuing membership until his death.

I was blessed to have Tom as my mentor very early in my career and frequently recall different pieces of advice that he shared with me some 40 years ago.

William H. Farley ’58
Simsbury, Conn.

The Brockton Prankster vs. Fr. Desautels

Surely you will be flooded with mail from the Class of 1961 verifying the cow story in Hanselman. It was our senior year and Fr. Desautels (chairman of foreign languages and director of the new language lab) was the corridor prefect on Hanselman 4. He had been taunted for weeks by a well-known Class of ‘61 prankster from Brockton, Mass. Stunts included toothpaste on the underside of the doorknob to Father’s room, women’s underwear put in his laundry bag typically hung on the door knob at the end of the week, and Playboy centerfolds under his door. Fr. Desautels took to pacing the hallway at night after “lights out.” Someone gained access to the elevator key, brought the cow in at the basement level, pushed the button for the fourth floor, and sent the cow on its way. The frightened cow came quickly off the elevator and confronted a decompensating Fr. Desautels. It is true that there was considerable “soiling” of the corridor requiring a “good deal of cleanup.” If memory serves me, Fr. Desautels was thankfully relieved of his duty as corridor prefect.

I’m not sure of the role of the “Brockton Prankster” in the cow incident, but he is well known to the members of the Class of 1961 and was a formidable adversary for Fr. Desautels! Another stunt included sneaking into Kimball Hall early in the morning to add green food coloring to the milk for breakfast Friday morning on the weekend that almost the entire school
left for New York City to watch George Blaney, Spencer Thompson, et al., play in the first round of the NIT.

While I’m at it, streaking began in our junior year. A senior streaked down the path above the quadrangle in front of Kimball between the Chapel and Fenwick. Unfortunately, a group of nuns visiting the campus was walking in the opposite direction. The senior was asked to leave the Class of 1961 and the following year was readmitted to the school as a member of the Class of 1961 for his senior year.

Finally, you missed the story about the week ROTC put a tank on display in front of Kimball Hall with the turret pointing at Alumni or Carlin. Monday morning the turret with its gun barrel was found pointing at Fr. Swords’ office.

Richard A. Wiklund, M.D., ’61
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Radio Pirates

The “True and False” myths about Holy Cross were interesting and entertaining. But I must take issue with one reported as “True,” about “a pirate radio station that operated on campus in the ’60s.” The article states, “Radio Free Holy Cross operated for a full decade out of the basement of Alumni Hall,” a joint effort of WCHC and the Amateur Radio Society, and “knocked commercially licensed stations off the air.”

I was a member of the Amateur Radio Society from 1962-1966, and president of it in 1965-66 (which surely qualifies me for the nerds Hall of Fame), so I was bemused to learn what we were supposedly up to. And as a psychologist now (in case you wondered what nerds do when they grow up), I’m intrigued by how rumors can spread. The allegedly hidden antenna across the Alumni roof had been there for years, totally in the open, and was for normal ham radio frequencies. I do recall blowing some local Citizen’s Band radio operators off the air (statute of limitations is expired on that), but nothing so seditious as jamming licensed broadcast stations. I’ll spare you nerdy explanations of why that probably wouldn’t have been technically feasible. Students in the Quad who saw Joe Roy ’65, actually walking out the 8-inch-wide roof ridge-line of Alumni to get to an antenna must have assumed we were up to truly esoteric things, and conjured up some good stories.

Of course, while I’m sure there was no pirate station for a “full decade,” I can’t be sure what happened after I graduated—D. Richard, were you jamming stations?

John G. Guinan ’66
Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Confirming a Myth

The one myth and legend in the winter 2006 issue that was neither affirmed nor dispelled was the purported painting of the Linden Lane guardhouse, the only myth to receive an “unconfirmed branding.” After 20+ years it is probably safe for me to set the record straight. The deed was done on April Fool’s Day 1985 when I and two co-conspirators (one of whom graduated with a 3.99 GPA) decided to improve upon an inferior effort the year before. The malfeasants of the prior year used a water-based pink paint which was easily removed with a pressure washer before classes were under way the next day. Mindful of such folly, we were very careful to use an oil-based paint. Accordingly, we respectfully request the status of this myth be changed from “unconfirmed” to “true.”

Edwin J. Tobin, Jr. ’85
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Streak Week

On Page 28 of the winter issue, Richard Wareing ’90 said that he was told that “streaking” at Holy Cross originated in the 1950s. Actually, it began one February evening in pre-coed 1940. My roommate, Joe Hamm ’42, gazing on a knee-deep snow covering the quadrangle, announced that he would run naked around the center statue of the Blarney Stone, some decided on a protest. Thus he shack next to O’Kane became green, and there were shamrocks stenciled at various points on campus.

The Celtic Culprits made only one mistake: they had purchased oil-based paint and forgotten to buy paint thinner. And there were no women friends on campus. Despite the moderate weather a number of students wore gloves around campus.

So, for sure, one guard shack was painted, not pink but green.

Somehow the dean and assistant dean of discipline, both Irish, never caught on ... or did they?

Matthew J. Coffey ’67
White Plains, N.Y.
When I’ve spoken to new students and their parents attending the Holy Cross Gateways orientation program, I have often predicted “four years from now, you will find it difficult to leave your new-found home.” Indeed, I have listened to countless students and alumni speak about the love affair they developed with the College during their brief time on Mount Saint James. Uniformly, they speak of their love for the sheer beauty of the campus, their love for the faculty, staff and priests who have been there for them, and their love of the fellow students they’ve encountered and befriended. Most students, after four years, know that they have encountered something very special and have been given remarkable opportunities. Nearly all know that their lives have been changed forever.

Imagine then what it is like to leave “the Hill” after 23 years. I too have been captured by the beauty of the Holy Cross campus. Like others, I have my favorite “monumental” spots: the Rehm library, the Cantor Gallery, the Dinand reading room and St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, among them. I also have my favorite vistas. There is, for example, a particularly compelling view of the O’Kane clock tower as one walks between Wheeler Hall and the Hogan Campus Center that always shakes me out of my complacency.

More importantly, I have been smitten by all those who have accompanied me on my 23-year journey at Holy Cross: students, faculty, Jesuits, administrators, staff, trustees, alumni, parents of students and other friends of the College. I have been blessed to know many of them well and, almost without exception, they have been a source of support and inspiration to me.
Holy Cross students are very special. In the classroom, I was taken by their work ethic, intellectual curiosity, patience with new ideas, good will and humor and their commitment to making their learning matter for the lives of others. While I’ve found every aspect of my work at Holy Cross to be rewarding, I have always been most energized when I was working with students. This extended beyond the classroom to my work with students on internships, honors projects and directed research. It also extended to my work with a variety of student groups—such as Student Advisory Committees (both in the sociology/anthropology department and in the Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies which I directed for three years), gerontology studies (which I worked with for over a decade) and ALANA student organizations. In my decade as dean of the College and vice president for academic affairs, I especially enjoyed working with representatives of the Student Government Association. I have been particularly gratified by the SGA leadership’s interest in enhancing faculty/student interaction, civility, and the learning environment at the College. Again, I have been inspired by their generosity with time and talent and their commitment to making Holy Cross a better place.

Having served for many years on the Board of the American Conference of Academic Deans and having participated in many regional and national conferences, I have learned a great deal about the strengths and weaknesses of many other institutions. I’ve concluded that Holy Cross is certainly among the “richest” institutions in higher education when it comes to the people who work at the College and on its behalf. The members of the College’s faculty are remarkably gifted teachers and scholars. They take great satisfaction in sharing their love of ideas with the students they teach. They publish and present important work in impressive venues. They care deeply about making the unique mission of Holy Cross, as a Jesuit liberal arts college, come alive. The administrators and staff at Holy Cross are no less impressive. They care deeply about the institution and approach their respective tasks with professionalism and hold themselves accountable to the highest standards. “Family” and “community” are overworked concepts when applied to large-scale organizations but, if they apply anywhere, they apply to Holy Cross. No college has the right to expect so many talented and dedicated people to work on its behalf, yet Holy Cross is fortunate to have such resources.

As if this were not enough, Holy Cross is blessed to have a vast number of others—alumni/ae, trustees, parents of students, benefactors and other friends of the College—who share generously their time, talent and personal fortunes. Some do this out of a sense of gratitude for the opportunities Holy Cross provided them or their sons and daughters. All of them do so out of a sense that Holy Cross is a special place with a special mission. As with the faculty, students, administrators and staff I’ve worked with, I’ve been impressed, inspired and even awe-struck by them all.

While transition is difficult, it allows us to take stock of where we’ve been and what we’ve done—a luxury that eludes us when mired in the day-to-day work of an office. As I reflect on the past 10 years as dean and academic vice president, in particular, I take pride (even though my parents cautioned me about being prideful!) in what we (all of those I’ve mentioned above) have been able to do. We have built and renovated wonderful buildings and space within buildings in order to keep pace with our growth as well as continue to provide a state-of-the-art undergraduate experience. We have expanded the faculty
and, in so doing, made it possible for closer work between faculty and students as well as introducing new, labor-intensive styles of teaching that have enhanced the teaching/learning experience. At the same time, we have dramatically increased the number of women and faculty of color who teach at the College. We’ve expanded and deepened opportunities for our students to learn about Catholic religious and social teachings and, at the same time, expanded and deepened opportunities for our students to learn about the religious and social teachings of other great faith traditions. Importantly, we created a new Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture to ensure that the questions central to our mission are at the center of campus life. We’ve increased our connection to the global Jesuit community by introducing a visiting Jesuit Scholar Program that brings Jesuits from all corners of the world to teach and do research at Holy Cross. We introduced new curricular opportunities for our students, such as deaf studies, a computer science major, a host of new minors, community-based learning, a concentration in environmental studies, new study abroad sites and study tours. We’ve found more effective ways of introducing Holy Cross to new students through programs like Gateways, Odyssey and Passport. We’ve found more effective ways to support student learning with a new office for Academic Services and Learning Resources and a Second-Year Opportunities program.

As I reflect on these and other changes and innovations over the past 10 years, I am struck by the collegiality, hard work and interest in the common good that made them possible. I cannot take credit for any one of these developments; so many others have played key roles, but I’m extraordinarily pleased to have been part of all these things.

I am thrilled to have been invited to serve as the 18th president of Union College. It is a school, like Holy Cross, that is committed to liberal education. Like Holy Cross, it focuses on the undergraduate. It too recruits a talented faculty, committed to both teaching and scholarship. It too has a remarkably beautiful, residential campus. In fact, it was the first college in the United States to have been architecturally designed (by French architect, Joseph Ramée, years before Thomas Jefferson applied his hand to the University of Virginia).

Like Holy Cross, Union has a distinguished history. Founded in 1795, it is the 17th oldest college in the country. Its longtime president, Eliphalet Nott, presided at the funeral of Alexander Hamilton (lashing out during his sermon at the evils of dueling) and became a leader in American higher education in the early 18th century. Union was the first college in America to add the study of modern languages to the required curriculum. It was the first college in America to introduce an undergraduate engineering curriculum. Like Holy Cross, it has a long list of alumni who have distinguished themselves through their service to community, workplace and society-in-general. Among them are the likes of William Seward, Abraham Lincoln’s secretary of state and outspoken critic of slavery. In sum, I am humbled and honored that Union would ask me to lead it in these early days of the 21st century.

Having said this, I will always remain grateful and loyal to Holy Cross. I have established connections with people there that I trust will transcend mere workplace. I continue to believe that the work of so many on its behalf is well-justified. It truly is a remarkable place. With its mission as a Jesuit liberal arts college and exclusive commitment to undergraduate education, it is unique within the academy. Its simultaneous commitment to honoring the standards of that academy while maintaining its living links to a religious tradition position it well for a new national leadership role. The confluence of talented and well-intentioned students, dedicated faculty, administrators, staff, trustees, alumni and supporters guarantee that a very special educational experience will continue to flourish on “the Hill.” So, too, do their commitments to dialogue, excellence in all things, and to always striving to be better (thoroughly Jesuit qualities, I would add). After I recently dined with the Jesuit community at Ciampi Hall, the Rev. Thomas Hamel, S.J., is reported to have remarked “Stephen will take the Ignatian vision with him.” He is undoubtedly right. The educational vision that Holy Cross ignited and nurtured will continue to reside in me and inform the values I hold dear. For that and for all the opportunities I’ve had to serve Holy Cross, I will be eternally grateful.
The Profile

Maggie Wilderotter ’77

Q & A

Who is the biggest inspiration in your life?

My husband, Jay. We’ve been married 28 years and we’ve known each other for 35 years. We met when we were 12 years old at a beach club on the Jersey Shore. He’s a very good person and very grounded. He has been my rock throughout my adult life.

Do you have a favorite book, movie or other work of art?

I admire anything by Robert Altman. I was very pleased to see him honored at the Academy Awards. He created the genre of reality movies where the dialogue is spoken as it is in real life.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

I have a pretty strong sense of humor, and I don’t take myself too seriously. I like to have a good time. The joy of laughter is totally underrated.

Why did you choose to attend Holy Cross?

A couple of reasons. My father was Jesuit-educated. My older sister, Denise, went to Boston College. I wanted a Jesuit education, and Holy Cross was smaller and more intimate than BC. Also, John O’Connell, my guidance counselor at Long Branch High School, was a Holy Cross graduate and spoke very highly about the school.

When Maggie Sullivan Wilderotter ’77 first stepped onto the Holy Cross campus in 1973, the College had been coed for only one year. Instead of feeling intimidated, however, the self-described “trailblazer” saw only opportunity.

“Trying new things is in my DNA,” she says. “I was not apprehensive. I felt we women could add value to change the College for the better.”

Besides, Wilderotter joked, having more men than women on campus was terrific for a young coed’s social life.

A high tech industry veteran, Wilderotter has been chairman and chief executive officer of Citizens Communications since Jan. 1, 2006.

The Stamford, Conn.-based Citizens Communications is a full-service communications provider of telephone, television and Internet products and services.

Prior to joining Citizens, Wilderotter had held the post of senior vice president of the worldwide public sector at Microsoft.

During her career, she has served as president and chief executive officer of Wink Communications Inc. as well as executive vice president of national operations for AT&T Wireless Services Inc. and chief executive officer of AT&T’s aviation communications division. Previously, Wilderotter had worked as senior vice president of McCaw Cellular Communications Inc.; as a regional president, she had managed the company’s California, Nevada and Hawaii regions.

An economics major at Holy Cross, Wilderotter is a current member of the College’s Board of Trustees.

As a member of the Board, Wilderotter believes it is important to sustain and strengthen the College’s mission of being a “faith-based, Jesuit institution”—as well as to maintain small-class sizes, strong academics and a foundation in social responsibility. She also feels it is crucial for Holy Cross to extend that appeal throughout the United States and overseas in order to create a more diverse student body and faculty.

“Not just diversity of race and gender,” she says, “but also of schools of thought.”

While a student on Mount St. James, Wilderotter learned the value of giving back to society, teaching low-income women and teenagers in Worcester to type and take stenography—key skills for females of that era seeking to enter the business world. By the time the courses ended, all of Wilderotter’s students had jobs.

“Holy Cross challenges students,” she says, “not just academically, but also in social responsibility and in the ability to build relationships.”

While at Holy Cross, Wilderotter was pressed into service one night as a radio color commentator during a Crusaders basketball game. Her fellow announcer, Brian Leary ’77, knew she was an avid sports fan and that she would be a terrific broadcaster, despite her nervousness.

Wilderotter later interviewed for a radio job in Phoenix, but the low salary and midnight-to-morning shift prevented her from accepting the position. Nevertheless, she learned valuable lessons from her experience behind the microphone.

“In College, I discovered I had a sense of adventure,” Wildrotter says. “Holy Cross taught me to explore and to try new things. I discovered that I thrive in that environment.”

STATS

- Birthplace and Date: Neptune, N.J., on Feb. 9, 1955; grew up in nearby Long Branch, N.J.
- Current Homes: Darien, Conn., and Oakland, Calif.
- Family: Husband, Jay; and sons, Christopher, 21, and Daniel, 19
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