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“Scapegoating Pope Pius XII”

Holy Cross Magazine arrived today, and I was happy to scan its pages. There are two upcoming events in the calendar which drew my attention: the lectures on Nov. 16 regarding the Shoah and on Nov. 20 on the Jesuits and the Jews.

I hope someone will raise the sad specter of the scapegoating of Pope Pius XII at either or both of those lectures. A number of Crusaders, including myself, were most fortunate to be able to travel to Rome during the 1950 Holy Year, and have fond memories of seeing and hearing that beloved pontiff. Allegations of his “silence” and indifference toward the fate of the Jews persist to this day certainly in the mainstream media as well as in the local Museum of Tolerance.

Don’t just take my word for it. Pick up a copy of Consensus and Controversy (Paulist Press, 2002) by Sister Margherita Marchione, emerita professor of Italian language and literature at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Bill Loughlin ’51 Glendale, Calif.

“Ray Dooley”

It was with a certain sadness that I read the fall issue of Holy Cross Magazine. First, the noted passing of Ray Dooley ’72 was a loss for those who continue to aspire for positive social change. Ray was a passionate believer in social justice, and was a campus leader in opposition to the Vietnam War in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Ray helped to make Holy Cross a place where we were forced to examine openly America’s then current foreign and domestic policies as they related to peace and justice, as well as our own College’s role in that war as a Catholic institution. Secondly, I was also saddened to read of the apparent lack of serious dialogue at the College regarding the war in Iraq, and the apparent destruction of a display of opposition to the war. As a college that continues to promote itself as a Catholic, liberal arts, Jesuit educational institution (with a ROTC program and a Crusader as a mascot), one would expect the College to examine actively its role in this current war. Times certainly have changed, and, apparently, not for the better.

Michael O. Duane ’73 East Montpellier, Vt.

“Torey Thomas”

Many thanks for the great profile by my classmate John Gearan on basketball co-captain Torey Thomas in your most recent edition. Torey and his roommate, Keith Simmons, are student-athletes of whom the College and its alumni are justifiably proud. The talent, determination, character and leadership they display are symbolic of what college athletics have always been about at Holy Cross. Your article again reminded me of how important it is for student-athletes to be part of the student body, rather than segregated in athletic dorms, practice facilities and the like.

Our tradition has always insisted that athletes be students first. Thanks to Gearan’s ably written piece, it’s clear that tradition is alive and vibrant still.

Paul T. Hart ’65 Danbury, Conn.

UPDATE: “The Gift of Wine”

Auction history was made on Nov. 18, 2006: Bidders in New York City and, as far away as Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Hong Kong and Singapore, participated in Sotheby’s auction of 14,000 bottles from the world-renowned wine cellars of Park B. Smith ’54 (HCM, fall ’06 issue). One lot of the 50 cases of legendary 1982 Château Mouton Rothschild sold for a record-setting $1,051,600. The sale brought more than $5.3 million, exceeding expectations and benefiting Holy Cross.
“We revere faith and scientific progress, hunger for miracles and MRIs. But are the worldviews compatible?”

The above words are used to introduce a recent Time magazine cover story. Titled “God vs. Science,” the article featured a debate between “atheist biologist” Richard Dawkins and “Christian geneticist” Francis Collins. The issue’s striking cover depicted a double helix of DNA spiraling into a set of rosary beads.

This past fall, the popular press was full of trend stories regarding a perceived, increasing clash between science and religion. In a New York Times article of Nov. 21, “A Free-for-All on Science and Religion,” writer George Johnson noted that “a forum this month at the Salk Institute … began to resemble the founding convention for a political party built on a single plank: in a world dangerously charged with ideology, science needs to take on an evangelical role, vying with religion as teller of the greatest story ever told.”

In the last few months, we’ve seen a parade of provocative headlines, such as “The New Atheism”; “Are you with us or against us? America’s religion vs. science war just got a lot more polarized”; “Is There Room for the Soul? Research into the Biology of Consciousness”; and the blunt “Religion: Who Needs It?”

The impetus for these trend stories—and, perhaps, the urgency of their tone—may have been the publication, in September, of The God Delusion by Dawkins, an evolutionary biologist who holds the Charles Simonyi Chair in the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University. Raised in the Anglican faith, Dawkins is now one of the leading figures in the “New Atheism” movement. With other writers, such as Daniel Dennett and Sam Harris, Dawkins is a militant who condemns, in the words of Wired writer Gary Wolf, “not just belief in God but respect for belief in God. Religion is not only wrong; it’s evil.”

Dawkins’ book appears to have triggered a long-simmering clash of ideologies. The Time article suggests that there has been a gradually growing resentment among scientists “angered by intelligent design and excited, perhaps intoxicated, by their disciplines’ increasing ability to map, quantify and change the nature of human experience.” Dawkins’ manifesto—which, as I write, is #5 on The New York Times nonfiction bestseller list and #12 on the Amazon.com bestseller list—may be the tipping point that has brought the clash between science and religion to a head.

The editors of HCM had planned a “Faith & Science” feature for some time before the public debate came to a boil. Recently, we gathered together members of the campus community for a discussion framed by the question, “What are the tensions and the harmonies inherent in a life given to both science and faith?” The results of that discussion can be found in this issue’s cover story.

We understand the charged—potentially explosive—nature of this conversation. And it is the very reason this is a topic that calls out for engagement by the College community. Our need to engage complex and difficult questions can be found at the heart of our mission to be “open to new ideas, to be patient with ambiguity and uncertainty, to combine a passion for truth with respect for the views of others.” It is the essence of what we do at Holy Cross. And as we hope you will see from the published transcription, our community brings to its table a depth of thought, a seriousness of purpose and a civility that has been missing from much of the public exchange.

In this spirit, we invite our readers to join our discussion. We encourage you to share your response to this conversation. To do so, please visit the Holy Cross Magazine page on the College’s Web site and post your thoughts.

On another note, I would like to welcome HCM’s new designer, Karen Shilad, to the magazine team. We are delighted to have Karen on board. In the issues to come, she will be putting her particular stamp on the look of HCM.

From the entire Holy Cross Magazine staff, we wish you a happy and healthy 2007.

Jack O’Connell
The annual fall faculty convocation and awards ceremony was held on Sept. 26 in Brooks Concert Hall. The event honored professor of sociology, Edward H. Thompson Jr.—this year’s recipient of the 2006 Holy Cross Distinguished Teaching Award.

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

A member of the College faculty since 1977, Thompson received his bachelor of arts degree in sociology from California State University, Sacramento, and his Ph.D. in sociology from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Long interested in issues of gender and family life, Thompson is the director of the Gerontology Studies Program, a cooperative, academic program of the Colleges of Worcester Consortium, Inc.; he also teaches courses on the family, sociology of men, aging and society, sociology of mental health, and medical sociology. Engaged in the ongoing study of the social worlds of older men, Thompson has published books and articles on caregiving, experiences of older men, and masculinities and family life. He is editor of the first collection of original articles examining elderly men (Older Men’s Lives, 1994) and of the book Men as Caregivers (2001)—as well as organizer of the men’s issues interest group for the Gerontological Society of America.

The Raymond J. Swords, S.J., Faculty Medal honors those members of the faculty who have served the College for 25 years or more. This year’s recipients were: Isabel Alvarez Borland, professor of modern languages and literatures, Spanish section; George R. Hoffmann, professor of biology; James M. Kee, associate professor of English; Alice L. Laffey, associate professor of religious studies; Randy R. Ross, professor of physics; and David J. Schap, professor of economics.
Nobel Laureate Maathai lectures on campus

More than 500 people—from across campus and Greater Worcester—filled St. Joseph Memorial Chapel on Oct. 25 to welcome Wangari M. Maathai, founder of the Green Belt Movement in Kenya and winner of the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize. Maathai, a world-renowned environmentalist, delivered her lecture to a rapt audience, many of whom had read her new memoir Unbowed, which details her childhood and early education in the 1940s, her political awakening and her lifelong struggle for democracy, human rights and environmental conservation.

Calling Maathai “one of the most significant world figures today,” Timothy Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, said in his introductory remarks that she exemplifies the key values emphasized in a Jesuit education. In his formal introduction, Thomas Landy, director of the Lilly Vocation Discernment Initiative, quoted from the Nobel Committee’s citation: “Maathai stood up courageously against the former oppressive regime in Kenya. Her unique forms of action have contributed to drawing attention to political oppression—nationally and internationally. She has served as inspiration for many in the fight for democratic rights and has especially encouraged women to better their situation.”

In her lecture, Maathai explained how her life was shaped by her education—12 years of schooling by missionary nuns in Africa and Benedictine nuns at St. Scholastica College (now Benedictine College) in Atchison, Kan. “All my early education was in the hands of people who served God, in the service of something bigger than themselves,” she said.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first, four-year class of women graduates, the College’s prebusiness program hosted its first “Women in Business” conference on Sept. 22-23. The event featured four keynote speakers and numerous panelists, all of whom received degrees from Holy Cross in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. Conference participants consisted of prebusiness women students and women graduates from all class years and numerous industries.

The prebusiness program provides students with the opportunity to learn about business leadership and the liberal arts by sponsoring various speaker series, career workshops and leadership workshops on campus. A “Women in Business” conference is expected to be held each fall.

CONFERENCE marks 30 years of Holy Cross WOMEN IN BUSINESS
CANTOR GALLERY RECEIVES $1 MILLION GIFT

The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation has made an unprecedented $1 million commitment to the art gallery at the College. Holy Cross will raise an additional $600,000 in matching funds in connection with this gift. The Cantor Foundation gift will be the largest ever received by the College’s art gallery, which was established and named for the Cantors in 1983. Loyal benefactors to the College’s fine arts collection, Iris Cantor and her late husband donated 53 works of art, ranging from bronze sculptures by the French artist Auguste Rodin to 18th-century Italian mosaics.

“Every aspect of the Cantor Gallery’s exhibition and educational program will benefit from this exceptionally generous gift,” says Roger Hankins, gallery director. “Since the gallery’s founding, the Cantors have championed our collection and programming. Now, again with their considerable and generous support, we’re moving to another stage. These funds will provide dedicated resources to build on the success we have achieved over the past two decades.”

“The College of the Holy Cross has been dear to our hearts for many years,” says Iris Cantor. “The College has shown a great commitment to the teaching and preservation of fine arts, and it is an honor for me to support their wonderful work.”

“We are honored by our longstanding relationship with the Cantor Foundation,” said Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of the College. “This latest gift is a recognition of the exceptional work Roger Hankins and others have done to build the reputation of the Cantor Gallery and the quality of its exhibitions and related activities—and will help us continue to increase the effectiveness of the gallery as an educational resource to the College and the wider community.”

According to Hankins, the funds will double the gallery’s endowment, enabling the College to establish a new administrative framework and hire additional staff. With such resources, the gallery will improve all aspects of its program—from the quality and reach of its exhibitions to the care and conservation of a collection consisting of more than 400 historical and contemporary objects.

The gallery will be able to undertake new curatorial projects, including scholarly publications and multimedia programs, he adds. The funds will also support its expanded program of exhibitions, which now includes the summer months when the College is not in session.
Holy Cross is one of a number of colleges nationwide named to the 2006 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. More than 500 applications from the nation’s colleges and universities were received for the Honor Roll in its inaugural year. Selected institutions have initiated service programs that are “meaningful, relevant, and exemplary.”

In recent years, Holy Cross has established new institutional initiatives in Worcester, the Gulf Coast region in support of hurricane relief efforts, and other countries of the world. More than 2,300 Holy Cross students (83 percent of the student body) participated in a wide array of community service activities in the most recent academic year.

“Community service at Holy Cross continues to grow in depth and breadth across the College, in its programs and its curriculum,” says William Meinhoffer, director of the Donelan Office of Community-Based Learning, and author of the College’s application for the award.

“Our innovative, academic-based community learning and research projects, for example, match faculty and students together with local agencies to solve problems and seek answers,” he explains. “This brings service closer to the heart of our educational mission; it integrates academic excellence with our emphasis on ‘men and women for others.’”

In addition to the Donelan Office of Community-Based Learning, Meinhoffer cites several exemplary service programs at Holy Cross: Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD); Nativity School of Worcester; South Worcester Development Partnership; Federal Work Study and College-funded Community Service Internships.
O’LEARY AWARDS announced

The College has announced the 2006 recipients of the Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Awards. These $10,000 honoraria are given each year by the senior vice president to senior faculty members who make a special contribution to Holy Cross through their teaching, scholarship and/or service. The O’Leary Awards are intended to honor the recipients, to advance their work and to encourage other members of the faculty to attain a high level of professional achievement and to be a positive influence in lives of students. This year’s recipients are: Susan Amatangelo, associate professor, Italian; Mark Hallahan, associate professor, psychology; Marybeth Kearns-Barrett, associate chaplain, director of service and social justice programs, Office of the College Chaplains; Catherine Roberts, associate professor, mathematics; and Ward Thomas, associate professor, political science.

The Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Awards have been made possible by an endowed gift to the College from Thomas H. O’Leary ’54, former president, chief executive officer and chairman of Burlington Resources, one of the largest independent oil and gas companies in the United States.
The International Jesuit Scholars Program is designed to bring Jesuit faculty from colleges and universities around the world to Holy Cross for a semester or two each year. A joint initiative of the College’s Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture and the Holy Cross Jesuit community, it is designed to give Jesuits from many different countries the time and resources to pursue scholarship, to collaborate with American scholars and to build a better sense of the Jesuit global community. Visiting scholars teach one course per semester in their disciplinary area or provide other service to the College.

This year’s International Visiting Jesuit Fellows are: Rev. James Corkery, S.J., a theologian at the Milltown Institute of Philosophy and Theology in Ireland; Rev. Lawrence Daka, S.J., a philosophy professor from Arrupe College in Harare, Zimbabwe; and Rev. Oliver Rafferty, S.J., a historian from the British Jesuit Province, recently assigned to Guyana.
Two faculty members receive Fulbright Awards

Two members of the faculty have been awarded Fulbright Scholar grants during the 2006-07 academic year. Mark E. Lincicome, associate professor of history, will pursue his new research project, “Peripheral Visions: Imagining Asia in Japan and Australia, 1853-1933” at Rikkyo University, Tokyo. Lincicome, who specializes in early modern and modern Japanese history and culture, also received a Japan Foundation Short Term Research Fellowship for this same project. Next month, he will travel to Deakin University, in Melbourne, Australia, to examine archives there as part of the same project, with funding coming from a 2005 Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Award he received from Holy Cross.

Karen Turner, professor of history, will pursue her research and work on her documentary film, The Things We Carry: Vietnamese Women Veterans in Voice and Memory, at the Vietnam National University in Hanoi. Turner specializes in law and human rights in Asia as well as comparative law and women and war. Widely published, she has also produced and directed the documentary film, Hidden Warriors: Voices from the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Turner, who was instrumental in the development of the Asian Studies program at Holy Cross, has been the recipient of several academic awards and honors—in 2002-05, she was the Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., Professor in the Humanities.
Lectures:

**FEB. 6**
“**The Legacy of Matthew Shepard**”
7:30 p.m.
Hogan Campus Center Ballroom

**APR. 24**
14th Annual Leonard C. Sulski Memorial Lecture in Mathematics:
“**Plane Tilings,**” by Richard P. Stanley of MIT
Hogan Campus Center, room 519

Spring Concerts:

**FEB. 3**
High School Choral Festival
with the Holy Cross College Choir
7 p.m.
St. Joseph Memorial Chapel

**FEB. 8**
Carol Lieberman, violin, Joel Cohen, cello, and Mark Kroll, fortepiano
Presented by the Holy Cross Chamber Players
8 p.m.
Brooks Concert Hall

**FEB. 11**
James David Christie, organ
The Buxtehude Tercentenary – Concert #5
3 p.m.
St. Joseph Memorial Chapel

**FEB. 16**
Choir Cabaret
8 p.m.
Hogan Campus Center

**FEB. 17**
Senior Flute Recital: Victoria Rodrigue
4 p.m.
Brooks Concert Hall

**FEB. 24**
Senior Vocal Recital
Caitrin Perry and Catherine Provenzano
4 p.m.
Brooks Concert Hall

**FEB. 28**
Chamber Orchestra Concert
8 p.m.
Brooks Concert Hall

**MAR. 22**
Senior Vocal Recital:
Maureen Gassert
8 p.m.
Brooks Concert Hall

For further information, call (508) 793-3528.

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

**JAN. 22**
Lecture: “**How Then Shall We Eat?**”
7:30 p.m.
The Morality and Politics of Food,
by Br. David G. Andrews, CSC, of
The National Catholic Rural Life Conference
Rehm Library

**FEB. 6**
Celebration of Faculty Scholarship:
4 p.m.
Temple Stream: A Rural Odyssey, by William
Roobach of the English department
Rehm Library

**FEB. 22**
Lecture: “**Joachim of Fiore and History in Western Culture,**” by Bernard McGinn,
University of Chicago Divinity School
Rehm Library

**FEB. 22**
Lilly Vocation Discernment Initiative:
7:30 p.m.
Writers on Vocation Series: Peter Balakian,
author of The Burning Tigris: The Armenian
Genocide and America’s Response
Rehm Library

**FEB. 26**
Lecture: “**Evolution, Creation, and Eternity: What’s Wrong With the ‘Creation’ Part of Creation Science,**”
by Matt Cartmill of Duke University
Rehm Library

**FEB. 28**
Celebration of Faculty Scholarship:
4 p.m.
Recognition in Mozart’s Operas,
by Jessica Waldoff of the music department
Rehm Library

**MAR. 22**
Lecture: “**Thomas Merton’s Letters: What do they teach us about the man and the monk?**”
by Christine Bochen of Nazareth College
Rehm Library

Theatre Performances:

**MAR. 22-24**
Button Eyes, written and directed by Lynn Kremer of the theatre department
8 p.m.
&
Fenwick Theatre
Visiting Fellow I Wayan Dibia
For reservations, please call (508) 793-2496.

Exhibitions at the Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery

**JAN. 16 - FEB. 13**
Layers: Collecting Cuban American Art
More than 40 works in painting, sculpture, photography and video from three contemporary art collections

**FEB. 28-APR. 18**
Gold Cloths of Sumatra: Indonesia’s Songkets from Ceremony to Commodity
The third exhibition in a series focusing on the history and social importance within Sumatra of a highly refined style of weaving produced and worn exclusively for ceremonial events

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
The debate regarding the nature of the relationship between faith and science seems to have exploded into the popular consciousness this year. Fueled in part by the publication of Richard Dawkins' *The God Delusion*, major articles and essays have appeared in abundance throughout both the academic and the mainstream press. Recently, the editors of *Holy Cross Magazine* invited a group from the campus community to discuss the question, “What are the tensions and the harmonies inherent in a life given to both science and faith?” Participating in the forum were Robert Bellin, assistant professor of biology; Rev. William Clark, S.J., assistant professor of religious studies; Mark Freeman, professor of psychology; Robert Garvey, associate professor of physics; Eileen Geoghegan ’07, co-chair, biology student advisory committee; Andrew D. Hwang, associate professor of mathematics; James Kee, associate professor of English; Matthew Koss, associate professor of physics; and Mary Lee Ledbetter, professor of biology. The moderator for the discussion was Jack Hitt, a contributing editor to *Harper's Magazine*, *GQ* and *This American Life*. Hitt has written about the conflicts and accords between faith and science previously for *The New York Times*. He is also the author of the book, *Off the Road: A Modern-Day Walk Down the Pilgrim’s Route into Spain* (1994).

Jack Hitt: Let’s begin with this scenario: I am the president of Holy Cross, and I have just received a call from an alumnus who told me that the winner of this year’s Westinghouse Award in Scientific Achievement is his son. The son is considering application to the College. But the young man is concerned that there might be too much religion involved in the sciences here. How would I respond to that?

Matthew Koss: I would tell this prospective student to attend any science class, at any time, and see what goes on. And what he will see is a science class being rigorously engaged.

Mark Freeman: When I first considered teaching at Holy Cross, my predictable concern, especially as a non-Catholic, was, *is this going to be a parochial place?* But coming to campus and meeting people, I was immediately able to dispel most of those concerns. In fact, I’ve generally found the College to be quite the opposite. At Holy Cross, you can address anything that you would address at secular institutions. But, in addition, there are people here who take religion seriously, and this has allowed a set of issues, concerns and questions to be put on the table—issues that are not as easily pursued elsewhere.

Koss: Even as an atheist, I take religion seriously. And I’m willing to participate in those discussions.

Robert Bellin: Even as a Catholic, I had some of the same kind of questions about coming to a Catholic institution as a scientist. About how the College is perceived and how much interplay there is between the two. But
the fact is that, at least in doctrine—and, I think, in practice, for the most part—the Church is not fighting against the teaching of evolutionary biology.

**Hitt:** Well, as it turns out, our genius high school applicant is doing research that involves stem cells …

**Robert Garvey:** Then I’d say his main concern at Holy Cross should be that he spent too much time on his science project and not enough time being the editor of the school paper and finding work for the homeless and joining the glee club. [Laughter] To me, the ideal would be that a student comes to Holy Cross and learns not only the Church’s teaching about stem cells, but that he encounters a course or two that would address the whole issue of medical technology and how it affects what it means to be a human being. Why are we so obsessed with having to have that technology? There’s the question of how technology is often an attempt to deny that we ever die.

**Koss:** I don’t want any student to come to me—or anyone else—and say, “What should be my opinion about stem cell research?” If there is any orthodoxy to science, it’s that all orthodoxies need to be constantly reevaluated and questioned. So what I hope that students at Holy Cross get is to start thinking about such issues in terms of three questions: How do I know this? Why do I believe this? What is the evidence for this? Then they can take the position of the Church, or they can take my position, or they can take the position of the American Physical Society, whatever it is, and start to think about how that decision was arrived at, and whether it works for them and how it works and how it doesn’t work. It’s a continuing process.

**James Kee:** One of the best things about a place like Holy Cross is that it exists along the borders of various institutions and traditions and practices. In other words, as a contemporary academic institution it is deeply committed to scientific research in all of its various forms. And as a religiously affiliated institution, its primary task is what is traditionally called “faith seeking understanding.” It’s not enough simply to lay out what the Church’s teaching is on the problematic cases of research involving embryonic stem cells; it’s articulating a whole vision of reality that underlies that particular interpretation of the origins of life.
origins of life. On the other side of the equation, it means looking clearly at some of the assumptions on which scientific method is based and the kind of interpretation of reality that science proceeds on. There are powerful philosophical arguments saying that modern science is more deeply technological than it is pure. And this is a place where dialogue among a variety of people needs to be carried out, exploring these questions. That's our primary task.

**Freeman:** On such issues, our job is not to steer students per se. Our job is to allow them to make the most comprehensive and thoughtful assessment of a given complex issue that they possibly can.

**Andrew Hwang:** At a liberal arts college, we have a unique opportunity for dialog between faculty with widely differing areas of expertise. It’s much easier for a student to obtain a variety of perspectives at Holy Cross than at a large research university, where our hypothetical 16-year-old would find departments sequestered by subject.

**Garvey:** I’m kind of curious as to whether anyone has had the experience of a student having a crisis of faith after taking science courses at Holy Cross?

**Eileen Geoghegan:** In both my humanities and science courses, I've further explored issues of faith. And in my biology courses, I'm just in awe of how things work and why they work. I finish some of my science classes and I’m just stunned by the complexity. But, if anything, my faith is strengthened. That's the thing that I appreciate the most about this place—that it forces you to look at every angle, to integrate everything. I think students around here do appreciate that and see that. Although there are certainly students that just want the job and the money.

**Freeman:** I've had students over the years who would read Freud on religion, and they'll have some of their views on the world shaken in a big way. It's important to introduce them to some of those ideas in a cautious way, one that allows them to see from the get-go that the goal isn't undermining their beliefs, but that these are arguments that they are bound to encounter during the course of intellectual life. And it's going to be important for them to formulate thoughtful ways of thinking through them.

**Fr. William Clark:** This is an interesting aspect of the clash or the meeting of faith and science that I think should be going on at a place like Holy Cross all the time.

“The fact is, at least in *doctrines*, … the Church is not fighting against the teaching of *evolutionary biology*.”
It's not just about controversial issues on which the Church has taken a stand, but the whole question of whether it's possible to have faith and question it at the same time. Does faith mean that which I never question? Or can faith fit into an environment where it can be challenged from all sides?

**Kee:** Liberal arts colleges have a particular opportunity here. We're not just training pre-professional physicists or biologists or literary students. This is a place where physicists and mathematicians and biologists and psychologists and religious studies people might actually get together and converse.

**Bellin:** But the difficulty is that there isn't a common language in the middle. If you bring practicing scientists in that have a scientific background to discuss these things and then you bring an ethicist or religious studies people in, there's a divide. And I don't think it's just Holy Cross. I think it's everywhere.

**Fr. Clark:** Andy (Hwang) and I have been collaborat-ing for the last few semesters. I teach a course called “Introduction to Catholicism,” and we get to a point toward the end of the semester where we're talking about controversial subjects in Catholicism. So I invite Andy to come into the classroom for an open discussion. The conversation tends to be about evolution and creation questions, but, ultimately, it's about the relationship between religion and science generally. And Andy gives them one point of view and I give them another, but they're quite surprised usually to find out that we have a lot of common ground even though we disagree.

**Hwang:** Interestingly, many students in the course didn't seem to see a fundamental conflict between having a belief in evolution by natural selection and Catholic theology. Not surprisingly, though, the students with whom I've had the lengthiest conversations do not accept evolution by natural selection. The discussion is particularly difficult because the foundation of one's world view seems to be at stake.

**Bellin:** I teach biochemistry and eventually we talk about evolution as being the underpinnings of biology. One student said she felt very uncomfortable reading about evolution because she felt that I was asking her to do something that was against her faith. But we've talked about it more in my non-majors class and I've even brought up the papal document, *Humani Generis*, which says that the subject of evolution is a legitimate matter for inquiry and that Catholics are free to investigate and form their own opinion. And the students in the non-
majors class tend to learn of this and say, “Wow, I didn’t know that. I always felt like I wasn’t supposed to think about these things.”

Geoghegan: We had a class that discussed evolution and the media. I’d say the majority of the people that I have studied with find no conflict between evolution and their faith. There was one student in the class who was opposed to the idea of evolution by natural selection. In my freshman biology class, our professor said plainly that evolution is fact, that there is no reason to question evolution. Where the controversy comes in is with the mechanism of evolution—whether it occurs by intelligent design or natural selection. But some people are so uninformed about it that they think that the question is about whether or not evolution actually occurs.

Hitt: If some of these students who were in your class wanted to invite Michael Behe or Richard Dawkins as a speaker here, how would you advise your students about making such an invitation?

Mary Lee Ledbetter: I would say anybody’s welcome. I would like to make it into a teaching opportunity—both in question and answer after the talk and possibly in a follow-up conversation with the students on another occasion.

Hitt: But Dawkins and the other attacks on faith have ratcheted up the assault. If Darwinism was perceived as an attack on biblical creation, this new assault goes right after God. Dawkins’ new book is The God Delusion, and he calls belief in God infantile and ridiculous. A recent Newsweek cover declared: “God and the Brain: How We’re Wired for Spirituality.”

Koss: Michael Ruse has written a book in which he sees someone like Dawkins as not merely believing in evolution, but in this ideology called “evolutionism.” According to Ruse, it’s very similar in its dogmatism to
intelligent design. It’s what happens when you have two groups that are so absolutely convinced of their own position that they’re not having a discussion. In my thinking, Dawkins’ difficulty is that he believes that evolution by natural selection logically and deductively leads you to atheism. Dawkins is also incorrect in just being so absolutist and in ignoring that scientists also have faith in something different than a belief in God. It may be a faith in materialism, or maybe a faith in inductive thinking, but there is a faith. Dawkins is ignoring what the philosopher of science Michael Polanyi has said—that deep down at the very basis of science is a belief. Our challenge is to get at how to best move forward the conversation. Having Richard Dawkins here would not be the best way. The best way, maybe, is to get people to read Dawkins’ book and have a discussion, four or five people talking about the book, and identifying, what is essentially a good argument, what’s a fallacious argument, what’s an obnoxious argument, and dealing with it that way. In other words, we don’t need the drama. We need the conversation.

Garvey: I think that there’s a faith that underlies just about every human action. But I think most scientists are unaware of the presuppositions that they believe in that allow them to do the work.

Hitt: Do you think it’s a comparable kind of faith to Catholicism?

Garvey: It’s probably less well thought out than Catholicism. It doesn’t have a 2,000-year history of people trying to make sense out of it. It’s got a 200 or a 300-year history of people trying to make sense out of it.

Kee: As Rob pointed out, we don’t yet have a common language. A common language only comes out of entering into conversation where we acknowledge that we don’t have such a language, where we acknowledge what we don’t know on all sides, and then really engage. That’s what brings common language into being, I think.

Hwang: Actually, a lot hinges on this term “faith.” In any sort of logical argument, you have unproven assumptions. But does that amount to religious faith?

Kee: I would understand religious faith as being much more than a set of epistemological assumptions. However, there are certain dimensions of religious faith that function as epistemological assumptions. The fact that they are believed in doesn’t mean that there aren’t reasons for believing in them that are better or worse—even though
they’re not grounded in the same way as the results of a scientific experiment.

Ledbetter: There’s a really powerful way in which science deliberately erects walls around itself to identify what is the business of science and what is not. And you need to be able to persuade people through the logic of your evidence that a truth is as you claim it to be. The anecdote will not stand in science. And, so, it’s perhaps a cop-out, but it’s kind of convenient, to be able to say, well, you know, science has no comment to make about the mutual experience of believers in whatever the experience of transcendence is theirs to attribute to religion.

Garvey: I don’t think science ever says, “This is a place where we don’t go.” I used to believe that there were certain places science wouldn’t go. Now I think there’s nowhere it can’t go. But everywhere it goes, it changes what it’s looking at. And maybe even what exists. I don’t think we do enough to help our students see that in science courses. There’s a book, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* by Kuhn, which points out that we hardly ever talk about where science screwed up. It’s almost like we’re always so intent on trying to help our students see that science can really do some good and neat stuff that you don’t have time to talk about the blind alleys that science went down and so forth. I think neuroscience is a great example of a place where, as science goes there, things are going to be more deterministic, more materialistic, because that’s all that science can do.

Ledbetter: That’s true, but at the same time, it doesn’t change the fact that there remains that which is either inexplicable scientifically or beyond the realm of science to try to explain. And, in fact, you can even abstract it to the kind of emergent property that happens when people gather together and share things in community that one individual person cannot do. For me, that’s what religion is.

Freeman: I’m teaching a book this semester for the first time, *The Problem of the Soul: Two Visions of the Mind and How to Reconcile Them*. It speaks with a remarkable certainty about what it is that neuroscience can do in terms of colonizing all of human reality. In this book, the author says, there are no souls. Let’s get beyond this notion altogether, and maybe if we do that we’ll be able to free ourselves from some of the shackles that have led
to some of the awful things that we see in the world. That's a point of view that students should encounter, but it's equally important for me to be able to help them see the presumptions.

**Fr. Clark:** I want to say the same thing about faith that you're saying about science—that there's no place it cannot go. My fear when I'm looking at some of the polarization that's taking place within the Church today is this sense that there are places where angels fear to tread, you know? That the religious response to something like the idea of being “wired for God” is, “no, we can't talk about that, we can't go there.” But people are thinking about these ideas and people are showing us evidence that what they're saying might have something behind it. And so, we have to ask what basis is there for a faith that just maintains itself by lopping off all these areas of thought that are emerging? A truly strong faith will be able to face these ideas, not simply try to suppress them.

**Bellin:** I don’t see science as a faith. Faith and spirituality are where you find comfort and understanding in the personal conflicts in your life. Science is trying to understand the underpinnings of how things do what they do, the nature of things. Science is understanding the mechanisms of how it all happens. I don't see science as faith, because there are ways we can test it.

**Kee:** I don't think anybody here ever said science was a faith. Mary Lee, you were saying that science delimits objects of study. And in doing that, as long as it stays within those limits and understands that it stays within those limits, it's producing knowledge. One of the questions that science bracketed was the traditional metaphysical question of radical origins: *Why is there something, why not nothing? Why are things as they are, and not some other way?* Science can't handle those questions because there's no method for investigating them. So it posits a realm of presence and simply takes what's given empirically and investigates its structure. Science is not interested in the particular plant, it's interested in the structure of a plant. It's not interested in a water molecule, it's interested in the structure of all water molecules. That leaves a tremendous amount of reality. When we behave as ethical beings, we're never just concerned with universal structures, we're always concerned with a kind of irreducible, singular situation, a set of relations that requires intelligence and prudence in judgment. Although clearly knowing some of the results of science about the brain might be relevant, you know. For example, we don’t treat people with mental illness as if they were possessed by a demon.

**Garvey:** What about the meaning of mystery for someone who is a person of faith and someone who's a scientist? For science, the “inexplicable” is something we have to work on, our next project.

**Hwang:** But a good scientist will also experience a kind of euphoria or excitement in things that are mysterious.

**Kee:** Right. I still have that eureka experience when I think about why is it that the world should prove to be so intelligible to mathematical models. But when you ask the “why” question, you're no longer asking a scientific question.
Bellin: The destruction of the mystery by science is why people feel that science and religion butt heads. But I think that if you believe that exploring something through science is going to destroy religion, then you have a weak understanding of religion.

Fr. Clark: What I try to present to my students is what I take to be a better theological understanding of mystery. It's not "whodunit." A mystery is something that you have to relate to from the inside. It's something that you come to understand by being part of it. The external, objective perspective is not enough.

Freeman: So does one necessarily abandon science when one arrives at that threshold?

Fr. Clark: Absolutely not. No, there are things that you have to look at objectively, but when you get inside them it's a whole different experience. Sacraments, for example. The original Greek word was mysterion. In describing the rituals, I can tell you in very cut-and-dry ways what happens, what the gestures are, what the words are. But that's an entirely different thing from enacting it and participating in it. I can tell you what music is, what sound is, what notes are, what rhythm is—I can break it all down. But that's very different from hearing a symphony.

Hitt: Mark, what does William James tell us about this?

Freeman: William James wrote hundreds and hundreds of pages on the varieties of religious experience. He also offers a commitment at the beginning to do a kind of science. He says we can analyze these things in naturalistic terms. It could be that some mystical experiences have to do with what he calls unconscious or subconscious celebration. But then, in the last chapter, he has to deal with the question of questions: whether to attribute any sort of independent reality, metaphysical reality, to these experiences that people are talking about. His answer is a cautious "yes." He says, look, you know, I'm schooled as a scientist. I have a commitment to determinism as a scientist. But he's faced with the sheer weight of these experiences, not only in the people that he studies, but in himself. And, so, he finally approaches the question—should we buy this idea that these experiences might involve something like higher spiritual energies, or not? And he says, I obviously can't answer this question definitively; I'm going to answer it with what he calls an "over-belief," that is, a belief that can never be definitively proven or substantiated in empirical terms.

Hitt: Faith, in other words?

Freeman: A kind of faith, but it's a faith that's rooted in experience. It's not a faith that's rooted in some kind of a priori commitment to a system of belief. It's rooted in the felt, lived experience of the world. And he basically says, everything I know about the world leads me to think of this as a real possibility. Now, psychologists will read this and some will say it's at that point that he stopped being a scientist, and he moved from psychology to theology. James would respond by saying, no, I still think I'm doing a kind of a science because I'm trying to practice fidelity to what experience seems to tell me. It's radical empiricism.

Fr. Clark: St. Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits, said that everything that is available to us in creation can be a means of finding God. He said that at a time when science wasn't particularly well developed, but certainly there were a lot of things that people understood in the 16th century. That's a fundamental understanding that leads to the foundation of colleges like this one. Why did the Jesuits get into education? Why didn't they fear that the more people learned, the less they'd need God? Because the fundamental understanding is that even in the things I understand very well, on a material level, I can be led to God by realizing that God is the creator of all the things that I understand with my mind. From this point of view, education deepens faith.

Hitt: And on that note, we must conclude. Thank you all for participating in our forum.

The editors of Holy Cross Magazine invite you to join this discussion. Please visit the College Web site at www.holycross.edu/hcmag-forum.html to post your reactions to the “Faith & Science” forum.
Architect’s rendering of the building that will link Swords and Beaven halls. This view of the new science complex at Holy Cross is from Haberlin Road, showing the north elevation and new courtyard.
Last spring, chemistry major Neal Biddick ’07 traveled to Atlanta to present and discuss his research in natural product synthesis at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society. In company with 12 other students and five faculty members, Biddick welcomed the opportunity to “get out of the classroom and see what everyone else was doing.”

Since the end of his second year at Holy Cross, Biddick has spent his summers—as well as considerable time during the academic year—working in the lab of Assistant Professor Kevin Quinn, where they “make naturally occurring organic molecules.” For Biddick, the project is a logical steppingstone to a future career, perhaps in research science, perhaps in medicine.

But his research, and that of his young colleagues, also reflects the influence of an undergraduate science faculty that teaches its students fundamental science is best explored through the joy of discovery.

“We have a fantastic faculty doing cutting-edge research in a number of fields,” says Professor Jane Van Doren, acting chair of the chemistry department, “exciting students to get interested in science, even if they don’t end up becoming scientists. And we see research as a critical piece of the chemistry major, or of science education.”

Indeed, in terms of both research and curriculum, science education has never been more of a priority at Holy Cross.

It is a priority that reflects a long tradition of scientific excellence at the College. For the past 50 years, graduates and faculty members have been pathbreakers in medicine, biology, neuroscience, psychology, chemistry, physics and mathematics. Alumni include Nobel Prize winner Joseph E. Murray, M.D., ’40, who performed the first successful kidney transplant; James A. Shannon, M.D., ’25, the first director of the National Institutes of Health; Harry J. Goett ’31, the first director of NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center; and Joseph P. Kerwin, M.D., ’53, the first physician in space.

More recently, in 2003, Mary Lee S. Ledbetter, professor
and chair of the biology department, was named one of five “Distinguished Teaching Scholars” by the National Science Foundation. And, in 2005, Amy Wolfson, professor of psychology, received a $1.07 million grant from the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, for her research into children’s sleep cycles and effects on learning and behavior. Holy Cross science departments increasingly receive high rankings among institutions that accept its students for graduate school.

But, in recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the College’s scientific accomplishments have outstripped its physical facilities.

At issue is Haberlin Hall, the locus of the chemistry and physics departments. Built in 1959, Haberlin “was designed for an earlier era of science,” says William Morse, associate dean of the College. At that time, “science was very discrete, and there were very few national guidelines for the safety of workers or containment of chemicals.” Despite a number of renovations over the years, Haberlin is now stretched beyond its capacity; its spatial and technological limitations can no longer support the high caliber science programs contained within its walls.

In the past two years, increasing discussion about science facilities has dovetailed with curricular review and college-wide strategic planning (see “Prior Proper Planning” in the fall issue of HCM). Last spring, the Holy Cross Board of Trustees announced an “integrated science complex” as the most urgent initiative of the College’s Five-Year Strategic Plan. Citing Haberlin as being “in desperate need of modernization,” the report called for “the complete renovation of Haberlin and the creation of a 32,000-35,000 square-foot addition” to create “new opportunities for interdisciplinary science teaching and research and help us to attract the best students and faculty.”

“These things go in cycles,” says Charles “Chick” Weiss, director of grants and foundation and corporate giving and the official coordinator, or shepherd, of the new endeavor. “The $60 million project will be financed by a $30 million bond issue and $5 million from internal reserves,” he says. “The remaining $25 million is being raised through individual, foundation and corporate contributions over the next three years.

Next April, ground will be broken on the first phase of the process: the construction of a state-of-the art building that will serve as the linchpin of the science complex—a four-story structure to be located between Swords and Beaven halls. The new building will house research laboratories for approximately half of the chemistry faculty and provide lecture and laboratory space for the four-semester introductory laboratory sequence and classes. It will take 21 months to build the complex; occupancy is expected in January 2009.

At that time, the second phase of the project will begin: the remodeling of Haberlin Hall. During the projected 11-month construction period, the inside of Haberlin will be gutted and completely rebuilt; nothing will remain of the original except its ivy-covered brick walls. The entire physics and chemistry departments—as well as the upper-level chemistry labs—will occupy the new Haberlin, which is expected to open in January of 2010. Part of the mathematics and computer science department will also move from Swords into Haberlin.

“It is going to be a fabulous facility when it’s done,” says Weiss, describing the intention of the dual-pronged project to provide “state-of-the-art everything.”

“There will be an extremely sophisticated heating, ventilating and air conditioning system,” he explains. “There will be a great number of chemical hoods in both departments. Both buildings will be completely accessible to individuals with any form of disability.”

In addition, stresses Weiss, the buildings have been
designed by the architectural firm Einhorn, Yaffee and Prescott of Boston to provide the maximum amount of flexibility, allowing for future shifts in programs and evolutions in faculty research interests, teaching priorities and technological developments.

De-Ping Yang, associate professor and chair of the physics department, underscores the imperative need for such fundamental change, noting that Band-Aid solutions can no longer bring the existing laboratories and classrooms in Haberlin up to modern standards. During a short stroll through the building, he points out the small classrooms, the efforts to add computer access to laboratories designed long before the computer age, exposed pipes, the balky dumbwaiter in a research laboratory.

He welcomes the plans for vastly improved air handling, more effective and efficient laboratory and classroom space, corner study areas for students, and faculty offices with natural light.

Moreover, notes Yang, the new space is eminently flexible, tailor-made for the way science is undertaken at Holy Cross. In the "Modern Physics" laboratory, for example, darkrooms essential for experiments in quantum mechanics will be divided using "light-tight" curtains instead of walls so that the space can be opened up for other uses. Doors connecting three adjoining rooms can be opened to create "the long view for measuring the speed of light, an essential parameter in the theory of relativity and the concept of the photon."

The new facilities will also support the discovery-based teaching that is a key pedagogical feature in both physics and chemistry at Holy Cross. In physics, it is primarily the sequence in "General Physics in Daily Life," taken by many science and premed students, that depends upon this approach—integrating lab and lecture to use equipment and objects found in one's everyday experience to help students learn the subject through their own experimentation. Physics majors also take advanced labs and research projects taught in the same explorative manner.

But it is the chemistry department that first developed the discovery approach in 1988. It was a major breakthrough in science teaching: a method that gave students the opportunity to learn first by doing.

"Discovery Chemistry" is a laboratory-focused approach to learning chemistry that enables students to learn chemical concepts, methods and skills through their own experimental work," says Van Doren. "The guided inquiry experiments place each student in the role of investigative scientist—and lectures are used to discuss and extend results. After completing the full chemistry curriculum, students are able to design, execute and analyze sophisticated experiments on their own."

Since its inception, "Discovery Chemistry" has been widely emulated across the country. Supported by the National Science Foundation and other organizations, it was named a "Program that Works" by Project Kaleidoscope in 1994.

Van Doren emphasizes the critical impact that the new facilities will have on both teaching and research in chemistry.

"In organic chemistry," she says, "every student will have a space with a hood to work in. Without that provision, it restricts our curriculum."

There will be considerable investment in inculcating appropriate safety standards for different labs. And there will be considerable space for instruments, with laboratories equipped with different types of power and bench space.

"We have an amazing suite of state-of-the-art chemical instrumentation that rivals any in the nation for exclusive use by undergraduates. It enables students to have hands-on
experience with instrumentation from their first day in chemistry," Van Doren explains. "The hallmark of our program is the students' work in laboratories using modern chemical methods and instrumentation."

The new facilities will also go far to encourage the independent student research that is already a popular option in this department as well as others.

"There are 32 students in chemistry doing research this fall; more will join in the spring, and many will continue through the summer," Van Doren adds. "Every faculty member is involved. Ample, safe and appropriate space for that research is critical. The new Haberlin will provide that."

Indeed, the new science complex is intended not only to facilitate that work but to display it.

"You will see science everywhere you look in this facility," says Weiss, describing laboratories bordered with glass walls that will add visibility and enhance safety. "It is designed from the outside looking in and vice versa to be a showcase."

The green patina of the new building's striking copper roof and majestic glass pavilion and vestibule will stand out, yet the polished limestone of its walls has been specifically selected to blend in with the look of the campus, where the stone is a regular feature.

Of key importance in the design is the desire to support and encourage interdisciplinary teaching and research among the six different departments involved: biology, chemistry, mathematics and computer science, physics, psychology, and sociology and anthropology. That goal will be facilitated by the new building's location, tucked into the open space between Beaven and the Haberlin-Swords-O’Neil complex; it will be linked to Beaven by connections on the first and fourth floors and to Swords and Haberlin through a number of entrances on several levels.

"There will be more opportunities for interdisciplinary teaching," says Weiss, who anticipates an increased sharing of equipment among departments and the evolution of new research teams.

The expansion of the atrium that currently links Haberlin and Swords is also expected to augment the spirit of scientific community. As the main corridor in Haberlin is shifted from its center location to the atrium side of the building, unifying laboratories, offices and classrooms, the existing atrium will be widened. Moreover, the entire atrium will be redesigned to create a larger, more pleasing communal space. A number of seating areas, dining possibilities and an open seminar area will encourage student and faculty interaction. Cascading staircases, fronted by glass railings, will run along one wall. Between stair and wall, a fountain will absorb sound and contribute to the overall ambience of quiet contemplation and discourse. The atrium will offer a logical meeting place for both
formal and informal groups, as well as for public presentations and speakers.

“Outside of the classroom or lab, there are too few places where science students and faculty run into each other,” says Weiss. “The design of the atrium will promote interaction that doesn’t naturally take place now. People are going to flock to this building. It’s going to be a magnet.”

Inevitably, the construction period will mean a certain degree of disruption. Morse, who is working with the departments involved to plan for the transition, notes that “the key challenge is to make sure our students continue to have a superior learning experience during the transition. If we can’t use the classrooms, where will we put them? How are we going to provide access to the laboratories that are key to the programs? Will it be possible to teach classes in the fall of ’08 and the spring of ’10 to make sure students are able to take everything that they need?”

In physics, efforts have already begun to deal with the prospective dust and noise that will result from the construction of the new building. “We’ve already moved one research lab,” says Yang. “We will also have to move the ‘General Physics and Daily Life’ labs because the trucks will come right through here.”

During the renovation of Haberlin, the departments will have to find alternative space on campus, either in trailers or by sharing with other departments. Decisions are being made now, notes Yang, about who is going to move and when. “Some research is very high tech, very sensitive to vibration or even power surges,” he continues. “There are priorities being set, based on who gets some rooms, whose research will have to fold up for a year, who will have to focus on theoretical work for a time.”

“But, Yang concludes cheerfully, stressing that the end will more than eclipse the means. “We will suffer through this phase and flourish afterward.”

“We’re going to be able to change our curriculum to be more in line with our own interests and where the field is today,” says Van Doren, summing up the impact of the new project. “We’ll be able to do the kind of research we are trained to do and capable of without being hampered by facilities. There will be an enormously improved situation in terms of safety.”

“It will give us wings,” she concludes. “We can really fly with it.”

And, although he will graduate just as construction begins, chemistry major Neal Biddick has been thrilled to have been able to watch as plans for the new science complex have developed. “It’s going to be so great for Holy Cross chemistry and for Holy Cross science in general,” he says. “Even though my class won’t get to use the new facilities, everyone I work with is really excited about what this can mean.”

Laura Porter is a freelance writer from Worcester.
How does it feel now that the Lift High the Cross campaign has wrapped up?

It’s wonderful, but a bit disorienting. Wonderful for all the obvious reasons: we succeeded; staff and volunteers are happy about what we accomplished; Holy Cross ended up with far greater financial resources than it had just five years ago. When success is in the air, life is good.

But it is also disorienting. The campaign gave us a specific reason, day-in and day-out, to talk with people in a focused way about what Holy Cross is striving to accomplish. With the campaign over, however, we don’t have that comfortable framework, that occasion, anymore.

We are, however, getting back on the road, doing what we do best, which is talking about Holy Cross: its mission, its needs, how those needs relate to mission, and the ways in which our many alumni, parents and friends can make a difference.

The campaign finished $41 million over goal. How did that happen?

There are many reasons for our amazing finish, and I will speak to them, but let me start with the strongest reason: the Park Smith challenge.

From the earliest days of the campaign, it was clear that Park thought we should aim high—higher than we had ever achieved. Although our goal of $175 million, once realized, would amount to $100 million more than any previous Holy Cross campaign, Park was convinced we should shoot for $200 million. As we closed in on the last year of the campaign, Park sensed we could reach that number, but only if a dramatic challenge was put before our constituency. Park made that challenge: if our alumni, parents and friends could find a way to get the campaign to the $190 million mark, he would add the final $10 million, thus enabling Lift High the Cross to finish at $200 million.

From that day forward the campaign shifted gears entirely. Everyone wanted to know: Are we going to make it? What can I do? It was the first time in my 25 years in this business that people called me up to ask those sorts of questions.

But there are other reasons for our success. The Campaign Steering Committee intensified its efforts, as did Fr. McFarland. Our campaign chair, Jack Rehm ’54, inspired us all with his enthusiasm and unflagging support. Our development team, now seasoned, came into its own. They were nothing short of spectacular. I have never seen a harder-working group of individuals. We had good marketing support from our Public Affairs Office. And, in the final phase, there were no major disruptions in our economy or in national affairs to distract us—or our supporters—from the goal.

In addition to the campaign going so far over goal, were there any other surprises?

Sure. Shortly after the first public launch of the campaign, our nation suffered one of its biggest tragedies: 9/11. In three days, we went from celebrating a campaign that had already attained over 50 percent of its goal—to not knowing when or even whether we could re-start the campaign. Somehow or other, however, our alumni, parents and friends figured out that our nation’s welfare and the welfare of Holy Cross were inextricably linked. They instinctively understood that what we were trying to accomplish was not only in our College’s interest, but in the national interest. And so they continued their support; they did not abandon us. This was a moment of high
emotion for all of us. I knew we would be fine.

A second surprise was the fivefold increase in the number of people whom we identified as having the financial capacity to help the campaign in a significant way, and the ability of our staff to meet most of them on behalf of the campaign. Not only did this help the campaign to succeed, but it laid the groundwork for the success of future campaigns.

A third surprise was that 80 percent of our alumni made a gift at some time during the campaign. That is a phenomenal number!

**Where does this campaign position Holy Cross in relation to schools with which it is compared, i.e., other highly regarded liberal arts colleges, specifically those in the Northeast?**

Catholic institutions have been slow to get involved in large-scale fund raising. In my view, this was mainly due to the presence of large numbers of priests, brothers and sisters who taught at our institutions and whose presence helped keep costs low—thus dampening the need for the kind of fund raising that our non-denominational peer institutions were doing. Certainly by the early 1970s all that changed, and we began to mount serious efforts to raise significant amounts of money.

But getting in the game did not erase the financial gap that separated us from our peers. Through the next three decades we always seemed to be a campaign or two behind the “competition.” To the credit of our generous supporters and the volunteers who worked so hard, we were able to catch up. At $216 million, Holy Cross has finished within the range ($200-250 million) that its liberal arts peers either have finished at within the last three years, or, hope to finish at over the next three years. This is a significant accomplishment that is impossible to overstate.

**Are there any misperceptions you would like to clear up about this campaign or about campaigns in general?**

I think there is a major misunderstanding about campaigns, so I am glad you asked me this question. The principal misperception is that campaigns are about money. Of course they are about money, but only in a secondary sense. Campaigns are primarily about students and faculty, about the mission of the institution that informs their work, and about a vision that will shape institutional activity in the years ahead. At their best, campaigns speak to the soul of the institution, and to how individuals can band together to preserve and enhance what is best about it.

Throughout this campaign, people heard our message. Our constituents understood the importance of that message, and responded most generously.

**So what will happen now that the campaign is over?**

Last January, the Board of Trustees endorsed a strategic plan intended to guide the College over the next five years: 2007 to 2011. One of the principal objectives of that strategic plan is renovating and expanding our science facilities. In support of this, next March we will break ground for a $60 million integrated science complex (See article on Page 22). We must raise $25 million in support of that project.

Within the next year, at the urging of a major benefactor who wishes us to address our inadequate athletic facilities—and who is willing to take the lead if we do—we will likely mount a significant fund-raising effort in this area as well.

We will have to raise resources to support the “First Year Experience” initiative set to launch in the fall of 2008. This is likely to lead to requests for additional faculty positions and types of meeting spaces that are not in our current inventory.

**Is that the complete list of objectives for the near future?**

There is one more very important thing to mention. During the campaign, annual alumni participation slipped by almost two points, from 51 to 49 percent. It has always been a point of pride at Holy Cross that our participation percentage has been at the 50 percent mark and even higher. I want to return to those days. So do our volunteers. We are determined to do so and have already put in place a set of activities that we believe will take us there.

**So, no rest?**

You know, all of us—volunteers and paid staff—believe in and enjoy working for such a wonderful institution. The work that we do enlivens us, and the success of the campaign has given us new insight into what we can accomplish. So, just a very short rest.
Holy Cross celebrates
Lift High the Cross
The United States Supreme Court
Washington, D.C.

On the evening of Oct. 13, 250 members of the Holy Cross family gathered for a cocktail reception and dinner in the Great Hall of the Court to celebrate Lift High the Cross. Among the distinguished guests present were: Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.; Associate Justice Antonin Scalia P92; and Associate Justice Clarence Thomas '71. It was a historic evening for Holy Cross and a memorable event for all who attended.

(From top to bottom, left to right): Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., '49, president emeritus, with Justice Thomas; Chief Justice Roberts with Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of Holy Cross, and Michael F. Collins, M.D., '77, chair of the Board of Trustees; Chief Justice Roberts with Maureen Ruettgers P03, 99 and Fr. McFarland; and Justice Antonin Scalia with Cornelius B. Prior Jr. '56
On Nov. 4, more than 600 alumni, parents and friends assembled in a transformed Kimball Hall to cheer the finale of the most successful fund-raising campaign in Holy Cross’ history.

(From top to bottom, left to right): New President’s Council Co-Chairs William J. ‘81 and Mary Lynch ‘82 Supple; Peter ‘81 and Diane George. (Standing from left to right): Jayne Plank, Leroy Jarrett ‘49, Louise Collins W49, P78, Helen Kaftan P84, George Cahill ‘49, George Kaftan ‘49, Nancy Collins, Donald Karal ‘49, William Collins ‘49 and (seated from left to right) Marion Brooks, John Kelley Robertson ‘49, Irene Robertson P87, 81, 74, and Mildred Brooks; Ronald ‘75 and Nina Lawson; and Maura ‘94 and Eugene ‘93 Fredey
Raymond I. Bruttmesso ’56, drives an old Ford Escort station wagon and lives modestly with his wife, Susan, in Atlanta. Ray and Susie don’t care much about material things. They do, however, care about education, and support Holy Cross very generously. The latest demonstration of their support comes in the form of an alumni participation challenge: The Bruttmesso Participation Challenge. The Bruttmessos will give the College $500,000 at the end of the fiscal year in June 2007 if alumni give at a rate of at least 51 percent.

For many years the College enjoyed an esteemed status among its peers for consistently achieving over 50 percent participation in alumni giving. In recent years, however, participation has slipped to 48 and 49 percent. The Bruttmessos want to change that.

“My wife and I have a keen interest in private education,” says Ray. “My father never saw high school and my mother didn’t get to finish high school, but my parents instilled in my brothers and me the value of a good education.”

“I am not the richest guy in my class, by far, but I have been very lucky,” he says—which is why he gives back. The message he hopes alumni will hear through this effort is: “It’s not about how much you give. Just give something.”

Alumni participation rates matter to the College for many reasons. The rate at which alumni give is one measure used to gauge alumni satisfaction with their educational experience. Participation rates are used by U.S. News and World Report in calculating college rankings. Many foundations won’t consider proposals from institutions with less than 50 percent participation. The Bruttmessos would like to see the College back where it belongs.

Though Ray credits everyone around him for his good fortune in life, evidence of his hard work and perseverance is hard to ignore. While working at a bank as a young man, he received a scholarship that paid for most of his four years at Holy Cross.

After securing admission to the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and knowing that he couldn’t afford tuition, Ray went South to plead his case to the dean.

“My father always said I had more nerve than brains,” Bruttmesso says. He received the aid he needed and went on to earn his M.B.A. After finishing at Wharton, a conversation with a Holy Cross Jesuit motivated him to enroll at Boston College, where he earned a law degree.

Before entering private practice as a tax adviser, Bruttmesso gained experience at Arthur Andersen, Peat Marwick, and Touche Ross. He was vice president at The Crum & Forster Insurance Co. and tax counsel at Allstate Insurance and at the Hartford Insurance Group. He also taught in the M.B.A. program at the University of Connecticut.

Bruttomesso hopes the effect of his challenge will be an improvement in the number of donors, particularly in the younger classes. His mantra is: “Remember who you are and where you came from.”
My classmates—some of my best friends in the world—are in their 80s. I am 23.

Outwardly, we don’t appear to have much in common. They graduated from Holy Cross in 1948—at a time when women were still not admitted to the school. I graduated in 2005, a time when it only seemed that women were not admitted—primarily because most refused to speak to me.

But, when I was a first-year student in 2001, I, along with two classmates, Maggie Fontana and Katie McCarthy, was invited by the Class of 1948 to become an honorary member of the class. Each of us had grandfathers who had graduated in 1948, all of whom are now deceased. To honor our grandfathers and welcome us to the school, the surviving members of the class would embrace us as their own.

At first, it was hard for Maggie, Katie and me to appreciate exactly what inclusion in the Class of ’48 meant. All three of us had received calls early on a Saturday morning in September from John Becker, the chair for the Class of ’48, asking if we were interested in becoming members of the class. As Mr. Becker’s rich New England baritone filled the phone, I remember thinking, “Who is this man? And why is he calling me at 7 a.m.?” I did not vocalize any of these concerns, of course, but agreed to attend an upcoming Class of ’48 function at the Hogan Campus Center.

The function was a ceremony in honor of a fallen classmate, William “Rocks” Gallagher. Rocks, who lost his sight as a boy, came to Holy Cross and went on to become president of the American Federation for the Blind. Many of Rocks’ classmates were gathered that day to dedicate a plaque that still hangs in the Hogan Center.

Much of the dedication was a blur—lots of silver hair and smiling, wrinkled faces. Maggie, Katie and I stood against a wall in the back of the room in silence. At the end of the dedication, Mr. Becker came over to us with the entire class in tow.

“These are our new friends,” he said, beaming.

We were mobbed. Hugs and handshakes from the men, kisses from the wives, everybody bringing out pictures of our grandfathers, red-faced and happy, at parties and reunions held long before. We went down to the baseball field afterward and tailgated along the third baseline, sipping homemade lobster bisque and getting to know our new friends.

There was another ceremony the following February—Maggie, Katie and I were officially inducted into the Class of 1948. A luncheon was held in Hogan and our families were invited. Each of us was presented with a framed certificate bestowing upon us “a standing invitation and welcome to...
participate in all reunions, special events and the fellowship and communications of this class.” It was a proud, complex day. We were all so happy, so touched to be included in the class the way we were, but the feeling that certain people were missing could not be denied.

In the years that followed, more honorary classmates were added—and the Class of ’48 kept tabs on all of us. Maggie starred for the women’s basketball team, and members of the class established the “Maggie Fontana Fan Club,” complete with a gigantic banner that they hung from the railing over the bleachers during home games.

Around my third year, I started doing standup comedy at Holy Cross. When Mr. Becker found out—and he had a way of finding out about everything—he insisted that I perform a routine for the class at the next meeting. Upsetting, terrifying, inappropriate—these were the words I thought the class would use to describe me after I’d performed for them. But it didn’t go that way. My 1948 classmates became my biggest supporters.

The amazing thing was how seriously the class took our inclusion. We weren’t just invited to Homecoming tailgates and mini-reunions. We were in on meetings and micro-meetings and organizational meetings to discuss future meetings. And we were given the opportunity to say what we thought was best for the class: During one of the last events I attended as a student, the subject of giving a gift to the graduating honorary classmates was brought up. When the issue was put up for a vote, I voted emphatically in favor of receiving a gift!

Of course, nothing stays the same forever. Maggie, Katie and I graduated in 2005 and spread across the Northeast. When we came back to Homecoming the following September, we couldn’t tailgate along the third baseline because of the upgrades made to the baseball field. This past Homecoming marked the first time in 10 years that the Class of ’48 didn’t host a mini-reunion—conflicting schedules and the increasing strains of age made it difficult for many of the classmates to attend.

I was in my final year of high school when my grandfather died. I had visited Holy Cross only once, when I was much younger, and had no intentions of going to the school. At the burial, a classmate of my grandfather’s, Bob Mulcahy, gave a brief speech. Honestly, I don’t remember everything he said. I know he spoke of loyalty and devotion and friendships that spanned lifetimes. I remember the sun shining through the trees and Mr. Mulcahy leaning against a post to support himself and my thinking that Holy Cross—for reasons I could never have known at the time—was where I needed to be.

Sometimes I wonder what the class thinks about the honorary classmates. Obviously they are happy and proud to have us around. But I think that when the original ’48ers look at us, they must really be thinking of the past and the future. They see Maggie or Katie or me, and they remember their classmates—our grandfathers—whom they knew as young men and probably always thought of as young men, even as they all became adults with jobs and families. And they think of the future, too, because one day the honorary classmates will be the only ones left to carry on the legacy of the Class of 1948.

In a way, it is the same for the honorary classmates. We look at the original members and think of our grandfathers—men whom we continue to love and miss. And we get a glimpse of our potential future lives. We see a group of people who, almost 60 years after their graduation, with whole lives and families and histories that existed outside the walls of Holy Cross, still find time to meet at a small school on a hill in Worcester, because the place is essential to who they are.
The General Alumni Association has announced the names of those alumni nominated to serve as officers and members of its board of directors.

Kristyn M. Dyer ’94 has been 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 20 alumni to be chosen annually for three-year terms, at least 10 of them as at-large members, and 10 of them drawn one each from the immediate graduating class and from each third class preceding the graduating class.

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

Any member of the GAA who would like to be so nominated should submit a petition to Patrick L. McCarthy ’63 by April 1. If any petition should be received, a ballot will appear in the next issue of Holy Cross Magazine so that alumni can vote for the candidate(s) nominated by petition. The names of newly elected officers and directors will be announced at the GAA’s annual banquet during Reunion Weekend. All alumni are invited to attend.

**PRESIDENT**

John R. Hayes Jr. ’91

John R. Hayes Jr. ’91 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 was 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 resides in Andover, Mass., with his wife, Nicole, and their two children, Mia and Jack.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Gregory H. Cahill ’81

Gregory H. Cahill ’81 is a senior vice president with Nordblom Company in Boston, a full service commercial/industrial real estate firm. A past president of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston, he is a recipient of its Crusader of the Year and Haberlin awards. Co-chair of the Club’s monthly lunch program, Cahill is a class agent and a longtime GAA director. His involvement with the GAA has included serving as a vice president and member of many committees—including nominating, regional clubs, alumni admissions and budget and finance. Cahill has conducted senior interviews for the Admissions Office. He and his wife, Vicky, reside in Wellesley, Mass., with their son, Peter.

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

Kathleen Troidle Jackson ’83

Kathleen Troidle Jackson ’83, 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 Jackson holds a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and a master’s degree in computer systems management from Creighton University, Omaha. Chair of the
scholarship and the IT committees and a class agent, she has also served on the nominating, communications, book prize and finance committees. Troidle Jackson is a resident of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**
Colleen F. Aman '92

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**
Brian A. O'Connell '71

**TREASURER**
Michael H. Shanahan '78

**SECRETARY**
Kristyn M. Dyer '94

**PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE**
Rev. Charles J. Dunn, S.J.

**2007-10 DIRECTORS YEAR GROUP**

1998-2007
Deirdre E. Gillin '02
Isaac D. Tesfay '04

1988-1997
Maureen E. Moran '89
Jennifer E. Burns '96

1978-1987
Roseann Fitzgerald '78
R. Thomas Mahon '85

1968-1977
Stephen J. Kelleher Jr. '71
Marilou Lang '76

1900-1967
Joseph H. Ballway Jr. '64
David G. Mahaney '63

**THE 2007-08 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
Maureen E. Moran '89
James E. Sparkes '71

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**Faculty Speakers Bureau announced**

The Faculty Speakers Bureau provides regional clubs an opportunity to host a senior faculty member for a presentation. Visit the “Alumni Education” page of the College Web site for a list of speakers and topics.

When regional clubs want to schedule a speaker, club presidents and their executive boards should generate a list of three or four names in order of preference and contact the director of the program, Rev. Philip C. Rule, S.J., by e-mail at prule@holycross.edu, or, by phone, at (508) 793-2561.

If individuals or groups of alumni have a particular professor or topic in mind, they should contact their regional Holy Cross Alumni Club. It is important that the process of arranging for a speaker begin at least three-to-four months before an event takes place. Presentations must be arranged around faculty teaching schedules, and planning time is needed to find a suitable date and location for the event.

As a rule of thumb the best times for scheduling a presentation are between Sept. 15 and Nov. 15 and between Jan. 15 and April 30. The beginning and end of both semesters are very busy times for faculty.

Alumni Relations will cover travel and overnight accommodations for the speakers. The local clubs are expected to cover local travel and meals. If special interest or affinity groups within a local club are interested in hosting speakers on particular topics, they should get in touch with the director of the program.
The General Alumni Association recently awarded scholarships to members of the Class of 2007 at its Homecoming meeting. The 2006-07 scholarship recipients are: Brian P. Abraham, son of Stephen ’79 and Mary Abraham; Jessica S. Acox, daughter of Thomas and Donna ’81 Acox; Lauren Ann Brown, daughter of Richard ’74 and Lynn Brown; Kerry L. Donahue, daughter of Michael ’70 and Diane Donahue; Matthew J. Drago, son of Joseph ’76 and Irene ’78 Drago; Maureen E. Gassert, daughter of Timothy ’81 and Mary Anne ’81 Gassert; Stephen I. Hansen, son of Stephen ’74 and Katherine Hansen; Maura K. Hume, daughter of Kevin ’70 and Marie Hume; Kaitlin V. McDonnell, daughter of Michael ’78 and Maureen ’77 McDonnell; Catherine A. Provenzano, daughter of Anthony ’80 and Diane ’81 Pronvenzano; Carroll Anne Skehan, daughter of Dennis ’69 and Margaret Skehan; Steven M. Sullivan, son of Paul ’74 and Linda ’75 Sullivan.

ATTENTION HOLY CROSS SNOWBIRDS!

Planning to stay warm this winter by heading to Florida? Don’t forget to update your address with the Alumni Office so that you will receive an invitation to one of the regional receptions planned for February! Call (508) 793-2418 or e-mail alumni@holycross.edu to provide us with your seasonal address.

Holy Cross General Alumni Association presents

CANADIAN ROCKIES BY RAIL
JULY 12-21, 2007

Rates:
Double: $3,599 per person / Single: $4,749

Includes round-trip airfare from Logan International Airport, Boston hotel transfers, air taxes and fees / surcharges of $75.

Details on GAA Web page and through the Alumni Office
I play basketball. Not professionally, certainly, but I feel confident teaching middle school kids the importance of maintaining a triple-threat position. But Rodney Baker ’74 spent three years teaching the Harlem Globetrotters. I can’t compete with skills like that. And when I ask him if he has any “moves,” he says, “I have more ’trotter moves than I wish I had.”

Baker and basketball have traveled together since he was a child. He played during his first year at Holy Cross and ended up coaching the JV team during his last year. He spent 14 years coaching the players’ camp with Coach George Blaney—whom he calls “as good a human being as I have ever been around.”

“Basketball is about knowing how to interact with people,” Baker says. “It’s about being even-keeled”—which is important when you are coaching a group of young globetrotters who endure a relentless season that begins the day after Christmas and runs through April. That’s 135 games a year—playing every day and twice on Sundays, with two teams that travel around the country together. These men are recruited from training camps around the world. They have to be good at their game, but also have good people skills. Every night ends with a 30-minute autograph session in front of hundreds of demanding fans.

“You have to have a really great personality to pull this off,” Baker notes.

And while he’s referring to the players, it’s clear that Baker himself exemplifies this great personality. He’s not new to this: Prior to his stint with the Globetrotters from 2002-05, Baker coached at Brown, Columbia, St. Joe’s, Tufts, Seton Hall, the University of California, Irvine, Cincinnati, Rutgers and Michigan. While at the Globetrotters, Baker was charged with improving the basketball portion of the team, but he still had to learn the entertainment skills that the ‘trotters are famous for—and he had to learn to recognize and recruit players who could pull them off. Clearly he has become quite the scout, recognizing not only talent, but also dedication. Several of the players he recruited for the ‘trotters have spent their entire careers with the team, which, for some, has meant a 20-year commitment.

Baker is now settled back home in Rochester as head coach of the ABA championship winning team, the Rochester RazorSharks.
How does a Holy Cross graduate go from Mount St. James to ESPNU? Thoughtfully.

When Burke Magnus ’88 graduated from Holy Cross, he faced the typical litany of questions from family and friends.

“I had people asking me, ‘Will you go to law school? How about business school? Will you teach?’” he recalls. “Frankly, I didn’t have a great sense of what I’d do for the next 40 years. But I knew I liked sports.”

Magnus worked as a legal assistant in New York and California, and now says that law school was “the best thing that never happened to me.” He spent time investigating the legal career path, but realized it wasn’t for him. Instead, he discovered the graduate sports program at the University of Massachusetts.

“I had no idea how to get into the sports industry,” Magnus says, “but I knew it was my passion, which is critical.”

He landed an internship for credit at CBS in New York, and got hooked on the programming side of sports entertainment.

“I learned rights and acquisitions and how to cut deals with the NFL and PGA tours for the network,” Magnus explains. “This side of the business is responsible for making the program schedule and maximizing audience ratings and revenue.”

His connections at CBS helped him get a job at ESPN, where he has been working for the past 11 years on NASCAR, the NFL, men’s college basketball, and, for the past two years, as general manager of the startup network, ESPNU.

“I love what I do,” Magnus says. “Holy Cross taught me how to write and how to communicate, which gave me the structure to be successful in almost anything. I just needed to follow my passion.”

“There isn’t any blueprint for a job like this,” he continues. “Lots of folks go through communications programs, but I think there’s nothing in a communication degree that would prepare you for the business side of this job better than a degree from Holy Cross.”

Magnus lives in Burlington, Conn.—just 12 miles from ESPN’s Bristol headquarters—with his wife, Colleen, his son, Burke, age 7, and his daughter, Quinn, age 5. He spends 150 days a year on the road maintaining relationships and attending all of the college sports conferences. His job requires him to be visible. “That’s part of the trade-off,” he notes. “Travel gets old, but it’s still exciting from time to time.”

And when he forgets about how exciting a Final Four or a Super Bowl can be, his Holy Cross buddies remind him.

“I have a core group of guys from Holy Cross that I’m in touch with regularly,” he says. “I take them to the Final Four, to the Super Bowls, and I get a little jaded at these events. But then I look over at my buddies and their faces are lit up like Christmas morning. It’s great.”

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**All Aunt Hagar’s Children: Stories**  
**BY EDWARD P. JONES ’72**

All Aunt Hagar’s Children (Amistad), by Edward P. Jones ’72, is a collection of 14 somber and poignant short stories, five of which have been published in The New Yorker. As in his previous collection of short fiction, Lost in the City, Jones centers his narratives on his native Washington, D.C., telling the stories of ordinary—yet morally complex—citizens who are caught between the old ways of the South and the temptations that await them further north. Their tales encompass a wide range of experiences and African-American perspectives—from a man who has kept the secret of his adultery for 45 years, to another whose most difficult task on leaving prison for murder is having dinner with his brother’s family. According to The New York Times Book Review, “the collection manages to stun on every page; there are too many breathtaking lines to count.”

A New York Times bestselling author, Jones has been awarded the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Critics Circle Award for his novel, The Known World; he was also the recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship in 2004.

**Enos Mills: Rocky Mountain Naturalist**  
**BY JOHN H. STANSFIELD JR. ’69**

In his biography, Enos Mills (Filter Press), John Stansfield ’69 tells the remarkable story of the man known as the “Father of Rocky Mountain National Park.” An avid outdoorsman, Mills overcame personal hardship to become a successful speaker, author, naturalist and businessman. He is best remembered as the driving force behind the creation of Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. In a highly readable style, Stansfield describes Mills’ exciting and adventure-filled life. The book also contains bonus sections that provide detailed accounts of the natural environments Mills explored as well as nature activities from his trail school.

Stansfield—storyteller, outdoorsman and award-winning author—resides in Colorado.

**The Cambridge History of Irish Literature 2 Volume Set**  
**EDITED BY PHILIP T. O’LEARY JR. ’70 AND MARGARET KELLEHER**

Philip O’Leary ’70 and Margaret Kelleher are the editors of The Cambridge History of Irish Literature 2 Volume Set (Cambridge University Press). Written in both English and Irish, the 28 chapters in this two-volume history provide an authoritative chronological survey of the Irish literary tradition. Spanning 15 centuries, the comprehensive volumes range from the earliest medieval Latin texts to those of the late 20th century. The contributors—drawn from a range of Irish, British and North American universities—are internationally renowned experts in their fields. Featuring a detailed chronology and guides to further reading for each chapter, this major work is poised to become the key reference to Irish literature.

O’Leary is a professor in the English department at Boston College.

**Sensible Stock Investing: How to Pick, Value, and Manage Stocks**  
**BY DAVID P. VAN KNAPP ’68**

Sensible Stock Investing (iUniverse), by David P. Van Knapp ’68, is a comprehensive, easy-to-follow guide for individuals who want to invest in stocks, but who are overwhelmed by conflicting information, opinions, investment theories and their own emotions. This book makes the stock market understandable and delivers advice tailored to the needs of the busy individual—whether a beginner or an experienced investor. Sensible Stock Investing presents the investment process in three phases and breaks them into discrete steps to show how the individual investor—in just a few hours per month—can develop a plan that outperforms most mutual funds, by investing intelligently and minimizing risk at every stage. The author provides readers with two proven portfolios to illustrate the success of his strategy.

A retired business executive and successful investor, Van Knapp resides in both Canandaigua, N.Y., and McKinney, Texas.
Local Treasures: Geocaching Across America
BY MARGOT ANNE KELLEY ’85
In Local Treasures (Center for American Places), photographer Margot Anne Kelley ’85 presents one of the first books on geocaching, the outdoor treasure-hunting game in which participants use the Global Positioning System to hide and seek containers all over the world. Kelley chronicles her geocaching adventures throughout the United States, from the rocky coasts of Maine to the deserts surrounding Las Vegas, to the starting point of the Mason-Dixon Line. Each of her striking, full-color photographs exposes a unique vision of America that is truly off the beaten path, often showcasing places with special meaning for the players alone. Kelley's accompanying writings explore the world of geocaching communities, their rare ability to integrate new technologies with the natural world, and their complex and often ambivalent relationships with the surveillance technologies that sustain the game.
Kelley, who serves as an adjunct faculty member in the photography department at the Art Institute of Boston, has residences in both Cambridge, Mass., and Tenants Harbor, Maine.

The Well-Made Historical Novels of American Regionalist Charles A. Brady, 1912-1995
BY JOSEPH P. LOVERING ’43
Joseph P. Lovering ’43 is the author of The Well-Made Historical Novels of American Regionalist Charles A. Brady, 1912-1995 (Edwin Mellen Press), an analysis of Brady's poetry, fiction, journalism and criticism. During his lifetime, Brady wrote four novels with strong historical foundations, ranging from the England of Henry VIII and Thomas More to the voyages of Leif Erickson. He also wrote two essays on the interplanetary trilogy of C.S. Lewis, which brought him significant praise from Lewis himself. In this book, Lovering comments on the extraordinary range of Brady's reviews, critical essays, lectures and interviews, providing a valuable introduction to the author's work—and engages the reader with his own critical judgments.
Lovering is professor emeritus of English and American literature at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y.

Cultural Revolutions: Reason Versus Culture in Philosophy, Politics, and Jihad
BY LAWRENCE E. CAHOONE
In his book, Cultural Revolutions (Pennsylvania State University Press), Lawrence E. Cahoon examines the meaning and function of culture in contemporary society. He argues that reason itself is cultural, but no less reasonable for it. While recent political and philosophical movements have recognized that cognition, the self and politics are embedded in culture, most fail to appreciate the deep changes in rationalism and liberal theory this implies, others leap directly into relativism, and nearly all fail to define culture. This book systematically defines culture, gauges the consequences of the ineradicably cultural nature of cognition and action, and yet argues that none of this implies relativism. Cahoon provides a theory of culture's role in how we form our sense of reality and argues that the proper conception of culture dissolves "the problem" of cultural relativism. Applying this perspective to Islamic fundamentalism, he identifies its conflict with the West as representing the break between two of three historically distinctive forms of reason. Rather than being "irrational," he shows that fundamentalism embodies a rationality only recently devalued—but not entirely abandoned—by the West.

Cahoon is an associate professor of philosophy at Holy Cross.

The Great New York Sports Debate
BY DAVID P. LENNON ’90 AND ROGER RUBIN
Sportswriters David Lennon ’90 and Roger Rubin are the authors of The Great New York Sports Debate (Plume), a rowdy and spirited examination of the 50 most contentious issues in New York athletics. Sure to incite the argumentative side of notoriously opinionated New Yorkers, this book features longtime friends and rivals, Lennon and Rubin, in heated debate on a wide range of topics, such as: Is George Steinbrenner good or evil? Which athlete is the biggest villain in New York? Can a New Yorker like “both teams”? Touching on every aspect of New York sports—including baseball, basketball, boxing and the New York Marathon—The Great New York Sports Debate is guaranteed to spark lively discussion among sports fans everywhere.
A staff writer for Newsday, Lennon is a member of the Baseball Writers’ Association of America and a Hall of Fame voter. He resides in New York City.
Elvis Comrie was one of those long-shot kids who needed someone to take a chance on him.

He lived in the toughest section of Brooklyn, an unforgiving sinkhole of poverty known as Bed-Stuy. Being a black Elvis and speaking with a decidedly English accent called “Brizzle” did not help.

“Coming to America at 12—Bed-Stuy was culturally shocking. I tried to camouflage my British accent. The neighborhood was predominantly black, but kids still mocked me, refusing to use my name and calling me ‘Cocoa’ after the cereal (Cocoa Krispies). I got a lot of stick,” recalls Elvis Comrie, the reigning Holy Cross men’s soccer coach for 16 past seasons.

Comrie’s father had immigrated to Brooklyn two years earlier than his wife and their four kids. Rupert Comrie came to get a foothold in America. “Dad wanted to put food on the table, clothes on our backs and a roof over our heads. We didn’t have much, but we had each other and never craved for anything else,” Comrie says.

Working as a day laborer, a truck driver and a heavy equipment operator, his father would do anything to make a buck. Elvis’ mom, Mazie, stayed home to nurture her two boys and two girls.

Born in Jamaica, his parents had migrated separately to England where they met, married and had children. In the city of Bristol, his dad eked out a living, driving a bus and doing odd jobs.

“I can remember him blocking those narrow streets.
with his double-decker just so he could dash up our tenement stairs, tuck us kids in and kiss us goodnight,” Comrie recounts. “He was my best mate. His family was his jewels.”

Growing up, Elvis—named in 1959 by his mom after rock legend Elvis Aaron Presley—was king of nothing. He had little going for him except a slight swagger that emerged from his one distinctive talent—an uncanny knack for dribbling a soccer ball. Soccer seemed to be part of his DNA, a genetic factor that he hoped would save him from a robotic life as a factory worker.

To Elvis, soccer was a magnificent obsession. On Saturday mornings, he would play for his school team, the Bristol Boys, then for a club team. On Sundays, he would perform for the Kingswood Rangers, a farm team that fed prospects to the professional Bristol City Robins. His Rangers’ coach, Cliff Morgan, would give young Elvis 50 pence to take the bus home and back for the next game. “I’d have enough change to buy a few biscuits, which I’d hide away to have with my tea,” Comrie says.

Many evenings were spent on the streets, playing one-on-one soccer with neighborhood kids. On the telly, he would watch Match of the Day. In his dreams, Elvis would replay his games and imagine himself as the second coming of Pele. His choices for the future seemed clear: pro soccer or the factories—or worse. Soccer gave him a reason to do well enough in school and instilled enough discipline to keep him out of trouble.

The Bristol City Robins took notice on afternoons when Elvis would flash through defenses and score three goals “to bring a smile to my father’s face.”

Elvis had speed, quickness and the cockiness of a winner. When he was not quite 13, Bristol City put a six-page contract in front of him, an offer to sign onto its apprentice program. “My father said ‘no.’ He took away my dreams. He demanded I finish my education first. I was furious,” says Elvis, now 47, and appreciative of his father’s wisdom.

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With the Comrie family reunited in Brooklyn, Elvis’ parents understood they had to get him away from Bed-Stuy for high school. So Elvis found himself getting on a bus at six each morning and taking the long ride to Fort Hamilton High in Bay Ridge. On soccer-practice days, Elvis wouldn’t get home until eight. He’d always be holding down some sort of part-time job. Elvis recalls working at Willie Mitchell’s grocery, until the store was stuck up, and Willie ran out firing his pistol at the fleeing robbers. “I never went back there,” Elvis says with a grin. He also remembers the time that a Good Humor Man driving an ice cream truck on his street was shot dead.

“The fear of failure motivated me to work harder and get out,” says Comrie.

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In soccer, Elvis’ talents flourished, drawing interest from the likes of Penn State and Connecticut, coached by Joe Morrone, a legend-in-waiting and The Pride of Worcester.

“We met Coach Morrone at my uncle’s house in Queens. We didn’t want him to know where I lived. I was a pretty cocky kid. I told Coach Morrone I didn’t like UConn that much and was still waiting word from Penn State. I wouldn’t sign the letter of intent from UConn,” explains Elvis.

Indeed Penn State rejected Elvis. Morrone returned. And Elvis signed.

“I told Coach I would win a national championship for him,” he says.

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Comrie looks back today and knows that Coach Morrone had taken a chance on the brash youngster from Bed-Stuy.

Elvis slipped into UConn’s department of home economics, becoming the only male blue-chip athlete in the nation majoring in fashion design.

He did not fit comfortably into the mold of Morrone’s old-school style. Elvis did not want to subdue his flair, his daring.

“I told Coach I was a creator and needed my freedom,”
Comrie recounts. Morrone pretty much told him there was only one Creator and He wasn’t named Elvis.

Morrone insisted his team play hardnosed defense. He drilled his players on every detail, every nuance of the game. Though their relationship would be testy, he corralled Elvis and got him to stop trying to get by six opponents in his own end. “We compromised. I wouldn’t do anything risky until I got to midfield!” Elvis recalls.

Elvis delivered as promised. On Dec. 6, 1981, UConn defeated Alabama A&M, 2-1, in overtime at Stanford Stadium to win the NCAA crown. Elvis had scored the game-winner in the semifinal victory over Eastern Illinois. Elvis and teammate Pedro DeBrito were selected to the All-America team for the 20-3-2 Huskies. Elvis stood alone, No.1 on the charts, named “Player of the Year” by Soccer America.

Now Coach Comrie—still ranked second in UConn career points scored (145)—echoes the sentiments of Morrone, a mentor he always “respected and trusted.” Comrie preaches self-discipline, teamwork and selflessness. And he searches always for a diamond in the rough, that borderline student who just needs to be given a chance to shine.

Comrie did not finish his degree in fashion design until 1986. The Montreal Manics drafted him as a senior to play in the North American Soccer League. Elvis emerged as an immediate star, earning runner-up honors in the league’s Rookie of the Year voting.

With indoor and outdoor soccer leagues and franchises popping up and down, Comrie took his all-star act on the road. In Chicago, for the Sting. In Maryland, for the Bays. Even to France. Finally, he tried to settle into becoming a stockbroker. That foray ended with a thud on Black Monday, that September day in 1987 when the market plummeted.

Finally, Comrie sat down to write a candid self-evaluation. He thought about things he might be good at. On the top of the page, he scrawled “helping kids who need a chance.”

Opportunity knocked when his friend Shaun Green, head coach at Central Connecticut, needed an assistant. With Comrie aboard, Central Connecticut went 15-3, earning a Top 5 ranking in New England. In 1991, Comrie applied for the head Holy Cross spot, then a part-time position. He was hired by Athletics Director Ron Perry ’54—himself a championship-caliber, All-American athlete who had been an outstanding coach.

Comrie’s 1993 team climbed into the New England’s Top 10 ranking. In 1995, Comrie was named Patriot League Coach of the Year, an award he received again in 1999 and 2001.
Then came the men’s soccer team’s finest hour in its 39-year history. The 2002 Crusaders, stocked with 17 seniors in Comrie’s best recruiting class, attained a Top 25 national ranking. Holy Cross posted a record 13 victories and made its first NCAA tournament before bowing to Fairleigh Dickinson on penalty kicks in the opening round.

To build a program dotted with success, Elvis paid a price. His job didn’t become designated as full time until 1996. Before that, he earned a meager salary, which he supplemented by running his own soccer clinics and driving throughout the Northeast and beyond to work at others. He operated more like a jazz musician seeking out gigs. On his own dime, in his own car, Elvis went on scouting forays, volunteering at talent jamborees such as the South Florida Showcase, using his charm and reputation to make soccer contacts, hoping to hook a hot recruit.

He laughs, recalling Bill Bellerose ’77, associate athletics director, once calling him on the carpet to question why his phone bills were more than the tab for football and basketball combined. With a pitittance in his recruiting budget and no full-time staff, Elvis had only one way to recruit: chatting prospects up for hours on the phone.

He sells the Holy Cross experience. “You can feel connected here. It’s a place where you can make a difference. Professors know you by name and promote dialogue …” are the lyrics in every Elvis recruiting song. “What will separate you from millions of other students is the quality of the school you attend. Holy Cross is the top of the line,” he tells prospects.

Elvis knows his soccer recruits are a different breed than the kids from the streets of Bristol and Bed-Stuy. He tells stories to demonstrate. One player came to him to ask to take the season off, calling it a “sabbatical.” Why? He wanted more time to campaign for class president. Often, Comrie says, bus-trip conversations center on the environment and politics, not the timing of corner-kicks.

Elvis arrived in Worcester as a newlywed. With his bride, Yana, and their kids, the couple moved into a two-bedroom flat above a store. Now residing in Bloomfield, Conn., they have worked hard bringing up their children the right way. Yana has risen to become a regional manager of the clothing boutique chain Jasmine Sola, where Elvis’ stepdaughter, Chanelle, serves as director of marketing. His other stepdaughter, Misty Ray, is a sophomore at Loyola-Maryland. Their son, Omari, is a sophomore at Northwest Catholic in West Hartford and a budding left wing. Elvis’ mom lives in Orlando, Fla. His dad died of cancer six years ago.

This year Comrie finally got his field of dreams. For years, soccer has been a campus vagabond. Men’s and women’s teams have played on the outfields of Fitton, and on the pastures, the football practice fields and the multipurpose AstroTurf behind the Hart Center.

This season, Comrie and women’s coach, Deb Flaherty, had a first-rate field to call their own. The new Linda Johnson Smith Soccer Stadium is magnificent by all standards. The $3 million, 1,320-seat illuminated field is graced by the Greene Family Plaza, donated by Mike Greene ’84. It is naturally seeded and outfitted with pro-style nets, a press box, a striking scoreboard and European-style bench shelters.

The day before the last home game, Elvis toured the campus with nine recruits. Usually the sloped, make-do soccer pasture was the last place Comrie would reveal to prospects. Now the new field is his first and best pitch.

“The word on the street is Holy Cross has the top of the line,” Comrie explains.

The facility will help his recruiting efforts. His old promise to recruits—that the new field would be in place before they were seniors—is no longer a running joke.

The College’s last home game this fall came against Harvard, a night match in a steady rain. About 35 umbrellas could be counted. Harvard bolted to a 3-nil advantage on the emerald-green jewel glistening atop a nearly abandoned hilltop.

Suddenly, the Crusaders caught fire. Josh Trott ’07 boomed in a goal and then followed with another on a penalty kick. Now it was 3-2 as the excitement sounded like an echo in a hollow. If there had been a band, it would have exploded in sound. If there were a crowd, it would have roared. The Crusaders were on the verge of a stunning upset. Another shot went just wide right. “We showed great heart, desire, passion,” exuded Comrie afterwards, ignoring how Harvard stemmed the tide to win 5-2.

Coach Comrie walked off the new pitch with renewed pride. And so did his players, who had a chance to prove themselves. Without much fanfare, the Crusaders did themselves proud.

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.
In a pickup game, she reverse-cuts smartly toward the hoop, reaching out with her right hand to cradle a pass whipped from a teammate. She has made that move thousands of times without incident. This time the whirring ball cracks her index finger.

“Never broken a bone before,” says Sherry Levin ’84, her finger wrapped tightly on a metal splint. “Maybe my nose got bent once or twice, but I never sat out.”

Indeed, Levin had never missed a game. Not at Newton North High. Not at Holy Cross through 103 hoop battles playing for her Zen Master of Hustle, Togo Palazzi ’54. Not during countless summer leagues, tournaments, hoop camps and clinics.

Nowadays, Ms. Levin—Holy Cross’ leading lady in career scoring—is playing pickup astride the teenagers she coaches at Worcester Academy. She may be slightly more brittle at 44, but remains very fit. Her girls are amazed when Coach Levin unhesitatingly dives to the hardwood for a loose ball.

Little wonder Levin has come full circle and ended up coaching the game that she describes as her “passion.”

That she would be an extraordinary athlete seemed evident early on. Her dad, Haskell Levin, owned an office equipment company and held season tickets for all the Boston games. You name the big event and Sherry had a ringside seat: Bobby Orr in flight, winning the 1971 Stanley Cup for the Bruins; the Celtics triple-overtime victory over Phoenix; Carlton Fisk’s dramatic 1975 World Series homer; and on and on.

Sherry excelled in soccer, leading the junior high boys teams to victory. She ran track, even medaling in the Maccabiah Games. She attended summer camps and year-round clinics near and far—emerging as a Newton (Mass.) North basketball sensation.

At Holy Cross, she was an absolute wonder woman. Recall that she played in an era when college women still used the
same big ball as the men and the three-point shot had not been adopted. Levin scored 2,253 points, leading the talented Lady Crusaders to an amazing 82-21 record. By comparison, Ronnie Perry '80, the College's men's career leader, scored 2,524 points in 109 games. Sherry hit double figures 101 times. She shot 81.5 percent from the foul line. Most importantly, Palazzi, with Levin as his go-to gal, put Holy Cross women's basketball on the Division 1 map, laying the foundation for Billy Gibbons' highly successful program.

Hearing a classic Togo pep talk at a schoolgirl clinic, Levin became a true believer. After her dad overheard someone at a game saying Togo was taking over the Holy Cross women's program, Sherry called Palazzi to express interest in becoming a Lady Crusader. "I was just going to call you," Togo replied nonchalantly.

"I had full scholarship offers from Boston College and Boston University," Levin explains. "But I trusted Togo and I believed in his passion. You go with your heart."

Levin accepted Holy Cross' first full athletic scholarship to a woman. She became a rarity—an athlete of Jewish faith at a Catholic college gaining All-America honors (1984 Kodak First Team District 1, First Team Jewish All America).

"In my entire experience at Holy Cross, I never heard a negative or rough remark about my faith. Everyone was supportive. I received notes of encouragement from Father (John E.) Brooks who came to all our games, as did Father (Earle) Markey, Father (Francis) Miller and many others on the faculty."

"We completely bought into Togo's message. He'd tell us every time we put on our uniforms that we were representing ourselves, our families, our college," says Levin. "He told us if we gave it our very best, we'd never look back with regrets. A team reflects its coach, and we reflected Togo's fire."

Longtime fans from the days when Togo played the Worcester Auditorium flocked to the Hart Center. So did Sherry's dad and mom, Leona, and sister, Nancy, other family and friends and members of the Jewish community. So did hoop lovers who were being won over by the women's game.

Today, Levin spreads Togo's gospel as revealed to him by his Old Testament coach, Buster Sheary, who molded the 1954 NIT champs.

She learned her lessons well. In her first five seasons at Worcester Academy, Levin elevated the program to Class A competition with a remarkable 104-21 record. Last season, she inspired her girls to an undefeated 24-0 campaign and Worcester Academy's first New England girls' prep school championship.

Levin's career path is studded with such success stories. She became a stellar analyst on the national and regional scene (Fox Network, ESPN, NESN), with celebrity sidekicks like Cheryl Miller, Nancy Lieberman, Ann Meyers and Mimi
Griffith. She handled play-by-play as the UConn women won the 1995 NCAA championship. She interviewed the game's giants like Pat Summit and Geno Auriemma. For the past 15 years, she has run her own summer camp at Brandeis University. She has produced TV shows for the PGA Tour. She has chaired the United States program for the Maccabiah Games.

When her daughter Marcia was born in 1996, Sherry modified her nonstop schedule. A budding fourth-grade singer and actress, Marcia is always at her mom’s side. She goes to her mom’s games and her mom is there for all her stage performances. Marcia performed impressively as the Lion in a recent production of the Wizard of Oz. Now a single mom, Sherry acknowledges her schedule and career goals are being tempered by her desire to be with Marcia. They live next door to Sherry’s parents in Newton and near her sister’s family.

Her decision to coach came quickly when she accepted an assistant’s opening at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Soon Worcester Academy, wanting to upgrade its girls program, came knocking. In 2001, Pat Smith ’95—a former Holy Cross hoopster, succeeded Smith as athletics director. Levin, who entered a comfort zone with all those College connections, knows the job allows her the flexibility to spend more time with her daughter.

Now in her sixth season, Levin has levitated Worcester Academy from doormat to powerhouse and has college programs wooing her. “I love the kids. I love coaching. Worcester Academy is a great fit for me,” Levin enthuses.

When she needs advice, Coach Sherry still calls on Coach Togo. He has been there beside her always. At her wedding. At temple ceremonies when Marcia was named. There when she was inducted into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame (1989) and the Newton North Hall of Fame (2005).

This autumn past, Sherry and Togo shared another special moment. They embraced, their eyes glistening with memories and mutual admiration. Moments later Levin walked across a stage to applause as she entered the portals of the New England Basketball Hall of Fame where Palazzi already resides. Her favorite coach and his favorite player, together again and evermore.

**Daniel J. Bresnahan** writes that he continues to serve as an associate professor in the graduate school at the College of New Rochelle in New York; a longtime educator, he has taught educational law at the college for the past 16 years. William R. Peck Jr., who, prior to retirement, worked 31 years as Yellow Page advertising sales manager for the New England Telephone Co.—now Verizon—and 12 years in appliance sales for Sears, writes that he is now driving for the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The Sept. 26 edition of the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* included an article about Thomas W. Heinsohn and his work as an artist; according to the article, several of his paintings are on display at the Art Emporium in Westboro, Mass. A member of the Boston Celtics basketball team from 1956-65 and team coach from 1969-78, Heinsohn currently serves as a sports broadcaster/color commentator for the Celtics on Fox Sports New England.

Studies in Los Angeles honored James D. Power III as its “Entrepreneur of the Year” for 2006. Power, founder of the Westlake, Calif.-based consumer ratings and research firm J.D. Power & Associates, was also invited to serve last October as the keynote speaker at the 20th annual New England Business Expo, held at the DCU Center in Worcester.

The Stony Brook (N.Y.) University Medical Center announced in June the appointment of John S.T. “Jack” Gallagher as special consultant for hospital network development—with responsibility for the creation of a network of healthcare alliances; Gallagher had most recently served as the interim chief executive officer of the Stony Brook University Hospital. Last October, the University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business, Lloyd Greif Center for Entrepreneurial

**Paul A. Bornstein** writes that, at a recent meeting of VFW Post 1288, he was honored with a decoration and a life membership for having served two years as post commander. Rev. Richard A. Brobst recently announced his retirement from active ministry, effective last May, following 40 years of service in the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio.

The Aug. 12 edition of the Marlborough, Mass., weekly newspaper *Main Street Journal* included a story about John J. “Jack” Ginnetti and his recent induction into the Communicators’ Corner of the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in Goshen, N.Y.; selected by his peers, Ginnetti was recognized “for his significant contributions to the industry.” A longtime member of the United States Harness Writers Association, he had served many years as president of its New England chapter.

George P. Royall writes that he recently started a non-profit organization called “The Help Network” (www.help-network.org), with a focus on assisting individuals or families with special needs, by utilizing
In keeping with the Holy Cross tradition, members of the Class of 1963 share a deep respect for each other, a strong commitment to the College and a firm dedication to provide service to others.

And, when one of its own, Kevin Lawler, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) in 1976 at 36 years old, the class truly came together to offer its support.

By the time of the 25th reunion, Lawler had been severely disabled by the disease, requiring full-time, at-home care. After the reunion in 1988, class members presented the Lawlers with a handicapped-accessible Ford Econoline van and a portable wheelchair. The gift was also the beginning of the “Holy Cross Class of 1963 Foundation,” established to help class members in times of need.

“They asked me if they could give the van to Kevin and I said ‘yes,’” Anne Lawler explains. “It was very generous. It’s hard to be on the receiving end of generosity. People’s natural inclination is to give.”

Lawler now lives in a nursing home in Allendale, N.J., where each week he talks to classmate Mike Toner, who has been friends with Kevin since their first year in high school.

“This class is a very special group,” Toner says, “with an extraordinary bond to each other, which we all cherish. We love to hear about each other’s adventures in life. We feel good about each other’s successes and, more importantly, we feel empathy and sympathy for those times when life gives us a raw deal—Kevin Lawler being a prime example.”

Over the years, the 1963 Foundation has continued to help the Lawlers, as well as other members of the class. But this past August, some of Kevin’s closest friends—including Toner, Charlie Buchta, Phil Martorelli and David McMahon—decided to create a special tribute to their classmate.

At different times in the past, the group had gathered for smaller reunions near Saratoga, N.Y., the site of the Saratoga Race Course. Operating since 1864, it is one of the oldest and most famous horse tracks in the nation. When Martorelli discovered that there was a possibility of having a race named after someone, the group immediately thought of their pal, Kevin.

So, on Aug. 16, the sixth race of the day at Saratoga Track became “The Kevin Lawler Inspirational.” More than 80 alumni and their spouses attended the event, which received prominent media coverage.

Anne was floored by the honor and Kevin was thrilled.

“Kevin just goes about life being himself, so it was very inspiring to him,” Anne says. “It was a beautiful gift for them to acknowledge how he has coped with his illness all these years.”

“Holy Cross is an incredible community,” Kevin says. “We are all very close and my classmates have been amazingly supportive.”

Anne traveled with her sister to the race to present the trophy to the winning jockey. The friends’ dedication to Kevin did not surprise her.

“It’s the most altruistic, generous, thoughtful class of men,” she says.

“When I first learned of Kevin’s illness, I knew so little about it,” says Buchta, who calls Kevin his closest and most admired friend. “And in the beginning, it did not appear to have much apparent impact—but, as the years went by, the disease did its damage.

“Kevin went through tough times physically and emotionally,” Buchta continues. “He has shown remarkable resiliency, humility, humor, courage and character—as such, he has been an extraordinary role model for me, his family, friends, classmates and all who come into contact with him. He is truly an inspiration.”
the resources of friends, colleagues and alumni on a pro bono or sliding-scale basis.

1960
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
GEORGE M. FORD
GEORGE F. SULLIVAN JR.
The Oct. 6 edition of the weekly newspaper Watertown (Mass.) Tab & Press included an announcement of a lecture on Oct. 12 by Massachusetts Department of Veterans’ Services Secretary Thomas G. Kelley, at the Watertown Free Public Library, about his Vietnam experience. A 30-year surface warfare officer in the Navy prior to his retirement in 1990, and a veteran of the Vietnam War, Kelley was appointed commissioner of the Department of Veterans’ Services in 1999; he assumed the position of secretary in August 2003. Robert A. Melley has recently published two books, The Strait and The Hostage.

1962
CLASS CHAIR
WILLIAM J. O’LEARY JR.
The Oct. 4 edition of the Fitchburg, Mass., newspaper, Sentinel & Enterprise, included a profile of Rev. John E. Doran, who currently serves as the pastor of St. Leo’s Church in Leominster, Mass.; according to the article, local members of the Serra Club had scheduled a special public event in Leominster last October, in honor of his work in the region. In addition to performing pastoral work during his 40-year ministry, Fr. Doran had also been a longtime chaplain of Catholic Charities for the North Central Massachusetts region and a chaplain of the U.S. Army Reserve; he retired in 2000 with the rank of lieutenant colonel, following 25 years of service.

1963
CLASS CHAIR
CHARLES J. BUCHTA
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
MICHAEL J. TONER
James P. Kelliher was recently selected as the 2006 recipient of the Tun Tavern Society of Central Massachusetts John Vincent Power Award of Merit. A decorated Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War, Kelliher currently serves as chairman of the social studies department at North High School in Worcester; during his career, he also coached American Legion Baseball for more than 25 years and served as head baseball coach at St. Peter-Marian Central Catholic and Burncoat high schools in Worcester. The Oct. 3 edition of the Fall River, Mass., Herald News, included an announcement of the election of Frederick R. Sullivan as vice chair of the Bristol Community College board of trustees; Sullivan, who had worked in the banking industry prior to retirement, had most recently served as executive vice president for FirstFed American Bancorp, Inc., First Federal Savings Bank of America. John K. Zawacki, M.D., and his wife, Leona, were among several individuals honored at the annual White Mass celebrated in October at St. Paul Cathedral in Worcester, for members of the healthcare profession. John currently serves as a professor of medicine at the University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.

1964
CLASS CHAIR
RONALD T. MAHEU
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
WILLIAM S. RICHARDS
William R. “Bill” Fehlner writes that he recently retired from the Canadian subsidiary of the SAS Institute, following 17 years as an instructor and a consultant. Andrew J. McKenna writes that he has taught French at the Loyola University of Chicago for 30 years.

1965
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
DAVID J. MARTEL
THOMAS F. MCCABE JR.
David J. Martel has recently been appointed to serve a six-year term on the Massachusetts Commission on Judicial Conduct—established in 1978 to investigate allegations of misconduct by state judges. Martel has been an attorney with the Springfield, Mass., law firm Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury & Murphy P.C., for 25 years. The Boston College Alumni Association recently announced that Mark L. O’Connell has been selected as the recipient of its 2006 Alumni Award of Excellence in public service; O’Connell, who serves as president of the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, has been an executive with United Way for 36 years.

1966
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
KENNETH M. PADGETT
REV. JOHN A. WORTHLEY
Last April, the John Carroll Society, a Catholic lay organization based in Washington, D.C., honored John M. Facciola with one of its 2006 John Carroll Medals; a magistrate judge for
A Lofty Anniversary Recalling the first climb of Mount Holy Cross
By Karen Sharpe

The Mount of the Holy Cross in Colorado’s Rocky Mountains is as desolate as it is beautiful. From the peak of neighboring Notch Mountain, the vision of the snow-filled cross for which it is named is iconic.

Revered by the Ute Indians for its majesty and isolation, the mountain was later immortalized by Longfellow in his poems “Evangeline” and “The Cross of Snow”—in the early 1900s, it was said to harbor faith-healing properties.

But, at 14,005 feet, the mountain is not a gentle one, having claimed the lives of some who attempted to climb it—one as recently as last year. Its elevation alone is enough to weaken those not acclimated to such conditions, and, in winter, the risks for hikers are abundant.

Forty years ago, on Jan. 2, 1966, a team of Holy Cross students made history by completing the first recorded winter ascent of the mountain—marking its peak with a Holy Cross banner and a bronze plaque.

In the summer of 1965, John Worthley, then traveling the country before his final year at Holy Cross, learned of the Mount of the Holy Cross in a story in the Denver Post. The Mount is part of the Sawatch Range of mountains in the Rockies, which also include the official collegiate peaks of Harvard, Princeton, Yale and Columbia.

After traveling to Vail and getting a look at the peak, Worthley “decided then and there that we, the Class of 1966, should climb it.”

“It was as senior class president—not as an individual—that I got the class council to agree to offer $1,966 to the first Crusader to scale our mountain,” he explains.

After separating the ambitious from the experienced, a team of hikers from the class was chosen to attempt the climb: Peter Will, Ed Drinan and Pat McDermott—as well as Peter Kenney ’68. They were joined by photographer and guide Jerry Sinkovec of Vail, Colo.

“I bit at it immediately,” recalls Will, who had been climbing in the White Mountains a few times. “I had been struggling with organic chemistry—the ‘must do’ course to get in to medical school,” he explains. “Anything else sounded great—and the mountain represented adversity to me. I always thought there wasn’t anything I couldn’t do, and this was the first really insurmountable wall I had run up against.

“It was beginning to dawn on me that being a physician in small-town Colorado just may not happen for me after all,” Will continues. “I wasn’t aware yet that life will bring you many insurmountable challenges, but the real test is in knowing yourself well enough to pick your battles.”

The team began the climb on Dec. 31, 1965 and hit adversity almost immediately: Following a snowmobile ride to the trailhead, the Crusaders discovered they had faulty snowshoes for the conditions—and were only able to move about three-quarters of a mile in waist-to-chest high snow before setting up camp.

Travel the next day improved, but Kenney became ill with a fever. Pushing on, the group hoped to make it to an abandoned miner’s camp near the East Cross Creek—despite setting off a small avalanche along the way. Once there, Kenney agreed to stay put and wait for the others to return following their descent.

With Kenney settled, the four remaining men continued the
trek, but not without more drama: about an hour after leaving the camp, Drinan fell through the snow into a hidden portion of the East Cross Creek. Temperatures were sub-zero and a soaking like that in those conditions could be fatal. The men stopped and set up their cookstoves; Sinkovec and McDermott shared their clothing with Drinan until his dried out—while Will pushed on, breaking trail to a high ridge where he started setting up camp.

“It was a team effort,” recalls Will, “and even though we were all strong, individualistic-type people, we pulled together well.”

The next day, Jan. 2, dawned sunny but frigid, and the group left camp early. All had barely slept. With winds ranging from 20-to-100 miles per hour and temperatures forcing them to stop every 20 feet or so to warm frostbitten areas on their faces, they pressed forward, finally reaching the summit at 2 p.m.

“The summit was spectacular,” Will says. “The elated feeling was beyond words—and the view was clear, with other mountain ranges over 50 miles away easily visible.”

Along with the banner and plaque, each member left a memento, including a photo, a scarf and a rosary.

Following a safe descent, the climbers were met by Rev. Tom Stone of nearby Minturn “in a Snowcat at trail’s end—with a bottle of whiskey and dispensation for missing the Holy Day’s services,” Will says.

Kenney was brought down the mountain in a helicopter provided by the Vail ski patrol.

The team’s feat is memorialized in the book, Colorado’s Fourteeners, although the actual time of arrival at the summit was recorded incorrectly, Will notes.

Even though they bore each other through such diversity, after graduation, the hikers all went their separate ways—and, in the 40 years since, have rarely crossed paths.

Now a Colorado periodontist, Will has since climbed the Mount of the Holy Cross twice—one with family members and once with his wife and members of the Colorado Holy Cross Alumni Club.

Worthley, who became a priest, had returned to the Mount in the summer of 1967 and made the climb to retrieve the banner and the plaque. Both items were returned to Holy Cross, along with a painting donated by a Denver artist.

“The painting has hung at Holy Cross ever since, and, at our 40th class reunion this past June we all got a look at it,” notes Fr. Worthley.

Though Will says he has since stopped climbing mountains, he treasures the experience and memories—keeping many photos, news clippings and a journal of the event.

Still a traveler, Fr. Worthley has been assigned to China since 2003 to help Mother Teresa’s sisters establish a presence there and to facilitate diplomatic relations discussions between the Vatican and Beijing.

He is also still a bit of a gamer, offering up a new challenge: “The venerable Class of ’66 challenges the Class of 2007 to climb our Mount this year!”
U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas ’71 made the video presentation on his behalf. Douglass is serving his fourth term as a judge on the State Court of Glynn County, Ga. Francis L. “Buzz” Giknis Jr. is the director of corporate marketing for the Georgia-Pacific Corp. in Atlanta. The Sept. 19 edition of the Exeter (N.H.) News-Letter included an article about Kevin B. King and his selection by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts as a recipient of one of its 2007 Individual Artist Fellowships, in recognition of “artistic excellence and professional commitment.” A poet, King is also the author of the novel All the Stars Came Out That Night, published in 2005; he currently serves as a writing instructor for non-native speakers of English at the New Hampshire Community Technical College and Northern Essex Community College.

1969

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
DAVID H. DRINAN
JAMES W. IGOE
ROBERT G. POWDERLY

Rev. John F. Baldovin, S.J., notes that he was recently selected by the North American Academy of Liturgy as the next recipient of its distinguished Berakah Award; Fr. Baldovin serves as a professor of historical and liturgical theology at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass. The Oct. 6 edition of the Brockton, Mass., newspaper Enterprise included an article about Robert A. Johnson on the occasion of his retirement as special assistant to the superintendent of the Randolph (Mass.) public school system; during his 37-year tenure at Randolph High School, Johnson had taught English, coached the varsity hockey team and served as principal, among other duties. Rev. Bruce N. Teague writes that he was invited to serve as the Roman Catholic priest/chaplain for the 2006 interfaith retreat “Bearing Witness,” which took place last November at the site of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps in Poland, on the 60th anniversary of the Shoah.

1970

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
ANTHONY M. BARCLAY
JOHN R. DOYLE, M.D.

The Aug. 23 edition of the weekly newspaper Rumford Falls (Maine) Times included the announcement that Michael C. Aube has been awarded the Accredited Adviser in Insurance designation and diploma by the Insurance Institute of America. Aube, who has worked in the insurance industry since 1970, currently serves as president of the Aube-McInnes Insurance Agency in Rumford. Rev. Robert P. “Bob” Henry writes that he continues to serve as the pastor of St. Ann’s Church in Nyack, N.Y., and do outreach to people and parishes in Haiti and Ghana. Dennis L. Kennelly continues to practice employment law at Menlo Park, Calif. Brian T. Mahon, who continues to practice law with the Meriden, Conn., firm Weigand, Mahon & Adelman, was recently elected judge of Probate Court for the District of Meriden. Fred S. McChesney continues to teach at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. John R. Morgan writes that, since his recent retirement from Chesterfield (Va.) County, he is now serving as a senior policy analyst at Voices for Virginia’s Children in Richmond.

1971

CLASS CHAIR
ROBERT T. BONAGURA
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
JEROME J. CURA JR.

Thomas N. Lyons, a judge of the New Jersey Superior Court, was recently elevated to the Appellate Division, effective this past November. Louis A. Rizoli writes that he was recently honored by the Massachusetts Legislators Association for his more than 20 years of service as chief legal counsel to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. The University of Georgia, Athens (UGA), recently announced the selection of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice, Clarence Thomas, as speaker for the annual Blue Key Awards banquet taking place last October at the university—and, also, as a recipient of a Blue Key Service Award from the UGA chapter of the Blue Key National Honor Society—presented, since 1964, “to distinguished citizens who have made important contributions to the nation, state, UGA and their community.”

1972

CLASS CHAIR
ALLAN F. KRAMER II

Thomas H. “Ty” Brennan III is the director of information technologies at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I. Bruce A. Chamberlin writes that, in September 2004, he and a partner started the franchise company Family Financial Centers, which now has 20 locations in five states; he adds that his writings and poetry have been published in several business and literary magazines and quarters.
Helping Lost Teens Find Their Way

By Karen Sharpe

The teenagers who end up at Malley Farm Boys Home in Somersworth, N.H., are the lost boys of the New Hampshire seacoast: their families are shattered—and they are at risk of succumbing to drugs and crime.

If Mark Sipple ’78 had his way, they would all discover what it means to trust, to feel confident and to dream. But Sipple, executive director of the residential program, knows such ambitions are impossible. With every success story of a Malley Farm boy who graduates high school and goes on to have a career and family, there is one of a boy who does end up in jail, or worse.

“I have very highs and real lows,” Sipple says. “You have to be able to deal with that mixture, and it makes the successes so much sweeter. It gets you thinking how mysterious life is and how hard it is to make sense out of it all. Every day, we’re just trying to bring new hope and vision and self-esteem to someone’s life.”

Sipple, 50, has spent half his life dedicated to showing the most disillusioned, disadvantaged boys that not only is there hope for a better life, but that it is within reach. Sipple found his calling 25 years ago at the then-fledgling Malley Farm Boys Home following his return to the United States after a three-and-a-half year stint in Honduras with the Peace Corps.

“We’ve been through everything, every situation you could imagine—boys trying to kill themselves, fighting, stealing, running away,” Sipple says. “Society would say just lock them up, but we try to save them before that’s a reality.”

While such a challenging career could lead to burnout, Sipple has made it his life—essentially being on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week—even sharing his home with boys on holidays. He credits his staff and his family’s support as key to his—and the program’s—success.

“Many of my co-workers have been here 15-to-20 years,” Sipple says. “We have an environment for the people I work with that is very family-like and would be hard to duplicate.”

At any given time, Malley Farm houses 12-to-17 teenage boys, providing them with a stable home-like environment, along with educational, vocational and coping skills. Hundreds of boys have passed through the program since its beginnings, and many have returned to offer gratitude and thanks.

It was at the College that Sipple found his idealism and his mission to help others.

“At Holy Cross, I was really able to move in the direction of my dreams,” he says, “and the new generations seem to be reaching out to find something special in this world as well.

“It’s great to see students look beyond themselves to their less fortunate neighbors,” he continues. “We don’t all have equal shots in life, and for a lot of people it’s a miracle that they are surviving. Holy Cross students realize that. And it opens them up to the bigger picture of the world.”
Jeffrey P. Nogas writes that he recently received his master’s degree in elementary education from the University of Hartford and is currently teaching fifth grade in East Hartford, Conn.

1977
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
BRIAN A. CASHMAN
KATHLEEN T. CONNOLLY
Rev. Michael I. Beckner writes that he has been elected to serve a third consecutive term as moderator and president of the Greater Boston Baptist Association; he adds that he has formerly served as the chairman of the board of the Baptist Convention of New England. The Oct. 3 edition of the Athol (Mass.) Daily News included an announcement that the first annual exhibition of local fine art—called “Local Color”—planned to take place Oct. 7 at the Tully Lake Campground in Royalston, Mass., was scheduled to include the work of sculptor Thomas W. Kellner; in addition to teaching sculpture at Anna Maria College in Paxton, Mass., Kellner also serves as a member of the board of selectmen in Royalston. Dennis M. Keogh writes that he has been promoted to senior vice president, U.S. marketing, with Coty Prestige—maker of fragrances from Calvin Klein, Marc Jacobs and Kenneth Cole, among others. Philip V. Sarcione, who recently retired as a special agent of the FBI following 20 years of service, has been appointed associate professor and director of the new corporate and Homeland Security undergraduate program at Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.


1978
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
MARCIA HENNELLY MORAN
MARK T. MURRAY
MICHAEL H. SHANAHAN
Last September, DPL Inc., Dayton, Ohio, announced the appointment of Paul M. Barbas as president and chief executive officer of the company and its principal subsidiary, The Dayton Power and Light Company, effective Oct. 2. Paul B. Brickfield, who continues to practice as a criminal defense attorney in New Jersey, writes that he recently received certification from the New Jersey Supreme Court as a criminal trial lawyer—and that he has been elected a trustee of the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey. Ann S. Dowd was a member of the cast of the play Splitting Infinity, by Jamie Pachino—performed last July at the Clurman Theatre in New York City, as part of the 3rd annual Summer Play Festival. The Sept. 2 edition of the Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin included an article about the promotion of Arnold O. Lotring to rear admiral; a longtime member of the Navy, Lotring has recently served as commanding officer of the Submarine Learning Center in Groton, Conn.; last June he was honored by the Norwich Rotary Club and the Woman’s City Club of the organizations’ 2006 Native Son award. Last September, NCR Corporation, based in Dayton, Ohio, announced the appointment of Colleen A. O’Keefe to the position of vice president and general manager of its payment solutions business, a provider of imaged-based services to the finance and retail industries; O’Keefe, who joined NCR in 2002, had most recently served as vice president of global managed services for the company’s worldwide customer services division. Jan-Renée (Harding) Shields is currently in her second-year apprenticeship as an electrician.

MARRIED: Jan-Renée Harding and Douglas S. Shields Sr., on March 3, 2005.

1979
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
GLENNON L. PAREDES
DEBORAH A. PELLES
Lisa M. Fleming, a partner in the Boston law firm Bromberg & Sunstein, has recently been appointed co-chair of the Business Litigation Committee of the Boston Bar Association’s litigation section. Click Tactics, Inc., Waltham, Mass., announced in July the appointment of Jose M. Quintana to the position of chief financial officer of the company. The Bank of Canton, headquartered in Canton, Mass., recently announced the appointment of John M. Sharry as senior vice president; his responsibilities include expanding its commercial banking portfolio and assisting business clients throughout New England with their financial needs.

1980
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
J. CHRISTOPHER COLLINS
KATHLEEN L. WIESE
Stephen T. Bracken writes that he is now serving as a first secretary at the U.S. Embassy in Paris. The Aug. 10 edition of the weekly newspaper Sound in Branford, Conn., included the announcement that David M. Galligan has joined the Branford office of the H. Pearce Real Estate Company as a residential sales associate.

Stephen J. Schulz writes that he...
has joined the staff of the new Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in the Twin Cities as the director of the corporate intern program.

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

The Aug. 24 edition of the Quincy, Mass., weekly newspaper Quincy Sun, included an announcement of the appointment of Debra L. Fickett-Wilbar as vice president and actuary, product development, of the Aviva Life Insurance Company in Quincy; Fickett-Wilbar has been associated with the company for 19 years.

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

Andrea (Pritsios) Butler writes that she was recently promoted to senior counsel at NASD. Anne Cannon Cowles writes that she has been elected secretary of the board of trustees of Saint George’s School in Spokane, Wash. Ann Doherty Egan writes that she has been working almost 13 years for Fidelity Investments—and has recently been appointed director of business analysis in its new Providence, R.I., office.

1984
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
SUSAN F. FEITELBERG
EDWARD J. LYNCH III
FRED J. O’CONNOR

Stephen H. “Steve” Cotnoir, a senior vice president for the Arch Insurance Group in Atlanta, writes that he is responsible for the countrywide National Account Casualty Underwriting division. Denise M. Delfino writes that she received her B.S.N. degree in May from Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is currently practicing as a neonatal intensive care nurse at the University of Iowa Hospital. The Oct. 20 edition of the Milton (Mass.) Record-Transcript included the announcement that Brian P. Maher was recently appointed executive director of capital planning and technology at Boston College High School; Maher, who had taught physics there from 1985-97, most recently served six years as the director of technology. The October edition of the monthly newspaper West Hartford (Conn.) Life included an article about JuggleJoy! Educational Entertainment—the Connecticut-based performance troupe of Mary Joy “M.J.” Moriarty and her husband, Keith Hughes—and their weeklong program last September at the Morley School in West Hartford.

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

Valerie Noris Sullivan writes that she recently joined Specialty Scripts Pharmacy as vice president of business development; she had previously worked 16 years for Pfizer Inc., in marketing and sales. MARRIED: Katherine A. “Kate” Mulcare and Peter Esser, in February.

1987
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
KATHLEEN E. MOYLAN
JAMES W. NAWN JR.

Robert M. Burke writes that he is the chief physician assistant in the department of cardiovascular surgery and medicine at the Landmark Medical Center in Woonsocket, R.I. Richard E. Galvin and his wife, Christina, announce the birth of their son, Séan. The weekly newspaper Cohasset Mariner included Lt.
Col. Christopher J. Mahoney, USMC, in its Sept. 15 tribute to current and former residents of Cohasset, Mass., who are serving on the frontlines overseas; according to the article, Mahoney is deployed on his second tour in Iraq—and serving as squadron commander of VFMA 242. Linda Goff Mitchell and her husband, James, announce the birth of their daughter, Deirdre Elizabeth, on March 20.

1988
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
ELLEN S. CONTE
PAUL E. DEMIT
Robert R. Hamel Jr. is a senior partner in the Boston office of the law firm Melick, Porter & Shea, LLP. Andrew W. Schilling and his wife, Margaret, announce the birth of their son, Henry Robert, on June 7.

1989
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
CHRISTINA M. BUCKLEY
SEAN T. MCHUGH
The Oct. 6 edition of the Boston Business Journal included a profile of Edward P. Costa Jr., who was recognized by the journal as one of its “40 outstanding professionals under the age of 40”; selection was based on “business success and community contributions.” Costa is managing partner and owner of Vinalia and Zita restaurants, both in Boston. The Cambridge, Mass., law firm Lowrie, Lando & Anastasi, announced in August that Thomas P. McNulty has joined the practice as an associate. John J. Spillane and his wife, Kristina, announce the birth of their son, John William, on Sept. 21; Spillane is a partner in the law firm Spillane & Spillane LLP, with offices in Worcester and Hyannis, Mass. Stephen M. Toman writes that he is now working in healthcare communications for the Selva Group, a division of inVentiv Health in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Timothy J. “T.J.” Treanor writes that he was recently appointed deputy chief of organized crime at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York.

1990
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
NANCY L. MEANEY
LISA M. VILLA
MARK P. WICKSTROM
The Oct. 14 edition of the Worcester Telegram & Gazette included the announcement that John S. Ziemba has joined the law firm Bowditch & Dewey LLP, which has offices in Worcester.

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1991

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

Jacqueline P. Beale-DelVecchio and her husband, Peter ’93, announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Renee, on April 6. Sara C. Broaders writes that she continues to teach psychology at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., while also serving as a departmental and a freshman adviser.

1992

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

Mary Clare (Nugent) Bohn and her husband, Douglas ’94, announce the birth of their son, Brendan William, on Jan. 30. Brian M. Donovan writes that he continues to work at BBDO advertising in New York City. Worcester Polytechnic Institute announced in September the election of Patrick R. Jones to the position of chairman of the executive board of the WPI Venture Forum—an organization concerned with the development of technology-based entrepreneurship; Jones serves as a partner with the Boston law firm Gesmer Updegrove. Leigh A. Kennedy and her husband, David Poe, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Erin, on April 12. Charles H. Lees III and his wife, Kristen, announce the birth of their son, Charles Henry IV, on May 5. Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt announced in August the appointment of Edward R. Martin Jr. as his new chief of staff, effective Sept. 1. Chairman of the St. Louis City Board of Election Commissioners, Martin is a founding partner of the general practice law firm Martin & Simmonds, also in St. Louis. Amy Donnelly Roche has recently been promoted to director of student services for the Newport (R.I.) Public Schools. Britt Adornato Van Valkenburg and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their son, Michael Dominic, on April 24. Tracey Vumbacco Williams and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their twins, Ainsley Grace and Marisa Ann, on Oct. 4, 2005. The July edition of the journal Educational Researcher included an article about George L. Wimberly III and his recent appointment as the director of social justice and professional development with AERA (the American Educational Research Association).

1993

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
PATRICK J. COMERFORD
EILEEN KASPRAK READ

Edmund M. Balsdon and his wife, Tracey, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Marie, on April 22; Balsdon writes that he has been granted tenure and promoted to associate professor in the economics department at San Diego (Calif.) State University. Cheryl (Ouellette) Costantini and her husband, David, announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia, on May 30; Costantini writes that she continues to serve as an executive director of marketing at the Thomson Corp. in Boston. Peter Beale-DelVecchio and his wife, Jacqueline ’91, announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Renee, on April 6. Lorene Whyte Fernandez and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their son, Declan Robert, on March 21. Elissa (Gotha) McMeniman and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Elizabeth, on April 30. James “Jay” Murphy and his wife, Krisanne, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Joseph, on July 17. Paul R. Olson and his wife, Tammy, announce the birth of their son, Logan Paul, on Feb. 14, 2005. Nancy Campobasso Slaney writes that she recently joined the Taunton (Mass.) Federal Credit Union as its vice president/controller. Martin Spielmann, D.M.D., and his wife, Suzanne, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Rose, on Oct. 1. Spielmann continues to work at Chestnut Dental Associates in Needham, Mass. Wendy (Kennedy) Venoit and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Lawson Francis, on Jan. 12. MARRIED: Matthew T. Abbott and Sara Allen, on April 8, at the First Presbyterian Church of Galveston, Texas. Edmund M. Balsdon and Tracey Vandeweghe, in June 2005.

1994

CLASS CHAIR
AMANDA M. ROBICHAUD

Kathleen “Kate” Dawson Ayers, M.D., and her husband, Andy, announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Cronin Ayers, on July 8. Ellen (DeMarco) Bernard and her husband, Joe, announce the birth of their twins, Lauren Rosemary and Alison Elizabeth, on Aug. 9; Bernard is currently practicing medicine in the seacoast region of New Hampshire.
Douglas J. Bohn and his wife, Mary Clare ’92, announce the birth of their son, Brendan William, on Jan. 30. Mark B. Diaz, who is currently working as a strength coach in New York City, has launched a Web site about his business, Triskelion Strength LLC. Julia A. Dowd and her husband, Tim Freundlich, announce the birth of their son, Milo Shea Freundlich, on May 28. Dowd is associate director of the Lane Center for Catholic Studies and Social Thought at the University of San Francisco. Jeffrey S. Hamon and his wife, Julie ’95, announce the birth of their son, Read Philip, on June 8. Richard D. “Rick” Hollister, M.D., writes that he recently accepted a position, effective this past July, at Exeter (N.H.) Hospital, as a pulmonologist/internist. James M. Ingoglia and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Peter, on April 5. Kathleen “Katie” Joyce Kirchner and her husband, Bob, announce the birth of their son, Padraig Hunt, on Feb. 21. Capital One Financial Corporation, Richmond, Va., announced in November the promotion of Jennifer A. McEnery to the position of vice president of operations analysis for small business solutions; her responsibilities include leading the marketing and servicing operations for the corporation’s small business credit card division. Maj. Joel P. Poudrier, USMC, recently announced his transfer to Quantico, Va., this past June, upon the completion of his master’s degree in systems technology at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. Joseph O. Quinn and his wife, Lauren ’95, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna, on Oct. 17, 2005. Matthew T. Quinn and his wife, Jana, announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia Abbott, on Feb. 7; Quinn adds that he is currently working as a software development manager at a small software company in Cambridge, Mass. John J. Reap, M.D., and his wife, Suzanne ’95, announce the birth of their twins, Grant Michael and Dean Vincent, on Nov. 3, 2005; Reap currently serves as a pediatrician at Post Road Pediatrics in Sudbury, Mass. Robert T. “Bob” Stroh and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their son, Brendan Aloysius, on Nov. 18, 2005.

1995
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
CHRISTOPHER J. CASLIN
B. TIMOTHY KELLER
SHELAGH FOLEY O’BRIEN
Lisa (Cataldi) Barry and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Ann, on May 17. Laurie (Phipps) Bosh and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of their daughter, Meredith Grace, on May 24; Bosh writes that she continues to work as a sixth-grade teacher in Norfolk, Mass. Carolyn (Brenia) and Thomas M. Britt III announce the birth of their daughter, Meghan Judith, on Oct. 7, 2005. John P. “Jack” Calareso Jr. and his wife, JulieAnn, announce the birth of their son, Dominic Michael, on April 30. Kenneth A. Cooper, D.O., and his wife, Mary, announce the birth of their sons, William Gerald, on Feb. 10, 2005, and, Timothy Paul, on April 17. The Sept. 25 edition of the Hartford (Conn.) Business Journal included a profile of Elizabeth A. DeBassio, who works as the supervisor of tax and personal financial planning services for Filmeno & Co. in West Hartford. Juan Perez DelPrado and his wife, Julie ’96, announce the birth of their son, Joaquin Mateo, on March 10. Jennifer (Freytag) Friedel and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of their son, Daniel John, on Feb. 16, 2005. Allison P. and Derek R. Gittus announce the birth of their son, Brayden Clark. Julie (Jablonski) Hamon and her husband, Jeff ’94, announce the birth of their son, Read Philip, on June 8. Margaret J. Hermes and her husband, Christopher Rometty, announce the birth of their son, Hugh Charles, on Sept. 5, 2005. Stephen M. Matthews and his wife, Maura ’97, announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Irene, on May 11. Heidi Schafer McDade and her husband, Robert ’97, announce the birth of their son, Owen Clement, on Feb. 27. Jennifer (O’Toole) O’Brien and her husband, Colin, announce the birth of their son, Evan Cleary, on Jan. 20; O’Brien writes that she continues to work at Winter, Wyman & Company in Boston, recruiting and placing accounting and finance professionals. Kathleen (Korb) and Nicholas F. Praznowski announce the birth of their son, Henry Francis, on June 15, 2005. Jennifer (Schwarting) and Jeffrey A. Putt announce the birth of their son, Jackson Howard Bruce, on Dec. 24, 2005. Lauren McConnell Quinn and her husband, Joe ’94, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna, on Oct. 17, 2005. Suzanne Gilarde Reap and her husband, John ’94, announce the birth of their twins, Grant Michael and Dean Vincent, on Nov. 3, 2005. Melissa M. (Poyant) Simpson and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Carter Michael, on June 8. Brendan A. Welker and his wife, Irene, announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Solis, on...
March 29; Welker is the director of admissions at the Avon (Conn.) Old Farms School.

MARRIED: Joel D. DeAngelis and Erica L. Hill ’97, on Oct. 9, 2005, on Cape Cod, Mass.

1996

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
JENNIFER E. BURNS
HOLLY R. KHACHADOORIAN-ELIA, M.D.
CHRISTOPHER L. SEARS

Carol A. and Joseph F. Bird announce the birth of their daughter, Katie Ann, on July 6.

Nikki M. Clemente writes that she currently works for the FBI in Northern Virginia. Joanne (Correllus) Crane and her husband, Brad, announce the birth of their son, Jacob Anthony, on Nov. 10, 2005. Julie (Wright) DelPrado and her husband, Juan ’95, announce the birth of their son, Joaquin Mateo, on March 10.

Carolyn Kiley-Formichelli and Paul M. Formichelli announce the birth of their son, Patrick Charles, on March 10. The Oct. 6 edition of the Boston Business Journal included a profile of Kimberly M. Steimle Gori, who was recognized by the journal as one of its “40 outstanding professionals under the age of 40”; selection was based on “business success and community contributions.” Gori serves as the vice president for marketing and business development at the Suffolk Construction Co. in Boston.

Christina (Fasy) and Christopher F. Lynch announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Lucey, on April 11. Gina M. Miele and her husband, Mariano DiFabio, announce the birth of their son, Jay Valentino Miele-DiFabio, on June 22.

Tye J. Morancy writes that he recently accepted a position as lead physicist in brachytherapy at the Beth-Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Rosemary (Bonanno) and Timothy J. Stewart announce the birth of their daughter, Meghan Grace, on Aug. 2. Jeanine (O’Brien) Waldron and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their son, Owen Michael, on May 21.

MARRIED: Kristyn S. Kusek and Jay Lewis, on April 22, in Savannah, Ga.

1997

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
MARIE J. CAMBRIA, M.D.
KRISTIN M. O’CONNOR

William V. “Bill” Bandoch Jr. writes that he received his executive M.B.A. last May from Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. Mary (Hooper) Buckley and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of their son, William Hooper Buckley, on June 8. Founder of Signs & Smiles, Buckley writes that she continues to teach “Sign with your Baby” classes and workshops for parents to learn to sign with their babies; she adds that she is expanding her business to include professional conferences for librarians, educators and childcare providers.

James Christopher Carty continues to work as an engineer at Intel in Hudson, Mass. Amanda (Foster) and Carlos C. Clark announce the birth of their son, Jameson Foster Clark, on June 22. Sarah Coyle and Capt. Craig M. Clarkson, USMC, announce the birth of their daughter, Eva Lauren, on May 4; Craig recently assumed command of the Engineer Company at Marine Wing Support Squadron 272, at New River Air Station, Jackson, N.C.

Nicole (Eichin) Doyle continues to work for the company, College Coach, as an education consultant. Carol McKenna Faherty is an associate in the New York City office of the law firm Kelley Drye & Warren.

Clinton T. “Clint” Greenleaf III is the chairman and chief executive officer of the Greenleaf Book Group—a publisher and distributor dedicated to independent authors and small presses,” based in Austin, Texas. Inc. Magazine, in its September issue, ranked the Greenleaf Book Group 224th on its Inc. 500 for 2006—a listing of 500 “of the nation’s fastest growing privately held businesses”; the edition also included an interview with Greenleaf as part of its “How I Did It” feature. Erica L. Hill writes that she is now working as an optometrist. Marina M. Hoffmann recently accepted the position of senior vice president, managing director, chief of staff, at Rubenstein Public Relations Inc. in New York City.

Caitlin Houlihan-Kawamoto and her husband, Kensaku, announce the birth of their son, Keenan, on Oct. 6.

Susan (Ferguson) Jackson writes that, in May 2005, she received her master in social work degree from Salem (Mass.) State College—and adds that she is currently a licensed certified social worker, serving as a child and family clinician at Riverside Community Care. Katherine A. Genga Kay and her husband, Timothy, announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Helen, last March.

Kelly (Meno) Lochmuller writes that she is an assistant clinical professor with Duke University, Durham, N.C., where she serves as full-time faculty in the master’s program for nurse anesthesia. Rebecca (Martel) Lopez and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Benjamin, on March 15.

Mark A. Marinello, M.D., writes that, upon complet-
ing his pediatric residency at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., he accepted a fellowship in pediatric critical care in Richmond, Va. Maura Collins Matthews and her husband, Steve ’95, announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Irene, on May 11. Robert W. McDade and his wife, Heidi ’95, announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Irene, on May 11.

Marissa (Kelly) McDermott and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of their son, Owen Clement, on Feb. 27. Marissa (Kelly) McDermott and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of their son, Owen Clement, on Feb. 27. Marissa (Kelly) McDermott and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of their son, Owen Clement, on Feb. 27.

Erica Driscoll Ribeiro and her husband, Anderson, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Marjorie Antonia, on Feb. 25. Ribeiro writes that she continues to work as a realtor for Re/Max.

Heather N. Sullivan received her master of arts degree in international affairs from the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Tracy D. Sullivan writes that she recently joined the corporate communications team at the independent technology and market research company Forrester Research Inc., based in Cambridge, Mass.; she adds that, as a senior public relations specialist, she is responsible for coordinating media relations for the company—promoting its research and industry analysts to various media outlets.

Thomas A. Walsh and his wife, Elizabeth ’98, announce the birth of their daughter, Cole Ryland, on July 5.

Edward F. Campbell III and his wife, Antonetta, announce the birth of their daughter, Melia, on July 27; Campbell serves as a vice president of operations for Macy’s. Jennifer (Andrews) Donnelly writes that she received her M.B.A. degree in finance last May from Providence (R.I.) College and is currently working at Fidelity Investments, Boston, as an accounting manager. Anne (Cloherty) and Timothy M. Fortune announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Elizabeth, on April 15. Andrew C. Lin writes that he completed his Ph.D. in electrical engineering at Stanford (Calif.) University in January 2006 and is currently working as an analog integrated circuit design engineer for Aeluros, Inc. in Mountain View, Calif. Aileen (Hughes) Memoli is a special education teacher at the Pelham (N.Y.) Memorial High School. Anabela (Vasconcelos) Shaughnessy and her husband, Peter, announce the birth of their son, Luke Thomas, on Nov. 13, 2005; Shaughnessy continues to work on staff with the Inner-City Teaching Corps in Chicago.

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CLASS CO-CHAIRS
CHRISTIAN P. BROWNE
ERIC B. JAVIER
ALYSSA R. MACCARTHY

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1999

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
MARGARET E. DEVINE
THOMAS C. SOPER

Erik R. Cafarella writes that he received his degree last June from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, Hanover, N.H., and accepted a position at a private equity firm in Connecticut, effective this past summer. Heather (Tonkin) Callaghan teaches Spanish and serves as the director of community service at the Avon (Conn.) Old Farms School. Stephanie (Hurley) Canham and her husband, Curtis, announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Jean, on June 2.

Andrea Rodriguez Coello, who is a board certified behavior analyst with a master’s degree from Columbia University, New York City, writes that she has been working for Behavioral Concepts, Inc., for more than two years, providing consulting services to the Worcester Public Schools; she adds that her specialty is autism/PDD.

Amy O’Brien Davajan and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Alison Mary, on Sept. 15. The July 16 edi-
tion of the Worcester Telegram & Gazette included a profile of Davagian in its second of nine-part “Whatever happened to ...” series in the sports section—highlighting her personal, professional and athletic accomplishments. Megan (Norton) and Mark S. Eskander announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Megan, on Sept. 29. Karen (Woodland) Flanagan and her husband, Greg, announce the birth of their daughter, Kayla Mae, on May 6. Megan (Walsh) Giaquinto and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of their son, William James, on Dec. 29, 2005. Alicia “Ali” Roberts Hawk and her husband, Charles, announce the birth of their son, Jonas, on May 12. Cristine (Picariello) Kardas and her husband, Michael ’00, announce the birth of their son, Tyler Michael, on June 28. Michelle (Ricker) Keaney and her husband, Jonathan, announce the birth of their daughter, Emmaline Marion, on April 8. Sarah J. Laduzenski, M.D. writes that she is in the first year of her anesthesiology residency at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Capt. Griffith M. “Griff” Marshall, USMC, and his wife, Caryn, announce the birth of their son, Evan Adair Marshall, on July 19. Kathleen A. “Katie” McGurn-Cave and her husband, Colin, announce the birth of their daughter, Colleen Anne, on Sept. 30, 2005. Keith E. Murray and his wife, Michele, announce the birth of their daughter, Gianna Morgan, on Feb. 24. Michael B. Nozzolillo and his wife, Lindsay ’00, announce the birth of their son, John Bryson “Jack,” on March 15. John D. Plummer received his degree last June from Suffolk University Law School in Boston. Michael J. Schmid and his wife, Cari, announce the birth of their son, Xander, on March 17, 2006. Lt. David P. Wroe, USN, and his wife, Rachel, announce the birth of their daughter, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, in May; Wroe adds that he, with his family, has recently relocated to Virginia where he has been assigned as the engineer officer aboard the USS Forrest Sherman (DDG 98). Kathleen “Katie” (Bowes) and John C. Zimmermann announce the birth of their son, Charles Andrew, on June 14. Married: Adrienne A. Agnes and Daniel Pearl, on March 4, in Huntington, N.Y. Christine A. Collins and Rob Grant, on July 1, at Holy Trinity Church in Washington, D.C. Lauren A. Desaulniers and Alexander K. Horan, on Aug. 19, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. Jessica C. Shade and Clarke R. Morrison, on Sept. 16, in Falmouth, Mass. Heather A. Tonkin and Graham Callaghan, on July 29, on the campus of Avon (Conn.) Old Farms School.

2000

CLASS CO-CHAIRS
ELIZABETH S. BERBERICH
KATHRYN REMMES MARTIN

Sheila L. Arvikar, M.D., writes that, after receiving her degree last June from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, she accepted a residency in internal medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Christine (Carr) Carrillo and her husband, Jorge, announce the birth of their daughter, Kiara Marina, on May 19; Carrillo writes that she received her master’s in teaching degree last May from Aurora (III.) University and is currently serving as a Spanish teacher at the Plano (III.) Middle School. Sean W. Cullinan writes that, after receiving his degree last May from the Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—and before relocating to Chicago to practice dentistry—he joined the mission group Healthcare Ministries; traveling to South Africa, he treated the dental needs of members of impoverished communities there. Maquel (Salley) Derosby is currently working as a registered nurse at the Family Medical Institute—part of the Maine General Medical Center—in Augusta. Kimberly C. Hemming writes that she is teaching French and Spanish at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Mass. Katherine (Gundaker) “Kate” Hoffman writes that she has been promoted to project manager for the Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals marketing team in Cincinnati. Julie (Virzi) and Timothy M. Jary announce the birth of their daughter, Cecilia Elizabeth, on April 8. Michael J. Kadas and his wife, Cristine ’99, announce the birth of their son, Tyler Michael, on June 28. Heather (McArdle) Kendra and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of their son, Christopher James, on Dec. 13, 2004. Kendra writes that she received her master’s degree in political science from Kansas State University. Megan (Dwyer) Kerr and her husband, Edward, announce the birth of their daughter, Maggie Patricia, on May 23. Daniel Webster College, Nashua, N.H., recently announced the appointment of Daniel P. Monahan as the director of admissions at the college. Lindsay (Rose) Nozzolillo and her husband, Mike ’99, announce the birth of their son, John Bryson “Jack,” on March 15. Scott A. Sanderson writes that he accepted a position, effective this past fall, as an
associate in the intellectual property litigation group of the Chicago law firm Marshall Gerstein & Borun; he received his degree last May from the Northwestern University School of Law in Evanston, Ill.


2001
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
MEGAN K. BARONI
CATHERINE G. BRYAN
RUSMIR MUSIC
The Aug. 20 edition of the Attleboro, Mass., newspaper Sunday Sun Chronicle included the announcement that Lindsay Ciombor Brislin recently opened her dental practice in Pawtucket, R.I., in association with Ronald Ciombor, D.D.S.; Brislin received her degree last May from the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston. Matthew C. Conroy writes that he recently accepted a position at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Boston. Meghan E. Cuff writes that she recently completed her Ph.D. in clinical psychology—and, after graduating in June from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Boston, she is now working at two clinics in Massachusetts, specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and families. Kara E. Reeve writes that, beginning this past fall, she has been accepted into the two-year master in city planning program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.—with a focus on environmental policy and international and regional policy and planning. Meghan M. Sinton writes that she completed her Ph.D. in human development in June at Penn State and is currently working as a postdoctoral scholar in the psychiatry department at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Margaret (Burke) Stark has begun the Ph.D. program in math education at Arizona State University. MARRIED: Margaret K. Burke and Patrick Stark, on June 10, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Tucson, Ariz. Carl W. Moeller II and Sarah E. Dolan ’00, on May 20, at the Mystic (Conn.) Congregational Church. Lauren N. Snayd and Robert Grosso, on June 30, in Aruba.

2002
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
LAUREN M. BUONOME
PETER D. MCLEAN
Kristin M. Griffiths writes that, last May, she received her master’s degree in special education—with a concentration in severe disabilities—from Simmons College, Boston. Joseph A. Petriello, who teaches at Xavier High School in New York City, writes that he has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at the Fordham University Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, effective this past September. MARRIED: Jesse D. Rutter and Marlayna A. Marks, on Aug. 19, at the Rockland (Maine) Congregational Church. Peter D. Summa and Mary Ann Shallet, on June 3, at St. Madeline’s Church in Philadelphia.

2003
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
ELIZABETH L. MALOY
INEZ C. MCGOWAN
Patrick M. Britton was recently appointed the director of admissions at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Kurt J. Hofmann is currently attending the University of Rochester (N.Y.) School of Medicine. Jacqueline V. Martin writes that she enlisted in the Navy and is now studying Arabic at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. MARRIED: Kurt J. Hofmann and Mary E. Lydon, on June 25, at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood, Mass.

2004
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
KATHRYN C. LEADER
KATHRYN D. MEYERS
JOHN M. O’DONELL
Meghan E. Barnes writes that she is now working as conference services manager at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge, Mass. Jennifer R. Corsilli writes that, upon graduating from Drexel University, Philadelphia, in June, with a master of science degree in publication management, she accepted a position at the Trocadero Theatre, also in Philadelphia, doing design, marketing and promotions. Anna G. Harmon writes that, effective this past fall, she accepted a position teaching kindergarten at PS 111 within the New York City public school system. Jill T. Hennigar writes that she recently received her master’s degree in education from Springfield (Mass.) College.
and accepted a position as a school counselor in Ledyard, Conn. Claudia J. Kulhanek writes that she completed her master’s degree in civil engineering at Columbia University in New York City and is now working as a project engineer for the Turner Construction Co., also in New York City. Brett B. McLaughlin recently noted his acceptance into the Society of Jesus of the New England Province and his beginning the novitiate (combined with the New York and Maryland provinces) in Syracuse, N.Y.—outside LeMoyne College—this past August. Erin E. O’Connell writes that she completed her master’s degree in educational policy at the University of Pennsylvania last June and subsequently joined the Philadelphia Teaching Fellows Program—accepting a position teaching eighth-grade social studies in Northwest Philadelphia beginning this past fall. Patrick M. Tigue writes that he has been accepted into the Masters of Public Policy (MPP) graduate program at Brown University, Providence, R.I., effective this past fall.

2005
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
LUZ M. COLON-RODRIGUEZ
ELIZABETH B. CORRIDAN
JENNIFER L. MARCOTTE

Nicole M. Dominick writes that she served one year as a coordinator at the Holyoke (Mass.) Youth Commission as part of an AmeriCorps program called the Massachusetts Promise Fellowship—and that she has been accepted, effective this past August, at the Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia. The Aug. 23 edition of the weekly Lynnfield (Mass.) Villager newspaper included a photograph of Kathleen E. Puopolo preparing her classroom as a new teacher at the Huckleberry Hill Elementary School in Lynnfield. Adam A. Stabile is pursuing his Ph.D. in physics at SUNY-Buffalo.

Washington, D.C., Gathering

On Oct. 13, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of Holy Cross, and Gary Carskadden, director of the Holy Cross Fund, joined recent graduates for breakfast at The Dubliner in Washington, D.C. The group gathered to discuss the importance of young alumni engagement in the life of the College and the necessity of their participation in the Fund. Pictured (left to right): Timothy W. O’Brien ’06; Alyssa S. Milot ’06; Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J.; Christine A. Kettmer ’03; Matthew D. Tully ’05; Gary Carskadden; Melissa L. Sousa ’05; and Heidi K. Stack ’06

2006
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
LISA M. LITTERIO
GLENN R. MCCGOWAN
ASHLEY B. SCIPELLI

Jeanean O. Ayala is now working as a catering sales coordinator for the California Center for the Arts, Escondido.
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**S G R O I ' 0 1 A N D B R Y A N ' 0 1**

Melissa Sgroi '01 and Matthew Bryan '01 were married on August 19 at the Spring Lake (N.J.) Golf Club. *First row, left to right:* Kelly McDonald '01, Bethany Bernard '01, Dennis Driscoll '63, Matthew Bryan '01, Melissa Sgroi Bryan '01, Tom Gordon '01, Ryan Maloney '02. *Second row, left to right:* Anne Uba '01, Amanda Guarino '01, Jenn Foran '01, Kyle Reilly '01, Andrea Bongiorno '01, Karen Broderick '01, Allison Piattek '01, Katie O'Neill '01. *Third row, left to right:* Tom Schwarting '03, Michael Broderick '01, Mike Freni '02, Dave Eskew '01, Sean Maloney '01, Chris Themistos '01, George McCartney '01, Tommy Beer '01, Dan Brady '01, Jack Thomas '00

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**N A W R O C K I ' 0 5 A N D A Y E R S**

Joseph Nawrocki '05 and Hilary Ayers were married on June 24 in Alexandria, Va. *First row, left to right:* Joseph Nawrocki '05, Hilary Ayers. *Second row, left to right:* Daniel Sammartino '05, Kathlyn Lucia '05, Matthew Reynolds '05, Gregory Weston '05, Noah Shier '05, Kara Livingston '05, Julie Dolan '06, Peter Staffier '05, Emily Brennan '06

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**G I G L I O ' 9 1 A N D G E L P E R I N**

Joseph Giglio '91 and Nora Gelperin were married on May 27 in Hoboken, N.J. *First row, left to right:* Donna Himmelberg '90, Kate Graney '92, Joan McDonagh '91. *Second row, left to right:* Joseph Giglio '91, Nora Gelperin, Vince Fiore '91, Todd Abalos '91, Chris Butler '91, Sean Loftus '91, Tricia McGrath '91, George Grattan '91, John Himmelberg '91, Rob McDonagh '90, Peter Capizzi '91

Sarah Dolan ’00 and Carl Moeller ’01 were married on May 20 in Mystic Conn. First row, left to right: Dan Miller ’01, Brendan McDermott ’01, Kelsey Dreher ’00, Mary Gurley ’01, Shannon O’Connor ’00, Siobhan O’Neil ’00. Second row, left to right: Victoria Arrante ’00, Jaime Ian ’00, Vanessa Carnevale ’00, Emily McEnery Moriarty ’00, Sarah Dolan ’00, Carl Moeller ’01, Margaret Schmidt McDermott ’00, Peter Koch ’00, Mary Brewster Buri ’00, Luke Johnson ’00. Third row, left to right: Brian Alberti ’00, Greg Curtin ’75, Erin Condon ’00, Jack Bradley ’70, Garrett Kelleher ’00, Nick Sberlati ’00, Tim Johnson ’02, Liz Shoudy Smylie ’03, Patrick Lang ’01, Bart Smylie ’01, Chad Buri ’00
In Memoriam

1935
WILLIAM D. HALLORAN
SEPT. 17, 2006
At his home in Chico, Calif., at 95. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Halloran had served 24 years as the postmaster in Presque Isle, Maine. He had also been the president of the Rotarian Club there, an active member of St. Mary's Church and chairman of the High School Building Committee. At the start of his career, Mr. Halloran had worked 18 years as a potato broker in Presque Isle in the family business, D.J. Halloran and Sons. He had been a member of the varsity football team at Holy Cross. Mr. Halloran is survived by a daughter; a daughter-in-law; two grandsons; and a granddaughter.

1936
ROBERT B. MURPHY SR.
AUG. 26, 2006
In Connecticut, at 94. Prior to his retirement in 1977, Mr. Murphy had worked 29 years as a control technician for the Regional Water Authority in New Haven, Conn. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife, Anita; a son; two grandsons; five great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1937
OWEN F. BROCK
AUG. 14, 2006
At the Haven Health Rehabilitation Center, Hampton, N.H., at 90. A longtime Massachusetts attorney, Mr. Brock had also been active in politics, beginning his career as corporate counsel for former Boston mayor, John Collins. Chief counsel to former Massachusetts secretary of state, Kevin White, Mr. Brock had also been the chief recodification counsel for the Appellate Tax Board. An active member of the Massachusetts Democratic Committee, he had served as a delegate to the Democratic National Committee. As a ballot specialist, Mr. Brock oversaw numerous election recounts. His community involvement included serving as a member of the Boston YMCA. At Holy Cross, Mr. Brock had been the captain of the debate team. During World War II, he served in the Navy as a lieutenant commander on minesweepers in North Africa and the South Pacific. He is survived by three sons; three daughters; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1938
JOHN T. KEHOE
OCT. 16, 2006
In UMass Memorial Medical Center, Worcester, at 92. Mr. Kehoe had worked 32 years for the Shrewsbury (Mass.) Police Department, retiring in 1973 as a sergeant. A veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, he had served in the European theater during World War II. Prior to beginning military service, Mr. Kehoe had worked several years as a teacher and a coach; following retirement, he had been a substitute teacher in the Shrewsbury school system. Active in civic affairs, Mr. Kehoe had been a member of the Shrewsbury School Committee as well as a Town Meeting member, since its inception. His athletic endeavors included playing semi-pro softball for several years with the Merrill & Usher team in Worcester; officiating at baseball, basketball and football games throughout New England; and serving as a commissioner for the Midland League. The recipient of awards from the National Football Foundation and the College Hall of Fame, Mr. Kehoe was also honored by the International Association Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO)—of which he was an honorary life member—for his contributions to the game of basketball. A 1932 graduate of Shrewsbury High School, he was a member of its Hall of Fame. Mr. Kehoe is survived by a daughter; three grandsons and one granddaughter; and one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter.

1939
RICHARD E. MULLAN
SEPT. 12, 2006
In the Hermitage Nursing Home, Worcester, at 93. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Mullan had worked many years as a proofreader at the Heffernan Press in Worcester. A World War II veteran, he had served with an Army Infantry unit in the European theater—including a year of duty in Italy. Mr. Mullan is survived by his wife, Ruth; twin grandsons; and many nephews and nieces.

1935
MATTHEW J. MCCARTHY SR.
SEPT. 12, 2006
At St. Vincent's Medical Center, Bridgeport, Conn., at 90. Professor emeritus of Fairfield (Conn.) University, Mr. McCarthy had taught history there for 39 years prior to his retirement in 1986. He had been a Life Master of the Bridgeport Bridge Club. During World War II, Mr. McCarthy had served in the Army. He is survived by his wife, Helen; two sons; three daughters; and 13 grandchildren.

1939
EVAN J. WHALLEY, M.D.
OCT. 1, 2006
At his home in Southbury, Conn., at 88. A longtime physician, Dr. Whalley began his practice in Waterbury, Conn., later expanding to Wolcott, Conn.; he retired in 2000. The medical director of several local convalescent homes, Dr. Whalley had been a member of the board and director of medicine at St. Mary's

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HOSPITAL in Waterbury as well as a member of the Saint Mary’s Auxiliary Club. An Army veteran of World War II, he had served as a captain for the 24th Station Hospital; Dr. Whittle was a recipient of the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, the American Service Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He is survived by his wife, Claire; two sons, including Evan J. ‘66; a brother; and a grandson. His son was the late David J. ‘89.

1941
P. ALBERT DUHAMEL
OCT. 1, 2006
In Bedford, Mass., at 86. Joining the faculty of Boston College in 1949, Mr. Duhamel had taught English literature there for 50 years; during his tenure, he held the English department’s Philomathia Chair and served as founder and director of the college’s Honors Program. A longtime host of the weekly PBS program, “I’ve Been Reading,” Mr. Duhamel had been the author of several textbooks and various scholarly articles; the late renowned chef Julia Child made her first television appearance on his show. Book editor of the Boston Herald for about 10 years, he had also been a member of Pulitzer Prize Awards committees. During World War II, Mr. Duhamel worked for the U.S. Department of War and helped to complete a Vietnamese-English phrase book for use by Allied troops in the Pacific. At the start of his career, he had taught at the University of Chicago. Mr. Duhamel is survived by his wife, Helen; a daughter; and two grandchildren.

1942
FRANCIS J. MALONEY
AUG. 6, 2006
In Radius Health Care Center, Worcester, at 86. During his career, Mr. Maloney had been a salesman for Ballantine Brewery in New Jersey and Atlas Distributing, Inc., in Auburn, Mass.; he later worked at the former Sweet Life in Northborough, Mass., and at the Northborough Fish and Game. Mr. Maloney was a decorated Navy pilot of World War II. Captain of the varsity track team at Holy Cross, he had set records in the two mile and 1,000 meter events. Mr. Maloney had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by a son; a daughter; three brothers; two sisters; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1940
WILLIAM J. HISTEN JR.
SEPT. 9, 2006
At North Bay Manor, Smithfield, R.I., at 88. A longtime educator, Mr. Histen had been the superintendent of schools in Pawtucket, R.I., for five years, retiring in 1982; previously, he had taught in Pawtucket for more than 30 years — and served as the football coach at Tolman High School. In 1962, Mr. Histen had been a Fulbright Exchange teacher. During his career, he had also been the director of pari-mutuels at various race tracks, including Narragansett, Taunton, Lincoln Downs and Suffolk Downs. A member of the varsity football team at Holy Cross, Mr. Histen was named All-American tight end and defensive end his last year. In 1988, he was inducted into the hall of fame in football and baseball at his alma mater the Boston Latin School Mr. Histen is survived by his wife, Lucia; four sons; two daughters; a brother; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

JOHN F. DYER
OCT. 15, 2006
At the Charles A. Dean Hospital, Greenville, Maine, at 87. During his career, Mr. Dyer had worked two years as business manager and, then, as hospital administrator, for the C.A. Dean Hospital and Nursing Home; previously, he had served eight years as office manager for the Squaw Mt. Corp. during the construction of the chair lift, chair lift lodge and hotel. An Army Air Force veteran of World War II, Mr. Dyer had been a radio operator and teletype operator at the air base at Maison Blanche, the airfield for Algiers, Algeria; he attained the rank of sergeant. A native of Maine, Mr. Dyer had first worked in Kokadjo as a guide and trapper and as a warden for the Maine Forestry Service; following the war, he had undertaken seasonal employment as a guide and fire warden and worked in the lumber camps for the Hollingsworth and Whitney Co.—later Scott Paper—and for independent operators in the lumbering field as clerk and scaler. After his retirement from the hospital in 1981, Mr. Dyer had been treasurer and clerk/treasurer for the town of Beaver Cove. He is survived by a granddaughter; two great-grandsons; a great-great-grandson; and nephews and nieces.

ANDREA V. VACCARELLI
AUG. 23, 2006
At his home in West Palm Beach, Fla., at 85. During his career, Mr. Vaccarelli had worked many years in sales for Danbury (later Colonial) Ford in Connecticut. He and his wife had also owned and operated Elaine Powers, a women’s fitness center in Danbury. Active in civic affairs, Mr. Vaccarelli had been a member of numerous local boards and commissions. A veteran of World War II, he had served with the Army Air Force in the European theater, attaining the rank of captain. Mr. Vaccarelli is survived by a son; a daughter, Lynn Aiksnoras ’76; two sisters-in-law; an aunt; six grandchildren; and nephews and nieces. His brother was the late David J. ’69.
1943

JOHN J. O’CONNOR
AUG. 27, 2006

In New York, at 84. Mr. O’Connor had worked many years for Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith and Co., in Albany, N.Y., where he had served as resident vice president and manager. During his career, he had also been the executive vice president, National Savings Bank; first vice president, Kidder Peabody and Co.; and chief investment officer and assistant deputy comptroller, Office of the Comptroller–New York State Common Retirement Fund. Mr. O’Connor had been a founding member of the Wildwood School in Schenectady, N.Y., and a former board member of the Center for Disability Services, in Albany. In addition, he had served on the Investment Committee of the board of the O.F.M. Conventual Franciscan Friars as well as the Albany Catholic Diocese. Other board affiliations included: St. Agnes Cemetery; National Savings Bank; Capital District Community Mental Health and Retardation Service Company; Mohawk Hudson Community Foundation; Investment Society of Northeastern New York, where he had served as president; and DePaul Management Corp. Involved with the Union College-Dudley Observatory in Schenectady, Mr. O’Connor had also been the chairman of the board of associate trustees at Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y. He was a founding member and longtime parishioner of St. Pius X Church in Loudonville. A Navy veteran, Mr. O’Connor had served as a lieutenant, senior grade, in the Pacific theater aboard the USS Uranus AF-14 and, as a commanding officer – Naval Reserve Unit 3-1, in Albany. He is survived by six sons; a daughter; three brothers; two sisters; 20 grandchildren; and 21 nephews and nieces.

1944

JOHN J. MAHONEY
SEPT. 26, 2006

At Sunrise Assisted Living, Wayland, Mass., at 83. A partner in the Boston law firm Parker, Coulter, Daley & White, Mr. Mahoney had been associated with the practice for 20 years, until his retirement in 1988. During World War II, he had worked in the intelligence field while stationed with the Army Air Corps at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. Mr. Mahoney had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by four sons, including John J. Jr. ’73; four daughters; two brothers; a sister; and 18 grandchildren, including Michael F. ’00.

1945

MONSIGNOR LEO J. BATTISTA
OCT. 9, 2006

In the Life Care Center of Leominster, Mass., at 82. A longtime priest of the Diocese of Worcester, Monsignor Battista had served as the director of Catholic Charities, from 1969 until 1987, regional director of the Catholic Charities of North Worcester County, from 1958 to 1969, and assistant to the director, from 1955-58; in 1957, he was named chaplain at the Nazareth Home for Boys in Leicester. Chairman of the Montachusett Anti-Poverty Program (1960-69), the Massachusetts Catholic Conference (1969-81), the New England Catholic Council of Social Ministries, Social Service Committee, and the National Conference of Catholic Charities, Monsignor Battista had also been the diocesan director of the Bishop’s Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities as well as for the Campaign for Human Development, from 1970-87. In addition, he had been a member of the board of directors of: Our Father’s House, Emergency and Transitional Shelter, Fitchburg, Leominster Hospital, and the Leominster Council on Aging. In 1980, Monsignor Battista assisted Cambodian refugees in Thailand through Catholic Relief Services; in the United States, he helped with Cuban, Vietnamese and Polish resettlement programs. At the State House, Monsignor Battista had been an advocate for pro-life, welfare, health and addiction issues. The recipient of the Pro Deo et Juventute medal in 1955 for outstanding service to God and youth, he was named a papal chamberlain with the title of monsignor in 1966; Monsignor Battista had also been a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher-Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher. In addition, he had been a recipient of the Eagle Scout Award with three palms. Ordained to the priesthood in 1948, Monsignor Battista was named assistant pastor of St. Thomas-a-Becket Parish, South Barre; St. Anna’s Parish, Leominster; and St. Mary’s Parish, Southbridge. Prior to his retirement from active ministry in 1995, he had been the pastor of St. Anna’s Parish in Leominster. Monsignor Battista was a graduate of Clinton (Mass.) High School where he had been a member of the football team.

1948

THOMAS E. GOODE
AUG. 18, 2006

In Massachusetts, at 80. A longtime attorney in construction and contract law, Mr. Goode had been associated with the Boston law firm Hale, Sanderson, Byrnes & Morton; he began his career with the law practice Burns, Blake & Rich, also in Boston. His community involvement included serving as an overseer for many years of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston and, also, as a trustee of Thompson Academy in Boston. During World War II, Mr. Goode served in the Navy. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Goode is survived by his wife, Peggy; two sons; two daughters; and nine grandchildren.

THOMAS E. MORRIS
SEPT. 3, 2006

In Good Samaritan Hospital, Jupiter, Fla., at 80. Retired Rear Adm. Thomas Morris,
USNR, who served many years in the military, had enlisted in the Navy in 1943. Completing the V-12 program at Holy Cross and the midshipman programs at Princeton and Northwestern universities, he saw sea duty in both the Atlantic and the Pacific during World War II. After receiving his degree from Holy Cross, Mr. Morris accepted a position with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. in Boston; recalled to active duty during the Korean War, he served aboard the USS Merrick. Following the war, Mr. Morris joined his family’s business, Morris Merchants, Inc., in Boston; in the 1960s, he started a second business, Commercial Products Corp., also in Boston. A decorated veteran of both wars and a longtime member of the Naval Reserve, Mr. Morris had assumed many commands during his tenure, including that of commander, Task Unit Second Fleet; commander, NATO Task Group in the Mediterranean; and commander, Reserve Readiness Region One in Newport, R.I. A two-time recipient of the Legion of Merit, he received as well the Distinguished Public Service Award from both the Navy and the Coast Guard, among other honors. In addition to serving as a past president of the Navy League and a former national chairman of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Mr. Morris had been active in the business community there and continued his participation in the Republican Party, on both the state and national levels. A member of the U.S. House of Representatives’ Veterans Advisory Committee and the U.S. Naval Academy Interview Committee, he had been a member as well of the National Veterans Steering Committee and Florida’s State Veterans for Bush/Cheney organization.

Rev. William G. Guindon, S.J., former provincial of the New England Province, and faculty member and administrator at Holy Cross, died Oct. 4 at the Campion Center in Weston, Mass., at 89.

Appointed associate professor of physics at Holy Cross in 1964, Fr. Guindon subsequently served as dean and vice president of the College. In 1968, he began a six-year term as provincial superior of the New England Province.

A 1934 graduate of Boston College High School, Fr. Guindon entered the Society of Jesus in 1936, after completing two years of study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. Pursuing ascetical and liberal arts studies at Shadowbrook in Lenox, Mass., he subsequently attended Weston (Mass.) College from 1940-43, earning his bachelor’s degree in liberal arts and master’s and licentiate degrees in philosophy. Fr. Guindon then taught physics for two years at Boston College before returning to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1945 to continue his studies; he received his Ph.D. in theoretical nuclear physics in 1948. Fr. Guindon had also pursued theological studies at Weston College from 1947-51; he was ordained to the priesthood there on June 17, 1950.

Assistant professor of physics at Fairfield (Conn.) University from 1951-52, Fr. Guindon completed his tertianship the following year in Florence, Italy, where he undertook advanced ascetical and spiritual studies and pastoral work. Returning to Boston College in 1953, he served 10 years there as a professor of physics and chairman of the department. Fr. Guindon completed one year of special studies in physics at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., before joining the faculty at Holy Cross in 1964.

After completing his tenure as provincial of the New England Province, he was appointed dean and, then, president of the Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago, from 1976-81. Fr. Guindon subsequently served as special assistant to the provincial of the New England Jesuits; superior of Loyola House, Boston, from 1983 until 1985; and assistant chaplain at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., from 1983-88. He had relocated to the Campion Center in 1998.

Fr. Guindon is survived by a brother.

In 2005, President Bush appointed him a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission. Mr. Morris’ civic contributions included: council president and national council representative of the Boy Scouts of America; trustee on the district board of trustees of the Palm Beach Community College; chairman of the Palm Beach County School Board / superintendent of the Community Advisory Board; and past chairman of the Jupiter-Tequesta-Juno Beach Chamber of Commerce. He is survived by two sons; a foster son; a daughter-in-law; and two grandsons.
IN MEMORIAM

J. VINCENT SWEENEY
SEPT. 9, 2006
At his home, on Kiawah Island, S.C., at 79. Prior to his retirement in 1986, Mr. Sweeney had worked many years for the General Electric Co. Beginning his career in finance and later moving to sales and senior management, he had served the company in several locations—Bridgeport, Conn., Dallas, Louisville, Ky., and Atlanta. A longtime member of the Holy Spirit Parish on John’s Island in South Carolina, he had been an active volunteer with many church-based organizations, including Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Center, also on John’s Island. During World War II, Mr. Sweeney had served in the Navy. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Sweeney is survived by his wife, Kathleene; three sons; three daughters; two sisters; and eight grandchildren.

1949
ROBERT C. BUCK
SEPT. 26, 2006
At the Imperial Healthcare, Neptune, Fla., at 78. Prior to his retirement in 1985, Mr. Buck had been a self-employed printer and owner of Kaufmann Press Inc. in New York for 35 years. Mr. Buck is survived by two daughters; two sons-in-law; an aunt; and several grandchildren.

MAURICE A. KELLIHER
AUG. 14, 2006
At his home in McLean, Va., at 79. Prior to his retirement in 1981, Mr. Kelliher had been a special agent with the FBI for 30 years; he later became an active member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. A longtime resident of McLean, Va., Mr. Kelliher had been very involved in his parish, St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, for more than 45 years. A veteran, he had served two years in the Navy. Mr. Kelliher is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; five sons; two daughters; 10 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. His brother was the late Rev. John J. ’53.

1950
DONALD P. TRACI
OCT. 24, 2006
At Devon Oaks, West Lake, Ohio, at 79. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Traci had been a trial attorney and managing partner for many years at the Cleveland law firm Spangenberg, Shibley, Traci & Lancione; he had joined the practice in 1955. A member of the board of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Mr. Traci had served as its president in 1989; past president of the Cleveland Bar Association, he had been a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Bar Foundation and the American Board of Trial Advocates. In addition, Mr. Traci had been a life member of the U.S. Judicial Conference and the Judicial Conference for the Eighth Judicial District, for which he had served several years as chairman. Active in the Diocese of Cleveland, he was one of the first lay presidents of the board of education and a drafter of its constitution; past trustee of Catholic Charities and Malachi House; and a member of the advisory board at Parmadale. A graduate of St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Mr. Traci received its Distinguished Alumnus Award and its 1991 Magis Award; he had been the first layperson to assume the position of chairman of the school’s Board of Regents. A Navy veteran, Mr. Traci had served two years during World War II and one year prior to the start of the Korean War. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Traci is survived by five sons, including Robert V. ’72 and Daniel E. ’77; and six daughters; a sister; many grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1951
GEORGE A. COONEY JR.
FEB. 2, 2006
In Massachusetts. Mr. Cooney is survived by his wife, Theresa; and three daughters.
1952
ROBERT J. O’CONNOR
AUG. 31, 2006
At the Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Agawam, Mass., at 76. Prior to his retirement in 1985, Mr. O’Connor had worked many years as a manufacturing executive at the J.D. Cahill Co. in Hampton, N.H. Active in civic affairs, he had been a member of the Hampton town committees and the Winnacunnet High School Scholarship Foundation—and regional fund chairman for the Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America. From 1975-79 and 1983-89, Mr. O’Connor had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. O’Connor is survived by a son, Richard T. ’73; two daughters; two sisters; and six grandchildren. His brother was the late Edwin T. ’48.

JAMES P. WELDON
AUG. 23, 2006
At his home in North Hampton, N.H., at 75. Prior to his retirement in 1985, Mr. Weldon had worked many years as a recently active career in sales and marketing for Kaiser Aluminum. A veteran, he had served four years in the Navy. Mr. Hines had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; three sons; a daughter; and six grandchildren. His brothers were the late Francis X. ’43 and Paul A. ’44.

WILLIAM J. HINES
SEPT. 16, 2006
In Washington, at 76. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Hines had worked 32 years in sales and marketing for Kaiser Aluminum. A veteran, he had served four years in the Navy. Mr. Hines had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; three sons; a daughter; and six grandchildren. His brothers were the late Francis X. ’43 and Paul A. ’44.

1953
ROSARIO J. BOISVERT JR.
SEPT. 29, 2006
At the MetroWest Medical Center, Framingham, Mass., at 75. During his career, Mr. Boisvert had worked more than 35 years for Clair International Motorcars of West Roxbury, Mass., serving as a senior executive. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Boisvert is survived by his wife, Marjorie; two daughters, including Catherine M. ’76; two grandsons; and many nephews and nieces.

REV. DOMINIC J. DEPASQUALE
AUG. 16, 2006
In California, at 75. A longtime priest of the Diocese of San Bernardino, Calif., Fr. DePasquale had served the parishes of: Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Riverside; Our Lady of the Desert in Apple Valley; Our Lady of Guadalupe in Chino; and St. Joan of Arc in Blythe. Ordained to the priesthood in 1961 for the Diocese of San Diego, he first served at St. Mary’s Parish, Redlands, which was then part of this diocese. During his ministry, Fr. DePasquale had also been involved in prison work; prior to pursuing theological studies in 1958 at the Immaculate Heart Seminary in San Diego, he had spent five years with the Cistercians in Spencer, Mass. Fr. DePasquale is survived by two brothers; two sisters; and numerous nephews and nieces.

JOHN F. EYRING JR., M.D.
SEPT. 19, 2006
At his home in Guilford, Md., at 74. Prior to his retirement in 1985, Dr. Eyring had maintained a private medical practice for many years in Baltimore, with offices in Lutherville, Dundalk and Guilford. During his career, he had also served as team physician for the football and lacrosse squads at the Gilman School in Baltimore. Dr. Eyring had been a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He is survived by his wife, Mary; three sons; three daughters; a sister; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

REV. CHARLES E. MCNEICE, S.S.E.
DEC. 19, 2005
In Vermont, at 71. A professed member of the Society of St. Edmund for 48 years, Fr. McNeice had most recently been the pastor of St. Joseph’s Parish in Tuskegee, Ala., for six years, retiring in 2003; previously, he had served the parishes of Our Mother of Mercy in
Plateau, Ala., and Our Lady of Fatima, Prichard, Ala., from 1984-97. Ordained an Edmundite priest in 1962, Fr. McNeice began his ministry at St. Elizabeth Parish in Selma, Ala., from 1962-66. After working three years as head of the youth program and vocation director at St. Edmund’s Novitiate in Mystic, Conn., he had been the pastoral vicar at St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish, Whitton, England, from 1969-72, and, at St. Lawrence Parish, Essex Junction, Vt., from 1972-73. Fr. McNeice was then appointed pastor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Williston, Vt., from 1973-76, and St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish, Whitton, England, from 1976-78. Following retirement, he relocated to St. Michael’s College, Colchester, Vt., where he assisted with coverage at local parishes. Fr. McNeice is survived by three brothers; and two sisters.

WALTER P. STRUMSKI
AUG. 29, 2006
In the Caritas Good Samaritan Medical Center, Brockton, Mass., at 71. During his career, Mr. Strumski had taught social studies at Canton (Mass.) High School for more than 32 years; he had also served as coach of the football team and assistant coach of the track team. Mr. Strumski had been a member of the varsity football and track teams at Holy Cross—and a member of the football team at his alma mater, Canton High School. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by three brothers; and two sisters.

PHILIP T. SHEERIN
OCT. 31, 2006
In Cape Cod Hospital, Hyannis, Mass., at 71. During his career, Mr. Sheerin had served as the director for the United Way of New Britain, Conn., and, also, for the Cape Cod Child Development in Hyannis, prior to his retirement; in addition, he had been a volunteer for the town of Dennis. Mr. Sheerin had been an active member of the Holy Cross Club of Cape Cod. He is survived by his wife, Helen; a son; three daughters; a sister; and 11 grandchildren.

REV. ROLAND L. GAMACHE
AUG. 28, 2006
In Winchendon, Mass., at 65. Fr. Gamache had most recently been the pastor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
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Parish in Winchendon, from 1986 until the time of his death; previously, he had been appointed temporary administrator and, then, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Fitchburg, Mass. Ordained to the priesthood in 1967 in the Diocese of Worcester, Fr. Gamache had been the temporary assistant at Sacred Heart Parish, Fitchburg, assistant pastor of Christ the King Parish, Worcester; and temporary assistant at Good Shepherd Parish, Linwood, before beginning his studies in sacred theology at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., in 1968. Upon receiving his master's degree and Ph.D. from Yale in 1970, Fr. Gamache returned to the Worcester Diocese, where he served as assistant pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Millbury; St. Mary Parish in Spencer; Notre Dame des Canadiens Church in Worcester; and Good Shepherd Parish, Linwood. He is survived by a sister; an uncle; an aunt; two nieces; three grandnephews; and two grandnieces.

THOMAS W. PALACE
AUG. 26, 2006
At the Calvary Hospice Hospital, Bronx, N.Y., at 65. During his career, Mr. Palace had practiced law in Hackensack, N.J., for 38 years. A veteran, he had served in the Navy as a lieutenant j.g. aboard the USS Allagash. A member of the varsity basketball team at Holy Cross, Mr. Palace had been inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame of his alma mater Don Bosco Prep. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Palace is survived by his wife, Christine Stevens; two sons; two brothers; two sisters; and many nephews and nieces.

1966
DANIEL D. MCLAUGHLIN JR.
OCT. 23, 2005
In New York. Mr. McLaughlin is survived by his wife, Bernadette; and three children.

1967
GREGORY W. MORRISSEY
AUG. 17, 2006
In Massachusetts, at 59. Mr. Morrissey is survived by his mother; two brothers; a sister; an uncle; two aunts; two nephews; and two nieces.

1970
THOMAS E. MOISAN
JULY 30, 2006
At Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, at 57. Mr. Moisan, who joined the staff of St. Louis (Mo.) University in 1989, had served 10 years as chairman of the English department. During his tenure, he had also been the director of the department’s graduate program; head of the College of Arts and Sciences committee on academic honesty; president of the Arts and Sciences faculty council; and a member of the SLU Library Associates, serving on the committee that selects a recipient for its annual St. Louis Literary Award. Previously, Mr. Moisan had taught at Middlebury (Vt.) College; Arkansas State University, Jonesboro; and the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va. A Shakespearean scholar, he had published essays on Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummer Night’s Dream and Othello, among other plays. In addition, Mr. Moisan had been co-editor of In the Company of Shakespeare: Essays in Honor of G. Blakemore Evans and editor of Allegorica, a journal of Medieval and Renaissance scholarship. He had been active as well in many professional organizations, including the Shakespeare Association of America and the Renaissance Society of America. Mr. Moisan is survived by his wife, T. Christine Stevens; and a nephew.

1971
EDWARD C. NAGY
JULY 29, 2006
At his home in Clifton, Va., at 56. Mr. Nagy is survived by his wife, Deborah; a son; a daughter; his mother; a brother; a granddaughter; two nephews; and a niece.

JOSEPH R. O’MALLEY JR., D.D.S.
JULY 28, 2006
At his home in Concord, Mass. A graduate of the University of Detroit Dental School and Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Dr. O’Malley had practiced both dentistry and law in the Boston area. During his career, he had also been an executive with Xerox Corporation and Lynch Ryan. Dr. O’Malley had been a member of the East Coast Aero Club and the Pleasant Park and Cottage Park yacht clubs in Winthrop, Mass. He is survived by his wife, Lorie; his mother; a brother, Michael P. ’75; three sisters, including Barbara O’Malley Cannan ’82; and 14 nephews and nieces. His father was the late Joseph R. ’49.

1980
WILLIAM B. DOCTOR
AUG. 22, 2006
In Tennessee, at 48. Mr. Doctor is survived by his wife, Mary Silva Doctor ’80; three daughters; two sisters; his father-in-law and mother-in-law; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and nephews and nieces. His brother was the late John S. ’78.

FRIENDS:
Father of Isabel Alvarez Borland, modern languages and literatures department; mother of Thomas Bylund, physical plant/building services; Nora Champagne, retired, Kimball dining services; mother of Richard V. ’57 and Thomas J. Cleary ’61; Rev. Angelo D’Agostino, S.J., M.D., Hon. ’06; grandmother of Cheryl Davidson, purchasing department; Barbara Doherty, retired, Cantor Art Gallery; father of Gemma L. Dorsey ’89; father of Lindsey P. Driscoll ’08; wife of the late Francis J. Duggan Jr. ’39; father of Patricia Halpin, human resources department; sister of U.S. Sen.
Rabbi Norman Cohen, a 1972 graduate of the College and student of Fr. Brooks, told a group of about 75 students and faculty in Rehm Library recently that Fr. Brooks wanted him to become a better Jew as a result of his attending Holy Cross. We know the real joy of having our own Rabbi. The Holy Cross community should be awake to that vision, which John Brooks laid out for us over 30 years ago—namely, that Holy Cross is to be distinctively Christian, Catholic and Jesuit, the foundational principles of which lead to constructive and practical unity of many religious voices.

Fr. Brooks understood at the time what many of us barely grasped. We at Holy Cross are participating in a very important experiment taking place in Catholic higher education across this country and the world, namely an attempt to join distinct religious peoples who have been at odds for millennia into a practical and intellectual unity in the service of truth and humanity, with no wish for assimilation or conversion. In line with the second Vatican Council and the popes since the Council, we recognize the covenant between God and the people of Israel as a living and valid covenant. Holy Cross stands as a community of educators dedicated to the same goal, educating our students to participate intelligently in the world around them and doing so in continuity with the faith of their fathers and mothers.

I.

This past summer, from July 2 to July 23, while the Israeli Defense Force was engaging Hamas to the south and Hizbullah to the north, I was in Jerusalem for a three-week seminar for educators at Yad Vashem (which means a name/memorial) on the murder of six million Jews between 1933 and 1945. Yad Vashem is a national and international memorial to the victims of the Shoah, containing a museum, a library, an education center, two art galleries, an administration building, a publishing house, a striking tree-lined avenue dedicated to the righteous gentiles who saved Jews during the Shoah, and a research center, all on a hill that overlooks the city of Jerusalem. So important is this place that Pope John Paul II made it part of his pilgrimage to the Christian Holy Sites in Israel.

Yad Vashem is an affecting place, indeed a haunting place,
unlike any other site in Israel. Its only competition in my mind is the Wall of Herod's Temple, a place where this world meets another and one can stand in both at the same time. I worked in Yad Vashem every day except Shabbat, listening to professors from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and from Tel Aviv University. On my own, I visited the Wall in the Old City three times: the first time to stand in awe, the second to pray for the people of Israel and the land, and the third to pray for my family and for Holy Cross. I visited several other Jewish and Christian holy sites, but none of them affected me as did Yad Vashem and the Wall.

Why was I there? I could not afford to be there as a tourist or a pilgrim. I wanted to learn more about the Shoah, its causes and its effects. My hope was to learn enough to inform my planning of a program of Jewish-Christian understanding funded by two families, Kraft and Hiatt, who donated money to Holy Cross and to Brandeis University for that purpose. I was trying to discover ways to use that money each year that would best benefit the College. I have certainly been motivated, and I hope that I am wiser about planning as a result. We had in September a public dialogue between Rabbi Irving Greenberg of the Jewish Life Network and Dr. Eugene Fisher of the U. S. Bishops' Conference reviewing the past 50 years of discourse between Catholics and Jews. We recently had Rev. James Bernauer, S.J., of Boston College speaking on the Jesuit contribution to anti-Judaism and Professor Michael Berenbaum of the University of Judaism in Los Angeles speaking on the implications of imminent deaths of the last of the survivors of the camps. I hope to follow this up next year by inviting to the Center several of the Israeli historians and social scientists who spoke to the Yad Vashem seminar.

II.

Why the Jews? That's what I thought about as a 10 year old watching the films of the camps in Movietone News in the darkened theatre on Westchester Square in the Bronx in 1945. That's what I asked myself some weeks ago as I viewed a film about the Nuremberg trial and the suicide of Field Marshal Hermann Goering. That is the question, more than any other, that I have carried for 60 years—and that brought me, finally, to Yad Vashem.

Why the Jews? What did the Yad Vashem scholars have to say? Was there anti-Judaism in the Roman Empire? Yes—a hundred years before the birth of Christianity in the empire and two hundred years before that in Egypt. The Romans' attitude toward Jews was markedly ambiguous. On one side, there was fascination and admiration. For many Roman seekers, Judaism's ethical monotheism represented a particularly attractive religious and ethical practice. Jews were a strong and clear witness to the One who decrees justice for all. But, at the same time, Jews were thought to be arrogant, greedy, treacherous, exclusive and misanthropic, aliens in every town and in the empire itself, whose loyalty was always suspect. Above all, they were against the gods and would only worship one, “the Holy One.”

In addition, according to the Christians, Jews killed the God Incarnate. Christians added to the stock xenophobia a religious hatred perhaps born in the very moment of Christian origin. Medieval Catholicism's suspicion and rejection of Jews on religious grounds carried with it, in different times and places, varying legal measures meant to fix Jews in the status of a social underclass, to determine where and how they could live, to restrict the sorts of jobs they could do, to mark them as marginal to the history of salvation; in effect, to leave them at the mercy of the mob. The massacres of the first Crusade (1097-98 CE) left no doubt as to the helplessness of the Jews and the mur-
derous intent of a Christian army.

The anti-Judaism inherited in the modern West through Christian channels was a combination of suspicion of the stranger with a very specific and very dangerous religious tint. Modern European anti-Judaism was continuous with the old Christian dread but took a radical turn within the invention of racialism in the 19th century. There was no racism in the old Christian anti-Judaism. In what must strike us as an irony, the 18th-century Enlightenment gave Jews the rights of citizenship while the new Nationalism in the 19th questioned Jewish loyalty. The rising nations of the West had their question: Are you one of us? Are you from our stock—or are you a lesser sort of human being? Politically, the implementation of the Enlightenment was equality and class integration … but at a price: cultural assimilation. And so, there arose the threat of elimination of Judaism at the very moment of the Jews’ political and social freedom. In the United States, assimilationist pressures were reduced by the invention of several new Jewisms that allowed them to belong to a Jewish community and be more or less integrated into the new American land of promise. Like Catholics, Jews in America found ways of having their cake and eating it too.

In the Enlightenment and in the industrial and financial revolutions of the 19th century what did European gentiles see? They saw Jews doing very well by social and economic measures. In spite of their reputation for traditionalism, they seemed a quintessential modern people. Many Jews were deeply moved by the egalitarianism and universalism of the Enlightenment ideals, and, so, headed in the direction of socialism and Marxism—both of which also transcended nationalism and demanded egalitarian community, at least in theory. Both Catholics and Jews had trouble with the Enlightenment and modernity. Catholics struggled with the ideology of modernity and its threat to hierarchy and traditionalism, the result being the Fortress Church of Pius IX and Pius X, while Jews fought among themselves, trying to defend their families and synagogues against assimilationist and nationalist pressures. In fact, looking back now, it seems that Fortress Catholicism and Jewish Orthodoxy had more in common than they knew, especially in their responses to modernity.

Modernity hit the Jewish communities with some basic questions: What is Judaism and who is a Jew? What is essential to the community’s life? Is Judaism a dispersed nation—a nation spread out among the nations? Is it a faith? Does Judaism demand certain basic beliefs? Is it mainly a religion—or a social practice and a particular form of memory? Or, is it a new and mysterious thing: a race? In Christendom there was only one human race, descended from Adam and Eve, with the particularities of peoples in that race constituted by sin, by historical accident and the grace of God. But in modernity, “race” was a matter of blood, and there was no human race embracing all.

In the 19th century, biblical monogenesis was taken to be superstition and the Genesis account of human origins was discounted. And so there were human races: Caucasian, Aryan, Negroid, Asian and Jewish. Were the Jews after all a race and, if so, just how human were they?

Hitler, a racist among racialists, was quite sure that they were in fact a race and one so inferior to the Aryan
race that they were to be denied humanity altogether. Jews were untermenschen. They could have no national identity and, since they were not Aryans, they could not belong to the German nation. They were to be extruded. They were "cosmopolitan" and so posed a threat to nations which demanded loyalty based on blood. They were not a religion, but a race, which, by their mongrel racial status, threatened the purity of the higher races.

Hitler added an element from his reading in the arcane and esoteric literature of anti-Judaism, including the infamous forgery, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion. To complete his myth of struggle between the highest and the lowest in the list of races he added the belief that Jews made two great historical incursions into Western culture in order to destroy it. According to Hitler, once in the advent of Christianity in the Roman Empire and once again in the form of Soviet Bolshevism, Jews assaulted Western culture under a guise. Christianity, the Catholic Church especially, is a gentile form of Judaism. So also the Russian revolution was fomented and led by Jews. He believed both of these must also be destroyed if Aryans are to achieve their proper racial ascendancy.

Hitler was an obsessional racist, not just in theory but in practice. He took pride in distinguishing himself from the Romantic anti-Judaism of the likes of Richard Wagner whose essay on “the Jewish problem” he appreciated and whose music he adored. While Wagner was a Romantic anti-Judaist, Hitler thought himself thoroughly modern and practical. Wagner thought and worried about the Jews while Hitler himself acted. He killed Jews by the millions. Hitler did reach well over six million Jews—plus homosexuals and gypsies and a couple of million Soviet captives and a million or so Polish Catholics. And this figure does not include the 20 million Soviet citizens he killed in Operation Barbarossa, and the millions more untermenschen he killed in Central and Western Europe. He didn't kill all the Poles. He ignored some of the homosexuals and some gypsies. But he wanted to kill every Jew alive. So deep was his hatred that his last words, addressed to the leaders of the West, were a plea to finish the destruction of Jews which he had begun.

Hitler answered the question, Why the Jews? by identifying Jews as a racial virus that undermines every facet of genuine culture, economy and religious devotion. They must be exterminated if the human races are to survive and prosper, he believed. Thus, the “real” (Nazi) history is the story of the struggle of the highest of humanity (Aryans) against the lowest (Jews).

So we are faced with two quite distinct answers to the question, Why the Jews? The historian’s answer and Hitler’s answer. The historian’s response is that anti-Judaism in the West combines xenophobia with the Christian charge of deicide. Hitler’s response is expressed in an elaborate theory of race with a veneer of Manichaean apocalypticism.

Permit me to add a comment of my own: I have told you why I went to Yad Vashem and something of what I saw and heard there. I sketched out why Hitler did the unspeakable, and touched on what that had to do with the Christian history of anti-Judaism. As I stood at the Wall and felt the Presence of the Holy One, so I stood in the museum at Yad Vashem and felt nothing but the absence of life and being—the black hole at the heart of humanity pulling life and being into nothing. What is there to be understood about that? It is absurd, a brute fact and nothing more. But I haven’t found a satisfactory answer to my question. I still don’t know, “Why the Jews?” Maybe I should have asked, “Why the Nazis?”

1 Anon., The Protocols of the Elders of Zion. C.1905. I found a copy in a used bookstore in the Bronx when I was about 15 years old.
It's no surprise that James J. Collins '87 admires innovators as disparate as the late maverick scientist and Nobel Prize winner, Richard Feynman, and Pixar Animation Studios and Walt Disney feature animation chief creative officer, John Lasseter. The word "innovator" is just as easily applied to Collins. By the time he reached his early 30s, he was already being hailed as one of the most creative biomedical researchers in the country.

Technology Review once selected Collins as one of its 100 young innovators who will shape the future of technology. In 2005, he was named one of Scientific American's 50 outstanding leaders in science and technology. Since 1990, Collins has been a professor in the biomedical engineering department at Boston University. His current research interests involve synthetic biology, systems biology and the development of noise-based sensory prosthetics.

Holy Cross was the first place to recognize Collins' brilliance. As an undergraduate, he was a Presidential Service Award winner, Fenwick Scholar and Dana Scholar. In 2000, he received the Sanctae Crucis Award, the College's highest non-degree recognition awarded to alumni, for his outstanding professional accomplishments.

Collins, who is co-director of BU's Center for BioDynamics, has been called the embodiment of the university's dedication to excellence in research and education. He has received a number of awards and honors over the years, including a MacArthur "genius grant," Fellowship, and Boston University's highest teaching honor, the Metcalf Cup and Prize.

Collins especially treasures the Metcalf Cup and Prize, since that award comes from nominations submitted by students.

“I put a lot of energy into my teaching, and Holy Cross influenced the way I teach,” he says. “When I made the commitment to teach, I thought back on the way the professors I had at Holy Cross kept students interested and excited.”

The class valedictorian was graduated *summa cum laude* from Holy Cross with a degree in physics—and went on to become a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford. Collins originally intended to study electrical engineering as an undergraduate but chose Holy Cross over other top schools such as Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. One reason was that he found the atmosphere at Holy Cross to be in stark contrast to some of the other campuses he visited.

“People at Holy Cross were walking around smiling and enjoying themselves,” Collins comments. “I fell in love with the place. I wanted to work hard and get a strong education, but I also wanted to enjoy myself. I wanted to get a broad experience, and I felt I could get that at Holy Cross.”

Collins’ research has led to a solution to the problem of the tendency of the elderly to lose their balance—which can be traced back to a loss of feeling in the feet, often related to diabetes, a stroke or simply old age. Balance is partly due to the sensation of pressure on the soles of the feet received by the brain. Collins has found a way to increase the sensitivity of the sole through his work on noise-based sensory prosthetics and, as a result, has developed a vibrating gel insole that steadies equilibrium.

“As a student at Holy Cross, you are encouraged to use your talents to make a difference in the community,” Collins explains. “That’s very unique, and it has really stuck with me.”

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**Q & A**

*What activities were you involved in at Holy Cross?*

I was a member of the track and cross country teams and a class officer. I also wrote and drew cartoons for the school newspaper; taught CCD; served as editor of a science literary magazine; and hosted a radio talk show.

*Who was your best friend at Holy Cross—and do you still keep in touch with him or her?*

My wife, Mary, was my best friend, and yes, we keep in touch every day—we’ve been married since 1990.

*What would people be surprised to learn about you?*

I’m slow to adopt new technologies. I don’t like change. I just recently got a cell phone for the first time.

*Who has been the most influential person in your life?*

My wife, Mary. She’s incredibly smart, hard working—and is the nicest person I know. She reaches out to people on the sidelines and pulls them in. She’s a lot of fun. She’s a Harvard Medical School professor and a physician at Massachusetts General Hospital—and she still has lots of time for family and friends.

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Campus Crosses

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