“Hogan Beach,” photographed by Rob Carlin
14 The Joy of Reading
by James Dempsey
While the “death of the book” has been prophesized for years, the dawn of the digital age has brought renewed worry to bibliophiles everywhere. Holy Cross faculty, administrators, students and alumni weigh in on the future of the book—and offer suggestions for a summer full of reading.

30 Mr. Holy Cross
by Michael Reardon
He had been a football star and a Vietnam-era Marine. When, in 1966, Pat McCarthy ’63 accepted a position at alma mater, he believed he’d stay “a year or two.” His tenure, however, extended four decades, during which time he shepherded the alumni body through unprecedented growth and change. Now, as he retires, McCarthy reminisces about his time on the Hill as the longtime, loyal ambassador for his College.
"Flashback"

Seeing my picture standing next to Timothy Leary ’42 in the spring edition of Holy Cross Magazine brought back some memories of Tim. We were classmates; both of us lived on Fenwick, took many classes together and sat next to each other.

He was brilliant but very controversial. In our final exam in Latin, Fr. Hart said the exam would be from one of several passages. Tim went downtown, bought a “wiggle board,” and had a séance in his room. He went around and around and ended up on #6. The exam passage turned out to be #3. Tim had only studied passage #6 and flunked.

He was an enigma. Several times in religion class, he would say to Fr. Hart, “You have ‘scrups’ for scruples.” In 1938, that was pretty daring!

May his soul rest in peace.

Daniel F. O’Keeffe Sr., M.D., ’42
Glens Falls, N.Y.

“Road Signs”

While I found the article “Why the Jews?” (winter ’07) rather informative and interesting, I was dismayed to read the author’s politically correct reference to dating on Page 77, to wit: “CE” vs. the more universally used “AD.” Is this another slice off ages of custom/tradition to cater to the ungodly in our society? And, this in a supposedly Catholic college! For shame!

Louis F. Cumming ’60
La Jolla, Calif.

Thomas Lee ’59 must have extraordinary faith in science. Consider the human eye, its complexity and the fact that it sees, or the brain, or for that matter, an evening sunset. To believe that these miracles happened by accident must take an unquestioning faith in science, particularly when his Catholic faith claims that God, the Father Almighty, is the Creator of heaven and earth.

In his brief article in Holy Cross Magazine (spring ’07), Lee protests again and again regarding the “overwhelming scientific evidence for evolution” and assures us that, although science “has by no means yet discovered all of evolution’s complicated pathways, these are being researched and unraveled at an increasing pace.” Lee gives us not a hint of any of the evidence nor does he suggest any of the research findings. As a matter of fact, the infamous “missing link” has never been found and every time in the past scientific research has announced its discovery, the discovery has turned out to be a sham. As he says, “It is a mistake to deny facts to prove any conclusion.” It would seem then to deny the evidence of intelligence behind creation in order to support an atheistic conclusion is also, to quote Lee again, “bad science and bad theology.”

I see no reason why not to take Genesis literally. It is no more fantastic than the idea that the seasons happen accidentally or that the genius of the human mind is the result of random selection. And, certainly, Brown University biochemist Kenneth Miller’s idea that God presides over evolution and “is one whose genius fashioned a fruitful world in which the process of continuing creation is woven into the fabric of matter itself” is essentially an argument for intelligent design.

The pit is that secular arbiters of educational content today forbid any mention of the possibility of intelligent design in the classroom primarily in order to keep the concept of “God” out of the schools. Bad science and bad theology.

Daniel J. Gorman ’54
Winter Park, Fla.
I no longer recall exactly where I got the bag—possibly at some tiny independent bookstore in the Midwest. I’d like to believe that the store survives, but that’s probably a pipe dream. This was almost 15 years ago and so many of the independents have been crushed in the meantime by the superstore chains with their coffee bars and deep bestseller discounts.

The bag was a standard canvas tote and, today, it’s a little threadbare. But it is part of a ritual that sustains me through the weary end of Worcester’s winters. Each year, usually near the start of February, I begin filling the bag with books—the titles I plan on reading during my July vacation in Maine. This is a process that runs through late June. I frequently edit, swapping out one title for another, inserting new recommendations from reader-friends. Tucking in one more impulse purchase or surprise Father’s Day paperback.

As snow slowly yields to rain and deadline stress rises and falls, I continually use that canvas bag—and the books it holds—as a touchstone, signifying an approaching idyll when I can descend, again, for days at a time, into the pure joy of reading.

There’s a conceit that I treasure regarding the work done at Holy Cross. I can’t recall who first said it to me—and, yes, it reveals an English major bias—but I’ve long been enamored of the notion that what is cultivated on the Hill each year is a vibrant crop of passionate, lifelong readers.

What I hope for all of those readers this summer is some time on a beach or a lake shore or a quiet back porch, immersed in a book that brings pleasure, meaning and the renewal that comes from reading. On Page 19, you’ll find intriguing book recommendations from faculty, administrators and students. And we invite you to visit the magazine’s Web site and share your own favorite books with the rest of the College community.

As I write this, I am seven days away from that beach in Maine. I have time for another revision or two of the books in that canvas tote bag. But before I go, I can’t resist leaving you with my own recommendation.

The best book I read during the last year was Winter’s Bone, by Daniel Woodrell. Full disclosure: Woodrell is a friend. And this, his eighth novel, is his finest yet.

Winter’s Bone is the story of 16-year-old Ree Dolly, whose family “has worked the shadowy side of the law for generations.” When her father disappears after skipping bail and the bond company threatens to seize the family home, Ree sets out on a quest that—for both the heroine and the reader—conveys profound meanings about family, faith and identity.

For two decades, Woodrell has quietly been building a reputation as a writer’s writer. His books are taut, poetic and deeply evocative tales that turn his native Ozarks into a rich, mythic—and, particularly, American—landscape. As writer Kaye Gibbons says, “Whenever I’m on the verge of losing faith in our collective ability to produce startlingly direct yet still lyrical and gorgeous novels, another one arrives from Daniel Woodrell and I’m immediately optimistic again.”

For all our readers, we wish you a summer full of great books and the time and peace to delight in them.
Holy Cross graduates 643 at the College’s 161st Commencement

John G. Roberts, Jr., chief justice of the United States, delivered the principal address and received an honorary degree on May 25, as Holy Cross graduated 643 men and women during its 161st commencement ceremony.

Nominated by President George W. Bush, Chief Justice Roberts took his seat on the Supreme Court on Sept. 29, 2005. Prior to joining the Supreme Court as the 17th chief justice, he was a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Chief Justice Roberts received his bachelor of arts degree from Harvard College in 1976 and his juris doctor from Harvard Law School in 1979. He served as a law clerk for Judge Henry J. Friendly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1979 to 1980 and as a law clerk for then-Associate Justice William H. Rehnquist of the Supreme Court of the United States during the 1980 term. He was special assistant to the attorney general, U.S. Department of Justice, from 1981 to 1982; associate counsel to President Ronald Reagan, White House Counsel’s Office, from 1982 to 1986; and principal deputy solicitor general, U.S. Department of Justice, from 1989 to 1993.
From 1986 to 1989 and 1993 to 2003, he practiced law in Washington, D.C.

Chief Justice Roberts is married to Jane Sullivan Roberts, a 1976 graduate of Holy Cross and current member of the College’s Board of Trustees. The Roberts have two children, Josephine and John, who also attended Commencement.

In his address, Chief Justice Roberts invoked an image from 700 years ago, of Francesco Petrarch, “the original Renaissance man.” The chief justice related a story about a springtime climb that Petrarch made up Mount Ventoux, a 6,200-foot peak near his home in France. Later, while reflecting on the difficult ascent, Petrarch wrote: “To ascend, you have to climb, and you might as well face it directly.”

Chief Justice Roberts exhorted the new graduates to be brave and to do the necessary climbing to ascend the hills in their lives. The full text of Chief Justice Roberts’ remarks can be found online: www.holy-cross.edu/events/commencement/roberts_address.html.

Other individuals receiving honorary degrees at Commencement were: Brendan J. Cassin ’55; Sister Miriam Duggan; and Annette Rafferty.

Cassin, chairman and president of the Cassin Educational Initiative Foundation—which he founded...
in 2000—is also chairman of the board of both the Cristo Rey Network and the Nativity Miguel Network. Through these organizations, Cassin helps establish private, Catholic, college-preparatory middle schools and high schools in urban, economically challenged areas across the United States. In 2002, Cassin made a $1 million grant to Holy Cross to help the College recruit students of color—an effort which has been successful and has increased diversity on campus. He also helped found the Nativity School of Worcester, which last year graduated its first eighth-grade class, and where many Holy Cross students volunteer and teach.

Following graduation from Holy Cross, Cassin spent five years in the Marine Corps, subsequently working in sales, sales management and marketing. In 1969 Cassin co-founded Xidex Corporation, which achieved Fortune 500 status in 1987, with sales of $752 million and 7,000 employees worldwide. He left active management of Xidex in 1979 and became a venture capital investor. Cassin is a founding investor in a number of technology companies and, also, a financial founder of many public companies.
Sister Miriam Duggan has spent 30 years as a missionary; she is currently congregational leader of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Africa, based in Dublin. Superintendent in 1987 of the Kampala hospital in Uganda when the first cases of AIDS were diagnosed, Sister Duggan took an activist role in the fight against the disease. A gynecologist, she developed an educational program aimed at changing behaviors—work that has been credited in the decline in the rate of AIDS deaths—and that has been introduced in 11 other African countries. Sister Duggan has recently begun a new program called “Youth Alive” Clubs—positive peer groups offering sports, musical festivals and drama—as well as ongoing support and education—to help young people make positive life choices.

In 1976, Annette Rafferty founded the Abby Kelley Foster House, better known as Abby’s House, an emergency shelter for battered women and their children in Worcester. Today it is one of the most respected multi-service agencies in the city and the state.
of Massachusetts. In addition to the emergency shelter, Abby’s House currently provides 78 units of service-enriched low-income housing at three locations. It also operates a thrift shop and a women’s day center, and offers counseling and referrals. Holy Cross has had a long relationship with Rafferty and Abby’s House: Holy Cross students have staffed the shelter since the night it opened, and College employees have supported this effort through financial contributions and hours of volunteer service.

This year’s valedictory address was delivered by Patrick Gavin ’07 of Norwood, Mass., a theatre and history double major with a
minor in economics. Gavin is a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the economics honors society, as well as Phi Alpha Theta, the history honors society, of which he served as president for the past year. As a student at Holy Cross, Gavin also worked with the Fenwick Theatre, Alternative College Theatre and Redfeather Theatre Company, pursuing both acting and production.

In his remarks, Gavin spoke about his gratefulness for being given countless opportunities to learn and grow during his years at Holy Cross.

“Through our experience at this liberal arts college,” he said, “we have gained a more comprehensive view of what it means to be a human being, an awareness of others brought about not just by studying the intricacies of our chosen major, but by unconsciously studying the very art of what it means to live a meaningful life.”
The 10th annual presentation of the Sanctae Crucis Awards took place at a campus dinner on May 4. The Awards are the highest nondegree recognition bestowed by the College on an alumnus or alumna. Awards are given to recognize distinguished professional achievement and outstanding community service. An award is also presented to the outstanding young alumnus/alumna under the age of 40. This year’s recipients are: Mark J. Doherty, D.M.D., ’70, John T. Harrington, M.D., ’58, Paul F. Walker ’68 and Timothy J. Treanor ‘89.

Mark J. Doherty, D.M.D., ’70 is the founder of the Oral Health Clinic—which he administers at the Dorchester House Multi-Service Center—and the Commonwealth Mobile Oral Health Services (CMOHS), the first portable dental program in Massachusetts, established in 1981. Doherty’s vision was to create a “dental home” for children with dental needs due to the lack of MassHealth providers, transportation problems, incarceration or residential status. CMOHS currently serves more than 50 Department of Youth Services (DYS) facilities, 55 Department of Social Services (DSS) and special program residential facilities, 20 public elementary schools and 60 Head Start programs throughout the commonwealth. Following his graduation from Holy Cross, Doherty attended the University of Pennsylvania where he received his medical degree in 1974; he currently lives in Lakeville, Mass.

John T. Harrington, M.D., ’58 has been a part of the nephrology division at Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston since his fellowship training in the mid-1960s. Now dean emeritus and professor of medicine at the Tufts University School of Medicine, Harrington focuses on outpatient care, in-patient consultation and medical education of nephrology fellows, internal medicine house staff and medical students. In December 2005, he completed 28 years as a founding co-editor of the “Nephrology Forum,” which had been published monthly in Kidney International, the journal of the International Society of Nephrology. His intellectual interests include the broad field of clinical nephrology and, specifically, the arcane world of acid-base, fluid and electrolyte disturbances. After receiving his bachelor of arts degree in classics in 1958, Harrington went on to receive his medical degree from the Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Conn.; he completed his internship and residency at North Carolina Memorial Hospital. Harrington began his association with Tufts-New England in 1965, subsequently serving as director of the dialysis unit and as chief of the division of general internal medicine. In 1996, he was appointed dean of the Tufts University School of Medicine, a position he held until 2002. Harrington lives in West Roxbury, Mass.

For more than 25 years, Paul F. Walker ’68 has been a leading expert in international security, arms control and...
How to submit a Sanctae Crucis nomination

Nominations for the 11th Annual Sanctae Crucis Awards are now being accepted. The Holy Cross Mission Statement is the foundation for the awards, which are presented to recognize:

**Distinguished Professional Achievement.** An alumnus/alumna “who, as a leader in business, professional or civic life, lives by the highest intellectual and ethical standards …” The alumnus/alumna is widely recognized by colleagues as greatly accomplished in his/her field. The individual’s private business or professional affairs are imbued with hard work, integrity and Judeo-Christian principles reflecting honor and glory on Holy Cross.

**Outstanding Community Service.** An alumnus/alumna who “seeks to exemplify the longstanding dedication of the Society of Jesus to the intellectual life and its commitment to the service of faith and promotion of justice …” The individual performs outstanding and praiseworthy service in the interests of humanity and reflects honor and glory on the College.

**Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna.** An alumnus/alumna under age 40, who has already demonstrated a promising degree of worthy accomplishment. He or she is “open to new ideas, patient with ambiguity and uncertainty and combines a passion for truth with respect for the views of others …” The individual has achieved outstanding personal or professional accomplishments that reflect honor and glory on the College.

Nominations must be submitted to the Office of the Senior Vice President by Jan. 1, 2008. In order to be eligible for nomination, individuals must be Holy Cross graduates who have not received an honorary degree from the College. Current Holy Cross Trustees are not eligible while in service on the Board.

Nomination forms may be found on the College Web page of the senior vice president and, following completion, mailed to:

Office of the Senior Vice President, PO Box VP, College of the Holy Cross, One College Street, Worcester, MA 01610

The Awards ceremony will be held at the annual spring dinner meeting of the Board of Trustees.
This year’s John D. O’Connell Prize for Accounting Excellence was presented to Jessica McCaffrey ’08, at the annual Accounting Banquet, held on April 24 in the Hogan Campus Center. The prize was established in 1994 by Richard Cummings ’76 and other former students of John D. O’Connell ’53—in acknowledgment of his significant contribution to the College and the economics/accounting department. The award is given each year to a third-year accounting major who best represents the traditions associated with O’Connell: a record of academic excellence, service to the community and commitment to the profession of public accounting. A number of his former students attended the banquet to honor the professor they credit with preparing them for professional success.

“J.D. is legendary,” says Nancy Baldiga, associate professor of economics, who notes that O’Connell has prepared thousands of Holy Cross students over the years for careers in accounting. “J.D. has taught every semester of every year for 50 years without any sabbaticals—an indication of his amazing devotion to the department and our students.”

Though officially retired, O’Connell continues to teach a few courses each semester. The department held a separate event April 19 in his honor.

After serving 33 years as the College’s science librarian, Tony Stankus ’73 recently assumed the role of life sciences librarian and professor at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. When Stankus began his career at Holy Cross, the science library consisted of 25 seats, 200 print journal subscriptions and 25,000 volumes. By the time of his departure, the O’Callahan Science Library in Swords Hall seated 100 people; held 2,000 print and electronic journal subscriptions, and contained more than 100,000 volumes. In addition to his work at Holy Cross, Stankus has been an adjunct professor at the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Library and Information Studies for 25 years. In 2006, he was named “Crusader of the Year” by the Greater Worcester Area Alumni Association.

Erratum
Due to an editing error, last issue’s news story on The Joseph H. Maguire ’58 Professorship in Education failed to note the generous efforts of Kathy Ludwig, wife of Ed Ludwig ’73, in endowing the position. The editors regret this error.
# Calendar of Events

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For more news about upcoming events and for up-to-date information about the campus, please visit the Holy Cross Web site at www.holycross.edu
The Joy of Reading

Critics are panicking over the demise of the book. But, in the midst of the digital revolution, Holy Cross continues to cultivate lifelong readers.

BY JAMES DEMPSEY

Illustration by Karen Shilad

There is no Frigate like a Book
To take us Lands away
Nor any Coursers like a Page
Of prancing Poetry—
—Emily Dickinson

My working and charitable assumption is that half the class has read half the work. I even semi-seriously thought it might make sense to teach a course in the fall called “The First Half of Long Novels,” followed by the spring course “The Second Half of Long Novels.”
—From “Huckleberry Who?” in The Chronicle of Higher Education, by Professor Lennard J. Davis, the University of Illinois at Chicago

At more or less regular intervals since the early 1960s, when Newton Minow recoiled in horror at the “vast wasteland” of television culture that he saw metastasizing across American life, reading in general and the book in particular have been proclaimed dead. In recent years, with reading being further crowded out of our lives by the Internet, the dark jeremiads on the demise of reading continue.

The titles of the books and articles on the subject tell most of the story: “The Death of Reading: Will a Nation that Stops Reading Eventually Stop Thinking?” by Mitchell Stephens; The Gutenberg Elegies: The Fate of Reading in an Electronic Age, by Sven Birkerts; “The Closing of the American Book,” by Andrew Solomon; “Cultural atrophy: the decline of reading,” by Amy Cookson.

The august National Endowment for the Arts joined in the chorus in 2004 with Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America, which reported less reading taking place across the board, with the steepest fall, a whopping 28 percent, in the youngest age groups. Newspapers—themselves suffering from declining circulation—are reducing or cutting pages devoted to book reviews.

Nor is the phenomenon viewed as merely esthetically damaging. Author Andrew Solomon sees the death of reading as a national health crisis. “That the rates of depression should be going up as the rates of reading are going down is no happenstance,” he writes. “Meanwhile, there is some persuasive evidence that escalating levels of Alzheimer’s disease reflect a lack of active engagement of adult minds. While the disease appears to be determined in large part by heredity and environmental stimulants, it seems that those who continue learning may be less likely to develop Alzheimer’s.”
Of course, there are two sides to every issue. What is rebuffed by one thinker is embraced just as passionately by another. There are those who see in the world of hypertext, for instance, a new paradigm for literature, a breaking beyond linearity and horizontalism. Others think this technology a mere gimmick, something only a little more intellectually robust than the choose-your-own-ending tales that were popular with younger readers some years ago. And one has to wonder, if readers can choose their own endings, what happens to Aristotelian unity?

For many, the migration of the word from printed page to the ethereal confines of hyperspace threatens to do away with that absurdly archaic artifact of ink, glue and dead trees we call the book. As for the newspaper, which poet and English professor Christopher Jane Corkery remembers being referred to as “the poor man's university,” one can almost guarantee its shape-shift from the rustling, inky broadsheets and tabloids of today to a crisp and unwrinkling presentation on the Almighty Web—where it will be animated, busy, in glorious color, and, naturally, “interactive” (one of the Internet's most impertinent claims; true reading is always interactive).

“I really don't know whether we'll be printing the Times in five years,” Arthur Sulzberger, owner, chairman and publisher of The New York Times was reported as saying, “and you know what? I don't care either.”

Before we all start sharpening our knives for the autopsy of the book and begin penning eulogies for the act of reading, however, let us pause to talk with some of those for whom reading is central to their lives—those whose business, in one way or another, involves the writing and reading of words.

Poet Laureate Billy Collins '63 is cheerfully contrarian regarding the “chicken-little, alarmist, attention-getting proclamation” of the demise of reading.

“I live in New York and people do nothing else but read, at least the people I know,” he says. “The usual case that’s made is that television kills readership, but it turns out in other surveys that there is another group of people who watch a lot of TV but who do a lot reading, too. To them, it's all information. One medium doesn’t preclude the other for a lot of people.”

Collins is more than comfortable with the technology of the information explosion of recent decades, including the Internet. Indeed, the site Billy Collins Action Poetry (http://www.bcactionpoet.org) features a selection of his poems animated by a variety of artists.

As for the much-lamented lack of literacy encouraged by e-mail, you can blame Collins for at least part of it.

“I have no respect for e-mail,” he says. “When I e-mail, I don’t capitalize and so on. The medium itself encourages one to ignore the usual syntactical and grammatical etiquette. It's based on efficiency, and lowercase lettering and no punctuation at least gives the illusion you're being speedy about it.”

For Collins, the future of the book is a long one.

“I’m not too worried,” he says. “The novel has been dying since the ’60s. We’ve heard about the death of history, the death of irony after 9/11, and so on, and most of these things don’t ever die. I don’t think the book will ever die—or not soon anyway. Everything we say about it is true: its portability, the fact that you can reread it, stick it in pocket, write notes in margin. Some of these things may be done electronically, but it doesn’t have the same feel.”

He is similarly unimpressed by the prediction that losing reading skills puts us in danger of losing syntax itself.

“It's time we got rid of syntax, anyway,” he says. “The hell with it.”

Edward Jones '72, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Known World, is more pessimistic about the state of reading in America.

“People in America haven't been readers for a long time,” he says, “and when they do read, they read diet
books and books written by people who have never written books—people like models. There are lots of books being published, but a lot of them won’t be around in 100 years.”

Jones is no cultural snob. His own reading life began at the age of 7 or 8 with comic books, starting in the 1950s with D.C. Comics and, in the 1960s, with Marvel Comics, whose heroes he found “more human.” He was introduced to Dickens at Holy Cross in a 19th-century literature course taught by Maurice Géracht.

Jones calls himself a traditionalist in writing, disliking the love of abbreviation that, for example, turns your into ur. And he feels that students today seem less able to handle a demanding reading schedule.

“Ten years ago I returned to Holy Cross and talked to a professor who used to teach a course that required students to read a book a week,” he recalls. “I asked if he still taught the course, and he said the students can’t handle it. Have their brains shrunk? No, but I wonder if they’re not tasked enough. You’re told to read this in a week, and you make time.”

Timothy Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, is skeptical about the death of reading.

“My Ph.D. is in linguistics, so when I hear these assertions, my linguistic brain kicks in,” he says. “You can trace back centuries people who said language is going to the dogs, and that certain syntactic connections are being lost because we don’t study Latin or Greek. Century after century we’ve heard lamentations over the death of something or other due to something dropping out of the educational world. I think there will always be people who will raise red flags, but there’s not a lot of evidence. Language changes incredibly slowly, and not very much in response to external pressures. Particularly the syntax is very resistant to rapid change. I’m not worried about losses to language.”

Austin does see losses, however, in the abbreviated stylings of such media as e-mail and text-messaging.

“The reduction of words into abbreviations wholesale and the abandonment of a whole lot of punctuation—although it doesn’t destroy comprehensibility—it does take away from savoring the syllables,” he says. “Punctuation is used to introduce pauses and rhythms into text, and to lose that is to lose the sound of language for its own sake.”

But Austin has also found that the Internet may both give and take. As a boy he was enamored of a series known as the Don Camillo books, which featured a priest in a small Italian village who was in constant battle with the local Communist Party chief for the hearts and minds of the people.

“I had almost forgotten the books, and then heard them mentioned at a Lenten series I attended at All Saints in Worcester,” Austin says. He was able to find copies through Amazon.com.

“They are dated,” he continues, “but they were already dated in the late ’60s. There’s an enduring humanity about them that stands up pretty well.”

Austin, who describes himself as a “slow reader,” is currently working through an autobiography of St. Ignatius and a novel about pioneer days on the Oregon Trail.

As director of library services, Jim Hogan has a front-row view of changes in the technology and culture of reading.

“I think there are a couple things going on,” he says. “One is that, when a new industry is formed, its importance tends to be exaggerated. When TV came along it was supposed to put radio out of business, but radio today is bigger than ever. Eventually, an industry finds its niche. There were a lot of people who thought the electronic media would put the book out of business, but the demise of the book simply hasn’t happened. The growth of electronic information has occurred in journals, databases—in music, certainly—but the printed book is still an important fixture.

“The number of published titles continues to increase, and by a fairly substantial rate,” Hogan continues. “I think people depend on the computer for quick, good information. It’s wonderful for searching, but when people read

“The novel has been dying since the ’60s. We’ve heard about the death of history, the death of irony after 9/11, and so on, and most of these things don’t ever die. I don’t think the book will ever die.”
books for pleasure they still like the actual book.

“I think we’ve seen a slight decline in our circulation of books in the library,” he adds, “but it’s small. We still circulated last year 26,000 individual books, and we’re only in business 32 weeks in the year.”

Hogan does see a loss of quality in local newspapers around the country, and, despite the enormous wealth of material on the Web, a lack of understanding of the context of world affairs.

“Oh the other hand,” he says, “there are those who read a lot. I crave reading. And people who read crave each other. That explains the popularity of book clubs and reading groups. A book is an entity. It tells a story, captures something, offers a unique piece of information. A book is different.”

And what about the student’s point of view?

Michael Lueger ’07 was a theatre and English double major and editor of The Criterion, the College’s literary magazine. He grew up with a love of reading and admits that digitalized media have affected his reading habits, but for the most part positively.

“I still find that, given the choice, I prefer to pick up a book, play, newspaper, magazine, etc., rather than attempt to read them in digital format,” he says. “Even with more ephemeral media such as newspapers and magazines, having a physical object that organizes the information I’m taking in is more appealing than the sometimes chaotic feel of these publications’ online versions.”

Lueger feels somewhat harried by the unending 24-hour news cycle and the perpetual updating of news sites.

“There’s the sense that I have to keep reading faster and more just to stay up to date,” he says. “It’s sort of the equivalent of Alice’s Red Queen.”

Lueger agrees with Hogan that, for research, the Internet is peerless.

“Maybe the best instance is Encyclopedia Britannica,” he says. “In my spare time, I sometimes skim through their online version, jumping from article to article. The digitization of the encyclopedia makes it much easier to access shorter pieces of information and link them together. For instance, I may never get around to reading a book on early medieval England, but I can cover quite a few short entries on the major personalities and events within a half-hour on Encyclopedia Britannica—giving me at least a basic picture of what happened and what in that era is still important to our way of thinking.”

While many readers have found a place for electronic media in their reading lives, the book seems to remain the standard. “You can’t replace the intimacy of a book,” says Robert Cording, a poet and the James N. and Sarah L. O’Reilly Barrett Professor in Creative Writing. “Books are different from any other medium. There’s almost a meeting of minds, an overhearing of another person thinking, a great sense of continuity that just can’t be replaced.”

“Seamus Heaney said that what poetry does is hold our attention for a space,” he continues, “and I think reading does that too. There’s a kind of pure concentration of focus in reading. On the Internet, you’re scrolling through things, and there is none of that concentration. And what happens when you’re concentrating on a passage or a phrase is it makes you think about yourself. You never get that push back toward yourself off another medium.”

Bill Roorbach, visiting professor, William H.P. Jenks Chair in Contemporary American Letters, is thoroughly unimpressed by the march of technology.

“This morning was a beautiful spring day in Maine, where I live,” he says, “and I carried a book down to the stream along with my binoculars for looking at birds. Reading Richard Ford’s new novel The Lay of the Land, I found that the Internet and any technology beyond the moveable type press were far from my thoughts, and that’s the way I like it.

“I don’t do a lot of reading on my computer,” he continues. “It’s really just a very fancy typewriter, while e-mail is just a kind of very fancy telegram system. Technology hasn’t changed my approach to reading, and I don’t think it
changes the writing.”

Associate professor of English, Helen Whall, is also optimistic about the endurance of the book as a literary form.

“I don’t think the book is dying,” says Whall, who teaches Shakespeare and Renaissance literature, as well as critical reading and writing. “I do a lot of adult lecture series in libraries, and I find that book discussion groups are extremely big, either library-based or self-organized. I’ve seen them growing, not shrinking.”

The big change, she notes, has been in scholarly research:

“As far as research work is concerned, it’s almost too easy for the students. They’re able to avoid going to what I call ‘the Building with the Big Stairs.’ Electronic databases like JSTOR take you right to the journal. Then ERes (a system for posting library reserves) lets faculty put rare books on reserve electronically; it allows you to have them legally in the intranet for the students’ use.

“Those two factors alone, when it comes to academic reading,” Whall says, “show that there is more being done online.”

No matter what their opinions of the brave new electronic world, those interviewed for this article all view the old-fashioned book (“treeware” in the language of cybergeek) with fondness and reverence. As Billy Collins puts it, “The one thing electronic reading cannot provide is intimacy. Alone with a book, you’re alone. But on the Internet, reading—it seems a lot of others are reading at the same time. There isn’t the personal, private intimacy of the book.”

And Whall, supporter though she is of the opportunities afforded by electronic research, continually reminds her students that there are still plenty of wonderful things that can be accessed only by opening and entering the world of a book.

“I’m always beating and beating on my seminar groups,” she says, “telling them, ‘Go to the stacks! Go to the stacks!'”

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

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17 Suggestions
Faculty, students and administrators offer their recommendations for a summer of reading

Navajo Mystery
Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., President, Holy Cross
For pure enjoyment, my summer reading typically includes a Tony Hillerman detective novel. I spent five years in the Southwest working with Native Americans and learned a good deal about Navajo culture, which he features in his novels. He is a masterful storyteller, depicting the Navajo culture and Native American people with authority and sensitivity, and capturing the numinous landscape of that region. One of my favorites is A Thief of Time.

A Masterpiece Recovered
Timothy Austin, Vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College
Set in France during 1940 and 1941, when Nazi domination of Europe seemed at first unthinkable and then unavoidable, Irene Nemirovsky’s narrative, Suite Française, follows a varied cast of women and men as they seek to adjust to the new “normalcy” of the Occupation. Though Nemirovsky died in Auschwitz before she could polish (let alone publish) this work, each page brims with lively characters, wry humor and occasional brutal violence. Hers is a world far removed from ours in both time and space, but this story remains vibrant 65 years later.
A Call to Action
Rev. Catherine Reed, Assistant chaplain

Does the terminology of “slave master” have any relevance in the 21st century? In The New Slave Masters, Bishop Dallas McKinney takes this racially charged term and utilizes it to reveal issues that are destroying our modern society. He states, “In this day there are new insidious slave masters at work in our society. These new slave masters not only enslave the physical being but imprison the mind and spirit as well.” This book challenges the reader to become proactive in the fight for the survival of our families, our communities and, ultimately, our future.

Life in the Charterhouse
Joanne M. Pierce, Associate professor, religious studies

In 2006, a film documentary on the Carthusians, Into Great Silence, was a surprise box-office hit. Nancy Klein Maguire’s book, An Infinity of Little Hours: Five Young Men and Their Trial of Faith in the Western World’s Most Austere Monastic Order, offers a fascinating perspective on the austerity of Carthusian life (unchanged from its foundation in 1084 until after the Second Vatican Council), by chronicling the experiences of five young novices, all of whom entered the Charterhouse at Parkminster, England, between 1960 and 1961. Maguire has written an intriguing and a quite readable blend of history and biography, augmented by personal letters and photographs. Twenty-first-century readers will come as close as possible to experiencing what this thousand-year-old monastic life was, and, to a large extent, still is, really like.

From Russia With Love
Lee Oser, Associate professor, English

My favorite book this past year was Tolstoy’s Anna Karenina. Its grasp of the passions is like a flash of lightning from some celestial region, exposing our inner lives. Tolstoy doesn’t robe his characters in flattering conventions: he shows the soul’s nakedness before God. Is it better than War and Peace? Hard to say, of course, but it finishes on a happier note. Tolstoy ends War and Peace by dismantling Napoleon’s illusions of grandeur. He ends Anna Karenina by dignifying our common vision.

Gastronomical History
Marc Sheehan ’07

As modern cuisine has moved increasingly toward celebrating locally produced foods and artisanal products, it only makes sense for us to honor our local food customs and histories. Often wrongly maligned as old-fashioned and bland, New England cooking is commemo-rated by Keith Stavely and Kathleen Fitzgerald, both New England librarians, in America’s Founding Food: The Story of New England Cooking. The authors approach the material from a historical, as well as an anthropological, point of view by focusing on important regional ingredients. By studying a multitude of literary sources—including cookbooks, works of fiction, diaries, letters and first-person narratives—the authors detail how the earliest European settlers were influenced by their own culinary heritage and the Native Americans they encountered, as well as the evolution of the region’s cuisine with the growth of New England and America.

(This fall, Marc Sheehan will begin studying at the Culinary Institute of America.)
Pivotal Moments
Rev. James Miracky, S.J., Associate professor and chair, English

One of the joys of teaching my “21st Century Literature” course, which had its second run this past fall, is testing out new works amidst the discerning audience of an upper-level Holy Cross English class. By far the most enjoyable text we read that semester, perhaps because of its timeliness, was Saturday, by the British novelist Ian McEwan. Set in London against the backdrop of an anti-war protest just days before the start of the Iraq War, the novel follows a disorienting day in the life of Henry Perowne, a neurosurgeon. In the course of preparing for a family reunion, Henry undergoes an experience of personal terrorism that leads to much reflection about his place in the world and the tension between reason and faith as modes of viewing life. The students loved it and our discussions were great!

Botanical Delights
Mary Lee Ledbetter, Professor and chair, biology

In The Botany of Desire, by Michael Pollan, the author selects four plants that humans have chosen for a particular property: apples (for sweetness), tulips (for beauty), marijuana (for mind-altering properties) and potatoes (for nutrition). In each case, he discusses both the natural state of the species and how human cultivation or other intervention has maximized the property chosen. Throughout, Pollan writes with clarity and humor, while including remarkably accurate scientific information about evolution, genetic engineering, sensation and perception, and physiology.

A Summer at Hogwarts
Cristina Baldor ’07

Despite my so recently acquired degree in English, I have looked beyond the “great works” to recommend, instead, a guilty pleasure: the first six books in the Harry Potter series. I’d also suggest reserving the seventh and final installment—you’ll need it. The books I first considered recommending used beautiful words to reveal an ugly world. But, at times, it is quite enough to carry our own burdens rather than shoulder also the plight of the fictional. In the spirit of the “Joy of Reading,” let us regain true joy, treat ourselves to awe and believe that the good guys always win.

Life in the Neighborhood
Sarah Fontaine ’08

One of the greatest books I have ever read is Random Family, by Adrian Nicole LeBlanc. LeBlanc is a journalist who tells the story of an inner-city family living in the Bronx over a 10-year period. This heartbreaking book literally changed my life, inspiring me to become a sociology major and perhaps even consider a vocation in ministry in order to meet and be with other families like the main characters of LeBlanc’s tale. I highly recommend Random Family to anyone who ever wondered what it would be like to live in the Bronx. (Fontaine, co-chair of Pax Christi, is active in campus ministry and social justice programs on and off campus.)
Classical Suspense
Christine Coch, Assistant professor, English

For someone interested in the ways the words of another age speak to modern readers, Donna Tartt’s The Secret History offers a lush, dark tragedy of literary learning detached from moral sensibility. A friend leant it to me last term. With apologies to those spring classes that didn’t get their first papers back quite as expeditiously as usual, I’ll confess to having been utterly immersed in the novel for a week, the kind of experience that drove me to study literature in the first place.

Epiphanous Pages
Jonathan Mulrooney, Assistant professor, English

One measure of a great book is that it can change your life each time you encounter it—not just the first. For me, Dickens’ Great Expectations, Dostoevsky’s The Brothers Karamazov and Jane Austen’s Persuasion fall into that category. And I never stop returning to John Keats’ letters, which have taught me more about living than almost any other thing I’ve read. As far as recent discoveries, I was entirely absorbed by Garry Wills’ superb What Jesus Meant.

The God of Greeneland
Marjorie Corbman ’09

The best book I read in the past year was The End of the Affair, by Graham Greene—an impulse buy at the thrift store in which I was working, it was a $1.60 well spent. The novel chronicles Maurice Bendrix’s attempts to discover why his married lover, Sarah, broke off their affair five years before the start of the book. In the process, one is treated to what I found to be the most honest and heartbreaking depiction of love—both human and divine—that I have ever read.

(Corbman is author of the book, A Tiny Step Away From Deepest Faith: A Teenager’s Search For Meaning.)

The Science of Being Human
Sarah Luria, Associate professor, English

Intuition, the latest novel from Allegra Goodman, whose stories appear regularly in The New Yorker, takes place in a laboratory involved in the high-stakes race for a cancer cure. An exciting discovery is made, but—is it real or did the ambitious young scientist who made it see what he wanted to see rather than what was really there? With exquisite sensitivity and insight, Goodman explores this classic dilemma and the intense relations among members of the lab, sparked as they are by jealousy, and love—of science, research and each other. Intuition is a suspense-filled novel that fully satisfies both mind and heart.
A Summer in Donegal
Paige Reynolds, Associate professor, English

I’d like to recommend a favorite book that’s being reissued by Blackstaff Press this summer. *The Dancers Dancing*, by the Irish writer Éilís Ni Dhuibhne, is a coming of age novel that vividly depicts life in 1970s Ireland by chronicling the experiences of teenagers attending Irish language camp in Donegal. The novel offers readers meaty issues, experimental form and beautiful language—as well as an engrossing beach read.

Writers and Readers
Steven Hickey ’08

Ian McEwan’s *Atonement* is a novel that I especially enjoyed reading. On a fateful day in 1935, 13-year-old Briony makes a stunning accusation against her housekeeper’s son—an act that forever tarnishes his good name and alters the course of his life. The novel is both engaging and literate, with a masterfully crafted narrative that singularly captures the intricacies of human perception. Ultimately, the book underscores the notion that what we do in life cannot be undone and that however much we may regret our decisions, absolution lies beyond temporal grasp.

(Wickey received the Vannicelli Prize for his work during the Washington Semester Away program.)

The Soldier Assesses
Ward Thomas, Associate professor, political science

I recommend Andrew Bacevich’s *The New American Militarism: How Americans Are Seduced by War*. Bacevich defies convenient stereotypes: a former Army officer who laments Americans’ infatuation with the military and military power; a conservative who is scathingly critical of the Bush administration. Unlike many critics of the Iraq War, however, Bacevich sees the problem not only as arrogant overreaching after Sept. 11, but the culmination of trends that date back three decades, including the U.S. commitment to protect the flow of Middle East oil (embodied in the Carter Doctrine), and the adulation of military institutions even as the idea of uniformed service as an obligation of citizenship has all but disappeared. Tragically, the story has an ironic postscript: Bacevich’s son, who followed his father into the Army, was killed in action in Iraq in May.

What was the book that changed your life? What was the best book you read in the last year? The editors of *Holy Cross Magazine* invite our readers to share their recommendations.

To post your own suggestions and join the conversation, please visit www.holycross.edu/hcmag-forum.html.
Ripple Effect

Ed McLaughlin’s gift helps propel the next generation of scientists

BY LAURA JOHNSON FREEMAN ’96

When Ed “Skip” McLaughlin ’78, P11, P10 was captain of the rowing team at Holy Cross, he probably didn’t spend much time thinking about the wake behind his boat in terms of the intricate laws of physics—or, considering the chemical properties of the water flowing beneath it. As a history major, he took only a handful of courses in the sciences—but what McLaughlin didn’t realize while pulling the oars on Lake Quinsigamond was that a Holy Cross science education would play an important role during one of the most critical moments of his life.

An Unexpected Turn

McLaughlin’s interest in science developed in a number of ways after graduation. First, he married a woman with a longstanding commitment to medicine: A practicing dentist, his wife, Barbara Boyd, completed premedical training at the University of Arkansas and earned her graduate degree at Baylor Dental School in Dallas. And, McLaughlin would later enjoy watching the progress of the couple’s children as they excelled in math and science.

After graduating from Holy Cross, McLaughlin concentrated his energies on the business world. Building a career in real estate development and management, he founded a real estate services firm called USI Companies (later folded into Johnson Controls)—and now heads the combined firm’s Global WorkPlace Solutions business throughout North and South America.

In the spring of 1998, however, science suddenly took center stage in his life when his wife and mother both were diagnosed with breast cancer within a month’s time.

“I was reeling,” McLaughlin recalls of that time. “When you get that kind of news, you think about your young family.”
“I never expected this to happen,” he adds. “It shakes you to the core.”

The McLaughlins initially sought care from local physicians, until classmate and oldest friend, Don Froude, suggested they get in touch with one of the preeminent breast cancer specialists in the nation: David Wazer ’78. McLaughlin had no trouble locating him; roommates for three years at Holy Cross; they had been close friends ever since.

Over the years, Wazer—now the radiation oncologist-in-chief at Tufts-New England Medical Center—had become an accomplished researcher known for his pioneering work in cancer therapy. The McLaughlins turned to Wazer and his staff, who provided them with outstanding care and guided them through the mystifying process of analysis and treatment.

When McLaughlin reflects on the experience, he is grateful to Holy Cross for educating a friend whose knowledge and skill made such a positive impact on his family. Indeed, Wazer says the rigorous, research-based education he received at Holy Cross was the underpinning of his future work. Currently researching genes that are important in breast cancer development, he is designing highly targeted radiation therapies that are less toxic than existing treatments.

Supporting Interdisciplinary Science

Wazer is one of many Holy Cross graduates whose work in medicine and other scientific fields is affecting lives in tangible ways.

With this in mind, McLaughlin has committed $600,000 to support the creation of Holy Cross’ new integrated science complex—which will incorporate the study of chemistry, physics, biology, psychology, and mathematics and computer science in one location. As a result, the next generation of Holy Cross students will have the opportunity to investigate the most intriguing questions in science today, found at the intersection of these fields.

The first phase of the project involves the construction of a new, four-story structure between Swords and Beaven halls, which will house laboratory and lecture spaces. McLaughlin’s gift will be used to create the first classroom within the new building—a 72-seat sloped room outfitted with sophisticated audio-visual equipment and wireless Internet technology.

“This will truly be a prime space,” says Charles S. “Chick” Weiss, director of grants, foundation and corporate giving. “It will be the first thing you see when you walk into the new building, and hundreds of students and faculty will use it every day.”

Construction of the new building, which began in March, is slated for completion in December of 2008. At that point the next phase of the project will begin—gutting and renovating Haberlin Hall. Ultimately, Haberlin will be home to the entire physics and chemistry departments and about half of the mathematics and computer science department.

One of the most attractive aspects of the new complex, according to McLaughlin, is that—in addition to supporting students majoring in science—it will also help generate excitement among non-majors, students who are wading into the study of science on the college-level for the first time.

“I’ve always thought the true power of a liberal arts education lies in the fact that it does not force students to be overly specialized,” he says. “It’s about exploring a wide range of ideas and experiencing everything from philosophy to physics.”

A Lifelong Connection

In addition to contributing to the construction of the new science center, McLaughlin has demonstrated his dedication to Holy Cross in many ways over the years. A consistently generous contributor to the Holy Cross Fund, he typically earmarks his donations to support scholarships, the rowing team and the New York Leadership Council.

McLaughlin, who credits Holy Cross for providing him with the sense of values and judgment that have been the cornerstone of his career in business, is also grateful for his close friendships with classmates—particularly David Wazer and Don Froude.

“For me, it’s been a lifelong connection,” McLaughlin says. “We’ve supported each other over the course of many years and that’s why I feel so strongly about supporting the school.”
David Ticchi ’67
gets creative in support of athletics

BY ELIZABETH THOMPSON WALKER

If you get enough peanuts, you fill a bag.

David Ticchi ’67 uses that simple image to illustrate the importance of every gift to the new Crusader Athletics Fund and to Holy Cross in general. While the metaphor does confirm a basic law of physics, “peanuts” is a word that hardly communicates the true value of the generous and unusual gift Ticchi made this year in celebration of his 40th reunion. He gave a $54,000 reunion gift—stipulating that each of the College’s 27 men’s and women’s varsity athletic teams receives $1,000 from that gift. His generosity will give coaches additional flexibility in recruiting and, also, in purchasing new equipment. He invested the remaining $27,000 in a deferred gift annuity in support of the Holy Cross Fund.

Ticchi designed his multifaceted giving strategy with Tom Cadigan ’02, associate director of the Holy Cross...
Fund/athletics fund raising, and Ana Alvarado, director of planned giving. Ticchi’s gift has provided current-use dollars for the varsity teams in ways that enhance their budgets—and that have meaning for him. A devoted fan of Holy Cross athletics, both the revenue-producing and nonrevenue sports, he fully embraces the Patriot League’s philosophy that student-athletes excel in the classroom and on the field. He respects the College’s unwavering adherence to those standards.

Since his first day on campus four decades ago, Ticchi has loved Holy Cross. As an undergraduate, he lifted weights, assisted the crew team and participated in a wide range of intramural athletics. He was voted “Senior Athlete of the Year” by WCHC, the campus radio station.

“Those were four important years in my life,” Ticchi says. “I respect what Holy Cross stands for. I have always loved athletics; I value the student-athlete. I’ve always been a jock at heart. No matter which sport you play, it takes hours of practice a day, each week. Our student-athletes work just as hard at rowing as they do at football to be the best.”

Ticchi made budget-enhancing gifts to all 27 varsity sports to highlight the equal importance of each program and to provide unexpected funds for immediate use. He would like to see other loyal fans support the new athletics fund in ways that would elevate the College’s standing in every varsity sport ranked in the league's annual President’s Cup standings.

“If your heart and mind are there, there are all kinds of creative vehicles for giving to Holy Cross,” Ticchi says. “Supporting the Crusader Athletics Fund is important, especially in its first year. Most of the other Patriot League schools already have such funds. Finances are an important part of leveling the playing field. I’d like to see the day when we have enough money in the fund to endow the varsity coaches’ positions. Being competitive still comes down to resources for coaches and recruiting.”

Ticchi believes just as strongly about giving to the Holy Cross Fund, which supports the basic operation of the College. He made his annual gift this year by establishing a deferred gift. The annuity provides resources for his alma mater. It also allows him to remove a taxable asset from his financial portfolio, yet know, as he plans for retirement, that he will still receive income from it for the rest of his life. He considers this type of planned gift a “win-win situation.” He has decided to defer interest payments on the annuity because he is still in the workforce.

Ironically, one of the most daunting challenges he faced after graduating cum laude from Holy Cross was finding a job in his field.

“The greatest problem I face is not blindness, but people’s attitudes about capabilities,” Ticchi says. “I had problems trying to get a job in my major, economics, when I got out of college.

“I joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps for a year,” he continues. “I taught at St. Catherine’s Indian School in Santa Fe, N.M. It changed my life. I was accepted into law school at Cornell and the Tuck School at Dartmouth. Instead, I decided to become a teacher.”

Ticchi entered Harvard’s Graduate School of Education, where he earned his master’s degree in education in 1969—followed by an advanced graduate study certificate—and, in 1976, a Ph.D. in education. The first blind person in the state certified to teach in the public schools in Massachusetts, he started his teaching career in 1971 at the F.A. Day School in Newton, Mass.

To broaden his experiences, Ticchi worked in the private sector, where he served for 10 years as an executive with Xerox Imaging Systems; he then returned to the field of education, accepting a teaching position at Newton (Mass.) North High School. He currently directs a school-to-career program there. In addition to his work with students at the high school, Ticchi is the special assistant to the president of Legal Sea Foods Corporation; he is responsible for the company’s ethics program and the President’s Advisory Council.

Among the many honors that have come his way over the years, Ticchi is most proud of being named “National Blind Educator of the Year” in 1998 by the National Federation of the Blind. This recognition strengthened his resolve to demonstrate the ability of blind professionals to succeed in a sighted world.

That same drive to succeed and passion for competing at the highest levels—as well as the desire to even the playing field for all contenders—spurs Ticchi to encourage others “to bring their hearts and minds” to support every varsity program through the Crusader Athletics Fund.

“If we’re going to play a game, and the Patriot League is going to keep score, then we should be the best in the league,” Ticchi says. “If 100 alumni do what I did, we’ll be on our way. If you get enough peanuts, you fill a bag.”

Elizabeth Thompson Walker is a freelance writer from Holden, Mass.
Name: Coleen M. Lynch ’95

Hometown: raised in Newport, R.I.; currently resides in Charlestown, Mass.

Family: father and mother, Hugh ‘60 and Madeline; sister, Mary ‘82, and her husband, Bill Supple ’81; brother, Paul ‘84, and his wife, Marina; nephews and a niece

What she did at Holy Cross: history major—concentration in Spanish; four-year varsity athlete and record-holder (women’s swimming); Big Sister

Current position: account manager at the Boston investment management firm Eaton Vance

How she keeps in touch: “Many of my closest friends are people that I met while I was a student at Holy Cross. We still get together often—though now that usually requires travel—and keep up via e-mail, reunions, weddings, christenings and such. I’m president-elect of the Holy Cross Varsity Club and a Class Agent.”

The working life: “Four years on the Hill prepared me well for the business world. The network that exists among alumni is amazing. Holy Cross prepared me to work hard and gave me an opportunity to be successful. The Holy Cross community has always seemed to be there to support me along the way.”

Memorable teachers and staff at Holy Cross: “Rev. Joseph J. LaBran, S.J., ’38 and the Spiritual Exercises—I knew Fr. LaBran before I even attended Holy Cross, and our friendship grew much deeper during my four years as a student and after graduation. With his encouragement, I participated in the Spiritual Exercises in Narragansett, R.I.—one of the best things I did as a student. Fr. LaBran was a wonderful teacher, a generous spirit and a great friend. No one loved Holy Cross more than he did!”

“Professor William Green of the history department. I took several classes with Professor Green and also attended a study abroad program in Luxembourg under his direction. He was passionate about what he did and really inspired me to get the most out of my studies. He had a great impact on me and many others that he taught.”

Why she gives to Holy Cross: “I believe in the school, its mission and, most importantly, the people. Holy Cross has been a major influence in my life. I received a great Jesuit education and the people of Holy Cross continue to be very present in my world today. I’m surrounded by Holy Cross in my family and so many of my friends. I am fortunate to have been given the opportunity to attend Holy Cross and feel strongly that my annual contribution is just one simple way to give back to the College. I hope it enables current and future students the chance for the same sort of formative experience that I had.”
May 17, New York Palace Hotel

The Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York honored James F. Gill, Esq. '53, on May 17, at the New York Palace Hotel in New York City. Proceeds from the event will fund the Council’s summer internship program and other priorities. The dinner committee was chaired by Kevin Frawley ’73. The Leadership Council is chaired by Lawrence Doyle ’83.

(From top to bottom, left to right): Rev. Earle Markey, S.J., ’53 and former New York City Mayor Edward Koch, Gill and former U. S. Sen. Alfonse D’Amato; Doyle, Frawley, Gill and Rev. Michael McFarland, S.J.; Bernard Marasco ’73, Alexander Marasco ’74, Donna Winn ’76 and Richard McEvily ’74; Patricia ’82 and Peter Hill ’82, Brian Sheehan ’83 and Constance Eagan ’81; John Hopper ’78, Broderick Johnson ’78, Stephen Lovelette ’78 and Harry Thomas ’78. (Back row): Michele Minora ’06, Andrew Simons ’03, Kevin Haskell ’05, Anthony Galbo ’05 and Mary Bernest ’06. (Front row): Meghan FitzPatrick ’05, Megan Walsh ’05, David Picotte ’05 and Courtney Kelly ’02
A former offensive tackle on the Holy Cross football team and Marine Corps veteran, Dennis C. Golden ’63, is a tough guy.

But when he talks about his dear friend Patrick McCarthy ’63, Golden can’t help but become emotional. On the phone from his office as president of Fontbonne University in St. Louis, Golden’s voice catches as he describes a man he believes is the shining example of what it means to be a Crusader.

“Very few guys put on the uniform and conduct themselves on the field with royalty and that’s what he did,” Golden explains. “Pat is a winner. He’s courageous. He was very smart on the field and a terrific leader.”

Golden recalls that McCarthy, who was inducted into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame in 1971, proved himself a leader the minute he stepped onto the football field as a sophomore quarterback. During intense games against rivals such as Boston College, he notes, McCarthy would come into the huddle and demand his team grind out whatever yardage it needed for a first down.

“You can tell by looking into the eyes of the quarterback whether he’s the real thing,” Golden says. “Pat proved his mettle time and again as a quarterback. On the field, his preparedness and competitiveness stood out.”

Golden believes that McCarthy, had he chosen to do so, could have been a professional football player. Instead, he joined the Marines and, later, went on to become the director of alumni relations at Holy Cross. After 39 years of leading the Alumni Office, McCarthy retired this past June. Golden feels his friend made the right career choice.

“He has done so much good for hundreds of thousands of people,” he says. “How many people get the opportunity to touch the lives of alumni, their families and friends in such as transforming way for four decades? It was an absolute perfect match for Holy Cross and Pat. I’m in awe.”

When McCarthy graduated from Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Mass., he didn’t intend to come to Holy Cross. His first choice was the United States Naval Academy. But the Academy administrators suggested that,
because he was 17 years old when he graduated from high school, he should go to preparatory school for a year and then enter college. McCarthy was not keen on waiting a year, and Holy Cross was one of a number of schools to offer him an athletic scholarship to play football.

“My parents liked the fact Holy Cross was a Catholic school,” McCarthy says. “They liked the preponderance of Jesuit teaching. The size of the school played a role in their decision, as well as the comfort factor they experienced.”

So, McCarthy enrolled at Holy Cross and majored in sociology. He also joined the ROTC program with the intention of making the Marines his career after college.

McCarthy’s football prowess is still legend at Holy Cross. Back in the early 1960s, the Crusaders played such teams as Penn State, Syracuse, the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, Harvard and Boston College.

“At the time, you could only make one substitution at a time during the game,” McCarthy recalls. “Because of this, we were able to compete with all the bigger schools that had more cumulative talent.”

As a sophomore quarterback, McCarthy led the Crusaders past the Eagles—and was named the game’s most valuable player. Under McCarthy’s on-field leadership, Holy Cross defeated Boston College two out of three times they met.

“One of the colloquialisms at the time was that Pat was a ‘riverboat gambler,’” Golden says. “In tight situations, he would roll out and take the risk time after time. The defensive back would not know if he was going to throw or run. To beat B.C. was quite an accomplishment. We were sophomores, and they were loaded with seniors. Pat got banged around, but he showed incredible fortitude and resilience on the field.”

As a junior, McCarthy snagged the Bulger Award for Outstanding Player in New England. In addition, he was selected First Team All-East, a squad that also featured Heisman Trophy winner Ernie Davis of Syracuse.

The regimentation and discipline of campus life had a profound influence on McCarthy. If a student lived on a corridor with a prefect, he would be checked in at night—and it was expected that he would be studying or sleeping. If a student wanted to sign out for the weekend, his parents would be given a copy of the sign-out sheet.

“Comparatively, my life in the Marine Corps was a piece of cake,” McCarthy says. “Holy Cross played a major role in shaping me as a person.”

According to McCarthy’s friend Jim Bell ’63, he didn’t always embrace the discipline.

“When we were juniors, Pat had a car—which was forbidden unless you were a senior—that he hid off campus in a nearby garage,” Bell says.

McCarthy would let Bell use his car to squire Bell’s future wife, Rosemary, around town on weekends.

After graduating from Holy Cross, McCarthy began what he thought would be a career in the Marines. In all, he spent five years in the Corps, prior to his discharge in 1968. McCarthy had entered the Marines as a second lieutenant and fulfilled his basic training in Quantico, Va., where he also played football with Golden as a teammate.

“That first year we came back and played Holy Cross, and we beat them,” McCarthy says.

After two years at Quantico, McCarthy shipped out to Hawaii. By this time he was married to his high school sweetheart, Beverley—and the couple had one child. Forty-five days after arriving in Hawaii, McCarthy found himself on a ship sailing to Vietnam, although neither he nor Beverley knew it.

“We were the first group of Marines to go into Vietnam,” he explains. “Aboard ship, we learned we were going to make an amphibious assault at Chu Lai.”

McCarthy recalls the landing as “something right out of a John Wayne movie”—explaining that the village was a Viet Cong enclave, but the enemy had suspected an assault and fled the area.

“There were about 19 kids on the beach with American
flags and Coke bottles when we landed,” he says.

This was the beginning of a 13-month tour in Vietnam for McCarthy. An artillery officer, he served with the 3rd Marine Division out of Da Nang. McCarthy came back to the United States in 1966, where he spent his last two years in the Marines at the Naval Base in Newport, R.I.

Golden says the same qualities that made McCarthy a great friend and athlete—leadership, loyalty, courage, caring for others and attention to duty—are the same characteristics that made him a great Marine.

“I’m convinced that, had Pat McCarthy stayed in the Marine Corps, he would have been a general,” he adds.

McCarthy returned to Holy Cross to set up job interviews when he was discharged from the service. Although offered a position with Shawmut Bank, he learned about an opening in the Alumni Office from Golden, who, at the time, was working in the College’s Development Office.

“I didn’t think I wanted to be a banker, so I took the job at Holy Cross,” McCarthy explains. “I thought I’d stay a year or two and decide what I really wanted to do. Thirty-nine years later, I’m still here.”

McCarthy spent his first year working in development on the Annual Fund. Then he was asked to take over as the director of alumni relations. When McCarthy started in the position there were 11,000 members of the Alumni Association; today there are more than 35,000.

“One thing that distinguishes Holy Cross is its network of alumni—their great loyalty to the College and their passion for the College,” says Holy Cross President, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. “Pat has done more than anyone to maintain that connection over the last 30 years. He has gained the respect of all alumni. I’ve come to admire Pat tremendously. He’s taught me to love and respect Holy Cross and its people. He’s a model for everything Holy Cross stands for.”

Richard R. Delfino ’60, former president of the Alumni Association, says that McCarthy worked tirelessly to merge the Alumni Council and General Alumni Association into one organization. McCarthy was also deeply involved with the development of most of the Alumni Association programs, according to Delfino—including the Student and Alumni/ae Career Network, life insurance, short-term medical insurance and the credit card and travel programs.

“Pat became synonymous with Holy Cross for those of us in the GAA,” Delfino explains. “Without him there would be no Alumni Association and no alumni participation. He did it with style, dignity and patience—patience being the key word. What Pat has meant to Holy Cross has been immeasurable.”

Holy Cross president emeritus, Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, who spent countless weeks on the road over the years with McCarthy—traveling the country meeting with alumni—says it was a pleasure to get to know McCarthy so well.

“We were close,” Fr. Brooks notes. “He has a great sense of humor. We laughed a lot on those trips. He’s a strong representative of the College. You couldn’t have a better person working with alumni. I’m sorry he’s leaving, but he deserves his retirement.”

McCarthy is also widely admired as a strong family man. He and Beverley raised four children, Patrick ’86, Sean ’87, Kevin ’89 and Beth. Kevin and Beth are both deceased,
tragedies that Delfino says their parents handled with “humility, dignity and grace.”

“People know the tragedies Pat has had in his personal life,” Fr. McFarland observes, “and also the courage and faith he has had to get him through.”

Working at Holy Cross also allowed McCarthy to spend more time with his wife and children than he would have had pursuing a corporate career. He was able to coach his sons’ Little League teams and be there for their other sports events.

“Holy Cross tends to be like a family,” McCarthy says.

On July 1, Kristyn M. Dyer ’94, associate director of alumni relations, assumed the position of director, taking over from McCarthy, whom she calls “a great mentor.”

“Succeeding Pat is an overwhelming prospect,” Dyer says. “For many people, Pat McCarthy is the face of Holy Cross.

“We have a kind of a joke in the office,” she continues, “when faced with a tough decision you have to put your ‘Pat hat’ on. It means you have to make decisions that are not always popular but which will benefit the College and alumni in the long run.”

Fr. McFarland may have summed up Pat McCarthy best when he calls him a “real Marine,” who is “loyal, steady and courageous.”

“He doesn’t back down in a fight,” Fr. McFarland says. “Pat’s not disrespectful, but he holds his ground. He’s very strong in his positions, but he’s reasonable and clear and people respect that.”

Pat McCarthy is loved and admired by friends and colleagues, partly for his service to his beloved alma mater, but mostly for the man he is. He never intended to stay at Holy Cross, but he will always be remembered as a stalwart friend with a strong sense of duty, a quick laugh, tireless work ethic and unfailing devotion.

“I anticipated only staying here a couple of years,” McCarthy says.

“You look around and see guys who have been here forever and say that’s not going to happen to me,” he adds with a chuckle. “How wrong you can be! When I look back and ask was it worth it, I have to say, ‘absolutely.’”

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The General Alumni Association (GAA) presented the annual In Hoc Signo Awards at the College’s reunion banquet held June 9. This year’s recipients were Lee F. Bartlett Jr. ’42, William A. Dempsey ’63 and Raymond A. Nothnagle ’57. First presented in 1960, the award is an expression of respect and admiration for those alumni who have given generously of their time and talents to the College.

Lee F. Bartlett Jr. ’42
After serving with the Army in the Aleutian Islands, Lee Bartlett earned his master’s degree at Worcester State College and his Ph.D. in education at Calvin Coolidge College. Embarking upon a teaching and an administrative career, he worked at the Bancroft School, Pakachoag Elementary School and Commerce High School; he also held the post of director of public relations and personnel for the Worcester School Department. For 11 years, Bartlett served the city of Worcester as the commissioner of elder affairs. He also participated in 30 concerts a year with the Trinity Symphonette and Big Band. The chair of the Class of 1942, Bartlett serves as a class agent and as the class correspondent. He has served on reunion committees and, in addition, as a member of the scholarship committee of the Holy Cross Club of Worcester.

William A. Dempsey ’63
Upon leaving Mount St. James, William Dempsey earned his master’s degree in urban and regional planning at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Moving back East, he established and managed the planning department for the town of West Springfield, Mass., for 10 years. He is currently a vice president in the government banking department of UniBank for Savings in Whitinsville, Mass. Dempsey has devoted his energies to assisting several area boards, including the Springfield School Volunteers and the Work Opportunity Center, Agawam, Mass. A longtime, active member of the GAA, he has served in the alumni senate; an alumni job network adviser and career plan-
ning counselor, he has been a member of the Book Prize and the Continuing Education committees. In addition, he has held the post of chairman of the Joseph T. O’Callahan NROTC Committee since its establishment by the College in the mid-’90s to honor both the memory of Medal of Honor winner Fr. O’Callahan and all alumni who have served in the Navy and the Marine Corps. Under his guidance, the O’Callahan committee has provided book and travel scholarships to the College’s ROTC unit and has brought notable speakers to campus.

Raymond A. Nothnagle ’57

Upon graduating from the College, Ray Nothnagle entered the family real estate business and spent the next four decades nourishing and growing Nothnagle Realtors. His proficiency in his chosen field has been noted time and again by his peers: Both the Rochester Realtors and the New York State Association of Realtors designated him “Realtor of the Year.” An active member of the Holy Cross Club of Rochester since the day he left Mount St. James, Nothnagle was known for pulling together area alumni to cheer on the teams before basketball and football games. As a member of the GAA board of directors and the alumni senate, he has served enthusiastically, assisting on the Reunion Gift Committee, the Senior Reception Committee and the Nominations and Elections Committee. In addition, he has lent his expertise to the College’s career advisor’s network. A member of the 1843 Society and the President’s Council, Nothnagle has held the post of class co-chair since 2002 and continues to pen the class letter.

The Alumni Relations Office is pleased to announce the formation of the Holy Cross Emerging Technologies Group. HCETG will be an association of students and alumni who work in businesses related to emerging technologies, including software, communications, medical devices and life sciences. As an affinity group of Holy Cross, HCETG will aim to provide a forum for Crusaders throughout the world to discuss new developments and business strategies, provide a referral network, and have fun networking with like-minded individuals. The HCETG will hold its inaugural meeting this coming fall—more information will be available soon. If you are interested in learning more about HCETG, please e-mail hcetg@holy-cross.edu
CHANGING HIS CORNER OF THE WORLD: MONSIGNOR MICHAEL W. BANACH ‘84


If that sounds like a lot of responsibility, it is. But Monsignor Banach is poised for the challenge. Following graduation from Holy Cross in May 1984, he prepared for the priesthood at the North American College and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome—his ordination took place on July 2, 1988, in Saint Paul’s Cathedral in Worcester. After a brief summer assignment at the cathedral, Monsignor Banach was sent to Rome to complete a licentiate in Canon Law; in July 1989, he returned to the Diocese of Worcester where he was assigned to Saint Anne’s Parish in Shrewsbury.

A little more than two years later, Bishop Timothy Harrington asked Monsignor Banach if he would be willing to serve in the diplomatic service of the Holy See; responding favorably to this request, he was assigned to the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy in Rome, the school for diplomats of the Holy See. While there, he completed his Ph.D. in Canon Law.

Monsignor Banach has also spent time in Tanzania and Bolivia—as well as in Nigeria, where he had been the secretary of the apostolic nunciature; while there, he helped to prepare for a pastoral visit of Pope John Paul II.

On Jan. 22, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Monsignor Banach to his current posts as permanent representative and permanent observer of the Holy See; to fulfill these duties, he now resides in Vienna, Austria.

A philosophy major at Holy Cross, Monsignor Banach credits the professors in this department with fostering his growth as an undergraduate.

“Professor Clyde Pax instilled in me that love of wonder, the beginning of all knowledge,” he says, “and Professor Hermann Cloeren showed me the enduring importance of the pre-Socratic philosophers and rigorous academic honesty.”

In addition, Monsignor Banach expresses gratitude for the assistance of his Italian professor, Rev. Lionel Honoré, S.J., who helped prepare him for his classes at the seminary in Rome—which were all taught in Italian.

THE STUDY OF MOVEMENT: MARGARET LANZETTA ‘79

When train stations are renovated in New York, the city fathers use the construction as an opportunity to infuse art. Area artists submit proposals and—if chosen—their art becomes a permanent installation in the station.

Margaret Lanzetta ‘79, who was recently invited to participate in such a project, was one of 25 finalists. Her work will be on display in the New York MTA Norwood Station this summer.

“My work deals with cultural migration,” Lanzetta says. “I work with patterns—from textiles to decorative patterns from architecture, to patterns in industrial materials, like meshes and screening. The idea of pattern being a cultural signifier is inherent in my work.”

At the start of her art proposal, Lanzetta researched the history of the neighborhood in which her installation would be located. At the library, she discovered who had lived there when
New York was first settled. She traced the Dutch settlers who came to the area in the 1600s, followed by the English and then groups of Jewish immigrants. More recently, the African American and Caribbean settlers arrived. The current neighborhood expands on this initial melting pot with residents of Indian and Dominican descent.

Using this diversity as her backdrop, Lanzetta created seven windscreens that measure 4 by 6 feet. She chose patterns for the screens that typified the patterns relevant to these early ethnic groups. The large flowers she uses are drawn from the Dutch—swirls represent African textiles—and her color palette gives her art a Caribbean or tropical feeling. The backgrounds start pale yellow; as the eye moves west they get bluer—a metaphor for the movement of the day, she says. Her designs are currently being fabricated by a stained glass artist in Minnesota and will be installed in the Norwood Station in July.

Lanzetta notes that she carefully chose Holy Cross for her undergraduate studies. “If you go to art school you don’t necessarily learn how to write,” she says. “A liberal arts background helps you express yourself in written form, which is vital to being an artist.”

Lanzetta, who also studied classics at Holy Cross, points out that those classes have inspired the poetic references and the development of cultural and migration themes that she uses in her art today. And she adds that she is still in touch with the professors who motivated her.

“There’s a real humanity about the College that took me 20 years to appreciate,” Lanzetta says. “The way people treat each other… it’s not always like that in the real world, but it’s just a given at Holy Cross. And it’s inspiring.”

THE VOICE BEHIND OBAMA: JON FAVREAU ’03

You know you’re talking to a speechwriter when every word out of his mouth is quotable. That’s how the interview went with Jon Favreau. It is no wonder that U.S. Sen. Barack Obama tapped Favreau to be part of his campaign team. The two are equally engaging.

I asked Favreau how one embarks on a career in speechwriting, and he—like most alumni—credits the College with helping him launch his career. “It all started because of Holy Cross,” he recalls. “I did the internship program in Washington, D.C., and I spent a semester in Sen. Kerry’s office during my junior year of college.”

Favreau worked closely with the communications director in the press department during his internship. Throughout his final year at Holy Cross, he kept “bugging” the director for a job in the campaign. The night before commencement, he received a phone call.

“I was hired as the press assistant,” he says, “which was great, because it was what I wanted to do—and because it was the night before graduation and I didn’t have another job lined up.”

In 2005, Favreau got the call from Kerry’s former press secretary who had left to serve as Obama’s campaign director. In January 2005, Favreau sat down with Obama. He found the interaction easy.

“Obama asked me what I thought about speechwriting,” Favreau recalls. “I told him that in his convention speech he recounted a story and that really struck me.”

Recognizing that the anecdote mirrored the American experience, he adds, “I thought, for once, a Democrat told a story about America, and that was important to me.”

Favreau also impressed Obama with the work he had done with the SPUD program while at Holy Cross.

“I told Obama how I had helped welfare recipients in Worcester,” he says, “and he told me about his community organizing in Chicago—and we connected. He’s such an easy, unassuming guy. He knows exactly who he is and what he stands for.”

These days, Favreau spends a lot of time on the phone with Obama to get his input. “There is a lot of policy writing in these speeches, and Obama always works to put the poetry back, which is great,” he says.

Favreau also notes that he still talks to his political science professors at Holy Cross to get their input on those policy speeches.

When asked what his next steps are, Favreau immediately responds, “The White House, of course!”

“If we go to the White House, I’ll be there for a couple of years,” he says. “Beyond that, I will leave politics at some point and just write. You can get tired of politics, but I don’t know if you can get tired of writing.”

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March on as knights of old, with hearts as loyal and true and bold—the College song was still new a hundred years ago, when students and alumni sang it during the 1906 football season. Three senior members of that team, in particular, were ready for the challenge conveyed in those words. A remarkable trio, they left an enduring legacy to the college they loved.

George Connor, a two-year captain and an early member of the Varsity Club Hall of Fame, is generally placed on the all-time College team for his skilled performance at end. William Davitt played at tackle. And William O’Neil managed the team—a squad that, in the fall of 1906, numbered 14 and compiled a record of 4-3-1. These friends and teammates may have been present when Theodore Roosevelt addressed the graduates of 1905. At their commencement, the main speaker was the eminent American churchman, Cardinal James Gibbons, of Baltimore. They were heady days for Holy Cross and the 47 graduates of 1907.

In due course, Davitt and Connor were ordained priests in the Diocese of Springfield. When war came in 1917, both volunteered as military chaplains. Although chaplains did not engage in combat, they could participate in rescue missions. In August of 1918, on the front lines in France, Davitt learned that there were 40 wounded Americans, cut off from the main lines in a ravine. He was cited for bravery after leading a rescue party, under German machine-gun fire, that successfully brought the men back to safety. Shortly afterward, Fr. Connor, who was also in France, learned that his old teammate was stationed close by, and the two friends enjoyed a happy reunion.

Then, on Nov. 11, 1918, about 90 minutes before the armistice was to take effect, Fr. Davitt brought to his commanding officer an American flag that he had carried in his bedroll through the war. It was to be raised at 11 o’clock in celebration of the war’s end. As he was re-crossing the clear-
chaplain. The colonel, his officers and men, marched behind their regimental band, bearing his precious remains to the yard of the little village church that nestled almost unharmed amidst the ruins around it. I had the sad duty of conducting the services and laying at rest my old friend, our brave chaplain and your devoted son, who gave his life for God and country and I am sure he now enjoys the reward of the soldier priest.

After the war, these three friends and teammates from the Class of '07 re-entered the story of Holy Cross. William O’Neil was so moved by Fr. Davitt’s story that he contributed the then princely sum of $5,000 as seed money for a memorial chapel. The chapel’s identity was soon expanded as a general memorial to all the College’s war dead whose names have been engraved on wooden tablets near the entrances. William Davitt heads the list.

Founder of the General Tire and Rubber Corporation, O’Neil remained a generous benefactor of Holy Cross. He received an honorary degree from alma mater in 1938—and, in 1959, O’Neil Hall was dedicated as a memorial to his family for their contributions to the College. When he died in 1960, his eulogist praised his “simple acceptance of his own identity with its relationship to other men and to God” that made him “no ordinary man.”

Fr. [later Monsignor] Connor, vicar general of the Diocese of Springfield, served both as director and president of the General Alumni Association and received an honorary degree in 1951. He was being honored, the citation read, “for his record on other fields than Fitton and for greater goals than touchdowns.”

Beyond the campus buildings associated with the Class of 1907, the names and spirit of Davitt and Connor live on in the football program. James Davitt ’13, himself a varsity athlete and later a World War I flying ace, established the Davitt Awards in 1959 in memory of his brother. They honor the outstanding backs and linemen on offense and defense. The Connor Award, which also dates to 1959, was set up by the Holy Cross Club of the Pioneer Valley. Chosen by vote of the varsity squad, the honoree is the player of whom his teammates are proudest.

In this centennial year of the Class of 1907, five players share the Davitt Award—Casey Gough ’07 and Ryan Maher ’08 as backs; Chris Nielsen ’07, John Marcus Pinard ’07 and Andrew Schoepfer ’07 as linemen. Gough and Nielsen served as captains and have twice received Davitt Awards. Besides their commitment to academics and football, several of this group have volunteered as Big Brothers; one co-chaired the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Matt Fanning ’07 received the Connor Award. After extensive injuries and spinal fusion surgery robbed him of his first- and second-year seasons, he played injured during his third season. As a fourth-year student, Fanning started at wide receiver and on punt returns.

Receiving the award, he said, was “one of the best moments of my life and a humbling feeling” to be honored in the name of an alumnus whose life speaks to the spirit of Holy Cross.

Connor, Davitt, O’Neil: they lived the values they received on Mount St. James. And a new class of graduates has been challenged in their names to be lifelong Crusaders, with hearts as loyal and true and bold.

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Culture and Redemption: Religion, the Secular, and American Literature
BY TRACY FESSENDEN ’83

In her book, Culture and Redemption (Princeton University Press), Tracy Fessenden ’83 challenges the conventional notion that the United States, founded in religious tolerance, has gradually and naturally established a secular public sphere that is equally tolerant of all religions. Instead, she contends that the uneven separation of church and state has functioned to promote particular forms of religious possibility while containing, suppressing or excluding others. Through an examination of legal cases, children’s books, sermons and polemics together with literature from the 17th- to 20th-century, Fessenden shows how the vaunted secularization of American culture proceeds not as an inevitable byproduct of modernity, but instead through concerted attempts to render dominant forms of Protestant identity continuous with democratic, civil identity.

Fessenden is an associate professor of religious studies and women’s and gender studies at Arizona State University.

The Engaged Sociologist: Connecting the Classroom to the Community
BY KATHLEEN KORGEN ’89 AND JONATHAN M. WHITE

The Engaged Sociologist (Pine Forge Press), by Kathleen Korgen ’89 and Jonathan M. White, brings the “public sociology” movement into the classroom, as it teaches students to use the tools of sociology to become effective participants in our democratic society. Through exercises and projects, the authors encourage students to practice the application of these tools in order to get both hands-on training in sociology and experience with civic engagement in their communities. The book also provides a global perspective as it aims to connect students to the worldwide community. By specifically illustrating how students can influence society, The Engaged Sociologist entices students to become more active, effective citizens.

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Awesome Bill from Dawsonville: My Life in NASCAR
BY CHRIS MILLARD ’82 AND BILL ELLIOTT

Awesome Bill from Dawsonville (HarperEntertainment) is the autobiography of NASCAR racer Bill Elliott. Co-authored by Chris Millard ’82, this is not only the story of Elliott’s rise to become Winston Cup Champion, it is also a primer on the ascent of America’s fastest-growing sport. The reader rides alongside Elliott as he battles the sport’s greatest racers and sets the all-time record for the fastest official speed ever recorded in a stock car. Elliott also shares his thoughts on the dark side of racing: the stresses it places on relationships, the ever-present physical risks and the weight of fame. He is candid and critical in discussing the intense rivalry between the late Dale Earnhardt and himself—and sheds new light on their storied relationship as well as on Earnhardt’s death. Throughout Elliott’s story, NASCAR emerges from a Southern diversion into a national phenomenon.

Former director of communications for Jack Nicklaus and Golden Bear International, Millard is co-author of Nicklaus By Design: Golf Course Strategy and Architecture.

All American: Why I Believe in Football, God, and the War in Iraq
BY ROBERT P. MCGOVERN ’89

All American (William Morrow), by Robert P. McGovern ’89, is the story of the friends, mentors and heroes the author has encountered throughout his life. From his days in Catholic school to his years as a college and professional football player to his current career as an Army judge advocate general, McGovern believes that he knows an “All American” when he sees one—and, in this book, he introduces us to those he has met from all walks of life. A former prosecutor, McGovern was in lower Manhattan on 9/11. After working at Ground Zero, he asked to be mobilized from his Army Reserve duty to active duty. He served in Afghanistan and Iraq and returned from both tours convinced that Americans needed to hear another side of the war on terrorism—the side he saw firsthand.

McGovern played professional football for the Kansas City Chiefs, Pittsburgh Steelers and New England Patriots. Now an Army captain, he is stationed in Virginia.
High Society: How Substance Abuse Ravages America and What to Do About It

By Joseph A. Califano Jr. ’52

In High Society (PublicAffairs), Joseph A. Califano Jr. ’52 points out that a child who reaches 21 without smoking, using illegal drugs or abusing alcohol is virtually certain never to do so. He then chronicles the fearful cost in personal pain and public dollars of our nation’s failure to act on this truth. Califano shows how substance abuse is the culprit in crime, domestic violence, the spread of AIDS, teen pregnancy and poverty. He takes on alcohol and tobacco interests that buy political protection and seed a culture of substance abuse among our nation’s children. He explains the importance of parent power, proposes revolutionary changes in prevention, treatment and criminal justice, and calls upon everyone to confront this plague that has maimed and killed more Americans than all our wars, natural catastrophes and traffic accidents combined.

Califano is founder of The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University in New York City.

Capital Speculations: Writing and Building Washington, D.C.

By Sarah Luria

Sarah Luria’s Capital Speculations (University of New Hampshire Press) examines the vital political connection between architecture and literature in the formation of America’s capital. City planners believed that designing Washington, D.C., as a physical model of the Constitution and its balance of powers would help citizens bond with the newly created nation. Luria demonstrates how political and financial speculation combined to build the city and, once established, how the capital became a stage for the visions of subsequent reformers. She analyzes five political reformers and the sites they used to promote their ideas. Although each author’s work describes a different relationship between text and physical space, all five combine political speculation and marketplace psychology.

Luria is an associate professor of English at Holy Cross.

Out of What Chaos

By Lee Oser

In the novel, Out of What Chaos (Scarth), Lee Oser showcases the escapades of the band Rex and The Brains as they break into the Portland, Ore., rock scene, record their first CD, and tour from Vancouver to Los Angeles behind their chart-topping single. It is the story of hard-partying rockers finding their way amidst the frenzied panorama of 21st-century America. The country embraces the band, but as its fame grows, tragedy strikes, and Freddie Fontane finds himself torn between his rock ‘n’ roll lifestyle and his girlfriend, whose claim on his heart continues to grow. In the end, the worlds of love and celebrity collide, and Freddie must make a decision about how to live.

Oser is an associate professor of English at Holy Cross.

Our Landless Patria: Marginal Citizenship and Race in Caguas, Puerto Rico, 1880-1910

By Rosa E. Carrasquillo

In Our Landless Patria (University of Nebraska Press), Rosa E. Carrasquillo examines issues of race and citizenship in Puerto Rico, tracing how the process of land privatization accelerated a series of struggles for natural resources between the poorest sectors of society and the landed elite. Since former slaves were barred from formally obtaining land, they developed an alternative citizenship that validated their livelihood, putting in motion a series of civil claims that protected people’s mobility rights and their access to land. However, the rural poor’s claims for a more egalitarian society—what Carrasquillo calls “marginal citizenship”—could not transform the political exclusion of the racially mixed population because of its heavy borrowing from the Spanish legal system. In particular, marginal citizenship embodied patriarchy as a model to regulate social relations at home, failing to address gender inequalities and perpetuating class differences.

Carrasquillo is an assistant professor of history at the College.
No season in the proud history of Holy Cross basketball has better defined the true Crusader spirit.

Toss out the numbers, the records, the awards and cold stats, and listen to the stories of the journey taken by the men’s and women’s teams to the NCAA tournament.

Never have Holy Cross players sacrificed more to reach their goals. Never have they played with more passion for their College and for the game they love. Never have their fans from the student body, alumni and community cheered louder and elevated performances higher. Never have the men and women supported each other more. Never have coaches and players been closer—especially during the tough times.

Rewind to March.

With ESPN cameras broadcasting the Holy Cross-Bucknell rumble for the Patriot League championship, suddenly there appeared a Crusader in full regalia. He climbed a wobbly step ladder as if he were conquering some craggy mountaintop. He brandished his sword, exhorting the frantic crowd. Then he yanked off his helmet to reveal the punch line: the Crusader was none other than Billy Gibbons, a warrior finishing up his 25th campaign as the women’s coach.


The Holy Cross women explained away their antics as just payback. For two nights earlier, the men had arrived at the Hart Center with purple-painted faces and T-shirts with the women’s team photo on them.

“At first, we just thought they were a bunch of crazies and didn’t realize they were the men’s team,” recalls tri-Captain Brittany Keil ’07. “They’re our pals, and we wanted to return the favor.”

Later in the men’s game, the Crusader Ladies had a little extra tit-for-tat surprise. They lined up courtside, pulled up their tops and bared painted midsections which read B-E-A-T B-U-C-K-N-E-L-L. Which the men did gladly.

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The roommates knew they would have to carry the Crusaders if their dreams of making the NCAA Tournament would finally be realized. Torey Thomas ’07 and Keith Simmons ’07, the team captains and the two best players in the Patriot League, would accept no alibis. True, Thomas had endured a rigorous off-season rehab program after knee surgery. And his scoring sidekick Simmons had experienced chronic cramping in his legs that could sideline him at any critical moment. Yet they vowed to each other, to their coach and teammates, nothing would thwart their NCAA quest.

“There was a lot of pressure on Torey and Keith,” explains Willard about his dynamic duo, whose teams had an 84-41 record in four seasons. “They could handle it. They are natural leaders. Well-liked, well-rounded and popular on campus, Torey and Keith were magnets for fan support.”

With five wins out of the gate, the men developed an ardent following early. They didn’t disappoint, never losing in the Hart Center while averaging 3,000 fans, even selling out the Patriot League semifinal (vs. American) and final (vs. Bucknell) during vacation week.

“We survived a brutal 11-game, 38-day stretch away from...
the Hart Center, and that made us more resilient," Willard notes.

With 6-foot-10-inch, 270-pound center Tim Clifford ’08 fulfilling his promise, Thomas, Simmons & Company nearly ran the table (13-1) in the Patriot League. While hosting the league tournament, the Crusaders glided by Lafayette, then faced two battles royal: American, which had taken the Crusaders into overtime in January; and co-Patriot League champ Bucknell, which had vanquished the Crusaders, 48-45, a month earlier.

Thomas took over the American contest, his hustle and flow spurring a sensational comeback that Simmons finished with a winning basket—at 4.8 seconds remaining. The peri-patetic Thomas, a 5-foot-9-inch jitterbug, had nine rebounds, six assists, four steals and 16 points.

During the on-court celebration, Thomas found his way through the crowd and into the embrace of Holy Cross All-American Togo Palazzi ’54.

"I love the great tradition here," says Thomas. "Having a Hall of Famer like Togo respect my game means a lot. He has treated me like one of his sons and taught me a lot."

Against Bucknell, Ralph Willard’s defense lived up to its national reputation. Over one 9:08 stretch, the Crusaders held the Bison without a field goal as Clifford had six blocks in the first half.

Somehow a 46-27 lead didn’t seem safe enough against Bucknell, so well-coached by Pat Flannery. Some College die-hards remained edgy. Paul “Willis” Hart ’65, became so unnerved, he left his comfy seat to pace in the lobby. A few minutes later, when Bucknell went on a 13-0 comeback spree, Hart’s daughter Meghan ’96, joined him.

This time, however, Thomas was around for the second half (he had injured his knee in the 2006 championship encounter against Bucknell). Thomas capped his season-high performance (28) with a crucial three-pointer, putting the Crusaders up seven for keeps.

Simmons won the MVP trophy. Thomas and Clifford joined him on the all-tourney team. Willard, voted Patriot League Coach of the Year, captured his fourth tourney title. And the 25-8 Crusaders were on their way to the NCAAs where Holy Cross loves to scare beastie boys from places like Kansas, Kentucky and Marquette. Their foe: the 27-6 Southern Illinois University—nicknamed the Salukis after an ancient Egyptian canine that looks like a greyhound with a goatee.

The Lady Crusaders may have had a season of broken bones, but not broken dreams. They never gave up on themselves.

Already struggling at 3-6, the women’s team suffered a crippling blow as Laura Alosi ’08, its star guard, tore up her knee in Game 10 against Maine. So, too, did Jessica Pearson ’09, her excellent understudy.

"Everyone counted us out," acknowledges Gibbons. Yet the Gibbons Girls had no quit in them. Relax, have fun and play hard, became their motto.

Brittany Keil ’07, hobbled after four knee operations, refused to let her sparkling career end with a whimper. She had to curb her enthusiasm, curtail her practice time and limit warm-ups. She started every game with a limp. She played with pain, knowing her career could end without notice. During one particularly dark moment, Keil wanted to quit. Amanda Wolf, the team trainer, pulled her aside and said, "Brit, we need your leadership!"

The Crusaders had other sources of inspiration.

Ashley Brennan-McBride ’07 is a 6-foot-5-inch Canadian. She arrived at Holy Cross highly-touted, expecting to play a lot. She mostly sat. She did not sulk. Her mother, Frances, a
huge Crusader fan, died at the end of Ashley's second year. She grieved. Her teammates, her coach and his wife, Lisa, provided her with solace, comfort and support. Chosen as a tri-captain, Ashley became the soul of the team, its constant encouragement, its emotional epicenter.

Kaitlin Foley '07, a 6-foot-4-inch tri-captain, emerged as the heart of the Crusaders offense and defense. When the chips were down, Foley would rise to occasion and prove again and again why she would be named first-team all-league center. Ashley McLaughlin '08 became a steady contributor and guards Bethany O'Dell '10 and Briana McFadden '10 showed amazing poise.

"Once we got it together, we never stopped believing," remarks Keil.

The team finished the regular season with a shaky 15-17 record. However, down in Annapolis, Md., upsets shook the tournament, bouncing favorites Bucknell (by Colgate) and Army (by Lehigh). The Crusaders breezed by Lafayette and now faced Lehigh, which had defeated them eight days earlier.

The Crusaders trailed Lehigh by two points with 10 seconds left. Here Lehigh miscalculated—as it had three fouls to give before Holy Cross would be awarded a free throw. Lehigh committed its third give-away foul a shade too early, with five ticks remaining. The Crusaders called a time out to set up a play for the always-clutch Foley, who prompted tossed in a neat hook shot. In overtime, Keil cashed in on two big free throws to provide the College with the victory and a trip to the NCAA Ballroom and Crossroads for boisterous students to cheer on their Crusaders.

Thomas, Simmons and their mates, decked out in new purple Nike sneakers, went down swinging, 61-51. SIU's tremendous defensive pressure took its toll. Recall SIU, once ranked No.11 during the season, knocked off Virginia Tech and nearly pulled off a monumental upset over Kansas (61-58) to get to the Elite Eight.

The Salukis attacked Thomas from every angle to get the ball out of his hands. Uncharacteristically, the Crusaders turned the ball over 20 times, shot 33 percent from the floor and hit just 21 of 32 from the line.

"Despite all that, we were only down four with six minutes left," Thomas sighs.

Clearly disappointed, Thomas couldn't sleep and paced the hotel lobby. There he found Coach Willard, unable to sleep himself even after watching the game tapes over and over again.

Later Willard would say, "Torey has the heart of a champion and he inspired me every day." He would say how proud he was to coach Thomas and Simmons, describing them as "role models and tremendous representatives of the College."

Thomas and Simmons, whose plans are to take a shot at pro ball, lavished praise on Willard—especially for challenging them.

"Coach taught me to become a man and how to carry a burden," Thomas says.

The Holy Cross women got whomped by No.1 seed Duke. Their season was nicely summed up late in the game. Keil was seven points from reaching the 1,000 point plateau. She was playing in utter agony. Gibbons pulled her out of a timeout huddle. "You've given your heart and soul," said Gibbons, emphasizing she could come out of the game. Gibbons and Keil began to cry. "I want to try ..." Keil sobbed.

She took the court. Duke fell back into a zone. Keil launched a three-pointer. Swish. She hit a free throw. Now her career point total stood at 997. With time running down, she launched another trey. Swish. A thousand, right on the nose. The refs faked a time-clock breakdown so Keil could limp off the court to a standing ovation.

Now Keil is enduring a year of surgery and recovery as cartilage is being transplanted in both knees. Thereafter she will walk, without a limp, into medical school. Forever, her courage will be emblematic of what two Holy Cross teams sacrificed to do the one-step at the Big Dance.

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.
Healing others can bring a doctor ultimate joy, no matter who the patient happens to be. So imagine the emotional jolt George A. Paletta ’84 gets as he fixes a broken thoroughbred athlete striving to become a world champion.

Picture this: Since 1998, Paletta has been specializing in restoring very valuable body parts for multimillion-dollar athletes who refer to themselves as Cardinals and Rams. In the spring of 2003, he meets Chris Carpenter, a 6-foot-6-inch, 230-pound horse of a man considered to have tremendous pitching potential that, at age 27, has gone largely unfulfilled. Carpenter’s right shoulder had been operated on in 2002 to fix a torn labrum before he left Toronto to sign as a free agent with St. Louis. The righty misses the 2003 season. On July 29, Paletta repairs the labrum—removing irritating scar tissue from Carpenter’s shoulder—and rehabs his precious pitching arm.

In 2004, Carpenter posts a 15-5 record—and is named the National League’s Comeback Player of the Year. A biceps injury prevents him from competing against the Red Sox in the World Series. In 2005, Carpenter (21-5, 2.83 ERA) wins the Cy Young Award. Last year, the Cardinals dominate the Detroit Tigers (4-1) in the World Series as Carpenter throws a splendid Game 3 three-hit shutout.

The locker room scene is champagne-squirting bacchanal. An elated Carpenter embraces Paletta, telling him that his dreams have come true, thanks to Team Paletta’s extraordinary care and skill.

Snapshots of ecstasy abound. Paletta, celebrating with his wife, Jackie, and his mother, Judy, sees his 14-year-old daughter Sarah being hugged by Series MVP David Eckstein.

“Doc, if it weren’t for you, I wouldn’t be here!” yells Eckstein, who played with a sore rib cage.

Jim Edmonds, the Cards’ emotional leader who had performed banged up and bandaged all season, echoes Eckstein’s sentiments. So do many others.

This season Carpenter is pitching with a new contract worth $65 million for five seasons. In early April, Paletta detected an impingement in Carpenter’s swollen right elbow and placed him on the disabled list.

And so goes the roller-coaster ride.

Paletta now has two championship rings: one emblematic of the Cardinals World Series triumph and, another, for the 2000 St. Louis Rams NFL Super Bowl victory.

Associated with Washington Hospital from 1998 to
2005, Paletta and eight other partners now operate a new, state-of-the-art, 60,000 square-foot facility called the Orthopedic Center of St. Louis. No longer treating Rams, Paletta remains the Cardinals’ main medicine man.

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The Ride has been breathtaking, with Paletta cheering for athletes whose careers he has had a direct hand in salvaging: He delicately inserted two steel pins into a finger on Kurt Warner’s hand so the quarterback could throw a spiral again—and has operated on the legendary likes of sluggers Mark McGwire and Albert Pujols. As a medical student, he even treated Bruce Springsteen when “The Boss” sprained his ankle during a performance.

For Paletta, however, the most fortunate moment of his life came when he met his future wife, Jackie, a surgical nurse, during his general-surgery internship at Northwestern University Memorial Hospital in Chicago; they married in 1990. Since then, Jackie has attained a Ph.D. in nursing education from Columbia University. The couple has four children: Sarah, 14; Savannah, 12; George III, 10; and Emma, 8. A stay-at-home mom, Jackie manages the kinetic lives of this family of six better than Tony LaRussa juggles the Cardinal lineup.

Without the love and support of his family, Paletta acknowledges, he could not have built his thriving practice that involves attending to players at spring training, 81 Cardinal home games and postseason encounters—as well as overseeing the medical needs of the Cards’ minor league teams.

It doesn’t get much better than this, he admits.

Except for …

“I operate in a fishbowl,” explains the good doctor.

“Everything I do with these celebrity athletes is done in the glare of a national spotlight.”

He has been at the epicenter of two particularly wrenching controversies. In 1998, just months after Paletta became the Cardinals’ head team physician, a reporter espied a bottle of an over-the-counter supplement (androstenedione) in Mark McGwire’s locker stall. That ignited a furious debate over baseball turning a blind eye to a substance banned by the NFL, the NCAA and the Olympics, due to its gateway relationship to anabolic steroids.

Paletta’s public stance was that studies had not yet concluded “andros” to be either harmful or performance enhancing. That said, Paletta strongly recommended children not use the substance.

In the past year, he has testified twice before a federal panel, headed by former Maine Sen. George Mitchell, that is investigating steroid use in baseball. He has appeared as the Cardinals’ medical director and as president of the Major League Baseball Team Physicians’ Association.

So, what precisely should a doctor do if he detects a suggestion of steroid use?

Paletta now has two championship rings: one emblematic of the Cardinals World Series triumph and, another, for the 2000 St. Louis Rams NFL Super Bowl victory.
“You can counsel a patient,” says Paletta, “and point out the results of lab tests, discuss the hazards of taking any drug and advise a patient not to take them. But in 10 years as a team doctor (two with the New York Mets, eight with the Cardinals), I have never had a player tell me face to face that he was taking steroids.”

Team doctors are also muzzled by an array of rules controlled by major league contracts, privacy laws and medical ethical codes. Often they cannot vigorously defend themselves when hungry media are clawing for information.

When Cardinal pitcher Darryl Kile died of heart failure in 2002, questions arose about Paletta’s testing methodology. In 1993, when Kile was playing for Houston, his father had a fatal stroke at the age of 44. Paletta insisted that that the stroke suffered by Kile’s father did not compel doctors to screen his son for a potential artery blockage. Some medical experts disagreed in the aftermath of Darryl’s death.

Controversy and second-guessing are part of Paletta’s dream job too.

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At Holy Cross, George A. Paletta left an indelible imprint as a student-athlete while foreshowing his enormous success.

As a premed student, he became a Fenwick Scholar and a Rhodes Scholar finalist—and also emerged as a 1984 Division 1 Lacrosse All-American. In 1995, Paletta was inducted into the Varsity Club Hall of Fame—becoming the first lacrosse-only athlete so honored.

Paletta knew in the eighth grade that he wanted to be a doctor—after being treated for a broken leg that was the result of a skiing mishap. An all-around athlete at Fox Lane High in Westchester County, N.Y., he wanted to compete in a varsity sport in college.

“Holy Cross had an excellent premed program, and I figured I could play soccer there. It was a perfect fit,” recalls Paletta.

But premed labs caused Paletta to miss soccer practices, a situation his soccer coach wouldn’t tolerate. So Paletta turned to springtime lacrosse to get his kicks.

“Lacrosse is where I learned the joy of performing as part of a team,” he says. “It is the same camaraderie, the same esprit de corps that I feel in my medical practice today.

“Everything I do is in cohesion with our team of trainers, doctors, nurses, rehab specialists,” Paletta continues. “Our operating room is our clubhouse. There’s a special excitement in achieving something in a group, pulling together toward the same goal.”

As an athlete, Paletta calls himself a late bloomer. After a so-so first year as a midfielder, he came on late in the season to score six of his eight goals as an attacker. Coach Bob Lindsay’s fire was turning the program around as he upgraded the College’s schedule, gaining exposure while taking on the likes of UMass, Harvard and Brown.

Paletta always had excellent speed and his stick skills improved; as a junior, he began to absorb the subtleties of the sport. Now Paletta’s most important asset resided above his shoulders: He could anticipate moves and knew where his teammates expected him to be roaming; his ability to score or set up scores with nifty passes made him a threat on every foray.

Paletta accomplished the amazing—becoming a national star—only the second player in recorded NCAA history to post a 50-goal, 40-assist season. His record of 98 points (52 goals, 46 assists) ranks seventh all-time on the NCAA’s single-season scoring list.

He became a marked man, an All-American. In the North-South Collegiate All-Star Game, Paletta scored two goals playing amongst the nation’s elite.

A few months later, he entered the portals of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore.

“Holy Cross prepared me, showed me how to achieve my goals,” Paletta says. “Holy Cross was the pathway to my good fortune in life.”
Class Notes

'41
CLASS CHAIR
JOHN J. RYAN
Thomas F. Troy, author of the book "Wild Bill" and Intrepid, writes that he delivered a paper—"Intrepid’s Bermuda"—at the Jan. 20 meeting of The Intrepid Society of Canada, in Winnipeg, Manitoba; "Intrepid" was the code name of Sir William S. Stephenson, the British intelligence chief in New York during World War II.

'46
CLASS CHAIR
ROBERT X. TIVNAN
The Feb. 16th edition of the Clinton, Mass., newspaper, The Item, included a photograph of Edward M. Powers, D.D.S., taken last October following his participation in the Dublin (Ireland) Marathon; the Adidas Dublin Marathon Committee awarded Powers the prize for his age category.

'53
CLASS CHAIR
REV. EARLE L. MARKEY, S.J.
G. Richard Reney writes that he was recently recognized by the theater department at Mineral Area College, Park Hills, Mo., for his 35 years of dedication to the college and community theater. Reney notes that he was honored at a performance of Georges Feydeau’s A Flea in Her Ear, in which he appeared; Feydeau was the subject of Reney's Ph.D. dissertation.

'56
CLASS CHAIR
DANIEL M. DUNN
The Pacific Lodge Boys’ Home in Woodland Hills, Calif., recently announced the selection of Donald J. MacMaster as the recipient of its “Lifetime Achievement Award”; MacMaster, who has served the boys’ residential treatment facility for 16 years, was also honored as “chairman emeritus”—in recognition of his service as chairman on the organization’s board of directors, from 1994-95, and, again, in 2006.

'58
CLASS CHAIR
BRADEN A. MECHLEY
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
ARTHUR J. ANDRONI
The Tufts-New England Medical Center (NEMC), Boston, announced that its nephrology division hosted a day of events on Jan. 19 to celebrate the birthday of John T. Harrington, M.D., and, also, to honor his numerous contributions to Tufts-NEMC, the Tufts University School of Medicine and to the field of nephrology in general. Harrington, who currently serves as dean emeritus of Tufts, senior nephrologist and professor of medicine, had joined the staff of Tufts-NEMC in 1965 as a nephrology fellow; he subsequently served as director of the dialysis unit, chief of the division of general internal medicine and, from 1996-2002, dean of the Tufts University School of Medicine. The celebration—which included the inaugural “Dr. John T. Harrington Medical Grand Rounds”—featuring a visiting lecturer renowned in the field of nephrology—also involved announcements about the establishment of the John T. Harrington, M.D., Endowed Fund in Nephrology and the naming of the division of nephrology conference room in his honor.

'60
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
GEORGE M. FORD
GEORGE F. SULLIVAN JR.
Thomas A Brennan Jr. writes that he retired in 2006 from the Hearst Corporation, following almost 40 years of service; an attorney in the company's legal department for the first 29 years of his career, Brennan notes that he had most recently served more than 10 years as the founding director of The Hearst Family Trust office in New York City. Vincent R. Fontana writes that, in June 2006, he started his own firm, Fontana & Broderick, LLP, located in Garden City, N.Y.

MARRIED: James P. Coughlin and Joanne Savareno, on May 7, 2005.

'61
CLASS CHAIR
C. CLARK HODGSON JR.
Thomas F. Schilpp writes that he continues to work for The Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper.

'62
CLASS CHAIR
WILLIAM J. O’LEARY JR.
Rev. John E. Crean Jr. writes that, since retirement, he has been serving two or three month stints in parishes without a priest, in addition to continuing to direct the Vocation Discernment Program for priests, deacons, religious and laity of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan; Fr. Crean notes that he is also teaching a course in the Deacon Formation Program.

Brian H. McManus, who retired in 2000 as a psychologist, notes that he has recently been elected to vestry of
St. John’s Episcopal Church in Charlotte, N.C.; he also tutors high school students on writing skills.

‘63
CLASS CHAIR
CHARLES J. BUCHTA
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
MICHAEL J. TONER

John J. Kulczycki writes that, on March 15, he was interviewed on National Public Radio by Jerome McDonnell of its Chicago affiliate, for the global activism series of the NPR program Worldview. The interview concerned a project Kulczycki co-founded in Ethiopia in 2003, titled—“Vocational Training for Children at Risk”—that provides vocational training for destitute and sexually exploited children living in the streets of the capital, Addis Ababa. A Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia from 1963-65, Kulczycki notes that this effort is part of the Ethiopia and Eritrea Returned Peace Corps Volunteers RPCV Legacy Program; he is currently professor emeritus at the University of Illinois in Chicago. The chair of the board of trustees of the J. Paul Getty Trust in Los Angeles announced in May the election of Paul O. LeClerc to the board; LeClerc serves as president and chief executive officer of The New York Public Library.

‘64
CLASS CHAIR
RONALD T. MAHEU
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
WILLIAM S. RICHARDS

Raymond B. Flannery Jr. writes that he has received a lifetime achievement award for excellence in crisis intervention research from the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation in Baltimore; Flannery adds that he has designed and developed a crisis intervention program for employee victims of assault and other types of violence. Charles N. “Chuck” Jolly writes that he is now working in New York as general counsel to the company Prestige Brands. The Connecticut Orthopedic Society recently announced that John J. O’Brien, M.D., has been named Orthopedist of the Year—the society’s highest honor. The presentation of the award took place at its annual meeting, held May 18, at the Marriott Hotel in Farmington, Conn.; in attendance were O’Brien’s wife, Patricia, and daughters Jennifer O’Brien Gillis ’92 and Meghan P. O’Brien ‘02, as well as more than 100 colleagues. A practicing orthopedist for more than 25 years,

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O’Brien served two terms as the chief of orthopedic surgery at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford.

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DAVID J. MARTEL
THOMAS F. MCCABE JR.

Donald E. Morrissey writes that he retired last January from the New Hampshire Community Technical College in Laconia following 17 years of service. During his tenure, he had held several administrative positions, including vice president of student affairs and, in 2005-06, interim president of the college; in the mid-’90s, Morrissey had also served, on a volunteer basis, as the ice hockey coach and athletic director. John J. Mulvihill, M.D., the Children’s Medical Research Institute / Kimberly V. Talley endowed chair, professor of pediatrics, University of Oklahoma, and director of the program in human genetics, has recently been appointed to three leadership positions: Mulvihill was named to a three-year term on the Ethics Committee of the Human Genome Organisation, an international group of scientists involved in human genetics; he was also elected to serve as a member of the Scientific Council of the Radiation Effects Research Foundation—a research organization co-sponsored by the Japanese and United States governments to study the health effects of radiation in survivors of the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and, in addition, he has been elected to serve as a member of the executive committee of the Environmental Mutagen Society. Focusing his research on the genetics of human cancer, Mulvihill serves as well in the capacity of associate director of the National Institutes of Health General Clinic / Kimberly V. 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Research Center at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

‘67
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
JOHN J. MCLAUGHLIN JR.
JOHN P. SINDONI
U.S. Rep. James P. “Jim” Moran Jr., of the 8th Congressional District of Virginia, was invited to deliver the address at the Virginia Tech commencement ceremony for graduates in the National Capital Region—held May 13 in the Center for the Arts at George Mason University, Fairfax, Va. Raymond E. F. Weaver writes that he continues to serve as head of the mathematics department of the Community College of Allegheny County–Boyce campus, in Monroeville, Pa. Weaver notes that he is the co-author of a paper, titled “The Effect of Peak Count or Surface Roughness on Coating Performance,” that appeared in the June 2005 issue of The Journal of Protective Coatings and Linings and received the Outstanding Publication Award.

‘68
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
ALFRED J. CAROLAN JR.
JOHN T. COLLINS
The Colorado law practice Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons LLP recently announced that its board member James M. “Jim” Lyons is featured in the 2007 Colorado Super Lawyers magazine—adding that he has been awarded the honor of “Top Point Getter (#1 in Top 10)” in Colorado for the second consecutive year. Lyons, who works in the firm’s Denver office, specializes in complex business litigation and various arbitration matters, including corporate, securities and insurance law.

‘69
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
DAVID H. DRINAN
JAMES W. IGOE
ROBERT G. POWDERLY
Rev. Bruce N. Teague writes that he was selected to serve as a panelist at a March conference held at Holy Cross for clergy and funeral directors, on the topic “Aiding Suicide Survivors”; the event was sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Suicide Prevention Program, as well as other organizations and institutes.

‘70
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
ANTHONY M. BARCLAY
JOHN R. DOYLE, M.D.
SVE Associates recently announced that Shawn M. Donovan has been appointed by the New Hampshire governor and Executive Council to the Transportation Appeals Board—which, according to the press release “adjudicates disputes involving the New Hampshire Department of Transportation with construction companies, landowners, municipalities and other parties.” Donovan, who is the director of planning and project development with SVE Associates—a professional design services consulting firm with offices in New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts—is also a member of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, representing the city of Lebanon, N.H., and a member of the board of directors of the Upper Valley Transportation Management Association. Christopher M. Foley writes that he is in his fifth year on the Finance Committee for the town of Marblehead, Mass.; he adds that his 28-foot sloop Morn-

‘71
CLASS CHAIR
ROBERT T. BONAGURA
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
JEROME J. CURA JR.
Baruch College, the City University of New York (CUNY), announced in December the appointment of James F. McCarthy as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at the college—effective in the summer of 2007—pending confirmation by the CUNY board of trustees.

‘72
CLASS CHAIR
ALLAN F. KRAMER II
Dennis M. Manning, M.D., writes that he has been appointed director of quality and patient safety at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., and as assistant professor at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

‘73
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
WILLIAM F. BAGLEY JR.
PHILIP J. CROWLEY
John B. Kearney writes that he has joined the Philadelphia-based law practice Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll; he heads the litigation group in the firm’s New Jersey office.
Rev. Paul A. Denault, O. Carm., writes that he is now serving as the director of the pre-novitiate for the St. Elias Province of the Carmelite Friars, located in Harrison, N.J.

Bernard J. Schumacher, an assistant professor of business administration at Post University in Waterbury, Conn., writes that he received his Ph.D. in business last January from Pace University in New York.

Marian F. Earls, M.D., writes that she has recently begun her term as president-elect of the North Carolina Pediatric Society—the North Carolina chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Earls serves as medical director of Guilford Child Health Inc., a nonprofit private practice in Greensboro. Janet M. “Jan” Triglione writes that she was named “2006 Realtor of the Year” by the Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors; Triglione works as a broker at Re/Max Top Achievers in Reading, Mass.

Christopher W. Koenig Sr. writes that, on March 31, he retired from the FBI in Pittsburgh, following 20 years of service—and adds that he has accepted a position as a school bus/van driver for special needs children. Stephen J. Marquis, M.D., who has been practicing pediatrics for 21 years, writes that Nov. 9, 2006 marked the beginning of his 15th year with the Affinity Medical Group in Appleton, Wis. The United States Golf Association recently announced that Cameron Jay Rains has been elected to a fifth-year term as a member of its Executive Committee; according to the press release, his responsibilities with the association in 2007 will also include serving as chairman of the Bob Jones Award, Museum and Library, and Property committees—as well as vice chairman of the Equipment Standards Committee. Rains is a partner in the San Diego office of the law firm DLA Piper and co-chairman of its corporate and securities practice group; in addition, he is chairman of the local organizing committee for the 2008 U.S. Open.

The mutual financial services holding company UFS Bancorp and its subsidiary UniBank announced in May the election of Philip E. “Ben” Adams to the board of trustees of UFS Bancorp and to the board of directors of UniBank; Adams holds the post of senior vice president of the Fidelity Employer Services Company, Fidelity Investments, in Marlborough, Mass. Robert A. Antonioni, who serves as a state senator in Massachusetts, writes that he has accepted a nomination to serve a three-year term on the board of directors of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention—which, he notes, is “the only national not-for-profit organization exclusively dedicated to understanding and preventing suicide through research and education, and to reaching out to people with mood disorders and those affected by suicide.” United Services, Inc., a private, non-profit social and mental health services provider in Northeastern Connecticut, recently announced that its president and chief executive officer, Diane L. Manning, was presented the Healthcare Management Alumni Award by the University of Connecticut School of Business, on April 24, at its fifth annual awards banquet. Also, the Jewett City (Conn.) Savings Bank has announced that Manning was elected March 28 to the bank’s board of directors. Louis F. McIntyre III, M.D., and his wife, Lizanne, announce the birth of their son, Lachlan O’Toole McIntyre, on July 17, 2006.
Richard G. Chalifoux Jr., senior vice president with the United States Trust Co., N.A., Garden City, N.Y., writes that he was named president of the Estate Planning Council of Nassau County, Inc. for 2006-07. He explains that the council, founded in 1949, consists of a 150-person membership, including certified public accountants, trust officers and accredited financial planners; its monthly meetings feature presentations by industry leaders about planning techniques and, also, provide a forum for discussion about current events and shared experiences related to estate planning.

Richard E. Baker Jr., D.P.M., writes that he maintains a private medical practice—Sports Medicine, Orthopedics & Podiatry, Inc.—in East Providence, R.I. Frank Barnes Jr., O.D., writes that he is a private practice optometric physician in Montclair, N.J.

Rev. Kevin G. Donovan, who serves as pastor of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Branford, Conn., and Saint Clare Parish, East Haven, Conn., writes that he has recently been elected president of Short Beach Hose, Hook & Ladder Company 4 of the Branford Fire Department. The Boston law practice Packenham, Schmidt & Federico recently announced that W. Sanford Durland III was named a “Super Lawyer” in the Boston Magazine, Massachusetts Super Lawyers, 2006 edition—in the area of family law and domestic relations; Durland serves as of counsel to the firm. Kathleen P. O’Hagan writes that, last January, she was promoted to the post of chair, department of physiology, at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine/Midwestern University, in Illinois.

Martin T. “Marty” Weiss writes that he recently completed a one-year stint as the president of the Lawyer Pilots Bar Association and is currently undergoing advanced flight training toward an instrument license.

Peter S. Gottschalk is an associate professor of religion at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. William M. Moran serves as a partner in the New York City office of the law firm McCarter & English, LLP.

Christopher A. Kenney is a partner in the Boston litigation law firm Kenney & Sams, P.C.; he focuses his practice on civil trial and appellate work. Christopher C. McGrath III and his wife, Beth ’88, announce the birth of their son, Rory Patrick. Nancy Mehegan and her husband, Dana Elder, announce the birth of their son, Liam Henry, on Jan. 26.

Matthew J. Smith writes the he is now chief operating officer and general counsel to Axiom Captial in Albany, N.Y.; he had previously served as an attorney on the staff of former New York Gov. George Pataki.

Elizabeth A. “Beth” McGrath and her husband, Chris ’87, announce the birth of their son, Rory Patrick.
Six years ago, Ray Lustig ‘94 was about to give up on his hope of becoming a composer. Rejected by all six of the graduate music schools and conservatories to which he had applied, he considered abandoning a lifelong dream.

Lustig had spent seven years working in the biology research laboratories of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and Columbia University in New York City—devoting most of his spare time to composing, assembling a portfolio of works and dreaming of a life in music.

In the wake of those half-dozen rejections, Lustig found it hard to persevere. But with the encouragement of his wife, and the guidance and advice of colleagues in the arts, Lustig revamped his portfolio and applied again—to 17 institutions this time. He was accepted at all of them.

Now, four years into a Ph.D. program at the Juilliard School in New York, Lustig has had his ambitions rewarded and validated. In early 2007, he won the Rudolf Nissim Prize from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers for his work, Unstuck.

A 17-minute piece for a large ensemble, the composition was selected from among 300 submissions. Lustig received a $5,000 prize with the award.

“Tought it was a mistake when I found out,” Lustig says. “Some of the runners-up are really interesting composers who are already doing quite well in their careers.”

Music has always been Lustig’s first love, even at Holy Cross, where he had also studied biomedical science. And, though the College’s music program did not include much composition, Lustig credits much of his success at Juilliard to his undergraduate studies.

“I’m incredibly grateful to my preparation at Holy Cross,” Lustig says. “My writing is very strong, and I credit my teachers there for that foundation.”

The recognition that Unstuck has received is especially poignant to Lustig, as it represents more than a decade of introspection and creative inspiration following the slow decline of his grandparents as they suffered with Alzheimer’s disease.

“This piece has been cooking since my Holy Cross days and even before,” he says. “Much of my youth was spent in nursing homes, visiting with my grandparents. I’ve learned how fragile consciousness is. It was very poignant for me to think of continuity and memory loss.”

The piece’s title comes from Kurt Vonnegut’s novel Slaughterhouse-Five, which Lustig read while at Holy Cross.

“The main character is ‘unstuck in time’ and lives in various periods, and some of them are fantasy or horrible—others are bizarre, others are on the edge of science fiction,” Lustig says. “When I read the novel I thought of someone who had dementia or trauma-induced dementia. The ‘unstuck time’ device really stuck with me. I tried to capture that idea of being out of context yet beautiful and create some sort of symphonic sculpture of the experience.”
Lawrence. **Joseph A. Sack** and his wife, Kerri Ann ‘92, announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, on Jan. 12. **Christina M. Sadowski** and her husband, Sean O’Keefe, announce the birth of their daughter, Sholeh Lee, on Feb. 18, 2005; Sadowski writes that she continues to serve in the U.S. Air Force, is currently stationed in the United Kingdom; he writes that he has recently been selected for promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel. **Keith L. Webb** and his wife, Victoria, announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Nicole, in December; Webb writes that he continues to work for S&B Engineers and Constructors in Houston as a project manager and partner of the company. **June D. Wendler** notes that she recently accepted a position as Southeast sales manager of This Old House Ventures in Atlanta. MARRIED: **Marie C. Derose** and Craig Schanke, on Nov. 5, 2005.

**’91**
**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**
**PETER J. CAPIZZI**
**JOHN R. HAYES JR.**
**KRISTIN M. KRAEGER**
**Kathleen Kilbride Schaefer** and her husband, Peter, announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

**’92**
**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**
**MAURA E. MCGOVERN**
**TIMOTHY D. MCGOVERN**
**KRISTIN M. KRAEGER**
**Kathleen Kiely Gouley** and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Aerin, on Jan. 11. **Kristin (Pelletier) Kennedy** writes that she works for the Starline Group on Cape Cod, Mass., as the associate director of claims and compliance. **Karen (Medailleu) McManus** and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of their son, Jack, in June 2006; McManus writes that she is now director of marketing for WebMD. **Thomas G. McNally** and his wife, Molly, announce the birth of their twin girls, Meghan and Riley, on Nov. 25. **Anne M. Potts** and her husband, George, announce the birth of their son, James Francis, on Nov. 22; Bison writes that he has recently been made a partner in the Boston-based law firm Goodwin Procter LLP. **Laurence Nuccio Barnes** writes that she is a senior vice president at Guy Carpenter in New York City. The Jan. 8 edition of Forbes magazine included a story about **Jennifer M. Fritzsche** in its “Money & Investing Strategies” column. According to the article, StarMine, an independent provider of predictive equity analytics, included her on its list of eight analysts with first-ranked performances over five years, versus their sectors; Fritzsche, who works for Morningstar Securities in Chicago, leads the wireless telecommunications field. **Eileen Gray Keeley** and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Margaret, on July 28, 2006. **Kerri Ann Law Sack** and her husband, Joe ‘90, announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, on Jan. 12.

**’93**
**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**
**PATRICK J. COMERFORD**
**EILEEN KASPRZAK READ**
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**Kathleen Kilbride Schaefer** and her husband, Peter, announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth.
that she continues to work for Sidney Frank Importing Co., Inc., in New Rochelle, N.Y. Anthony R. “Tony” Wolf notes that he continues to pursue an acting career in New York City—working in theatre, voice-overs and film. He adds that, last December, he took part in the performance of the rock opera *Odyssey* (based on Stanley Kubrick’s film *2001: A Space Odyssey*) at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, he sang the roles of the Monolith and the supercomputer HAL-9000.

**MARRIED:** Deirdre M. Maher and Philip Tarrant, on April 29, 2006, at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Hoboken, N.J.

**’94 CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

**AMANDA M. ROBICHAUD**

Barry A. Bruno and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their daughter, Aerin Elizabeth, on Dec. 31. Jennifer (Kaplan) Burns and her husband, Jesse, announce the birth of their daughter, Margaret Rose, in December; Burns writes that she has returned to her position as director of advancement for the Wilmington (Del.) Montessori School. Craig J. Clark and his wife, Lynn, announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Ann, on Nov. 30. Jean (Kallander) Cunningham and her husband, Michael ’95, announce the birth of their daughter, Bridget Elise, on May 2, 2006. William J. “Bill” DiSciullo Jr. and his wife, Paula, announce the birth of their daughter, Jane Eli nor, in August 2006. Clayton B. Fritz and his wife, Natalia, announce the birth of their daughter, Bianca, on Aug. 17, 2006. Shannon M. Harding and her husband, Gus Khursigara, announce the birth of their son, Kyle Justin, on Jan. 9; Harding writes that she continues to serve as an assistant professor in the psychology department at Fairfield (Conn.) University. Shannon Harper-Bison and her husband, Michael ’93, announce the birth of their son, James Francis, on Nov. 22. Colleen A. Kelly announces the birth of her daughter, Ava Martin Kelly, on Oct. 11. George V. Lynett Jr. has been appointed publisher of the *Towanda (Pa.) Daily Review* newspaper. Maj. Joel P. Poudrier, USMC, writes that he is currently serving as a military advisor to the Iraqi army in Fallujah, Iraq; his one-year overseas tour ends in December. Jodi Quinn Powers and her husband, James, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Quinn, on Dec. 4. Patrick S. Reed and his wife, Kelli, announce the birth of their daughter, Meredith Jane, on March 23. Thomas N. Trevett Jr. and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their son, Beckham Ryan, in October; Trevett writes that he is a maternal-fetal medicine specialist in Cary, N.C.

**MARRIED:** George V. Lynett Jr. and Katey Lisk, on Sept. 2.

**’95 CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

**CHRISTOPHER J. CASLIN**

Lynn Seidel Brine and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Maeve Riley, on Aug. 8, 2006; Brine writes that she continues to work as a social worker at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, Mass. Christopher J. Caslin writes that he has been named a partner with the law firm Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A.—with offices in Hackensack, N.J., and New York City; he focuses his practice on financing, acquisition, leasing and development of commercial real estate. Celine (Toomey) Coggins and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, on Oct. 30. Michael C. Cunningham and his wife, Jean ’94, announce the birth of their daughter, Bridget Elise, on May 2, 2006. Matthew Drabik and his wife, Jennifer ’96, announce the birth of their daughter, Leah, on Oct. 27. George V. Guida Jr., who has been working in Tokyo since 2000, writes that he is currently translating and rewriting documents from Japanese to English for Dentsu Public Relations—and, also, doing some freelance translation work part time. Kristen Nykvist LeVangie and her husband, Rob, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Kirsten, on Oct. 29. Cristine J. Maloney writes that, upon receiving her M.D. degree last May from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in Burlington, she has been accepted into the primary care internal medicine residency program at the Yale School of Medicine in New Haven, Conn. Amy C. Phillips writes that she has joined ESPN as director, communications—based in the company’s New York office. Amanda Matlak Sandrew, D.O., and her husband, David, announce the birth of their twins, Shane Joseph and Samantha Jane, on Feb. 23; Sandrew writes that she completed her residency in psychiatry last April. Kathleen (Lynch) St. Denis and her husband, Norm, announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Paige, on Jan. 20.

**MARRIED:** Sharon M. Cox and Igor Strugar, on Nov. 25.
Poetry is all about connection, when one word, one phrase, or a moment of rising emotion—crafted out of language—is shared among people. For the poet, the connection is a validation of artistry. For the recipients, the sharing is a gift from the heart.

In the battlefront of the Iraqi desert, such moments are rare, with combatants more focused on strategies of staying alive than emotional or artistic endeavors.

But, before he was injured, U.S. Army battalion surgeon Maj. John Rumbaugh, a lover of poetry, was able to contemplate the classic words of Keats and Coleridge, Shelley and Byron—as well as the works of 634 contemporary poets—when the gift of a slim iPod nano, filled with hours of audio poetry files, arrived from back home.

The gift was from his sister Nell Rumbaugh. The poetry collection was put together by From the Fishouse (www.fishousepoems.org), the non-profit online poetry archive of Matt O’Donnell ’95.

Nell, who wanted to send her brother more than the standard care package, came across Fishouse online and asked if she could buy some audio files.

“I told her I’d burn her some CDs,” O’Donnell says, “but then I thought I’d get an mp3 player and fill it with poems and send it to him. My thought is if there’s any way we can do anything to support the people over there to make their existence any easier, we should. It was such a simple thing to do.”

Maj. Rumbaugh was using his iPod when he was injured. He has since been awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

From the Fishouse sprang from O’Donnell’s interest in trying to make creative use of his drive time to and from his job as associate editor of Bowdoin magazine at the college in Brunswick, Maine.

Armed with a collection of tape recorders, he asked a group of Maine poets to record some of their pieces for his listening pleasure. For O’Donnell, a poet himself, hearing the artists put life into their words was inspiring.

The inspiration didn’t end there, though. Grateful as he was to the poets for contributing their works to him, he felt there was a greater audience that would benefit from hearing the poems. He also felt the poets deserved to be presented to a greater audience. Not long after, From the Fishouse came into being.

Matt’s father, Tim O’Donnell ’68, helped set up the organization as a non-profit and, since the site’s launch two years ago, it has garnered accolades from the poetry establishment as well as the support of teachers, students, poets and Bowdoin College. The Fishouse’s success is far greater than he expected.

“When people hear poetry read aloud it’s a more visceral experience, and they tend to draw different things from it,” O’Donnell says. “I dragged a couple of students to a reading, and afterward they were so excited. Now they’re more inclined to listen and be involved. It’s getting through the brick wall of poetry in the first place.”

O’Donnell traces his own breakthrough to a seminar on Robert Frost and Elizabeth Bishop taught by Robert Cording, the College’s James N. and Sarah L. O’Reilly Barrett Professor in Creative Writing.

“It was the first time I had gotten excited about poetry,” O’Donnell explains. “Bob is just an amazing teacher. It’s no wonder why he’s got legions of fans.”

Cording, who is now on the board of From the Fishouse, serves on its selection committee.

From the Fishouse takes its name, and the spelling of “Fishouse,” from the name of the writing cabin of the late writer and Bowdoin professor Lawrence Sargent Hall. Hall used the former codfish-drying shack as a writing cabin and wrote in the space for 50 years—composing his Faulkner Award-winning novel, Stowaway, there, as well as his O’Henry Award-winning short story, “The Ledge.”

Through serendipity, and the generosity of Hall’s heirs, O’Donnell now owns the Fishouse and uses it as his own writer’s cabin—though with the success of From the Fishouse and his work at Bowdoin, he has been writing less than he likes. The Fishouse now has more than 1,000 poems and 300 question and answer files from emerging poets.

“It’s been fantastic,” O’Donnell says. “I never expected it to get the recognition it has received.”
May that
firm Farrell Fritz announced in
June the promotion of Daniel P.
Ambrogi to the position of senior
consulting firm specializing in
business strategy, announced in
19. Mars & Co., a management
band, Rory, announce the birth of
their son, Andrew James, on Sept.
27. John C. Armentano has
joined the practice as an associate
in the commercial litigation de-
partment. Deirdre (Valvo) Calley
and her husband, Daniel, an-
nounce the birth of their daugh-
ter, Brooke Katherine, on Aug. 30,
2006. Evan J. Chekas and his wife,
Raegan, announce the birth of their
daughter, Lily Corinne, on March 17,
2006. Laura C. Cococcia writes that she is now working for
Google as a senior manager in the
company’s Midwest region office.
Molly M. and C. Alexander “Alex”
Cote announce the birth of their
daughter, Sophie Annlyn, on July
28, 2006. Cynthia (DeLetto) and
Alexander F. Dempster III an-
nounce the birth of their daughter,
Ella Riley, on Sept. 8. Jennifer
(Prats) Drabik and her husband,
Matthew ’95, announce the birth of
their daughter, Leah, on Oct.
27. Jodi Quinn Evers and her hus-
band, Martin, announce the birth of
their daughter, Riley Ann, on Oct
31; Evers writes that she is now a vice president in charge of
regional reporting at Rabobank
International in New York City.
Pamela (Piretti) Higgins and her
husband, Tim, announce the birth
of their daughter, Julia Kathleen,
on Aug. 6, 2006. Melissa (Merola)
Hinson and her husband, Jeremy,
announce the birth of their
daughter, Delainey Fiorella, on
Aug. 16, 2006. Timothy M. Im-
brogro and his wife, Katy, an-
nounce the birth of their
daughter, Ava Jane, on Oct. 4.
Rachel E. Keeler and her husband,
Noel Flatt, announce the birth of
their son, Leo James Keeler Flatt,
on July 31, 2006. Holly R.
Khachadoorian-Elia, M.D., and her
husband, Chris, announce the birth
of their son, John “Jack”
Robert Elia, on Nov. 29;
Khachadoorian-Elia writes that she completed her ob-gyn resi-
dency in June 2006 and is cur-
rently serving on staff at
Massachusetts General Hospital in
Boston. Douglas W. Laidlaw, M.D.,
and his wife, Judit, announce the
birth of their son, Alex D. Laidlaw,
on Aug. 8, 2006; Laidlaw writes
that he is currently a fellow in car-
diac electrophysiology at the
Tufts-New England Medical Cen-
ter in Boston. Gregory P. Lowe
and his wife, Deirdre, announce the
birth of their daughter, Abigail Mae, on May 22, 2006. Francis
J. “Frank” Mulcahy and his wife,
Kristen, announce the birth of
their daughter, Gina Dorothy, on
Nov. 25. Christopher J. “Chris”
Murphy and his wife, Jenna ’97,
announce the birth of their
daughter, Sara, on Dec.
7. Joshua R. Phigian recently had
two new books released—The Red
Sox in the Playoffs and The Ulti-
mate Minor League Baseball Road
Trip. Tara Marie Perri writes that,
since receiving her master of fine
arts degree in dance, she has been
performing and teaching in New
York City. A member of the fac-
ulty in the dance department at
the New York University Tisch
School of the Arts, she has also
been a guest lecturer at Queen
Mary and Goldsmiths, both part
of the University of London; Perri
notes, too, that she is a certified
yoga instructor. The Association of
American Colleges and Universi-
ties announced in January the se-
lection of Margaret A. Post as a
recipient of the 2007 K. Patricia
Cross Future Leaders Award; the
purpose of the award is to recog-
nize “graduate students who are
committed to developing aca-
demic and civic responsibility in
themselves and others, and who
show exemplary promise as future
leaders of higher education.” Post
is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in
social policy at Brandeis Univer-
sity, Waltham, Mass. James M.
“Jamie” Reidy and his wife,
Christina ’98, announce the birth
of their son, Dominic James, on
Nov. 28. Jason W. Roos and his
wife, Brianne, announce the birth
of their daughter, Deirdre Sulli-
van, on Oct. 28. Aileen Mullahy
Sullivan and her husband, Neal,
announce the birth of their son,
Eamon Thomas, on Nov. 20.
Christopher J. “Chris” Vinton,
M.D., and his wife, Amanda Mal-
one ’97, announce the birth of
their son, Mack Malone Vinton,
on Oct. 26; Vinton writes that he is
completing his training in or-
thopedic surgery this July.
MARRIED: Bridget M. Daly and Ste-
fan Hankin, on Feb. 24, in Wash-
ington, D.C. Denise E. Hamwey
and Robert Wastaff, on Aug. 12,
2006, at St. Irene Church in
Carlisle, Mass.

‘97
CLASS CO-CHAIRS
MARNE J. DARDANELLO, M.D.
KRISTIN M. O’CONNOR
JULIE E. ORIO

Last September, Lauren A. Chite
began working as the assistant
dean for student services at the
Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg
Law Center in Central Islip, N.Y.
Carlos C. Clark, who is an attor-
nancy, continues his work in the
Boston office of the firm Goodwin Procter LLP. Meredith (Ellavsky) Crowther and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of their daughter, Hadley, in November. Christina N. Davilas and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of their son, Alexander Lewis Davilas Ferguson, on Nov. 19. Laura (Bruckmann) Faga and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of their daughter, Alexa Mary, on Oct. 15. Gabrielle (Soron) Gessner and her husband, Jon, announce the birth of their son, Alexander David, on Nov. 4; Gessner writes that she is working as an infectious disease analyst for Citeline, Inc. Deborah (Martin) Hegarty writes that, in April 2006, she received her Ph.D. in neuroscience from the Weill Graduate School of Medical Sciences of Cornell University in New York City and that she is now a postdoctoral associate at the Neurological Sciences Institute of the Oregon Health & Science University in Beaverton. Kristina (White) LeBlanc and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their son, David Robert, on Jan. 13, 2006. Amanda K. Malone and her husband, Chris Vinton ’96, announce the birth of their son, Mack Malone Vinton, on Oct. 26. Mark A. Marinello, M.D., writes that he recently completed his pediatrics residency at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and is now serving as a fellow in pediatric critical care at the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Medical Center in Richmond. Megan (Callen) and Brendan M. McCarthy announce the birth of their daughter, Rose Katherine, on Nov. 13; Brendan, who continues to work in equity sales/trading for Goldman Sachs, was transferred in May 2006 to the corporation’s Tokyo office, where the family now resides. Bridget (Gardner) McDonald and her husband, Randy, announce the birth of their daughter, Meghan Elizabeth, on Oct. 6; McDonald writes that she is working as a buy-side equity trader. Erin (Cleggett) Munroe writes that she is currently serving as the South Boston Education Complex as the student support coordinator. Jenna Pryor Murphy and her husband, Chris ’96, announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Rose, on Dec. 7. Donna (Kerr) O’Connell and her husband, Kenneth, announce the birth of their son, Aidan Patrick, on May 29, 2006; O’Connell writes that she is in her third year in private practice at the Pediatric Associates of Norwood and Franklin in Massachusetts. Matthew J. Ragan writes that he recently began working as a special agent for the U.S. Department of the Treasury; he is assigned to the Pittsburgh field office. Elizabeth (Cole) Stapp and her husband, Brion ’98, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Clinton “Drew,” on Jan. 10. Margaret (O’Connor) and Stephen P. White announce the birth of their son, Connor Jacob, on March 22, 2006; Meg serves as a guidance counselor at the John F. Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers, N.Y., and Steve works as a mortgage loan officer for JP Morgan Chase in Purchase, N.Y.

MARRIED: Meredith D. Bennett and Michael McCully, on Sept. 23, in Newton, Mass. Elizabeth A. Bowman and Aaron S. Hantman, on Aug. 12, 2006, at St. Cecilia’s Cathedral in Omaha, Neb.

‘98

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CHRISTIAN P. BROWNE
ERIC B. JAVIER
ALYSSA R. MACCARTHY
Sharon (Longo) Claffey, who earned her Ph.D. in social psychology at Kent (Ohio) State University in the summer of 2006, accepted a postdoctoral teaching position as a Franklin Fellow at the University of Georgia. Lauren (Estvanik) Cross and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of their son, Ethan Daniel, on Aug. 2, 2006. H. Edward “Ted” Duffy and his wife, Emily ’00, announce the birth of their son, John Vincent “Jack,” on Feb. 23. Alicia Phelan Erickson writes that she works in the Boston office of Hill Holliday Advertising. Brian E. Kaveney is now an attorney with the law firm Armstrong Teasdale LLP, in its St. Louis office. Tiffany (Fein) Ohlson and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of their son, Brady Charles; Ohlson writes that she continues to pursue her Ph.D. in education at the University of Florida. Christina (Smith) Reidy and her husband, Jamie ’96, announce the birth of their son, Dominic James, on Nov. 28. Brion A. Stapp and his wife, Elizabeth ’97, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Clinton “Drew,” on Jan. 10. Jocelyn “Joy” Vardo, D.O., who received her degree in June 2006 from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Maine, writes that she began her residency in obstetrics and gynecology the following month at Strong Memorial Hospital, at the University of Rochester, in Rochester, N.Y.

MARRIED: Margaret M. “Maggie” Flaherty and Mark Gianniny, on Nov. 4. Adrian Luz Jr. and Jennifer Burns, on Aug. 16, 2006, in Lowell, Mass. Alicia E. Phelan and Shaun Erickson, on Oct. 28, at Holy Redeemer Church, Chatham, Mass. Kristina J. Smith and Gordon Davis, on April 13, in Bayville, N.Y.
Andrew J. Abdella writes that he was awarded his juris doctor from Suffolk University Law School, Boston, in May 2006, and appointed assistant city solicitor for Worcester the following July.

Lindsay Freed Brown writes that she has begun her first year at the School of Dentistry at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland. Aubrey (Hensley) and Courtney L. Christ announce the birth of their daughter, Madigan Ainsley, on Oct. 25, 2004, and their son, Grayden Murphy, on June 21, 2006. Deborah Gobron Collins and her husband, Darren, announce the birth of their daughter, Addison Lee, on Oct. 21. Joseph G. Jordan is currently working as an associate with the consulting firm McKinsey & Company. Kathleen S. “Kat” (Pannhorst) and Mark J. Keenan announce the birth of their son, Mason James, on Oct. 28. Mary (Condo) Lodge and her husband, Rick, announce the birth of their son, Jacob Adam, on Dec. 13. Irina (Fitzpatrick) and Brian M. McNamara announce the birth of their son, Rory, on Nov. 16. Shannon (Sidie) Schultz works for the law firm Holland & Knight LLP, serving as an associate in the real estate and finance practice group of its Buffalo, N.Y., office, has recently been admitted to the New York State Bar. Andrew P. “Drew” Larsen writes that he works as an attorney in Washington, D.C. Rev. Katie E. Lyon and her husband, Anthony Arana, announce the birth of their daughter, Sofia Elizabeth Arana Lyon, on Jan. 30. Kristen (Joyce) Mider, who earned her master’s degree in English and education at Brown University, Providence, R.I., following the completion of a year of service with the JVC, writes that she is currently working as a teacher in New York City. Karl S. Neubecker writes that he is currently working as a physician assistant in orthopedics in Manchester, Conn., and, also, serving as an active firefighter/EMT. The Chicago law firm Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP recently announced that Scott A. Sanderson has joined the firm as an associate; his specialty is patent litigation. Matthew M. Sventkofsko writes that, during last fall’s election, he served as the executive director of the Wisconsin State Senate Democratic Committee—dedicated to supporting democratic candidates’ bids to the state senate. Lauren (Leonard) Tallarine and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daughter, Christina Michelle, on Jan. 2. Jill (Dougherty) Tamminga writes that she continues to serve in the Navy—and that she is currently stationed in Fallon, Nev., at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center.


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TIMOTHY E. HORTON
THOMAS C. SOPER

LAUREN K. BYLINSKI
KATHRYN REMMES MARTIN

Matthew S. Carpenito and his wife, Courtney ’01, announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Mae, on Sept. 8. Emily (Cunio) Duffy and her husband, Ted ’98, announce the birth of their son, John Vincent “Jack,” on Feb. 23. The law firm Hodgson Russ recently announced that Christofer C. Fattey, an associate in the real estate and finance practice group of its Buffalo, N.Y., office, has recently been admitted to the New York State Bar. Andrew P. “Drew” Larsen writes that he works as an attorney in Washington, D.C. Rev. Katie E. Lyon and her husband, Anthony Arana, announce the birth of their daughter, Sofia Elizabeth Arana Lyon, on Jan. 30. Kristen (Joyce) Mider, who earned her master’s degree in English and education at Brown University, Providence, R.I., following the completion of a year of service with the JVC, writes that she is currently working as a teacher in New York City. Karl S. Neubecker writes that he is currently working as a physician assistant in orthopedics in Manchester, Conn., and, also, serving as an active firefighter/EMT. The Chicago law firm Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP recently announced that Scott A. Sanderson has joined the firm as an associate; his specialty is patent litigation. Matthew M. Sventkofsko writes that, during last fall’s election, he served as the executive director of the Wisconsin State Senate Democratic Committee—dedicated to supporting democratic candidates’ bids to the state senate. Lauren (Leonard) Tallarine and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daughter, Christina Michelle, on Jan. 2. Jill (Dougherty) Tamminga writes that she continues to serve in the Navy—and that she is currently stationed in Fallon, Nev., at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center.

Fletcher Allen Hospital in Burlington, Vt.

**MARRIED:** Jeffrey M. Collura and Maria Cizmar, in September 2005.

‘02

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

LAUREN M. BUONOME

PETER D. MCLEAN

Danielle L. Davignon, who attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, writes that, last summer, she was awarded the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) O.C. Hubert Fellowship in International Health—to study rabies-related viruses in South Africa with CDC veterinarians. Kara A. Gormley writes that she is currently attending the Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry in Philadelphia; she adds that, following graduation from Holy Cross, she received her master’s degree in medical sciences from the Boston University School of Medicine. Shannon Finneran Mahoney and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of their daughter, Reagan Kelley, on Aug. 24, 2006. Brian P. Morin writes that he is currently teaching naval science at the University of Maine NROTC unit and, also, pursuing his master’s degree in philosophy. Joseph A. Petriello and his wife, Loredana, announce the birth of their daughter, Sofia Angelina, on March 6.

‘03

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

ELIZABETH L. MALOY

INEZ C. MCGOWAN

The law firm Hodgson Russ announced in April that Catherine B. Eberl, an associate in the estates and trusts practice group of its Buffalo, N.Y., office, has recently been admitted to the New York State Bar. Emily R. Hunter writes that she is pursuing her master’s degree in birth-kindergarten education at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C. Olguida Emelissa (Tejada) and Rio J. Sacketti announce the birth of their daughter, Alessandra. **MARRIED:** Erin E. Nugent and Michael J. Beltran, on Oct. 14, at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, Narragansett, R.I. Rio J. Sacketti and Olguida Emelissa Tejada, on April 9, 2006.

‘04

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

KATHRYN C. LEADER

KATHRYN D. MEYERS

JOHN M. O’DONNELL

Rosalinda Cohen writes that she is currently working within the management staff of Sullivan’s Steakhouse in Austin, Texas. Natalia J. de Jesús Suárez notes that she is completing her second year of law school in Puerto Rico. Christine E. Lillie writes that she is working as a scientist for Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., in California. Sarah E. Studley notes that she is enrolled in a postbaccalaureate studies program at Columbia University, New York City. Kate Warren writes that, after completing her master’s degree in library science at Simmons College, Boston, she accepted a position with the Taunton (Mass.) Public Library as the head of children’s services.

‘05

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

LUZ M. COLON-RODRIGUEZ

ELIZABETH B. CORRIDAN

JENNIFER L. MARCOTTE

Michael F. Bardaro writes that he is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Washington. Kathleen A. “Katie” Barry notes that she is a first-year medical student at the University of Massachusetts. Cara E. McNamara writes that she is now working for Tiffany & Company in New York City as a replenishment planning analyst in its merchandising division. Darby O. Mee notes that, following his recent graduation from the Marine Corps Communication Officers Course, he was assigned to duty as a platoon commander in the 2nd Marine Division Communications Company at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Katharine “Kate” (McNamara) Schell works at DDJ Capital Management LLC, in Waltham, Mass. Michael C. Schell teaches history at the Groton (Mass.) School and serves as head coach of the varsity baseball team. **MARRIED:** Michael C. Schell and Katharine J. “Kate” McNamara, in August 2006.

‘06

**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

LISA M. LITTERIO

GLENN R. MCGOWAN

ASHLEY B. SCIBELLI

Chelsea E. Arbutina writes that she is working as an instructor at The Bay School—for children with autism—in Santa Cruz, Calif., and earning certification as a behavioral analyst. Michael D. Bonzagni notes that he is working full time as a teacher at the Middle School of the Holy Child in New York City. Michael W. Bowdren writes that he is currently working as a counselor at Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, a residential treatment facility for emotionally disturbed youth, in Billings, Mont. Meghan T. Carrette notes that, since June, she has been working as a policy analyst for the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Brian P. Coleman writes that he is currently attending the
Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C. Laura G. Ebbeling notes that she is working at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston as a clinical research coordinator in neuro-oncology. Meghan E. Frazier writes that she works at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Mass. Alyse N. Giambone notes that she is serving as a fourth-grade teacher’s assistant at the International Community School—an elementary school for local, immigrant and refugee children in Atlanta—as part of the JVC. Meghan H. Godfrey writes that she is working in sales for the EMC Corp. in Franklin, Mass. Kasandra A. Gonzalez notes that she began working last December at Binder & Binder LLP as a paralegal/client advocate. John J. “Jack” Hanlon writes that he has relocated to Somerville, Mass., where he has become the Northeast regional director for Better World Books. Kristin L. Heimsath notes that she has been interning for a year at her alma mater, Saint Andrew’s Episcopal School, in Austin, Texas, teaching Latin and geography at the middle-school level. Timothy R. Jussaume writes that he is pursuing his Ph.D. in philosophy at Villanova (Pa.) University. Jennifer A. Kerner worked as a division officer in the Combat Systems department as the Fire Control Officer on the Gonzalez, which is homeported in Norfolk, Va. Sonia E. Kuhn notes that she is attending the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Columbus. Justin A. La Grenade writes that he is working at the Association of Schools of Public Health in Washington, D.C. Sarah G. Landry notes that she works for EBSCO Publishing as a customer satisfaction assistant. Rachel A. Lapal writes that she serves as a publicity assistant for the Doubleday Broadway Publishing Group division of Random House. David P. Lavoie notes that he is a student at Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover, N.H. Caroline R. Maus writes that she is working as an associate scientist for Wyeth Biotech in Andover, Mass. Mark S. Milostan notes that he is teaching Latin at the Wye River Upper School, Wye Mills, Md., and pursuing his master’s degree in liberal arts at St. John’s College in Annapolis, Md. Kelly F. Naku writes that she is working as a research assistant in the psychology department at Holy Cross. Patrick L. Padden notes that he is now a legislative aide for Massachusetts State Rep. David Torrisi in Boston. Kristen E. Rohde writes that she is working in the Boston office of the law firm Proskauer Rose LLP as a paralegal in the corporate litigation—private equity and finance division. Thomas J. Severo notes that, as a first-year student at Suffolk University Law School in Boston, he was selected as a recipient of the university's 2006 Christopher S. Hayes Scholarship; the scholarship was established in memory of the late Holy Cross alumnus Christopher S. Hayes ’87, who had been a 1991 graduate of Suffolk Law School and a practicing attorney in Boston. Chelsea S. Severson writes that, after completing a semester of Russian language study in St. Petersburg, Russia, last fall, she accepted a position with the Mid-Atlantic-Russia Business Council in Philadelphia. Christine E. Skelly notes that she is currently working in the programming department at WE tv in New York. Heather-Rose Spadoni writes that she is currently attending the University of New Haven, where she is pursuing her master’s degree and Connecticut certification in elementary education. Erin M. Swords notes that she works in the occupational therapy department of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Alison W. Weggenbach writes that she serves as a national account manager for Aetna Insurance in Waltham, Mass. Annie V. Wallace notes that she is serving as a litigation paralegal with the Boston law firm Donnelly, Conroy & Gelhaar, LLP. Alexandre Warman writes that he is employed by the Lehigh Valley Hospital, advanced clinical technologies department, in Allentown, Pa., as a laser safety officer and as an assistant to the coordinator. Katherine M. “Katy” Wood notes that she is working as a development associate for Prep for Prep, an educational nonprofit program in New York City.
Belli '02 and DiGrado '03
Kelly Belli '02 and Joel DiGrado '03 were married on Aug. 11, in Vernon, N.J. First row, left to right: Michelle Tangredi '02, Meaghan Johnson '02, Lauren Buonome '02, Joel DiGrado '03, Kelly Belli '02, Kaitlyn Lyons Kent '02 and Cara Winters '02. Second row, left to right: Louis Messina '03, Paul DiGrado, Michael Murphy '03, Casey Hurley '03, Kyle Trodden '05, Kelley Finnerty '04, Jessica Ostlund '03, Ryan Kenny '01, Kerri Blumenauer '03, Andrew Poe '03, Matt Roper '03, Sean Kent '02 and Stephanie Nist '02

Strong '04 and Holmes
Emily Strong '04 and Joseph Holmes were married on Dec. 2 at The Bedford (N.H.) Village Inn. First row, left to right: Danielle Harrison '04, Emily (Strong) Holmes '04 and Dianne Harrison '04. Second row, left to right: Claudia Kulhanek '04, Jennie Nocella '04, Joseph Holmes, Patrick Gavin '07, Sarah Landry '06 and Michelle Spezia '04. Third row, left to right: Ben Craigie '04, Phil Colvin '04, Lynn Kremer, theatre department, Joan Townsend, theatre department, Kurt Hultgren, theatre department, Steve Vineberg, theatre department, Mike Lueger '07 and John Michnya '04

Nugent '03 and Beltran '03
Erin Nugent '03 and Michael Beltran '03 were married Oct. 14, in Narragansett, R.I. First row, left to right: Chris Lee '03, Patricia Lukko Lee '03, Meghan O'Malley '03, Chad Stimmier, Mike Beltran '03, Erin Nugent Beltran '03, Jill Conroy '03, Julie Lemay Rofino '03, Patricia Milner '03 and Allison Small '03. Second row, left to right: Jen Lukko Melton '03, Chinua Melton '03, Chris Hayes '03, Josh Brough '03, Matt Hayes '03, John Keller '03 and Dan Meade '03

McDonough '92 and Moriarty
Eugene P. McDonough '92 and Julie Moriarty were recently married in Washington, D.C. First row, left to right: Andrew Durocher '92, Nick Aieta '92, Anne Danahy McDonough '86, Frances McDonough Jaskot '88, Mary Eileen McDonough Hanna '84, David Sullivan '88, Martha Russell Mitchell '85 and Roseanne Surowiec McDonough '86. Second row, left to right: Mac Broderick '93, Julie Dillon Durocher '92, Mark Dursin '92, Laura Mangan '92, Eugene McDonough '92, Eugene F. McDonough III '97, Barry McDonough Sr. '54, Vincent McDonough '86 and Barry McDonough Jr. '83
EICHIN ’97 AND DOYLE
Nicole Eichin ’97 and Timothy Doyle were married on April 22 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. First row, left to right: Jessica Myers ’05, Timothy Doyle and Nicole Eichin ’97. Second row, left to right: Bridget Rueter Bushnell ’97, JoHannah Curran Speltz ’97, Elizabeth Quarta ’97, Jane Buckley Dutcher ’97, Kelly Paquin Trethewey ’97, Anne Murphy Parker ’97, Heather Holden Hughes ’97 and Melissa Hampton Dooley ’97. Third row, left to right: Jon Bushnell ’97, Lucas Mogensen ’97, David DePaulo ’98, Jim Speltz ’97, Tara McCabe ’97, Kathleen Murphy Smith ’98, Kathleen Curley ’98, Bridget Gardner McDonald ’97 and Tim Dooley ’97

LENNON ’00 AND DUFF ’99

TENNYSON ’98 AND MAHONEY ’97

FEELY ’92 AND ASELYNE
Kathleen Feeley ’92 and Theodore Aseyln were married Oct. 14 in San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Island, Fla. Left to right: Kathleen Lyons Guden ’86, Kathleen Feeley Aseyln ’92, Maureen Haugh ’94 and Kevin P. Feeley ’55.
**In Memoriam**

**MARTIN B. MURRAY, M.D.**
FEB. 13, 2007

At his home in Springfield, Mass., at 96. A longtime physician, Dr. Murray had practiced medicine in Springfield for 47 years, prior to his retirement. Chief of staff and chief of surgery at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, he had also served as the city of Springfield physician and, for more than 20 years, as the Panthers team doctor for his Alma mater, Cathedral High School. A member of the College varsity football and baseball teams, Dr. Murray was inducted into the Holy Cross Athletic Hall of Fame in 1960; he was also a member of the Forest Park Hall of Fame in Springfield and the Hall of Fame of Cathedral High School—which honored him in 2003 as one of its most outstanding alumni. His professional affiliations included membership in the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society and the Hampden District Medical Society for which he had served as president; in addition, Dr. Murray had been a trustee of the Williston Academy—currently The Williston Northampton School—in Easthampton, Mass. An Army veteran of World War II, he had held the post of commanding officer at the Springfield Armory prior to his transfer to the Philippines, where he served in the same capacity at the 90th Field Hospital, a 300-bed surgical MASH unit; discharged with the rank of lieutenant colonel, Dr. Murray had been awarded the Presidential Citation and the Bronze Star. In 1974, he was a recipient of the In Hoc Signo Award at Holy Cross. Dr. Murray is survived by three sons, including James A. ’72 and Francis D., M.D., ’80; two daughters; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and nine grandchildren. His son was the late John B. ’69.

**THOMAS J. SAUNDERS**
MARCH 7, 2007

At his home in Chelmsford, Mass., at 96. Prior to his retirement in 1986, Mr. Saunders had worked at the Tewksbury (Mass.) State Hospital for 35 years, where he had been the superintendent and director. During his tenure, Mr. Saunders oversaw the construction of a 700-bed hospital building—subsequently named in his honor—laundry facility and power plant; he had been a recipient of the Governors’ Award for the Volpe Food Program and the Andover-Newton Medal for race relations. Active in civic affairs, Mr. Saunders had been instrumental in having the state return 97 acres of land to Tewksbury, which later became the site of several town facilities, including schools, a youth center and elderly housing. In recognition of his efforts, the Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce selected him as its Man of the Year in 1980, and the town dedicated a park and a street in his name; in 2003, the hospital honored him with the institution of the Thomas J. Saunders Award. Mr. Saunders had been a member of the Lowell (Mass.) Stadium Commission, president of the Friends of Tewksbury Hospital and director of the Massachusetts Public Health Museum. At the start of his career, he had been the president and treasurer of the John F. Saunders and Sons Supermarket in Lowell; in 1940 and 1941, Mr. Saunders was elected president of the Lowell Grocers Association. A 1929 graduate of Lowell High School, he had been a member of the baseball and basketball teams there as well as a member and captain of the football team. Mr. Saunders had served in the Navy during World War II as the senior commissary officer at the Quonset Point Naval Air Station in Rhode Island; he retired from military service in 1946 with the rank of lieutenant commander. Mr. Saunders is survived by a son; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; four
In Shrewsbury (Mass.) Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, at 92. A longtime priest of the Diocese of Worcester, Fr. Conlin had served many years at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Worcester; appointed pastor in 1977 and pastor emeritus in 1985, he continued to reside there until 2001, assisting with various parish duties. Following his ordination to the priesthood in 1940 at St. Michael’s Cathedral, Springfield, Mass., Fr. Conlin began his ministry for the Springfield Diocese as the associate pastor at St. Thomas-a-Becket Parish in South Barre; Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Westfield; St. Margaret Mary Parish, Worcester; and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Clinton. In 1951, he joined the newly established Worcester Diocese as the associate pastor of St. Bernard Parish, Fitchburg, where he had also been the principal of St. Bernard High School. Appointed pastor of St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Westminster, in 1957, and pro-synodal judge in 1960, Fr. Conlin subsequently served the parishes of St. Pius X in Leicester and St. Mary’s in North Grafton; in 1971, he returned to St. Bernard Church in Fitchburg for a six-year tenure prior to beginning his pastorate at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. During his ministry, Fr. Conlin had also held the post of head of the Fitchburg Deaney. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Fr. Conlin is survived by a nephew; two daughters-in-law; a sister; 36 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

1935

REV. BERNARD J. CONLIN
FEB. 27, 2007

1937

CHARLES H. KEENAN
MARCH 14, 2007

In Milton (Mass.) Hospital, at 92. A longtime utility industry executive prior to retirement, Mr. Keenan had held the post of vice president of the New England Electric Service Co. At the start of his career, he had worked at Princeton (N.J.) University and, also, at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, N.Y.; Mr. Keenan relocated to Milton in 1958. Active in civic affairs, he had been a member of the Milton Hospital Development Board, a volunteer at the China Trade Museum and an election captain of the town’s Precinct 3; a past president of the Milton Hoosic Club and a Eucharistic minister at St. Gregory’s Church in Dorchester, Mass., Mr. Keenan had been recognized by the Milton Council on Aging with a citation for his 30 years of volunteer service with the agency. Involved as well in alumni affairs at the College, he had served as a class chair and class agent; Mr. Keenan had also been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by two sons; three daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a sister; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. His son was the late Richard J. ‘67 and his brother was the late John E. ‘33.

1939

TIMOTHY R. CONNOR
APRIL 7, 2007

In Waterbury, Conn., at 91. During his career, Mr. Connor had taught Latin and history in both St. Johnsbury, Vt., and Waterbury, Conn. He is survived by a nephew; two grandnephews; and two cousins. His brother was the late William T. ‘40.

1941

REV. JAMES A. MCCARTHY
MARCH 5, 2007

In the Catholic Memorial Home, Fall River, Mass., at 88. Prior to his retirement in 1989, Fr. McCarthy had been the pastor of St. Patrick’s Church in Falmouth, Mass., for 12 years; previously, he had been the founding pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Pocasset, where he served from 1969-77, and the pastor of St. Dominic’s Church, Swansea, from 1967-69. Ordained to the priesthood at St.
Mary's Cathedral, Fall River, on Feb. 24, 1945, Fr. McCarthy began his ministry as a curate at St. James Church, New Bedford, in 1945; Our Lady of the Isle on Nantucket, in 1947; Holy Family Church, East Taunton, from 1947-48; and Holy Name and St. William's parishes in Fall River, from 1948-67. During his ministry, he had also been the diocesan director for the Apostolate of the Deaf for many years and advocate, defender of the bond and judge on the Matrimonial Tribunal; following retirement, Fr. McCarthy had assisted on weekends at Corpus Christi Parish in Sandwich and St. Theresa's Church in Sagamore. In addition to his parochial duties, he had served as the moderator of the Blackfriars Theatre Guild; editor of a question-and-answer column in The Anchor magazine—a publication of the Diocese of Fall River—chaplain of the Falmouth Firefighters; and member of the Falmouth Hospital Board and the Falmouth Council on Aging. In addition, Fr. McCarthy had been the chaplain of the Knights of Columbus councils of Buzzards Bay and Falmouth, as well as Faithful Friar of Bishop Tyler Assembly of the Fourth Degree. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Fr. McCarthy is survived by a sister-in-law; two nephews; two nieces; and four grandnephews.

1942
PAUL A. HENRY JR.
MARCH 27, 2007
In Naples, Fla., at 86. Prior to his retirement to Florida in the early 1980s, Mr. Henry had been employed by Onondaga County, N.Y., for more than 20 years as a probation officer. A captain of the Army Air Corps during World War II, he had served in the Pacific theater. Following the war, Mr. Henry had worked for the Shrine theatres and, in the 1950s, operated Elmwood Theatre in Syracuse, N.Y. He is survived by a sister; a brother-in-law; nephews; nieces; four great-grandchildren; and several cousins.

1943
JOHN J. CAMPANALE
FEB. 11, 2007
In Massachusetts, at 86. A long-time educator, Mr. Campanale had been an English teacher at North High School in Worcester as well as the track and field coach. During his career, he had also taught at the former Worcester Junior College, retiring in 1983. A Marine Corps veteran, Mr. Campanale had served in both World War II and the Korean War. Commissioned a first lieutenant in 1943, he served in the Pacific theater with the 2nd Marine Division and, also, in the battle for Saipan and Okinawa; later assigned to the Marine intelligence branch, Mr. Campanale was stationed at Nagasaki, Japan, after the dropping of the atomic bomb. A member of the track team at Holy Cross and, also, at his alma mater Commerce High School in Worcester, he had held many local and regional records. Mr. Campanale had been a member of the Men's Sodality at Holy Cross and an active participant in the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He is survived by four sons; two daughters; a sister; three grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1946
JOHN J. DERMODY
OCT. 23, 2006
In Washington, at 82. During his career, Mr. Dermody had been an oceanographer at the University of Washington, where he had been involved in the establishment of the Sea Grant Program; as part of his work, Mr. Dermody had spent time in Alaska, living for a while in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Returning to Seattle for retirement, he had been a volunteer at the Seattle Aquarium. Mr. Dermody was a veteran of the Navy. He is survived by his wife, Tommy; two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and four grandchildren.

1949
ROBERT E. FURLONG, M.D.
APRIL 3, 2007
In New York, at 81. During his career, Dr. Furlong had been associated with St. Francis Hospital, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., for 35 years, retiring in 1994; appointed an anesthesiologist in 1959, he served as director of the department of anesthesiology from 1978-84. Following the completion of an internship and residencies in pathology and anesthesiology at St. Catherine's Hospital, New York City, Dr. Furlong had maintained a medical practice there from 1956-59. In 1990, the St. Francis Health Care Foundation honored him with its Franciscan Award—“in recognition of his outstanding dedication and spirit of selfless giving to the St. Francis Hospital Community.” A veteran, Dr. Furlong had served in the Navy as a line officer during World War II.
He had belonged to St. Martin de Porres Church in Poughkeepsie for more than 47 years. Dr. Furlong had been a Holy Cross agent. He is survived by his wife, Eileen; four sons; three daughters; two sons-in-law; four daughters-in-law; and nine grandchildren.

1948
PHILIP J. NOLAN SR.
JAN. 29, 2007
In New York, at 83. A longtime educator, Mr. Nolan had been a sixth-grade teacher in Farmingdale, N.Y., for 20 years. During his career, he had also been active in politics; a resident of Islip, N.Y., Mr. Nolan had been the vice chairman of the Suffolk Democratic Party, a zone leader and a state committeeman. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; five sons; a daughter; and 10 grandchildren.

1949
PETER A. DELSANTO
JAN. 17, 2007
In the Albany (N.Y.) Medical Center Hospital. Prior to his retirement in 1996, Mr. DelSanto had been a pharmacist for CVS in both Latham and Albany, N.Y. A member of the U.S. Army Reserve, he had served as a lieutenant colonel in the 364th General Hospital—and was a graduate of the Command and General Staff School. Mr. DelSanto is survived by his wife, Shirley; a son; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; a sister-in-law; a grandson; and several nephews and nieces.

1950
WILLIAM H. MCDONOUGH SR.
MARCH 1, 2007
At his home in Wilmington, Del., at 80. During his career, Mr. McDonough had served as a master at Family Court of Wilmington. A longtime parishioner and Eucharistic minister at St. Helena's Church, he had been a volunteer at Adopt-A-Family Services and a marriage counselor for many years. Mr. McDonough was an Air Force veteran of World War II. He is survived by his companion, Dolores Mulrooney; a son; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; nine grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

1951
THOMAS F. GALLAGHER JR.
DEC. 30, 2006
In Summerville, S.C., at 77. Prior to his retirement in 2000, Mr. Gallagher had been New York state’s director of manufacturing business development on Long Island, N.Y., for five years. Previously, he had served nine years as executive director of the Suffolk County (N.Y.) Water Authority, securing federal grants and overseeing construction of new water supply systems in the county. Working at his father’s business at the start of his career—Astoria Tire Co. in Queens, N.Y.—Mr. Gallagher founded his own concrete company in 1962, called Gallagher Service Corp. He earned his master’s degree in public policy at SUNY-Stony Brook in 1978—and assisted the university president through 1979 as a graduate assistant. A veteran, Mr. Gallagher had been a commissioned officer in the Navy until 1956. He had been a captain of the varsity swim team at Holy Cross. The past president of numerous business associations, Mr. Gallagher had been a coach for the Three Village Little League; longtime chairman of the Setauket-Stony Brook Republican Club; and program chair of the Stony Brook Foundation at SUNY-Stony Brook. He had been an Eagle Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow. Mr. Gallagher is survived by his wife, Mary; a
In the Holyoke (Mass.) Soldiers’ Home, at 80. Prior to his retirement in 1996, Mr. McManus had been the principal for 28 years of the Juniper Park School in Westfield, Mass.; he later taught as an adjunct professor at Westfield (Mass.) State College. Mr. McManus had been an Army veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Joan; two sons; a daughter-in-law; a sister; three grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1952

HAROLD D. GAGNON JR.

APRIL 16, 2007

In Connecticut, at 76. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Gagnon had been a teacher and a guidance counselor for 35 years in the East Hartford (Conn.) school system. A veteran, he had served in the Army during the Korean War. Mr. Gagnon had been a former coach of the Rockville (Conn.) American Legion baseball team and a member of the Tallwood Country Club in Hebron, Conn.; at Holy Cross, he had been a member of the varsity baseball team. Mr. Gagnon is survived by three sons; three daughters; three sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law; a sister; and 27 grandchildren.

JOHN J. HARRAHY

DEC. 31, 2006

At the Knollwood Nursing Center, Worcester, at 76. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Harrahy had been a bank examiner for many years with the commonwealth of Massachusetts in Boston. A commissioned officer of the Navy, he had served two years of active duty during the Korean War. Mr. Harrahy is survived by a brother and his wife; and three nephews and nieces. His father was the late John P. ‘30.

1954

PHILIP BRIGUGLIO, M.D.

MARCH 14, 2007

Of McLean, Va., and Jupiter Island, Fla. Dr. Briguglio had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; three daughters; three sons-in-law; a brother; a sister; and six grandchildren.

1955

WALTER F. BRADY JR.

JAN. 23, 2007

In Cambridge, Mass., at 73. During his career, Mr. Brady had taught mathematics at Connecticut College in New London for 34 years; joining the faculty in 1967 as an assistant professor, he was named professor emeritus in 2001. Involved on many committees during his tenure, Mr. Brady had been the college parliamentarian and president of the Connecticut State Conference of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). In 1998 and 1999, he worked for the U.S. Census Monitoring Board as a consultant. While earning his Ph.D. in mathematics at Indiana University, Mr. Brady had taught briefly at the University of Connecticut. A veteran, he had served in the Navy from 1955-58, attaining the rank...
of lieutenant junior grade. His interests included running, sailing and playing the piano. A participant in innumerable races and marathons, Mr. Brady ran the 1980 London-to-Brighton 54-mile ultramarathon, the 100th Boston Marathon and the 1986 Cape Cod Marathon; he had been a member of the Thames Yacht Club in New London. Mr. Brady is survived by his longtime partner, Gail Shulman; two brothers; three sisters; his specialty was securities and corporate litigation. A parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in New York City, he had been a member of the Order of Malta, serving as president of the American Order. At Holy Cross, Mr. Casey had been a member of the varsity football team. He is survived by a son; a daughter-in-law; a granddaughter; and eight nephews and nieces.

EDWARD M. HOLIHEN
APRIL 15, 2007
In Florida, at 73. Prior to his retirement in 1992, Mr. Holihen had been the vice president, human resources, of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island. Active in civic affairs in Rhode Island during his career, he had been a member of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped; the Governor's Council on Youth Employment; and the board of directors of the Rhode Island Association of the Blind, among other organizations. A member as well of the Catholic Diocese Personnel Committee and the National Alliance of Business, Mr. Holihen continued his community involvement in Naples, Fla., following retirement—as a lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and as a volunteer with Florida's SHINE (Securing Health Insurance Needs of Elders) program. A veteran, Mr. Holihen is survived by his wife, Sylvia; two sons, Kevin '88 and Terrence R. '90; a sister; and several grandchildren.

ROBERT A. PAULY
APRIL 23, 2007
In St. Mary's Hospice, Rochester, N.Y., at 72. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Pauly had worked 35 years for Cyanamid Co. A graduate of Canisius High School, Buffalo, N.Y., he had played football there—and was later inducted into the school's sports hall of fame. Mr. Pauly is survived by his wife, Virginia; six sons; three daughters; three sons-in-law; six daughters-in-law; a brother; a sister-in-law; many grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

EUGENE J. RIEL JR.
MARCH 12, 2007
In the Hospital of Central Connecticut, at 71. Prior to his retirement in 1991, Mr. Riel had been an assistant professor of mathematics for many years at the Central Connecticut State University in New Britain; at the start of his career, he had taught at the Bacon Academy in Colchester, Conn. Mr. Riel was a veteran of the Navy. He is survived by his wife, Linda; a son; two daughters; two stepchildren; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; eight grandchildren; and several cousins.
1958
THOMAS A. MCGRATH JR.
MARCH 15, 2007
In Connecticut. Prior to his retirement in 1999, Mr. McGrath had worked 38 years for Deloitte & Touche, serving in its New York and Washington offices, as well as at the firm’s national office in Wilton, Conn.; he had been named a partner in 1972. During his career, Mr. McGrath had also held the post of chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission Practice Section Peer Review Committee of the American Institute of CPAs. A member of St. Aloysius Parish in New Canaan, Conn., he had been a Eucharistic Minister, member of the Parish Council and a participant in the Emmaus retreat program for teenagers. Mr. McGrath had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Teresa; a son, Thomas A. III ’89; two daughters, including Anne McGrath DeMichele ’90; a sister; a grandson; and four granddaughters.

1959
ROBERT M. DEFINO
JAN. 25, 2007
In UMass Memorial Medical Center-Memorial Campus, Worcester, at 70. Prior to his retirement in 1999, Mr. Defino had served 37 years as an executive with the Ford Motor Company; during his career, he had worked in the Midwest as well as in Massachusetts. An accomplished athlete, Mr. Defino had been a member of the varsity baseball and football teams at Holy Cross; he had also played sports at his alma mater Shrewsbury (Mass.) High School, where he was inducted into its Hall of Fame. Mr. Defino is survived by his wife, Judith; four daughters; his stepmother; and 10 grandchildren.

1961
REV. JAMES N. LOUGHRAN, S.J.
DEC. 24, 2006
In Jersey City, N.J., at 66. A longtime college administrator, Fr. Loughran had most recently served as the 21st president of St. Peter’s College in Jersey City, from 1996 until the time of his death. Previously, he had been the interim president of Mount St. Mary’s College, Emmitsburg, Md., from 1993-94 and acting president of Brooklyn (N.Y.) College in 1992; from 1984-91, Fr. Loughran had held the post of president of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. A philosophy teacher at St. Peter’s College from 1965-67, he had been an associate professor of philosophy at Fordham University in New York City from 1974-84; the assistant dean of Fordham College, Fordham University, from 1970-73 and the dean of Fordham College, from 1979-82, he had been the interim vice president for academic affairs and interim dean of the Arts and Sciences faculty at the university prior to beginning his tenure as the president of St. Peter’s College. From 1992-93, Fr. Loughran had held the Edmund Miller, S.J., professorship at John Carroll University in Cleveland. Entering the Society of Jesus in 1958, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1970; Fr. Loughran professed his final vows in 1978. During his career, he had been the author of numerous articles for a variety of publications. Fr. Loughran is survived by a brother-in-law; two nephews and two nieces.

1963
WILLIAM J. BANFIELD, M.D.
FEB. 2, 2007
In Florida, at 65. A gastroenterologist, Dr. Banfield had maintained a medical practice in Easton, Md., for 21 years, prior to his retirement in 1998. Chief of staff of the Memorial Hospital in Easton, he had also been the chairman of the Credentials Committee there and a recipient of the Cecil Award for excellence in physician education. Becoming a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine—in internal medicine in 1972—and—in gastroenterology in 1975—Dr. Banfield had been an assistant professor of medicine at the University of California in San Francisco, from 1974-75; he then opened a medical practice in Wilson, N.C., where he remained until relocating to Maryland in 1977. Dr. Banfield had been a fellow of both the American College of Gastroenterologists and the American College of Physicians, as well as a member of the American Medical Association; his civic involvement included serving as a member of Ducks Unlimited and the Coastal Conservation Association and, also, as president of the Senior Baseball League. A captain in the Air Force during military service, he had been stationed at Clovis Air Force Base in New Mexico, from 1968-70. Dr. Banfield had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; a son, William C. ’93; a daughter; a son-in-law; two sisters; two grandchildren; a nephew; and two nieces.

1965
JOHN J. DRISCOE
MARCH 19, 2007
At the Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester, at 62. An at-
RICHARD E. JOYCE
JAN. 23, 2007
In Wake Medical Center, Raleigh, N.C., at 63. Prior to his retirement in 2006, Mr. Joyce had worked 36 years for IBM. At the start of his career, he had played professional baseball; signing a contract with the Kansas City Athletics, he had been a pitcher in the team’s minor league system for several years and a starter for Kansas City in three major league games. Mr. Joyce had been a member of the varsity baseball team at Holy Cross, attaining a 20-5 record; in 1964, he was named a pitcher for the U.S. Baseball Federation team that toured Japan during the Tokyo Summer Olympics. A three-team star athlete at his alma mater Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine, he pitched for the baseball team—which won the Telegram League Championships in 1959-61; Mr. Joyce earned All-League honors for his efforts. He had also been a pitcher for the Andrews Post Junior Legion team in Portland, attaining a 38-5 record. A member of the Cheverus High School Hall of Fame, Mr. Joyce had been inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in 1977. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; two sons; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; a sister; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; two aunts; three grandchildren; four nephews; a niece; and cousins.

E. THOMAS MITCHELL
MARCH 21, 2007
In California, at 60. Mr. Mitchell is survived by his wife, Linda; his mother; and a daughter.

JAMES R. GRANGER
FEB. 20, 2007
In Westborough (Mass.) Health Care Center, at 59. Prior to his retirement in 1999, Mr. Granger had worked 15 years as the chief of campus police at Worcester State College; a patrol officer with the Worcester Police Department at the start of his career, he later became a sergeant and served as a detective within the department. A member of the International Brotherhood of Police, as well as the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the State, County, and Municipal Employees Association, Mr. Granger had taught religious education classes at St. George’s Church in Worcester and, also, coached for the Joe Schwartz Little League. A veteran, he had served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. Mr. Granger is survived by his wife, Julie Ann; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; three brothers; a sister; three grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

PAUL F. HALLY
APRIL 19, 2007
In Charlotte, N.C., at 56. Mr. Hally had most recently been assistant general counsel, business development, for SPX Corp., in Charlotte. He had previously served in the same capacity for the General Signal Corp., Stamford, Conn.—remaining with the company following its acquisition by SPX Corp. in 1998; during his 22-year affiliation with both corporations, Mr. Hally had specialized in mergers and acquisitions. At the start of his legal career, he had worked for the Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C.; in 1977, he joined Timex Corp., Middlebury, Conn., in its legal department, where he was employed until 1985. Mr. Hally had also been active in community affairs in Middlebury, serving as a member of the Parish Council of St. John of the Cross Church—and, also, on the boards of the town library and the Highfield Country Club. A graduate of Notre Dame High School in West Haven, Conn., he had been a member of the school’s track team. Mr. Hally had belonged to the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by a son; a daughter; four brothers; three sisters; three grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

MARTIN J. MCNULTY
FEB. 21, 2007
In Phnom Penh, Cambodia, at 56. During his career, Mr. McNulty had served as an immigration attorney, with offices in Lowell and Lynn.
Mass. A frequent traveler to Cambodia, he had made many contributions to the people there through his charitable efforts. At the start of his career, Mr. McNulty had been the director of guidance at the Essex Agricultural and Technical Institute in Hathorne, Mass. He is survived by a brother; four sisters; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; nephews and nieces; and a grandnephew and grandnieces.

1973
JOSE M. DE ARANGO JR.
MARCH 27, 2007
In the Whittier Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center, Ghent, N.Y., at 57. Prior to his retirement in 2002, Mr. de Arango had served 27 years as a senior market claims manager with Allstate Insurance in Latham, N.Y. Active in alumni affairs, he had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. de Arango is survived by his wife, JoAnn; his mother; a daughter; his mother-in-law; a brother, Fernando F. ’74; four brothers-in-law; four sisters-in-law; nephews; and nieces, including Deanna M. ’04.

1974
GREGORY BOTTARI
MARCH 6, 2007
In Sound Shore Medical Center, New Rochelle, N.Y., at 54. A financial planner for 27 years with several companies, Mr. Bottari had most recently worked for Sage-mark Consulting, a division of the Lincoln Financial Group, in Tarrytown, N.Y.; he had been both a certified financial planner and a chartered property and casualty underwriter. Mr. Bottari had belonged to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Pelham Manor, N.Y., where he had been a member of the Ushers’ Society. He is survived by his mother; a brother; a nephew and a niece.

2000
MARZENA N. LADZIEJEWSKA
FEB. 25, 2007
In Cheshire, Conn., at 29. During her career, Ms. Ladziejewska had worked at an accounting firm in Farmington, Conn., until the time of her death. She had been a religious studies major at Holy Cross and an active participant in the College’s campus ministries program; Ms. Ladziejewska had been elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. A graduate of the Orville H. Platt High School in Meriden, Conn., she had been a parishioner of St. Stanislaus Church in Meriden and St. Bridget Church in Cheshire. Ms. Ladziejewska is survived by her father; her maternal grandmother; and two brothers.

FRIENDS:
Father of Cari (Lee) Barnes; father of Mercedes A. Bransfield ‘95; Harry Clarke Jr., dining services, Ciampi Hall; father of Jerry J. III ’74, Michael J. ’77, Martin J. ’80 and Charles T. Coursey ’86; wife of Henry E. D’Amato ’49, mother of Maryann D’Amato Wood ’76 and mother-in-law of Heikki Paadre, information technology services; wife of the late Edward A. Doherty ’28; wife of James L. Dowd ’73 and sister of Richard M. Dart Jr. ’73 and Robert G. Dart, M.D., ’79; grandfather of Patrick J. ’02 and father-in-law of Catherine Driscoll, development office; wife of John E. Dunn Jr. ’35; mother of Kate B. Englander ’08; brother of John C. Sweeney Jr. ’70; father of Endia P. Walton ’82; mother of William J. ’66, classics department, and grandmother of Michael J. Ziobro ’90
Passover is one of the Jewish people’s pilgrimage festivals, so named because, in the days when the ancient temple stood on Mount Moriah, Jews would travel from near and far to bring their sacrifices to the priests—who, in those days, were the overseers of the Jerusalem Temple cult.

Judaism has evolved since that time, and today, we no longer have a practicing priesthood, or centralized Temple—nor a sacrificial cult! Although those institutions are gone, we still have the basic human need to give thanks and to recall our history and what it teaches us about life in the contemporary world. This is why we have Passover Seders, when Jewish families gather around the dinner table, recounting the story of the Exodus as if it were the pilgrimage we ourselves made in the desert thousands of years ago. It was.

So I considered it my good fortune to make a different kind of pilgrimage this year, a 10-day chaplaincy residency at my alma mater on Mount Pakachoag, in response to the gracious invitation extended to me by Kim McElaney, director of the Office of the College Chaplains.

My visit, designed to involve me in the lives of Holy Cross students, faculty and administration in a variety of ways, actually made me so very aware of the many blessings that are mine personally because of my pilgrimage to Holy Cross in the fall of 1968 for the beginning of my undergraduate years on Mount St. James—blessings that are all of ours because we had the privilege of spending time learning the lessons that are part of the heart and soul of the College of the Holy Cross.

Some things at the College are still very much the same. When I first arrived on campus in September 1968, I drove up Linden Lane, awed by the natural beauty of the trees and flowers and the impressive, seemingly ancient spires of O’Kane and Fenwick. I found Beaven Hall, then a freshman dorm, and made my way to room 211, where from the win-
dow was a beautiful view of that treelined entrance to the campus.

Today, Beaven is a classroom and an office building. During my recent visit, I was scheduled to have lunch with Professor Suzanne Kirschner in the psychology department. As I walked down the winter wooden steps of the Dinand Library and headed around the corner to Beaven once again, it all seemed so familiar, as if no time had passed in four decades. The building looked the same, the classrooms occupying that first floor—which was not considered the first floor in the old days—and the old dorm rooms with their swinging doors on the three floors above. We always had to walk down the middle of the hallway so as not to be struck by a sudden opening of someone’s door. The doors are now more conventional, as is the numbering of the floors. The second level is no longer Beaven I. So, as I ascended the steps, I realized that the room I was headed for on the third floor of this building was actually on my old residence floor, Beaven II. Lo and behold, they had changed the numbers completely and, when I arrived at Professor Kirschner’s office, I recognized my old dorm room! Looking out the window in which I had lit Chanukah candles that first winter holiday away from home was an eerie but comforting experience. My dorm room is still a place where Jews dwell on the Holy Cross campus! In fact, the psychology department has nearly enough Jews—Professors Bitran, Freeman, Futterman, Weiss and Wolfson, in addition to Kirschner—to form a minyan, the group of 10 required for “official” worship.

I was the only Jewish student in 1968, and there were one or two Jewish professors. Today there are about half a dozen self-identifying Jewish students and nearly two-dozen Jewish professors and administrators. Two of the school’s class deans, Esther Levine and Mark Freeman, and the faculty spokesperson, Patricia Bizzell, are Jews. Holy Cross continues to strive for religious diversity, as it did in 1967 when a recruiter from the Admissions Office showed up at my high school in the Jewish neighborhood of Squirrel Hill in Pittsburgh. There was a deliberate attempt to diversify the College population that was made up primarily of Irish and Italian Catholics. This was similar to the efforts of Brandeis University to recruit non-Jews—the goal presumably to teach people about the “other” and how respect and dignity for God’s creation can be found in every human being.

During my recent chaplaincy visit, a prospective Jewish student and his family visited the campus. They met with Fr. Brooks in his office, talked to several of the Jewish students and the chaplains—and attended my lecture on Jewish and Christian misconceptions of the other. That Friday ended with a beautiful Shabbat dinner in Campion Hall, prepared

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by a senior headed off to the Culinary Institute in New York next fall. This family would not have had such a rich Jewish experience had they spent the day at Brandeis!

They came with the understandable concerns of a Jewish family contemplating an immersion into this Jesuit environment, and they left excited about pursuing the application process. In addition to the myriad duties and responsibilities he has exercised throughout his tenure, Fr. Brooks has been an ambassador of outreach and welcome to so many people connected to the College who bring diversity.

As a Jew, there are some things that are potential stumbling blocks to feeling comfortable. Rooting for the “Crusaders,” while arguably only a mascot, conjures up images of the medieval warriors who not only led a quest for Christ, but spilled much infidel blood—Muslim and Jewish—along the way. The name of the school, Holy Cross, more than any other Catholic school—including Notre Dame, Loyola, Marquette, Georgetown and Boston College—is an instantaneous red flag to non-Catholics searching for a school of higher learning.

Yet, the atmosphere on campus, religious as it is, can be a catalyst for finding one’s own particular identity. That is surely what happened to me during my undergraduate years and continues to do so for the growing number of Jews who are part of the student body, faculty and administration today. At one of our Shabbat dinners, a friend of a Jewish student joined us. He was also a non-Catholic, a Protestant, and conveyed to us that he sometimes felt the “otherness” that he imagined we felt in such an environment.

I had meals and coffee breaks with Jewish professors who nonetheless expressed to me over and over how comfortable, how easy it has been to be Jewish here. They spoke of how they are supported and respected for who they are—even when that “otherness” defines them in different ways than the rest of the faculty and adminis-

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Hayes and Ed Vodokolys—are classmates, and all of whom exemplified the character and style of Abraham and Sarah at their Biblical tent—practicing hachnasat orchim—the value of welcoming the strangers.

Holy Cross is blessed with a rector, Fr. Jim Hayes, who makes time for everybody, is passionate about human pain, is an empathetic pastor, and who, over the years, has reached out with love and support to all members of the Holy Cross community. Many of the Jewish professors shared with me the fact that they were touched by Jim at times of pain and loss.

I had the opportunity to visit a variety of classes. During one session on medical ethics, an end-of-life discussion, the professor, Fr. Bill Stempsey—a Jesuit with both a Ph.D. in philosophy and a medical degree—invited me to add a Rabbinic perspective on a critical issue on which Jews and Catholics both face very compelling arguments. While our tradition’s conclusions may differ, we share the very human struggle.

My very strong interest in the New Testament led me to a couple of class sessions with Fr. Bill Reiser, who thoughtfully taught about the historical Pharisees while teaching passages from Christian Scripture that—without his explanation and commentary—would suggest a more sinister role for the Jewish leaders in those days. The students left that day with an enlightened understanding of the bias of Biblical writers in a historical context that influenced the depiction of ancient adversaries in an exaggerated way.

At one Mass conducted in Ciampi among the priests, a reading from the Gospel according to John prompted Fr. Reiser to include in his personal comments his mixed feelings about these texts. Some of his colleagues there agreed. It was moving and inspiring. The texts are what they are. We can’t change them. Yet, how we share them with others and what we say to put them into context make all the difference in how we see and treat each other today, 2000 years later. The growth of respect and ability to seek out the “other” and find ways of establishing mutual acknowledgment of the “other’s” covenant with the same God that we worship have progressed more since Pope John XXIII than in the nearly two millennia before his bold actions that opened up so many doors of dialogue.

In Ciampi, we talked about many things over meals and in late afternoon discussions: Interfaith relations; the state of Israel and the Arab world; the Holocaust and the role of the church in general and the Jesuits specifically; the meaning of our holidays; and the role of the priest, rabbi and minister in people’s lives. The interchanges were open and honest in a very comfortable setting. We talked about our aging parents and the universal human condition, no matter what our religious faith.

My visit was an opportunity to bring other rabbis to campus for visits and to create connections that will serve as resources for the campus in the months and years ahead. Besides three of the local rabbis, my good friends Seth Bernstein, Paula Feldstein and Jordan Milstein, another good friend and mentee, Rabbi Bradley Solmsen, who directs the Genesis program at Brandeis University, and Tamar Grimm, a former congregant who grew up at our Temple in Minnesota and is now a rabbinical student at Hebrew College in Brookline, all made their way to campus. My hope is that our Chaplains Office will call upon them for programs and resources.

For me, a highlight of my pilgrimage was the kind invitation from Bill Shea, the director of the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, to deliver a public lecture—my third in six years at my alma mater—about stereotypes and misconceptions, many of them theological, stemming from ancient misunderstandings and polemics, the residuals of which remain as stumbling blocks to healthy interfaith dialogue and respect.

The lecture came at the end of a weeklong pilgrimage to an important font of my learning and growth in my own personal development. Here I witnessed some significant events, small they may seem but quite profound and important in personal interaction. These are remarkable incidents. These are the best things that a liberal arts education in a Jesuit environment can offer toward repairing the world, by beginning to recognize the humanity of the “other.”

In that talk, I spent a good deal of time exploring the matching misconceptions and erroneous images that Christians and Jews have of each other—and, indeed, we all have a long way to go. But it is reassuring and a source of personal pride to know that at our alma mater these acts of repair, what we Jews call tikkan olam, are taking place. I see a generation of the finest students in the country are being nurtured and taught that it is our personal responsibility to seek out the “other” and find ways of establishing pilgrimages that we can walk together—even as our own particular paths are different, as they need to be, in a world in which God has created among other things, diversity.

Passover is commemorated today, not by offering sacrifices in the Holy Temple after a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. That Temple no longer exists. For the last two thousand years we have been commemorating Passover with a Seder meal in our homes, the conclusion of which is to say to each other, “Next Year in Jerusalem”—a wish that someday soon the world will be like Yerushalayim, the idealized city of Peace.

I was proud to be a student here nearly four decades ago. I am even prouder to return as an alumnus who shares many of this place’s goals and values. The College is doing its job!
Julie Halpin Anderson literally grew up in the shadow of O’Kane Hall. Her father, Jim Halpin, was director of admissions from 1963-91, so Halpin Anderson was as familiar with the Holy Cross campus as she was with her own home. Naturally, when it was time to consider where to go to college, she admits she “looked everywhere else” but the college on the hill.

Exploring several institutions, Halpin Anderson was drawn to Amherst College because of its outstanding dance program. Despite her interest in the school, she eventually came to the conclusion that there was no place like home.

“I was flattered to be accepted at Amherst,” Halpin Anderson says, “but I didn’t feel the same kinship with the Amherst student body that I did at Holy Cross. After looking at a lot of schools, I felt so much more at home and excited by Holy Cross. I ended up being very happy there.”

At Holy Cross, Halpin Anderson majored in French because of her love for the language—as well as for the art, literature and culture of France. As a dancer, she also had a love of theater, leading her to take part in a number of shows at the College as a performer and a choreographer.

“I never considered it seriously as a vocation,” Halpin Anderson says of dance. “I still do it for fun.”

Today, as the founder and chief executive officer of The Geppetto Group, a marketing communications firm that targets the youth and teenage market, Halpin Anderson is considered one of the most powerful voices in her field. Geppetto employs 27 full-time staff and 25 part-time freelance consultants. Prior to opening Geppetto in 1997, she earned respect throughout the industry as a founder and general manager of Saatchi & Saatchi’s Kid Connection.

At Geppetto, Halpin Anderson has for clients some of the most recognized names in the world, including Major League Baseball, the National Football League, Lego, Samsung, the Library of Congress, Kids Footlocker, PepsiCo, Wal-Mart and many others.

Holy Cross, according to Halpin Anderson, was a place of intellectual and artistic discovery. The first person in the history of the College to earn credits for dance, she learned that she liked to look at familiar subjects from new and different angles. A class called “Theology of Liberation,” which explored the intersection of politics, human rights and theology, was a particular favorite.

This interest in looking at the familiar in a unique way is partially what makes her such a successful advertising executive. At Geppetto, Halpin Anderson, her staff and freelance consultants work hard to understand what appeals to children and teenagers—and then to use this knowledge to build new products or talk about existing products in new and exciting ways.

Halpin Anderson addresses the inevitable question about the morality of marketing to children from the perspective of both a business executive and a mother. “We’re helping clients create new products for kids that are healthy and good for them,” she says. “Companies have a responsibility to do what’s right for kids. I’m happy to be part of that.”

Stats

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