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Moderated by Clark V. Booth ’61 At a time when college sports scandals abound and the Academy is rethinking the proper place for athletics within the world of higher education, HCM recently sponsored a forum on this complex and challenging subject. Read the transcript of this discussion and discover what the future might hold for Crusader sports.

38 The Bard of Linden Lane
by James Dempsey Jesuit, College administrator and ardent booster for alma mater, Rev. Michael J. Earls of the Class of 1896 brought national attention to Holy Cross when he hosted G.K. Chesterton’s visit to Mount St. James. But, in his day, Fr. Earls was also a prolific poet who drew inspiration for his verse from the campus he loved so much.
Readers Write

“When the Navy Docked on the Hill”

In the article “When the Navy Docked on the Hill,” (fall 2007), I was disappointed that you did not mention that a ROTC unit existed at Holy Cross beginning in September 1941. There were about 40 or so members with uniforms, drills, shots and confusion. We were not actually enlisted men—just volunteers. Drills were behind Fenwick with rifles and a lot of kibitzing from the dorm. It got more exciting after Pearl Harbor. I left in July and joined the V-5 program (Naval Aviation); went to the Pacific in 1944. Joined the Regulars, stayed on and retired in 1963. It was a great 21 years in Carrier Aviation. Keep up the good work.

Jack DiPretoro ’45
Harrison, Maine

“Recommended Reading”

The Times wants me to read Denis Johnson’s Tree of Smoke. In their Sunday Review of Books, they describe Tree as remarkable, soulful, tremendous: an Epic. I will probably read it, and surely be disappointed.

The summer ’07 edition of Holy Cross Magazine suggested for the beach, the boat, the backpack, Daniel Woodrell’s Winter’s Bone. After the first few sequences of the novel, I put the book down and asked myself, “What in blazing saddles is goin’ on here?” Unexpected drama; unexpected characterizations, unexpected topography. Surely, all this was a clever diversion and, soon, I and my new book would revert to the mean.

Not here. The Times would have been dead-on accurate ... had they been reviewing Winter’s Bone. Thank you, HCM, for the recommendation.

Pete Stubben ’69
Rackaway Park, N.Y.

Erratum

In the article, “Far-Flung Friends” (fall ’07), the expulsion of the Jesuits from Iraq was referred to as resulting from the “Gaddafi coup.” The expulsion, of course, was the result of the Baathist coup. Rev. Joseph MacDonnell, S.J., author of Jesuits by the Tigris: Men for Others in Baghdad (1994), writing in America magazine in 2003, recounts the events: “In 1968, following a bloody coup d’état in August by the Baath Socialist Party, both schools were nationalized, and all 61 Jesuits were expelled. On Nov. 25 the 28 Al Hikma Jesuits were given five days to leave the country. Baghdad College was nationalized the following August with no reason given and no compensation offered. The Baath Socialist government, whose ideology prohibited private education, confiscated the Jesuits’ property of 195 acres with 15 major buildings, including the contents of two libraries and seven very modern laboratories. No one was in a position to protest these expulsions, because of the atmosphere of terror created by the Baath.” The editors regret this error.
Keeping Score

A quick look into the College archives shows just how long athletics has been part of the Holy Cross experience. In 1859, “The Mount St. James Fencing Club” was formed with the intention of giving its members “a practical as well as a theoretical knowledge of the sword and its uses.” By 1862, the College prospectus reported the organization of football and cricket games on “the College farm.” By 1874—the same year that the first campus gymnasium was built—we had a baseball club that was traveling to away games. A football “association” was established in 1891 and basketball was introduced in 1898. In 1929, an alumnus, Cleo O’Donnell of the Class of 1908, was named the College’s first full-time director of athletics.

What followed that hire was a progressively more expansive and well-known athletic tradition that evolved into what many alumni now regard as a golden age of Holy Cross sports: The 1942 gridiron upset over an undefeated B.C. team. The 1946 appearance in the Orange Bowl. The 1947 NCAA Championship. The 1952 College World Series.

Golden age or not, looking back from 50 years on, it is clear that, today, the playing field in college athletics is a dramatically different place. Some critics point to the advent of television, and the advertising revenue that a nationally televised game can generate, as a tipping point of sorts—the beginning of a slippery slope that paved the way for widespread scandal, cheating, hypocrisy and abuse within the world of college sports.

In October 1982, at a meeting of the Eastern Association of College and University Business Officers held in the Pocono Mountains, Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, then the president of Holy Cross, delivered an address on the future of intercollegiate athletics.

“One need not be a coach, a sports writer, or even an avid sports fan, but only a cursory reader of the daily newspaper,” said Fr. Brooks on that day, “to know that in recent years intercollegiate athletics have become demented on all too many college and university campuses.”

In the 13 paragraphs that followed, Fr. Brooks deftly summarized the extent and causes of this “dementia,” as well as the hard decisions that would be required to ensure that all college athletics programs remain in accord with—and in service to—the educational mission of their sponsoring institutions.

A few years later, Fr. Brooks announced that Holy Cross would be a founding member of the Colonial Athletic League—the precursor to the Patriot League—an association dedicated to three principles: presidential control; genuine academic standards; and need-based scholarships. A league that would serve as a model for ethical athletic competition in a proper context. An antidote for the “dementia” that had come to afflict college sports.

Twenty-five years after Fr. Brooks’ comments in Pennsylvania, the scandals, abuse and big-money corruption that he saw on the horizon appear only to have increased.

Recently, Holy Cross Magazine gathered together representatives of the College’s senior administration, athletic department, admissions office, faculty and student body to discuss the place for athletics within higher education in general—and on Mount St. James in particular. A transcription of the conversation that ensued can be found on Page 14.

The forum would not have been possible without the guidance, insight and support of our moderator, Clark V. Booth ’61—a longtime reporter and commentator on college athletics. His expertise and thoughtfulness were invaluable in guiding our discussion—and the editors wish to thank him for his participation.

We also want to invite our readers to be part of this conversation. To respond to the forum or add your own thoughts, please visit our Web site, at: www.holycross.edu/hcmag-forum.html.

As we come to the end of 2007, the staff of Holy Cross Magazine wishes you a joyful new year!
Distinguished Teaching Award presented at Fall Convocation

Swords Medal recipients also honored

“Professor Kee is one of Holy Cross’ finest teachers,” says Rev. James Miracky, S.J., associate professor and chair of the English department, “and he has inspired generations of Holy Cross English students. Drawing from his passion for philosophy, Professor Kee leads his students to thoughtful reflection on the fundamental questions about humanity that are raised in literary texts and how they call us to the moral life.”

Kee received his Ph.D. in English from the University of Virginia. In addition to serving on numerous Holy Cross committees, he previously served six years as associate dean of the College and two years as acting dean. Kee was among the first recipients of the Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Awards, given for outstanding work at the College through teaching, scholarship and service. He is the author of numerous articles on literature, including “Typology and Tradition: Refiguring the Bible in Milton’s Paradise Lost,” “’Postmodern’ Thinking and the Status of the Religious,” and “Northrop Frye and the Poetry in Biblical Hermeneutics.” He is also the editor of Northrop Frye and the Afterlife of the Word (Semeia 89). Kee is a resident of Paxton, Mass.

Also honored at the Fall Convocation were faculty members John F. Axelson, professor of psychology, and Joanna Ziegler, professor and chair of the visual arts department. Both received the Rev. Raymond J. Swords, S.J., Faculty Medal, presented to members of the faculty who have served the College for 25 years or more.

Excerpts from Associate Professor Kee’s address can be found on Page 69.
Five members of the Holy Cross faculty have been honored with the Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Award. These $10,000 honoraria are given each year by Senior Vice President Frank Vellaccio to senior faculty members who make a special contribution to Holy Cross through their teaching, scholarship and/or service. The O’Leary Awards are intended to honor the recipients, to advance their work, and to encourage other members of the faculty to attain a high level of professional achievement—and to be a positive influence in the lives of students. The 2007 recipients are:

**Daniel Bitran**, associate professor of psychology, earned his Ph.D. at the State University of New York at Buffalo and his bachelor of arts degree at City University New York, Queens College, in New York City. From 1986-88, he was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Connecticut, and, from 1988-92, he was a research associate at the University of Rochester. Joining the Holy Cross faculty in 1992, Bitran has served as chair of the psychology department from 2000-05—and has also been a member of the Research and Publications and Academic Affairs committees; he is currently the science coordinator and a member of the Curriculum Committee. Bitran’s recent research is aimed at elucidating the brain mechanisms involved in mediating the effects of estrogen on cognition.

**Edward Isser**, associate professor and chair of the theatre department, worked on Broadway, off Broadway and, in regional theatre, as an actor, stage manager and production manager prior to earning a joint Ph.D. in drama and the humanities at Stanford (Calif.) University. Isser has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1995. He is the author of *Stages of Annihilation: Theatrical Representations of the Holocaust* (Fairleigh Dickinson, UP, 1997)—and has published articles and reviews in journals such as *Modern Drama, Theatre Journal, Essays in Theater, The Shakespeare Bulletin* and *The Bernard Shaw Annual*. Isser recently directed Shakespeare’s *Richard III*, presented by the Redfeather Theatre Company in Worcester—and featuring professional actors, members of the local community and Holy Cross students and alumni. A significant portion of his O’Leary Award will be used to support the theatre company’s summer Shakespeare festival; Isser also plans to pursue research toward a book-in-process on 19th-century dramatic representations of anti-Semitism.

**Vickie Langohr**, associate professor of political science, earned her Ph.D. in political science at Columbia University in New York City and her
O’Leary Awards continued

John Buckingham

Joanna E. Ziegler

Royce Singleton

Joana E. Ziegler, professor and chair of the visual arts department, has been a faculty member at Holy Cross since 1982; she received her Ph.D. in art history and architecture and her bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees in art history at Brown University in Providence, R.I. A specialist in late medieval and early modern religious art and architecture of the Low Countries, Ziegler has been invited to lecture all over the United States and in Europe; she was the recipient of the Distinguished Teacher of the Year award from Holy Cross in 1994. Ziegler is co-author of Practicing Catholic: Ritual, Body, and Contestation in Catholic Faith (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), with Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., ’81 and Susan Rodgers, Holy Cross professor of anthropology—as well as the co-author of Practicing Mortality: Art, Philosophy, and Contemplative Seeing, (Palgrave Macmillan, 2005), with Christopher Dustin, associate professor and chair of the philosophy department and current director of the First-Year Program at Holy Cross. Ziegler plans to use some of the funds for a book she is writing and, also, for developing a small collection of original works of art for the classroom.

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John Singleton

Bachelor of arts degree at the University of California, Berkeley; she also studied for two years in Cairo, Egypt. Currently serving as the director of the Peace and Conflict Studies Concentration Committee at Holy Cross, Langohr has published articles in Comparative Politics, Comparative Studies of Society History, International Journal of Middle East Studies, The Journal of Democracy, and Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. She anticipates using the funds to buy subscriptions to Arabic language newspapers as well as to finance at least one research trip to the Middle East.

Royce Singleton, professor of sociology, earned his Ph.D. in sociology at Indiana University and his bachelor of science and master of science degrees at Oklahoma State University. His research and publications span social psychology, methodology, race relations and undergraduate education. Recent publications include the fourth edition of the textbook Approaches to Social Research (Oxford University Press, 2005), which he co-authored with Bruce Straits; an article in Teaching Sociology on the Holy Cross student survey; and an article in the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs, based on data from the survey. A Holy Cross faculty member since 1977, Singleton regularly teaches courses in social psychology, methods of social research, sport and society, and small group processes. He plans to use the O’Leary award to extend his student survey to other campuses.

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The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a grant of $586,509 to Holy Cross for support of a scholarship initiative that will aid academically promising students from low income families who are interested in studying the sciences. This new endeavor, titled “Clavius Scholars Program” is directed by Richard S. Herrick, professor of chemistry and science coordinator; De-Ping Yang, associate professor of physics; Jane M. Van Doren, professor of chemistry; John T. Anderson, professor and chair of the mathematics department; and Mary Lee S. Ledbetter, professor and chair of the biology department.

“The mission of this program has two main goals,” Herrick explains: “to target academically promising students who have financial need, including students from groups underrepresented in the sciences, and to instill in them an appreciation of the process of science and math and a love of learning they will take with them as they leave Holy Cross.”

The Clavius Scholars Program began with a planning year in the fall. As part of this process, a pilot program has been implemented with six Clavius scholars—which includes close monitoring of their progress and successes. Sixteen students will be admitted to Holy Cross as Clavius scholars in fall 2008; majoring in biology, chemistry, mathematics and computer science, or physics, they will be anticipating careers as scientists.

The nationwide recruitment for participants in the program will target schools whose students’ families have lower incomes—with special emphasis placed on attracting applicants from the Worcester Public Schools. The Admissions Office is currently developing recruitment literature that will be distributed to guidance counselors as well as students expressing interest in the sciences.

“My staff will be promoting the program as they visit high schools in Worcester and throughout the country,” says Ann McDermott, director of admissions and a major contributor to receiving the grant. “Students wishing to be considered for the program will be instructed to file a letter stating their interest in the Clavius Program.”

This initiative is named after Christopher Clavius, S.J. (1538-1612), a Jesuit mathematician, physicist and astronomer. Among his achievements, Clavius was the first to use the decimal point to separate whole numbers from decimal fractions. He also contributed to the creation of the Vernier scale for precision measurements; devised the Gregorian calendar to correct the inaccuracies of the Julian calendar; wrote a number of commonly used mathematical textbooks; and advocated for the inclusion of mathematics and sciences in the Ratio Studiorum, thereby ensuring that those disciplines would be included in Jesuit education throughout the world.

“For the students, the name Clavius will represent the ideal for mathematical and scientific discovery that they will take with them when they become tomorrow’s scientists,” Herrick explains.

Other major contributors to the writing of the proposal include: William Morse, associate professor of English and associate dean; Tina Chen, director of academic services and learning resources; and Denise Bell, director of the Office of Assessment and Research.
A portrait of Holy Cross founder, Bishop Benedict Joseph Fenwick, S.J., was recently installed on the first floor of O’Kane Hall, just outside the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery. Acquired from the Ursuline Convent in Dedham, Mass., it was painted in 1831 by American artist James Bowman.

The portrait, an oil on canvas, may have been a gift by the bishop to the Ursuline convent in Québec—which, in turn, presented it to the Dedham Ursulines as a gift in 1964. Having fallen into near obscurity, the painting was “re-discovered” through the research of Nancy Lusignan Schultz ’78, chairperson of the English department at Salem (Mass.) State College and author of several books, including *Fire & Roses: The Burning of the Charlestown Convent, 1834*.

Holy Cross professor of art history, Virginia Raguin, arranged for the loan of the work from the Dedham Ursulines to the College, while undertaking research for the exhibition, Sacred Spaces: Building and Remembering Sites of Worship in the Nineteenth Century, that was held at the Cantor Art Gallery from Jan. 30-April 14, 2002; the painting was purchased by Holy Cross the following year. Since that time, both the portrait and its period frame have been expertly conserved, cleaned and restored at the Worcester Art Museum’s conservation lab.

A descendant of one of the founding families of Maryland, Bishop Fenwick was born in Leonard Town in 1782. He received his degree from Georgetown College and, later, served as president of his alma mater. Entering the Society of Jesus in 1806, he was ordained to the priesthood in June 1808—and, appointed the second bishop of Boston in May 1825. From the beginning of his tenure as bishop, he longed to establish a Catholic college within the boundaries of his all-New England diocese. Assuming possession of Mount St. James Seminary—begun by Rev. James Fitton in 1836—Bishop Fenwick founded Holy Cross in 1843. Named after the cathedral in Boston, the College opened its doors to 12 students by November of that year, almost three years before his death.
New science building will be named Linda and Park B. Smith Laboratories

“Topping Out” ceremony held

During a “topping out” ceremony on Sept. 28, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of the College, announced that, in honor of Park B. Smith’s $10 million donation to the advancement of science education at Holy Cross, the new building will be named the “Linda and Park B. Smith Laboratories.”

“Topping out” is a longstanding tradition in the construction industry, in which a fir tree and the United States flag are placed upon a steel beam that is then lowered into place at the top of a new building. Prior to its placement, construction workers and members of the campus community signed the steel beam, painted white for the occasion, with purple markers.

Fr. McFarland, Timothy R. Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, and Charles “Chick” Weiss, director of grants, foundation and corporate giving—and the official shepherd of the new endeavor—all spoke at the afternoon ceremony.

In their remarks, they thanked faculty and staff for their help in conceptualizing and planning the enormous project. Also acknowledged were project architect Einhorn Yaffee Prescott Architecture and Engineering and the construction management of Bond Brothers. In addition, Fr. McFarland expressed his gratitude to the many alumni and friends who have supported the project financially—including three Worcester foundations, the Fuller Foundation, the Alden Trust and the Stoddard Charitable Trust.

“I’d like to thank Park B. Smith, Class of ’54, whose generosity and leadership have changed the landscape of the campus,” said Fr. McFarland, when announcing the laboratory’s name. “Park’s support has led to the construction of Smith Hall, an academic building at the heart of campus that is home to the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, as well as to athletic and wellness facilities on upper campus. Clearly, he and his wife, Linda, are dedicated to the Jesuit ideal of developing the whole person—spiritual, intellectual, and physical. They have helped turn our dreams for our students into realities.”

For updated news and construction progress reports on the Integrated Science Complex, including video of the “topping out” ceremony, visit http://www.holycross.edu/science_complex/

Park B. and Linda Smith
Conference in rented facilities on campus stirs controversy
Teen pregnancy and parenting subject of professional meeting

One of the approximately 500 outside events taking place in rented space in the Hogan Campus Center in the past year was the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy—a consortium of social service agencies, school-based health centers and local pregnancy prevention and teen parenting coalitions.

The weeks leading up to the Alliance’s Oct. 23 annual meeting were marked by a controversy fueled by organized e-mail and letter-writing campaigns. The College, the Diocese of Worcester, and the Jesuit Province of New England were flooded with phone calls and e-mails—including many from Holy Cross alumni and parents—although the vast majority of callers were not affiliated with the College. The protests focused on the fact that, among the dozens of workshop presenters were representatives of Planned Parenthood and NARAL. In the wake of calls, letters and e-mails, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston, a member of the Alliance, was forced to withdraw from the conference.

The Most Rev. Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester, called upon Holy Cross to disassociate itself from the groups involved and revoke its contract with the Alliance.

“As president of a Catholic college in the Diocese of Worcester, I wholly respect the duty of Bishop McManus to uphold the teachings of the Church—most especially the sanctity of life and opposition to abortion,” said Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of Holy Cross, in a statement issued the week before the conference and sent to the Holy Cross online community by e-mail.

“However, it is the College’s position that providing rented meeting space to a conference of professionals from a variety of Massachusetts organizations discussing the safety and care of at-risk teenagers does not represent a disregard of Catholic teaching.”

The College’s decision to honor its contractual organization with the Alliance raised both vigorous support and passionate protest—and generated discussion among students, faculty, staff and alumni.

U.S. Jesuit colleges have been criticized in recent years for inviting controversial speakers to campus—but, the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities is aware of no other protest focused on a program presented by an outside group in rented facilities.

The day of the conference—which was attended by 150 social workers, nurses, educators and other professionals—about a dozen protesters were on campus. On the lawn outside Hogan, the Holy Cross chapter of Students for Life installed 360 white crosses, representing the number of abortions performed every day.

Students on both sides of the issue held signs and engaged in conversation with each other and with passers-by.

While some alumni wrote that allowing the conference on campus jeopardized their relationship with Holy Cross, the majority contacting the College—including alumni across all classes and age groups—expressed support. A member of the Class of 1997 wrote, “Over the long term, the College’s value is enhanced by policies

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Theatre department receives Moss Hart Award

The New England Theatre Conference (NETC) presented the Holy Cross theatre department with its Moss Hart Award for best college play—for its 2006 production of *Good*, by C.P. Taylor. Edward Isser, associate professor and chair of the theatre department, received a plaque commemorating the award at the NETC’s annual conference held in November.

The annual Moss Hart Award, which is given in memory of Moss Hart, the American playwright and director, recognizes outstanding theatrical productions throughout New England, in the areas of human courage and dignity, strong literary and artistic merit, and productions that are fresh, imaginative and creative. According to the NETC website, the award “seeks to encourage artistic growth and the highest standards of excellence in theatre.”

“This is a great external recognition of what we’ve long known: that our students are among the hardest working and most talented in New England,” says Isser.

C.P. Taylor’s harrowing musical, *Good*—about one man’s gradual acceptance of Nazism in 1930s Germany—was presented in November 2006 on the Fenwick Theatre stage. The production was directed by Isser, with music direction by Eric Culver, lecturer in the music department. Sets were designed by Robert Mack, technical director in the theatre department; lighting was by William J. Rynders, former associate professor of theatre; and costumes were by Kurt S. Hultgren, costume designer in the theatre department.

“This is also a tribute to our fantastic design staff—especially Bill Rynders who did such an incredible job lighting such a complicated production,” says Isser. “Bill recently retired, and it is fitting that he should be an integral part of an award-winning show during his last year on the faculty.”

The cast featured Patrick Gavin ’07, Thomas Morin ’07, Vasilios Asimakos ’09, James D’Amico ’10, John Grassey ’10, Cooper Gardner ’09, Kristen Fleming ’08, Emily Rast ’09, Savanah Shaughnessy ’09 and Yelena Sayko ’10. The orchestra included Eric Culver, Emma Reilly ’10 and Michael Ferraguto ’09.

The actors from left to right: Vasilios Asimakos, Patrick Gavin, James D’Amico and John Grassey
General Scowcroft delivers 42nd annual Hanify-Howland lecture

Retired Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, USAF, a foreign policy expert, delivered the 42nd Hanify-Howland Memorial Lecture on Sept. 19 in the College’s Hogan Campus Center Ballroom. The event, titled “U.S. Diplomacy in a Transforming World,” was free and open to the public.

Scowcroft is best known for his work as national security adviser to both Presidents Gerald Ford and George H. W. Bush. From 1982 to 1989, he was vice chairman of Kissinger Associates, Inc., an international consulting firm, where he advised and assisted a wide range of U.S. and foreign corporate leaders on global joint venture opportunities, strategic planning and risk assessment. His prior 29-year military career began after his graduation from West Point and concluded following service as the deputy national security adviser, having attained the rank of lieutenant general. During the course of his military career, Scowcroft served as professor of Russian history at West Point; assistant air attaché in Belgrade, Yugoslavia; head of the political science department at the Air Force Academy; special assistant to the director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and military assistant to President Nixon.

He is currently the president and founder of The Scowcroft Group and one of the country’s leading experts on international policy. The recipient of several military awards and honors, Scowcroft serves on numerous corporate and nonprofit boards. He earned his Ph.D. in international relations at Columbia University in New York City.

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

Attention Alumni SPUD Volunteers!

The College Chaplains’ Office is celebrating this spring the 40th anniversary of SPUD—and needs your help in creating a booklet about the history of the organization. Please submit stories, memories and photos of your student involvement in the program, by March 1, 2008, to:

College of the Holy Cross
ATT: SPUD
P.O. Box 16A
1 College St.
Worcester, MA 01610

or, by e-mail, to: Associate Chaplain Marybeth Kearns-Barrett at mkearns@holycross.edu.
# 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](http://www.holycross.edu)
On Oct. 30, Holy Cross Magazine sponsored a forum on “The Place for Athletics at Holy Cross.” To moderate this discussion, we invited Clark V. Booth ’61 back to campus to help us consider a volatile and complex subject that has long captured his critical imagination. Booth has been an iconic presence in the world of sports journalism for decades. For 28 years, he was a sports columnist for The Pilot. He has regularly written for such publications as The Boston Globe, Boston Magazine and New England Magazine. He has been a reporter and writer on 30 sports documentaries. For 35 years, he has been associated with WCVB-TV in Boston as a correspondent specializing in sports, religion, politics and international affairs.

Joining Booth for the discussion were: Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of the College; Frank Vellaccio, senior vice president; John Axelson, professor, department of psychology, and NCAA faculty and policy committee representative; Tina Chen, director, academic services and learning resources; Ann McDermott ’79, director of admissions; Dick Regan ’76, director of athletics; and Christine Strawson ’08, Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

CLARK BOOTH: I want to begin by saying that I’m actually surprised that we need to discuss “the place for athletics” because I thought this issue had been settled years ago. Our president emeritus, Fr. John Brooks, made a bold and—to my mind—extremely wise decision 20 years ago to chart a different course in college sports, to adhere to certain academic principles and build a program around genuine scholar-athletes. So let’s begin with that question—Why are we here? Father, why are we still banging away at this subject?

FR. MICHAEL MCFARLAND: I think it’s because athletics is so important to people. There is an emotional response to the subject of sports. And, so, there are forces pulling you in different directions no matter where you position yourself. On the one hand, there is the commitment that we have at Holy Cross to making the college experience a positive one for our student-athletes. We want student-athletes who can come to Holy Cross and flourish as students, who can grow intellectually and morally and spiritually—but also, of course, be competitive in the arena. And there are always pressures to become more competitive. The fact is, people want to win. And they know that if they spend more money, or they broaden the pool of athletes they can draw from, or they make fewer demands on their athletes outside of practice and games, they get an edge in competition. So it’s always a struggle attempting to balance those forces. At Holy Cross, we’re determined to make certain that our athletes are also fine students. But, at the same time, we want to remain competitive in Division I. And it’s simply very challenging to do both of those things.

BOOTH: Dick?

DICK REGAN: Well, with regard to the subject of athletics at the College being “settled,” I’m not sure I understand that observation. This is a dynamic world and things are in a constant state of change. So it makes sense to continue a dialogue, to periodically reassess our decisions. I’m beginning my 10th year at Holy Cross. In that decade, I’d say the world of college athletics has changed quite a bit. But I think Holy Cross has remained fairly consistent in its principles and practices. I think the College has always admitted athletes who were also good students. And we continue to do that. But it makes sense to discuss where we want to position ourselves in terms of athletics. And where, pointedly, we do not.
BOOTH: So what do you say to the alumni who, with regard to sports, wish it were still those golden days when the College competed at a national level and won championships?

REGAN: I don’t hear that quite as much as I did nine years ago. I sense our alumni accept the athletic decisions we’ve made, by and large.

FR. MCFARLAND: Our most recent alumni survey bears that out. We hired top research consultants to ask a statistically valid cross section of alumni if they felt our investment in our athletics programs was appropriate. Only five percent strongly disagreed with our position on athletics.

BOOTH: And I imagine they’re a vocal five percent. But from my vantage, as an alumnus and as someone who has researched, reported on and thought about college sports for decades, it looks to me as if Holy Cross figured out how to do college sports correctly. And that’s what I meant when I asked why the issue wasn’t settled. For me, it was settled into a pretty good place. Anybody have an opinion on that?

FRANK VELLACCO: Well, I think there are genuine concerns and issues about our involvement in the Patriot League. I sense that most people, when they talk about the sea change in Holy Cross athletics, are really talking about the decision, made 20 years ago, to drop scholarships and join the Patriot League. I think that there is some sense that the original vision we had as to how the League would develop has not come true. There are certainly some very positive things about the Patriot League. But there are some negative things about it, too. That’s part of
what keeps the debate alive. There is just no question that we’ve found it very difficult to run a Division I program without scholarships. And everyone thinks that scholarships are a dirty game. But, in truth, there’s an aspect of not having scholarships that can be just as dirty in terms of making special admissions decisions and rigging financial aid. Honestly, there’s a lot more ambiguity when you don’t have scholarships than when you do. So, yes, there are a number of issues regarding athletics that aren’t settled. And I think we should talk about them.

**ANN MCDERMOTT:** When it comes to athletics, what I hear from alumni—especially when you get farther away from Massachusetts—is a kind of frustration. They see other schools that made different decisions along the way getting a lot of national recognition. The games are reported and televised. But when it comes to alma mater, they don’t see the games, they can’t read the scores. We’re marginalized or ignored. I don’t think the majority of alums are necessarily unhappy about the route we’ve taken. But when it comes to the athletic arena, they feel that their pride in the College isn’t able to be expressed as fully as they might like.

**BOOTH:** Christine, what do you and your classmates feel about sports at Holy Cross?

**CHRISTINE STRAWSON:** In terms of my own experience, I came to Holy Cross because I felt it was simply the best combination of academics and athletics. I had been recruited from other schools—even for different sports—but when it came down to it, I was actually sold on the fact that I was going to be a “scholar-athlete,” that no decision was going to be made without school being taken into account. I understood that academics would always come first here. That’s what I wanted. I think—or at least I hope—that my peers feel the same way. Of course, I can’t speak for everyone. But I really do think that we work hard to be students here. We’re not like some schools where some of the athletes are students in name only. Where some of the athletes don’t even finish out their undergraduate careers, or where they attend for six or seven years.

**BOOTH:** But do you ever hear any of your friends moaning about the fact that Boston College may go to the Sugar Bowl and Holy Cross will be sitting at home? Do they raise these points?

**STRAWSON:** I haven’t heard that. But, let’s admit it, B.C. has definitely gained extreme name recognition through their sports programs.

**BOOTH:** They have. Which returns us to the scholarship question. Let me ask this, who here would like to reopen the conversation about athletic scholarships?

**FR. MCFARLAND:** Well, first of all, football would have to be a separate category.

**BOOTH:** Why is that? Because you’d destroy the Patriot League, would you not, if you said we’re going back to scholarships? Would Holy Cross bring the Patriot League down if they reinstated football scholarships?  

**FR. MCFARLAND:** Right now the Patriot League allows scholarships in every sport but football. And there are several schools that would like to institute scholarships in football. But we’re not one of them. In any event, the restoration of football scholarships would have to be a league decision. Beyond this, football scholarships would be tremendously expensive.
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**BOOTH:** How do you feel, Dick? Would you like to have football scholarships?

**REGAN:** In a perfect world, sure. But, as things stand, I’m not pushing for them. I was a CFO for a good part of my career. I have a feel for the financial issues we’re seeing right now. So sure, I’d love to have football scholarships, but I don’t think it’s practical or realistic right now. We estimate it would cost us a million-two to a million-five a year. Because if you add football scholarships, you would, of course, have to balance that with an equal number of women’s athletics scholarships. That’s a lot of money given all the other pressures we have right now. For that reason, I can live with the status quo as long as our peers do.

**BOOTH:** Is anyone unhappy with the Patriot League? Frank, earlier you mentioned that there were some negatives.

**VELLACCI O:** There will always be issues with any league in which you’re involved. It’s a difficult league for us in certain ways. There’s a lot of travel involved. Geographically, the league is somewhat problematic for us. But it’s a very fine group of schools, and we share a lot of the same vision and ideas regarding higher education.

**BOOTH:** So there’s no lingering regret in this room about the decision to join the Patriot League? If you had it to do over again, would any of you do it differently?

**VELLACCI O:** Look, I’ve had this argument so many times with so many alums that I have finally come down to the conclusion that it really isn’t worth talking about the past. We’re better off talking about where we are right now, about what’s best for Holy Cross at this moment. We need to focus on what’s best for our students and the College today. And that’s a complex question. For example, we have been considering converting need-based financial aid to athletic scholarships in some sports, because when we look, for example, at our hockey team, we find we’re spending about as much money in men’s hockey as we would if we offered the required number of scholarships. So we have to ask if it wouldn’t make more sense to fund hockey scholarships and gain some leverage, recruit at a new level and become more competitive. And, of course, if we do it in men’s hockey, we have to fund an equivalent numbers of scholarships in women’s sports. It’s neat and it’s fair. I think there are schools that violate gender equity because they don’t give scholarships. They give a lot more aid to needy men and they somehow are unable to find any needy women.

**FR. MCFARLAND:** What people don’t give the Patriot League credit for is the fact that it’s an extremely competitive league in a lot of the so-called “non-revenue” sports. When you have Army and Navy and American in there, there’s some fine competitive play in areas like soccer and lacrosse.

**BOOTH:** And that’s ultimately the ideal?

**VELLACCI O:** Exactly. The difficulties with the Patriot League, for us, I think, is with men’s basketball. We have difficulty getting anybody competitive to play us outside the league. The difference between football and basketball is the number of out-of-league games that you play. In basketball, you have to fill in your schedule. What really irks me is this criminal activity of coaches deciding they’re going to pad their out-of-league schedule. Their feeling is—whether it’s justified or not—there’s no gain by playing us. Because if they beat us, the media says, well, you’re supposed to beat them. And if they lose to us, it’s this incredible upset that significantly hurts them. So it’s that standing of the Patriot League, in basketball only—and, particularly, in men’s basketball—that’s kind of a shame.
FR. MCFARLAND: It’s not unique to the Patriot League. Any mid-major runs into this. But it’s particularly hard for us.

VELLACIO: Extremely hard. Coach Willard has real difficulty finishing out our schedule.

REGAN: The problem is exacerbated by the fact that we’re a mid-major—that is, a school not in a Bowl Championship Series conference—in a league that’s not particularly strong. And we don’t have good indoor facilities. Those things make it very difficult for us to schedule games here.

BOOTH: What do you think, Father, in retrospect, about the Patriot League decision?

FR. MCFARLAND: Well, I wasn’t here when that decision was made. And I, of all people, would know that you just can’t criticize a decision when you weren’t present at the time it was made and you don’t have all the facts. I think we’re all in agreement that what we want at Holy Cross is for our student-athletes to be representative of the general student body. And the Patriot League remains the place where that ideal is taken seriously. But as we’ve mentioned, there are some downsides for us. Travel is an ongoing problem. And it has been difficult to establish natural rivalries for our community—though a rivalry with Bucknell has been growing over the last few years. And then there’s the lack of presence in the big media markets. You know, we love to play schools in New York because that’s where a big part of our alumni base is. It’s also where we recruit. So those are things we’d like to strengthen. And we hope we can do that within the league; because, on principle, the member schools in the league share a commitment to a fundamental system of academic standards. We’re all demanding schools where student-athletes can’t just slip by. And that’s what is most important.

JOHN AXELSON: Father is right. When I go to the Patriot League policy committee meetings, I feel very comfortable with the people in that room. There’s a shared concern for the well-being of the student-athletes. One of our duties is to look at medical waivers. We ask if these students who have NCAA eligibility be able to return and play another season after having had a season-ending injury. The conversations on this issue are very revealing of the principles of the league. People ask if the student’s academic adviser was involved in this decision. If there has been a conversation with the athlete’s family. People ask if this is really in the long-term best interest of the student. I think that’s something that is highly unusual in college athletics today.

BOOTH: I think we should all be pleased to hear that. We need the student perspective on this. Christine, do you ever hear any of your friends and your colleagues asking, What are we doing in the Patriot League? Does anybody grumble about that?
STRAWSON: I don’t think so. I think there are definitely geographical concerns. But I appreciate what the Patriot League stands for. I really think that they take into consideration the scholar-athlete and the demands on him or her. I think the Patriot League is the right fit for us. We certainly wouldn't want to enter the Big East, would we? I would hope people would stand behind me on that one.

BOOTH: Well, let’s address that for second. To even consider such a thing would mean some radical changes in our vision of the College, wouldn’t it? I mean, if you look at college sports, you discover, quite quickly, that the first place where athletics and higher education come into conflict is often in the areas of recruitment and admissions. Christine mentioned schools where the athletes are students “in name only.” Let me ask you, bluntly, how far should Holy Cross “stretch” to attain a desired athlete? Ann, are you comfortable with the way we operate in that regard?

MCDERMOTT: The bottom line is that there’s no place to hide for any student who can’t do the work here. There is no easy major. There are no “gut” courses. And so, at the end of the day, the question is: Can this student be successful here? We’re just not interested in bringing students who can only survive here for a year or two. That’s foolish and it does no one any good. So if we’re looking at a borderline student, the question has to be—Can this individual perform? And that ends up being my judgment. And I’ll go to Father and Frank to get backup if I have a difference of opinion with a coach. Of course, sometimes we’re going to disappoint coaches who find a great player and want to bring him or her to the Hill. But if that player can’t handle the academic dimension then it makes no sense to admit.

VELLACCIO: The truth of the matter is that you only need to show the coaches the College catalog to get them to understand what their goal needs to be. There is only one set of courses. So, unless a coach wants to lose a player after a single semester, it’s to his or her benefit to bring in good students as well as good players. Now, sometimes you can have an argument about how we define a good student. And a coach might say, Look, trust me, this player has the ability to make it here. And we may argue that we don’t believe it would be in the best interest of the student. We may have an honest disagreement about the student’s academic potential. But, in the end, no coach at Holy Cross would ever attempt to win admission for an athlete with the idea that he or she will only stay a couple of years. No one would ever say, he’ll be a real contributor, so what if he doesn’t graduate? I mean, our retention rate, our graduation rate, is proof of a shared understanding between admissions and athletics.

REGAN: Honestly, as athletic director, I’d be upset with a coach who tried to admit a poor student. Because he or she would be wasting everyone’s time. Everyone here agrees on general principles in that no one wants to admit students who can’t do the work. Not only are there no easy courses here and no places to hide, the fact is that we don’t do anything special for athletes. Our athletes are treated like every other student. There’s no special registration, no special tutoring. They wait in the bookstore and dining hall lines like everyone else. Clearly, we’re all on the same page in this regard. I think where athletics and admissions might disagree are in case-by-case instances, circumstances where we think somebody is equipped to handle the academic load and others disagree. That does happen from time to time.
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BOOTH: John, from the faculty perspective, honestly, do you ever roll your eyes at the athletes in the student body, or do you find them consistently worthy of being here at Holy Cross?

AXELSON: I’ve taught athletes who were among the best students I’ve ever encountered. And I’ve had some who have not been outstanding students. There is always going to be that inherent variability. I find it dangerous to generalize. But, in general, analysis of trends seen nationwide shows that the recruited student-athlete—as a population and certainly with variability—underperforms in the four-year liberal arts environment. Now, why is that? Personally, I think the time demand on student-athletes is extremely difficult. It’s as if, in addition to their school work, they have a physically punishing full-time job. I don’t think that people who haven’t played sports can appreciate the wear-and-tear physically and emotionally. When I make a mistake, it’s in front of a class of students. But these athletes are in the stadium. And they have their school’s reputation on the line. And they’re still quite young. I think we expect so much of them. Most of them can handle it very well. But let’s acknowledge how tough it is.

BOOTH: Christine, as Father had noted, there’s no place to hide here. If there were certain individuals who stood out as being, perhaps, not fully qualified academically, you would be one of the ones who would first notice it. Now, what’s your perception of this issue?

STRAWSON: I agree completely with Professor Axelson. Even if you’ve been a high school athlete and known some academic success, it’s a culture shock to come here. The demands on your athletic abilities and your time immediately quadruple. You have to schedule everything so carefully. You’re lost if you don’t improve your time management skills. The time commitments for a student-athlete are extensive. There’s just no way to skate by as a student-athlete here. You have to be dedicated to the concept.

BOOTH: Tina, given the nature of your work, you would have some thoughts on this.

TINA CHEN: Christine raises some important points. Certainly, some of the best time managers that I’ve worked with are the varsity athletes. They have to be. I think the expectations on student-athletes are enormous. Both academically and athletically, we’re a very competitive culture at Holy Cross. We have a world-class faculty, and they put world-class demands on our students. And, when you combine the academic demands with the athletic demands, the stress can be worrisome. Two years ago, when we did the NCAA re-certification study, the subject of increasing demands on student-athletes came up. I see it all the time. I think the dividing line between “academic time” and “athletic time” has become blurred. On any given night, a student-athlete could have to attend a lecture for class at the same time the coach wants to review film. And, in addition, they’re trying to volunteer for SPUD and be a resident assistant and serve on an SGA committee.

AXELSON: You know, I hate anecdotes because they’re only anecdotes, but I’ve had a couple of faculty members come tell me of situations wherein students were told by their coaches not to register for any classes after one
o'clock in the afternoon because it would interfere with practice. So some student-athletes are getting mixed messages. I think we need to do a better job communicating between the academic side and the athletic side. But, from the coaches’ perspective, they’re hired to do a job –

**BOOTH:** Well, we can excuse them for wanting to win. But is that appropriate behavior on the part of a coach to try to affect the decision-making of a student regarding course selection—or anything having to do with academics? Is that consistent with the Holy Cross way of doing things?

**CHEN:** Absolutely not. When I speak with students and coaches, I emphasize that I would never tell athletes which play to run—and if I did, they should question the source! Similarly, when it comes to academics, students should seek expert advice. Faculty and class deans are the best sources for academic advising.

**FR. McFARLAND:** No, one o’clock is extreme. But clearly, they have practices scheduled, and students have to schedule around those practices. And, so, we try to make labs and courses available that don’t conflict with the time when everybody is at practice. And that requires some coordination with the academic side. Usually, we can do that. But people are going to push the limits. And then you have to push back.

**BOOTH:** Then let’s get into it now and talk about limits. What is Holy Cross willing to do with regard to athletics? And what won’t we do? Let’s talk scholarships. There’s no such thing as football scholarships or hockey scholarships. But you do have need-based scholarships, which has been an area of some controversy at certain schools because you can stretch that in different ways and get away with it.

**VELLACIO:** Yes. It’s called “preferential packaging.”

**FR. McFARLAND:** It refers to how you construct the financial aid package of a desired student. Financial aid consists of grants, loans and on-campus work programs. In a preferential package, a greater percentage of the aid comes in the form of grants than in loans or work.

**BOOTH:** How many of our football players are receiving scholarship aid on a need basis?
VELLACCO: All the recruited football players receive preferential packaging on a need basis.

BOOTH: And would these students get that same amount of aid were they not football players?

FR. MCFARLAND: They would get the same amount of aid as any other student based on equivalent need, but it would be configured differently. For instance, let’s look at two students who both require $20,000. Of that amount, the football player would receive a $20,000 grant and the other student would receive $13,000 in grant money and $7,000 in loans and work-study, what we call “self-help.”

VELLACCO: And this is what I find interesting regarding athletic scholarships. They’re clean with respect to gender equity. Same numbers. Same amount of money. For every one you do here, you have to do one there. But with preferential packaging, you have no control over the need of different students. So, while the number of preferential packages has to be the same, the amount of money does not. If women on average just happen to be less needy—and, for some reason, at Holy Cross they are—you can end up spending less money on women than men and not violate gender equity.

BOOTH: Father, are you satisfied with the way need-based aid works?

FR. MCFARLAND: Well, we can always talk about improvements—as the league is currently doing. We can discuss whether you can purpose the money more effectively and get better student-athletes if you have more freedom in how you would use the same amount of money to recruit a squad. And this is something that’s under consideration.

BOOTH: But couldn’t we all cite stories about abuse in this area? I certainly know some. Student-athletes from extremely comfortable situations, who still received handsome aid packages. I know of one deplorable case in the Ivies. This is a real problem and it happens regularly throughout college athletics.

VELLACCO: But we have to remember that as long a college hasn’t used a dollar of federal money in that package, it can do whatever it wants with that student. The only real constraints are the rules of the league.

BOOTH: But we’re not talking about what’s legal here. We’re talking about what’s ethical. And, are we as a College assured that we’re conforming to the highest ethical standards in this area?

FR. MCFARLAND: I have to say, I feel we’re quite strict about this. For one thing, we do give federal money, so we must follow the federal guidelines.

BOOTH: Dick, have you ever had a really fine athletic prospect, a young man or woman who wanted to come to Holy Cross, but you lost him or her because you couldn’t put together a satisfactory package?

REGAN: Absolutely. Because of the way some other school may decide to determine what the student’s financial need is. Another school may be more, let’s say, creative, with the way it’s assessing this student-athlete’s need.
And, of course, we repeatedly lose prospects to schools that simply give athletic scholarships.

**BOOTH**: This is a great frustration to you, Dick, yes? The fact that you would go head-to-head with Princeton for a player, and you know that you’re at a competitive disadvantage?

**REGAN**: The truth of the matter is we are at a disadvantage. Particularly in football, if we’re interested in an athlete who gets in both schools, we’re going to lose that battle more often than not. They have an inherent advantage.

**BOOTH**: Speaking of inherent advantages, you know, I still hear from alumni who bemoan the loss of the B.C. rivalry. Who don’t understand why Chestnut Hill went one way and Mount St. James went another. I want to ask what you say to these people. And then I want to talk just a bit about how an institution can leverage a nationally recognized sports program.

**FR. MCFARLAND**: Well, as you know, I’m quite familiar with B.C. I’ve worked there. The simple fact is, they’re a different school from Holy Cross. Yes, we share many things—the two communities overlap quite a bit in terms of families, in terms of people who worked at B.C. who went to Holy Cross and vice versa. But they’re just a very different school. Boston College is an urban research university. Holy Cross is a liberal arts college in a mid-size city. These are totally different environments. And students will come to each of these schools for different reasons. In the end, the truth is that the rivalry in football didn’t really make sense at some point.

**VELLACCI**: I think for some of our older alumni, the rivalry was such an inherent and dramatic part of their college experience. And now, today, these same alumni see how B.C. has surged in so many areas—admissions, endowment, building, national reputation. And, in the minds of some people, the only thing they can attribute this surge to is the decision to invest in athletics. The same choices weren’t an option for us, but they were for them.

**BOOTH**: But is that a true assessment? Let me ask this—is investing in athletics the way to grow your institution?

**AXELSON**: There are some widespread misconceptions out there regarding what athletics can do for you. For instance, I often hear the economic argument that a successful sports program is a revenue stream. But one thing that was enlightening to me is that when you look at the major universities—I think the example I heard was
University of Michigan—the year that they won the national championship, the football team lost money. The fact is that universities that have one or two major championships are still losing money on their programs.

VELLACIO: And I’ll add that there is lots of evidence that a successful sports program does not increase alumni giving. But the fact of the matter is that, if you’re a decent academic institution, your athletic tail can help wag that dog a whole lot. There’s just no doubt. Anybody who argues against that just doesn’t live in this world. Now, does that mean that you sell your soul to get that athletic reputation? Simply put, at Holy Cross, no!

FR. MCFARLAND: I think we can all think of spectacular cases where what Frank said was right. But I just don’t think it works across the board. I was at Gonzaga when they made it to the Elite Eight in men’s basketball. And yes, it helped a very good school that was not well-known get some national attention. It did have an impact on admissions—though this wasn’t a controlled experiment.

There were other things going on at the same time, including a reworking of financial aid. But the fact is, the graduation rate for Gonzaga basketball players remains at around 33 percent. And that’s just not something that Holy Cross would be comfortable with.

VELLACIO: Obviously, the tail can’t wag a dog that isn’t there. If a school is poor academically, a nationally recognized sports program will do nothing but underline that fact. But I think that, if you’re a solid academic institution, national athletic exposure can be a great benefit. Ann can speak to this from an admissions perspective. When we travel to a town in West Texas, let’s say, the students don’t know if Holy Cross is a cemetery or a convalescent home or a college.

BOOTH: But is that recognition really all that important? So what if some people in West Texas think Holy Cross is a cemetery. Why does that matter?

MCDERMOTT: Well, we want Holy Cross to be lots of things—including geographically representative and diverse. And the reality is that our demographics are going to diminish in the East Coast in the near future. It’s in our best interest to pursue the best students we can in that small town in Texas or California or Arizona. Because they do bring to our campus a different perspective. So, I am interested in those things that would help our name recognition. And, unfortunately, the reality is that when people simply hear of a school, there’s a knee-jerk reaction that awareness equals quality. I’m not saying that athletics is the only thing that can help us get our name out there. I think there are other ways. But the reality is that name recognition is important.

VELLACIO: Clark, you were just trying to be controversial with that question. You don’t really believe recognition doesn’t matter, do you?

BOOTH: I’m playing devil’s advocate. But I do think there’s something to be said for the fact that it’s not terribly important if some kids aren’t aware of us because we aren’t in the Final Four.

REGAN: But the truth is that being in the Final Four, playing in a national championship, is one of the fastest and easiest ways to achieve name recognition. Now, I’m not saying that you should do just anything to achieve that
end. But that clearly is one of the benefits of having an athletic program. Last year, both our men’s and women’s basketball teams made it to the NCAA tournament. And both of them were ranked number one—out of 65 and 64 teams, respectively—in graduation rates. That’s a great thing. That’s a positive thing to have the announcers talking about to millions of viewers. And that’s what Frank’s talking about, the tail waggling a very good dog.

**BOOTH:** OK, let me try to wrap things up by asking where we go from here. What is the future of athletics at Holy Cross?

**CHEN:** I think that a lot of people are working very hard to try to find the correct balance and make it work. But the hardest thing for me is to see that balance worked out on the backs of our student-athletes. The stress of travel, of class absence, of physical strain, of divided time and focus, of unrealistic expectations all falls heavily on our student-athletes. And, I see a similar kind of stress on faculty members who are attempting to develop collaborative learning and to utilize extra-classroom activities with student-athletes who are unavailable. I don’t know of any quick fix for this. We know that our students consider the athletic element an essential part of their college experience. In the end, I think it’s very difficult to make athletic excellence and academic excellence coexist in a way that doesn’t balance the mix on the backs of student-athletes. I think we need to continue reassessing and having this dialogue. We need to listen hard to every side of this discussion and continually improve.

**AXELSON:** I think dialogue is crucial. Our student-athletes are often being pulled in too many different directions. Some of them are struggling because of this. The key to the future of athletics at the College is genuine, open dialogue between the academic side and the athletic side.

**VELLACCIO:** If I could have a wish it would be that people stop dwelling on the past and look at the present. We always try to make decisions in both areas for an excellence that’s consistent with our Jesuit and Catholic mission. We may well have to change in certain ways in order to respond to this dynamic world in which we live. But, as long as we remain true to our core principles, I think we’ll continue to find the appropriate fit for athletics at Holy Cross.

**BOOTH:** Father, any last words?

**FR. MCFARLAND:** Holy Cross is a place where everybody works very hard. It’s a culture in which people want to achieve, as individuals and as part of a team. I think athletics is an important part of that picture. In many ways, it captures what we’re about in a very visible and symbolic manner. I think we want to be known as a place that does things the right way. And that means maintaining our integrity as an institution, living up to our principles, nurturing our student-athletes so that, when they finish at Holy Cross, they become successful and fulfilled and happy people. So that they can look back and view their experience here as one of maturation and growth within a caring, principled, multidimensional community. It’s always out of this understanding that our athletic program has to evolve.

**BOOTH:** I want to thank you all for sharing your thoughts on this complex subject.

“The bottom line is that there’s no place to hide for any student who can’t do the work here. There is no easy major. There are no ‘gut’ courses. And so, at the end of the day, the question is: Can this student be successful here?”

The editors of Holy Cross Magazine invite you to join this discussion. Please visit the College Web site at www.holycross.edu/hcmag-forum.html to post your reactions to “The Place for Athletics” forum.
The Power of Participation

Worcester native J.D. Power III '53, founder of one of the most prestigious marketing information firms in the world—J.D. Power and Associates—values the quality of his Holy Cross education, and demonstrates his satisfaction by giving to the College. He hopes other alumni will do the same, and, to that end, Power has created a challenge.

He would like to see 55 percent of alumni participate in giving this year to Holy Cross, moving the College closer to the top participation rates at the best liberal arts colleges in the country. Amherst College boasted 61 percent in 2007, and Williams College 63 percent. If alumni achieve 55 percent participation in 2008, Power will give Holy Cross $500,000 to establish paid internships for Holy Cross students to get business experience in Worcester-area organizations.

It is a winning situation all around. If alumni give, the College benefits on multiple fronts, not the least of which would be securing the J.D. Power Internships. Holy Cross student interns will benefit; host organizations will benefit; populations served by the organizations will benefit; the Worcester community will profit; and the College will benefit by increased engagement in local businesses and nonprofit organizations. All it takes is: 55 percent of alumni making a gift of any size to the College by June 30.

J.D. Power has spent his professional life gauging customer satisfaction and product quality, and he sees giving back as a way that alumni can express satisfaction with their educational experience.

Power was born and raised in Worcester—and comes from a long tradition of Holy Cross graduates. He and his father were both “day hops,” and his brother, John, was a member of the Class of 1969. Though Power’s family fared better than some during the Depression—his father was a teacher for more than 40 years at the boys’ trade high school—the family could not afford for him to live on campus.

“It was a different life in those days, coming out of the Depression,” he says. “I learned about the need for living within your means and sharing with people less fortunate. I was brought up in that background.”

This is why, last year, he created The Power Family Scholarship—to make the full educational experience available to qualified Worcester students who might not otherwise get the opportunity.

Following graduation from Holy Cross, Power served four years on a Coast Guard icebreaker in the Arctic and Antarctic—“my dorm experience,” he says—before earning an M.B.A. at the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. From there, he joined the Ford Motor Company as an analyst and, later, worked in other positions within the auto and farm equipment businesses, before starting his own market research firm.

Each year, J.D. Power and Associates surveys millions
J.D. Power

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of consumers worldwide. The statistical information gathered is used to judge the quality of a variety of products across many industries, and to gauge customer satisfaction. Through the firm’s research and the publicity of its results, J.D. Power and Associates serves as a vehicle for positive change. “Providing good information to society is more important than ever, now that we’re living in the ‘information age,’” Power notes.

Power says that the public trusted J.D. Power and Associates, even as it grew. That is because the company created “a path of values” that highlighted integrity, independence and impact. When he began working in the automobile industry, Power explains, management was top-down. By the time the information from consumers got back to the top management, it had been massaged. As an independent research group, J.D. Power and Associates has been able to “say it like it is.” He believes that the company had a positive impact on the business environment because it gave voice to the needs of the consumer.

“We provided the voice of the customer,” Power says. “We used the press to spread our word, to get the message from the customer back up to top management—and we had to be independently funded to do that.”

J. D. Power and Associates was a family business right from the start and remained such even after it grew. The business started as a family effort in the living room. Susan Power Curtin ’93 remembers, as a 7-or-8-year-old, sitting with her siblings and her mother, stuffing customer surveys into envelopes. She recalls taping quarters to each survey as an incentive to encourage people to fill out the surveys. Curtin also remembers her father entering the house at night carrying stacks of data to compile.

“I feel fortunate to have been in the trenches,” she says—“to have watched my parents’ sacrifice and hard work—and now to see their success pay off.” Curtin adds that the recent sale of the company to the McGraw-Hill Companies has been wonderful, but a personal “loss” at the same time, because it was such a family effort.

Though the company has been sold, the Powers continue to work together on a new enterprise, a family foundation called The Kenrose Kitchen Table Foundation. Curtin hopes her father can now enjoy the impact of some of his hard work, as he gives resources back to the institutions, people and places that have mattered to him. Holy Cross and Worcester are important to Power, and, coming from a long line of educators, he values education dearly. Answer his call to endorse Holy Cross by giving and, in this way, help current and future students and the local community experience the benefit.

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Good chemistry
Polachi family creates scholarship for chemistry students

Charles Polachi’s 86th birthday was approaching—and his children were stumped for gift ideas. Polachi, an accomplished chemical engineer who has visited nearly every country around the world, had reached a point in his life when he didn’t need another trinket to adorn his coffee table.


After some brainstorming, Charley and his wife, Martha ’76, along with Charley’s brothers and sisters—Ellen, Mary, Anne, Steven ’78 and Peter ’77—honored their Dad by creating a scholarship at Holy Cross, forever linking their father to an institution that he loves. The Charles A. Polachi ’43 Scholarship Fund will help future students take advantage of the high-caliber education that Holy Cross has provided to generations of scientists.

Polachi’s affection for Holy Cross began during childhood, when he—a Worcester native—spent Saturdays watching Crusader football. Later, majoring in chemistry at the College, he went on to earn his graduate degree under the tutelage of Rev. Bernard A. Fiekers, S.J., studying variations of chemical interactions that would ultimately become the basis of the detergent industry. After a stint in the Army, Polachi began working in development for Binney & Smith, a supplier of rubber, paint, ink and plastic—and, the well-known manufacturer of Crayola Crayons. He later switched to the sales side of the company (then known as Columbian Chemicals), marketing a substance called carbon black—a stabilizing compound designed to make tires more durable.

“He used to call himself a soot salesman,” recalls his son Charley—a nickname that belied the richness of his experience.

As he established the company’s plants around the globe, Polachi traveled for months at a time—ultimately touching down in every country except South Africa and Australia. His children were fascinated by the stories he told about his travels: dining on fish eyes in Japan; encountering curious locals in the Andes Mountains; or dashing into a burning hotel in Oslo to rescue a suitcase full of clothes. By the time he retired from his last position at Witco Corporation, Polachi had been issued his 12th U. S. passport.

“My motto in those days should have been: ‘Study chemistry and see the world!’” he says.

Throughout his journeys, Polachi has repeatedly been drawn back to Mount St. James because of his family connections to the College. These ties date back more than a century, to George B. Moran, who graduated from the College in 1906 and later built Kimball Dining Hall. Polachi married Moran’s daughter, Elizabeth, and three of their children attended the College. Today, the tradition continues: two of the Polachis’ granddaughters are also Crusaders: Neala ’07 and Christina, Class of 2011.

Polachi’s enthusiasm for Crusader football is as strong as his family bond. He frequently makes the trip from his home on Cape Cod to watch the games, so the October matchup against Dartmouth seemed the perfect place for his children to unveil their surprise gift.

Polachi was midway through a bowl of clam chowder when Holy Cross president, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., came by to present him with a certificate marking the scholarship’s inception—rendering him momentarily speechless.

“I was flabbergasted,” he recalls. “I’m lucky to have six wonderful children, and I’m very appreciative of what they’ve done. If this makes it easier for young kids out there who want to study chemistry, I think it’s terrific.”

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THE POWER OF ONE

Name: Christine A. Kettmer ’03

Hometown: Washington, D.C.

Family: parents, Martha Kendrick-Kettmer and Harry Kettmer; brothers, Tommy (Providence College ’07) and Brian (Boston College ’09)

What she did at Holy Cross: vice chair of the Purple Key Society; participant in the magis program for leadership development; campus ministry co-coordinator of the greeter/hospitality program; SPUD volunteer for Abby’s House and the arts and crafts/storytelling programs; and tour guide for the Admissions Office

Current position: senior account executive at Hager Sharp, a public relations/communications firm in Washington, D.C.

How she keeps in touch: “I am serving on the Reunion Committee for the Class of 2003, and I enjoy seeing Holy Cross friends at different get-togethers and participating in alumni club events.”

The working life: “For the past two years, I have been working at a marketing and communications firm with primary responsibilities for various government contracts in the health, education and safety fields. My experience to date includes: implementing national campaigns; leading market research sessions; organizing media events and outreach; developing materials; and participating in industry meetings and trade shows on behalf of federal agencies. I am considering going back to school for an M.B.A.”

Memorable teachers or moments at Holy Cross: “Thanks to the recommendation of the Holy Cross Chaplains’ Office, I worked in Geneva, Switzerland, with Franciscans International for two years immediately after I graduated. The Spiritual Exercises and Mexico Immersion Program were truly life-changing events for me. Studying my junior year abroad in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, was also an incredible experience! There were only five of us from Holy Cross that year—and I have gone back to visit my host family a few times since then. Professor Jorge Valdés from the Spanish department and Professor Eugene McCarthy in English helped challenge me in my major classes, and I especially loved Professor Bill Zibro’s Classical America course my senior year.”

Why she gives to Holy Cross: “From a young age, my parents instilled in me the importance of giving my time, energy, effort and resources. I grew up in a family where we were taught ‘to whom much is given, much is expected.’ I am grateful to Holy Cross for the lifelong friends whom I met and treasure, as well as the academic and service opportunities that I experienced. I appreciate how important Holy Cross experiences were in shaping my future and values. So many Holy Cross students truly are ‘men and women for others’; there’s a special connection when you meet a fellow Crusader and realize the bond you share.”
Former baseball player honors his 1952 championship team

BY REBECCA SMITH ’99

Few teams have set as many records as the 1952 Holy Cross national championship baseball squad. Not only are they the only team from the Northeast to capture the crown, they are the only club to use the same position players—with no substitutes—in every game. What’s more, the team’s starting pitchers went the full nine innings in each series game; and MVP James “Jim” O’Neill ’52 became the only pitcher to win three tournament games.

Compared to today’s game of designated hitters, pinch runners and relievers, these players kept it simple—and it paid off. After finishing the regular season 15-2, the Crusaders were invited to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., where they defeated Missouri to win the national title.

Supporting teamwork
Holy Cross Hall of Fame and former second baseman Paul Brissette ’54 is so proud to have been a part of this illustrious team that he gave the College $100,000 in its name.

According to Brissette, one of the major goals of The Ron Perry/1952 NCAA Champions Baseball Fund is to establish continuity in the program, specifically in the coaching position.

“This fund allows us to increase our expenditures in two areas that are most critical to competitiveness: coaching

salaries and recruiting,” explains Athletic Director Richard Regan ’76. “We’re fortunate to have a member of our national championship team provide us with this legacy.”

Brisette named the fund in honor of his team’s achievements as well as those of teammate and friend Ronald Perry ’54. Perry is believed to be the only athlete to play on a national championship teams in two major sports—baseball and basketball. Perry later served 26 years as the College’s athletic director.

Himself a three-sport athlete at Holy Cross, Brissette believes firmly in the importance of athletics.

“By playing on a team, you learn to work together,” he says. “Teamwork, fair play and sportsmanship are valuable lessons that enable you to succeed in all aspects of life.”

Brisette is a testament to his belief. After graduating, he played baseball professionally in the Chicago White Sox minor league system. He went on to a distinguished career in broadcasting, during which time he owned or operated more than 30 TV stations. Brissette currently serves as chairman of the board at Piedmont Television.

Paying homage
Last April, a 55th reunion of the championship squad took place on Fitton Field between games of a doubleheader. The crowd saluted the eight surviving teammates—and a banner was raised to memorialize the team’s accomplishments.

Brisette has fond memories of the ceremony—but even stronger feelings for his fellow players.

“The fellowship formed by our team has lasted more than 50 years,” he says. “When we get together, we don’t talk about our success in life, we talk about what we did back in ’52!”

Thanks to Brissette’s meaningful contribution, a new generation of Crusaders is poised to set records of its own.

“It would be outstanding if other alumni followed Mr. Brissette’s generous lead,” says Greg DiCenzo, the College’s head baseball coach. “By funding this endowment, donors can help bring the program back to the championship level.”
The Holy Cross Fund Phonathon Program is gearing up for winter calling sessions scheduled for the month of February. Twenty-six student callers will work in the evenings over two weeks fueled by non-Kimball dinners and motivated by nightly monetary bonuses. Student callers will be reaching out to alumni donors and non-donors to ask for their support of the J. D. Power Participation Challenge. On any given night, students make approximately 2,000 phone calls from the Hogan Center. Callers enjoy speaking to alumni and sharing news of life on the Hill today. When they call, won’t you answer?

It may be: Meg, William, Kaity, Maya, Stephanie, Sammy, Erin, Brittany, Glenn, Megan, Annie, Caitlin, Kelly, Kristen, Avanti, Mary, Ellie, Elizabeth, Jeanelle, Katie or Danielle calling.
As a member of the General Alumni Association board of directors, I recently had the pleasure of reading through a pile of thank you letters from Holy Cross students, addressed to Mike Shanahan ’78—treasurer of the GAA board and chairperson of the Association’s Summer Fellowships Committee.

The authors of these letters were recipients of summer fellowships that enabled them to work at non-profit organizations last summer, thanks to the support of their regional alumni club, the GAA and the host organization. Several of these letters conveyed the fact that the student would not otherwise have been able to work in a non-profit field—given the pressure to earn money over the summer break. Reflecting on their summer experience, some students expressed a strong desire to continue working with non-profits after receiving their degree from Holy Cross.

In recent years, the number of opportunities for students to get summer internship experience facilitated by the College has grown—especially since the establishment of the Summer Internship Program and Office. And, there are several types of internships and fellowships available: According to Amy Murphy, director of the Summer Internship Program, some 150 summer internship spots are open to second- and third-year students who have been accepted into the program.

The selection process is rigorous. Students must first apply for acceptance—and, then, once admitted—they compete for the internship spots that have been made possible thanks to endowed gifts, grants and opportunities at job sites.

In addition to these internships, students also have the opportunity to apply for positions through the Summer Fellowship Program. These spots are open to students in any class year who are from the geographic area of the respective alumni club. The administrative piece of the Summer Fellowship Program now falls under the internship office as well, although this alumni-supported effort predates its existence. This program is unique in how it is funded—and because it specifically targets opportunities for work with non-profit organizations. Five regional clubs—Boston, Cape Cod, Washington D.C., Rhode Island and Worcester—partner with the GAA to fund 15 fellowship positions.

“The GAA has contributed more than $125,000 to this program since its inception, leveraging about $325,000 in summer fellowship stipends for more than 125 students,” says Shanahan. “Behind the GAA’s McCarthy Alumni Scholarship program, it’s our second biggest annual budget item. We continue to seek to spread participation.”

“With the administrative duties associated with recruitment and selection of the fellows largely handled by the College’s internship office, it is really quite an easy undertaking for a regional club to sponsor a position,” he adds.

Spending a few moments talking with some of the fellows and employer hosts, one will likely agree that this is a program that is worthwhile and quite special.

“My internship with ReadBoston has been my most rewarding yet,” says Carolyn Cody ’08—a religious studies major with a concentration in peace and conflict studies—from Andover, Mass. “It definitely sparked my interest in a career with a non-profit organization.”

Cody explains that the opportunity at ReadBoston attracted her because of her love for the work she does with SPUD—tutoring Worcester high school students during the school year.

“The importance of helping to improve children’s literacy has really stuck with me,” she says.

Cody was assigned to ReadBoston’s Storymobile program, which brings storytellers and books to different locations throughout the city; she worked directly with children and
helped manage complicated program logistics across 40 sites.

The opportunity also provided Cody with amazing mentorship from other Holy Cross graduates: ReadBoston’s executive director is Theresa Lynn ’87, and Cody’s manager for the summer was Erin E. Smith ’04—herself with ReadBoston as a Holy Cross student, she has now been with the program for almost three years. Smith has the charge of interviewing potential Holy Cross fellows and then managing those who are accepted. Last year, ReadBoston hosted three fellows from the College.

“Every year I am struck by the passion and professionalism of the students,” Smith says. “They are doing work that is logistically challenging—and the students have a great deal of responsibility. They are fantastic on-the-spot thinkers.”

“Without the funding from Holy Cross alumni, this is something we could never afford,” adds Lynn. “These students are doing very serious work. They are hard working, and dependable—and they go beyond the job.”

Ben Ticho ’68, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Worcester, and a board member with the Holy Cross Club of Greater Worcester, echoes these sentiments—his organization has hosted six fellows since 2002.

“They really help us get things done that we otherwise might not have time to do,” explains Ticho. “Each fellow has brought us something different—and even led us into new areas—especially with regard to new ways to find mentors.”

Ticho also notes the level of responsibility the fellows have—from working directly with Worcester children to presenting to the organization’s board. Several interns have continued working with the agency after the fellowship has ended—and even after graduation.

Bill Murphy ’73 is the co-director and co-founder, with his wife, Sharon, of Mary House in Washington, D.C. Providing transitional housing services, shelter and support programs to homeless and struggling families, this initiative is run entirely on donations and grants. Murphy has hosted several fellows in recent years, sometimes three at one time; this past summer David Gang ’09 was a fellow at Mary House.

“We have no salaried employees, and summer is a critical time,” explains Murphy, a recipient of the Holy Cross Sanctae Crucis Award. “The kids are out of school, and we run camps. Plus, that is the time when we can do maintenance projects, such as painting the outside of buildings.”

Fellows with Mary House have the option to live on-site. Gang, a mathematics major who plays on the Holy Cross football team, says it’s the work with children that has inspired and motivated him the most—and that is why he is now pondering a teaching career.

Murphy adds that, during summers when there have been three Holy Cross participants—especially with on-site housing—the fellowship program offers a special intensity and camaraderie for those students. From his point of view, the work done by the fellows makes a huge impact on the organization with very limited resources—and under incredible demands; Murphy also notes that he’s always open to hosting more students.

The fellowships showcase how collaborative energy and support among the GAA and regional club members, the College’s Summer Internship Program staff, and non-profit organizations can create meaningful results and benefits lasting far longer than one summer.

Maura Fredey ’94 is a member of the Holy Cross GAA board of directors and a resident of Winchester, Mass.

Help Us Grow This Program

If you would like to explore hosting a Holy Cross student at your organization, either as a fellow in conjunction with the GAA and your local alumni club, or, as an intern, please contact Amy Murphy, director of the Summer Internship Program at Holy Cross. She can be reached, by phone, at 508-793-3880 or, by e-mail, at amurphy@holycross.edu.
The General Alumni Association recently awarded scholarships to members of the Class of 2008 at its homecoming meeting. The awards were presented by GAA President-elect Gregory Cahill ’81. *Front row, left to right*: Michelle A. Racine, daughter of Normand ’84 and Elizabeth ’85 Racine; Christine M. Kingston, daughter of Brian ’68 and Kathleen Kingston; Christine E. Collins, daughter of Maryellen ’78 and Bernard Collins; Emily D. Amrhein, daughter of Christopher ’71 and Mary Amrhein; Mary A. Crowley, daughter of Philip “PJ” Crowley ’73 and Paula Kougeas; Christine M. Carifio, daughter of George ’74 and Noreen Carifio. *Back row, left to right*: Gregory Cahill ’81; John Connor Meikle, son of Robert ’66 and Elizabeth Meikle; Kristen M. Oats, daughter of Michael ’76 and Debra Oats; William J. King, son of William ’75 and Ruthie King; Michael C. Barker, son of Kent ’82 and Christofily Barker; Michael E. Knierim, son of Glenn ’75 and Linda Knierim; Nicholas A. Quinby, son of Joan Flahive ’75 and Charles Quinby. *Missing from the photo are*: Erin Baber, daughter of Matthew Baber ’80 and Judith Ford ’80; Jamie Curley, daughter of Gerald ’81 and Laura Curley.

**ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!**

Planning to stay warm this winter by heading to Florida? Don’t forget to update your address with the Alumni Office so that you will receive an invitation to one of the receptions in the end of February. Call 508-793-2418 or e-mail alumni@holycross.edu to provide us with your seasonal address.
Save the Date
for these upcoming GAA Events

Winter Homecoming
Saturday, Feb. 9
Warm up with a full day of family activities!

Continuing Education Day
Saturday, April 5
Spend some time back in the classroom and learn from Holy Cross’ top faculty!

Class of 2008 Senior Reception
Wednesday, April 23
Help us congratulate the newest members of the Holy Cross Alumni Association!

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CAT CATCHING UP with Crusaders on the MOVE and in the NEWS

BY KATHLEEN S. CARR ’96

PATRICIA SHEA, SND, ’86: A LIFE IN SERVICE

Sister Patricia Shea resisted the call until it was deafening. An economics/accounting major at Holy Cross, she took part in the Appalachia service project and went on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola—two events that she calls “transformative.”

And, after graduating, Shea chatted with campus ministers, who suggested the Peace Corps as a career path. She joined the organization and spent a year teaching high school accounting in the Fiji islands. Returning to Boston, Shea accepted a position with a public accounting firm, passed the CPA exam and became certified. But when she got involved in her local parish community, Shea began to realize that she couldn’t shake her interest in theology.

“I heard about the Weston School of Theology, and I started taking classes at night—I realized then that I wanted to make a shift,” she says. Shea took a job at a retreat house as the business manager, which gave her the flexibility to pursue a master of divinity degree. She spent eight years working toward that goal.

Attending a series of retreats, Shea says she asked God what he wanted her to do with her life.

“To my great surprise,” she explains, “what I discovered was that God wanted a closer relationship with me. I just paid attention to what interested me—what gave me life and spark—and that was definitely ministry.”

At the Dover retreat house, she met members of the congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

“What attracted me to them was that they were with it,” she says. “They knew about world issues and, overall, they were joyful people. But I was very hesitant; I didn’t know anyone in my generation who had entered religious life. I eventually agreed to have the conversation, but I wouldn’t go to the convent. I actually made them meet me at a Dunkin’ Donuts.”

The end result of that coffee shop conversation was a first profession of vows, which Shea made on Oct. 7.

“I’m just trying to make the world a better place, to grow, be happy,” she says. “This is my way of walking in the footsteps of Christ.”

ANTHONY S. FAUCI, M.D., ’62: PROTECTING THE COUNTRY WITH SCIENCE

Considered by many as America’s version of the Nobel Prize, the Lasker Foundation Award was presented to Anthony Fauci, M.D., ’62 in September. Fauci, who has directed the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases since 1984, constructed the United States’ responses to AIDS relief and helped to plan Project BioShield, a comprehensive effort to develop and make available modern, effective drugs and vaccines to protect against attack by chemical,
biological, radiological or nuclear weapons.

Q: What does it mean to you to receive the Lasker Foundation Award?
A: It is an extraordinary honor. And it’s also very humbling. You do things in your career because you’re passionate about them—you don’t do them for the awards. But this is quite an impressive group of recipients, and I am honored to be among them.

Q: In addition to receiving the award for designing and developing the president’s plan for AIDS relief in Africa and for helping to prepare the country against a biological attack, you were also singularly cited for your role “in explaining issues of great concern like the science behind emerging biological hazards” to the public. How do you accomplish this—and how will you continue to do this?
A: When you’re a representative of the federal government, and the people of the United States, you receive support from taxpayer money, so you owe it to them to explain exactly what it is that’s going on. It’s important to be precise in your thinking and articulate in your expression.

Q: What are you working on now? What are your future plans?
A: I’m going to continue to do exactly what I’m doing. I’ve tried to shift the thinking from preparedness relief to preparedness against something that will inevitably happen. The evolution of microbes has told us that, as the years go by, we will see a naturally occurring threat—we saw this with HIV AIDS, SARS, West Nile Virus, and we see it with the threat of pandemic influenza. I don’t isolate deliberately released threats from the naturally occurring ones. A lot of the principles from which I act—such as being precise in your thought, and economical in your expression—are Jesuit teachings, and they’ve been an important part of my success. My fondest Holy Cross memory is the education I received there, and the Jesuit ideals I experienced.

JAMES KEYES ’77: INNOVATING CHANGE

James Keyes was en route to law school when Rev. Vincent Lopomarda, S. J., an associate professor in the department of history at Holy Cross, encouraged him to take a business course. More than 20 years later, Keyes has emerged as the chief executive officer of Blockbuster—having been pursued by the multimillion dollar company for his unique ability to innovate. Receiving his MBA from Columbia in 1980, Keyes went on to work for Gulf Oil, Citgo and 7-Eleven; he stayed at 7-Eleven for 21 years and had a number of roles—including chief operating officer and chief financial officer. When 7-Eleven was sold, Keyes took an 18-month sabbatical. During that time, he became more actively involved in philanthropy, serving on the national board of the American Red Cross.

Keyes became interested in Blockbuster more as an investor than as an employee, but, after talking to the board of directors, he accepted the role of chief executive officer and chairman. He says that he has found a strong opportunity with Blockbuster to use his innovative skills to drive the company to the next level.

“Blockbuster is a brand recognized worldwide,” Keyes says, “with 8,000 locations, and a business model that has become less relevant to the consumer over the years. The challenge to me is to take this widely recognized brand and use available technology to make that brand more relevant—and make Blockbuster become, once again, part of the daily/weekly routine of the consumer for media entertainment.”

One of Keyes’ first steps was to acquire Movielink, a company formed by the five major movie studios as a vehicle for creating and distributing digital content. Top-run movies are put into digital format and made available for download to any PC or portable device.

“Our vision for Blockbuster is to provide total access to media enter-

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The Bard of Linden Lane

BY JAMES DEMPSEY

The stained-glass window on the western side of the vestibule to the Dinand Library is a complex glow of blood red, sapphire, green and gold, showing the Virgin Mary enthroned in glory. At the bottom of the window is the legend, “In Memory of Michael Earls ’96, Priest of the Society of Jesus.”

These days Fr. Earls’ name is known mostly to Holy Cross historians and a few literary scholars. Yet, in his time, and as the descendants of his many siblings know, he was a man of humble beginnings who rose to befriend the famous and who brought national attention to Holy Cross.

Michael J. Earls was born Oct. 3, 1873, the oldest of 10 children born to Martin and Mary (Shaughnessy) Earls. Martin’s family was from County Clare, Mary’s from Limerick. The two married in 1872.

Fr. Earls attended Southbridge (Mass.) schools and a college preparatory school in New Brunswick. In Southbridge, he briefly worked alongside his father in the Hamilton Mill and taught evening school.

He entered Holy Cross in 1893, involving himself in sports and dramatics (his most famous turn was in Shakespeare’s Henry IV as “Master Quickly,” no doubt a masculinized version of Mistress Quickly), but his future was obviously in literature. He took on editorship of The Purple and began to write poetry.

In 1896, Fr. Earls conducted postgraduate studies at Georgetown and traveled through Europe. He entered the Society of Jesus in September 1899 and taught for five years at Boston College, directing the college orchestra and chorus. When he left, his friends and colleagues established the Earls Scholarship for “deserving youths of Boston’s areas.”

Fr. Earls returned to his first love, Holy Cross, for the 1914-15 school year. So began a career that was so closely bound to his beloved College that one tribute said his name was “almost synonymous with Holy Cross itself.”

His verse often commingled sentiments of religion and the natural world. “To an Oak in Winter” is a Petrarchan sonnet that views a winter tree as a symbol of faith enduring troubled times. In other poems, Fr. Earls faces the dilemma of belief and the battle between body and soul. “The Lifelong War” begins “Still goes the strife; the anguish does not die,” and admits

… The spirit’s eye
 Approves the better things; but senses spy
  The passing sweets, spurning the present fears,
  And take their moment’s prize.

Fr. Earls hosted Chesterton’s visit to Holy Cross in 1930.

Stories from Mount St. James

Flashback
He celebrated Linden Lane, the road that climbs the hill from the main entrance of the College, in at least two poems. The first, written in 1917, contrasts the beauty of spring on the campus with the ugly fact of a war that was emptying the College of its young men:

Birds are merry and the buds
Come along with May:
Lonely is the linden lane
For lads that went today.

The war and its effect on the College weighed heavily on Fr. Earls. An apparently later poem, “The Towers of Holy Cross,” takes on a more somber tone:

And mine are gone, says Beaven Hall,
To camps by hill and plain,
And mine along by Newport Sea,
Says the high tower of O’Kane:
I follow mine, Alumni calls,
Across the watery main.

His second poem on Linden Lane was lighter, more in the spirit of a school song, which it eventually became:

There’s a hill that’s always jolly
In sunshine or rain,
And the winding road that climbs it
Is dear old Linden Lane.

The refrain is known to most alumni:

Then we’ll give another Hoya
As we go down Linden Lane,
And we’ll hear it in the echo
When we come home again.

As a poet, Fr. Earls was an unapologetic formalist, and in “Gas-House Poetry” he fiercely attacks free verse and that cultural phenomenon so odious to him as to require quarantining within quotation marks—“modern poetry.” He grants that all verse does not need to be formal but charges the moderns with producing only “pitiable mouthings, the insistent ejaculations of inmates in an insane asylum …” He singularly excoriates Alfred Kreymborg, citing his poem that begins:

We have a one-room home
Because a one-room home is all we have.

“[G]ive us back the mid-Victorian at its full,” begs the exasperated Fr. Earls, “or Celtic twilight in all its dimness, or puffs of mythology from old Parnassus.”

Fr. Earls’ “A Tree in the Tenement District” tells of a tree that has survived since Colonial days and which has overlooked the homes of succeeding generations of immigrants, the “Yankee, [who] counted with fretful care … the gain of every year,” the Munster man who “saw his dreams come true” and finally the “young Italian … [w]ho sees the future blossoming fair.” The refrain tells a little of the story of immigrants to Worcester:

America, Ireland and Italy,
All have known this poor old tree.

The highlight of Fr. Earls’ public career was bringing his friend G. K. Chesterton to Holy Cross in the winter of 1930. The visit of the British writer, probably the most famous convert to Catholicism of the time, attracted national interest. Chesterton enjoyed his sojourn, speaking of “Father Earls’ terrifying hospitality.”

Fr. Earls was an indefatigably productive man of letters—writing poems, plays, novels and essays—and maintaining voluminous correspondence with friends, both famous and unknown.

Elizabeth Reidy of Worcester remembers her uncle visiting when she was a young girl.

“My mother was 21 years younger than Fr. Earls, so he was more or less a father figure in the family,” she says. “He used to give a series of talks on Irish literature, and my mother would play the piano as part of that. He had lots of opportunities to travel, and he wrote to her and she would love those letters. She had wonderful memories of him.”

On Jan. 31, 1937, Fr. Earls boarded a train in New York City bound for Akron, Ohio, where he was to speak to alumni. He suffered a heart attack—was taken to St. Vincent’s Hospital—and died a few hours later.

The Earls family name follows to this day in the roster of Holy Cross alumni, including Fr. Earls’ nephews the late Gerald ’40, Martin ’33, Francis ’39, Kevin ’43, and Arthur ’34. His grandniece Dr. Marian Earls ’76 and great grandniece Dr. Naomi Earls Leslie ’00 were the College’s first mother-daughter alumnae.
My Grandfather’s Son: A Memoir

By Clarence Thomas ’71

My Grandfather’s Son (HarperCollins Publishers) is the memoir of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. The book recounts Thomas’ life—from his birth in rural Georgia in 1948, through his tumultuous Supreme Court confirmation hearings, and his life today as an associate justice of the highest court in the nation. After his parents divorced, Thomas was sent, at the age of 7, to live with his mother’s father, Myers Anderson, in Savannah. It was a move that would forever change Thomas’ life—as the future jurist witnessed in his grandfather a level of determination, hope and love that would forever inspire him.

Thomas became an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court in October 1991.

Common Life: Poems

By Robert Cording

Common Life (CavanKerry Press), by Robert Cording, examines the various meanings of “common,” especially its senses of “familiar and widely known,” “belonging or relating to the community at large”—and, its twinned notions of “simple and rudimentary” and “vulgar and profane.” The book’s perspective is religious, rooted in the epigraph from Psalm 37:7: “Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.” The “waiting” that is required concerns: first, our desire, as Charles Wright puts it, “to believe in belief” rather than believe; secondly, the need for a setting aside of the self, an abandonment of “every attempt to make something of oneself, even a righteous person” in the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer; and thirdly, understanding that the “waiting” must be, as T.S. Eliot wrote, “without hope for hope would be hope of the wrong thing.” If we learn to wait in these ways—as the final section of the book suggests—we have the chance of opening ourselves to all that is graceful within life’s common bounds.

Cording is the James N. and Sarah L. O’Reilly Barrett Professor in Creative Writing at Holy Cross.

In Defense of Dolphins: The New Moral Frontier

By Thomas I. White ’69

In his book, In Defense of Dolphins (Blackwell Publishing Limited), Thomas I. White ’69 questions whether humans may have been sharing the planet with other intelligent life for millions of years without realizing it. Considering the possibility that this premise is true, he imagines the implications and encourages humans to reconsider our treatment of the species with which we share the Earth. Based on White’s extensive study of dolphins—both in the classroom and the ocean—In Defense of Dolphins combines accessible science and philosophy; surveying the latest research on dolphin intelligence and social behavior, it makes a strong case for improving the moral status of dolphins and advocates an end to their inhume treatment.

White is the Hilton Professor of Business Ethics and director of the Center for Ethics and Business at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

A Man You Could Love

By John F. Callahan ’62

From the forests of the Pacific Northwest to the power corridors of Washington, D.C., this ambitious novel by John Callahan ’62 stretches across the tumult of the 1960s to the disputed presidential election of 2000, as it chronicles the life of a crusading politician and, in the process, the coming of age and loss of innocence of a generation. A Man You Could Love (Fulcrum Publishing) follows the lives of Gabe Bontempo, a savvy political strategist, and Mick Whelan, a young, idealistic candidate from Oregon. Together they weather decades of political upheaval, from the civil rights and Vietnam era into the 1990s, while facing personal crises of their own.

Callahan is the Morgan S. Odell Professor of Humanities at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore. As literary executor for Ralph Ellison, he edited the manuscripts of the author’s unfinished novel into Juneteenth; he also edited The Collected Essays of Ralph Ellison and Flying Home: and Other Stories.
Illiberal Justice: John Rawls vs. the American Political Tradition

BY DAVID LEWIS SCHAEFER

Considered by many as the greatest American political philosopher of the 20th century and the most important liberal theorist since John Stuart Mill, John Rawls enjoys a practically sacrosanct status among scholars of political theory, law and ethics. In *Illiberal Justice* (University of Missouri Press), David Lewis Schaefer offers a thorough challenge to Rawls’ doctrine, demonstrating how his teachings deviate from the core tradition of constitutional liberalism as exemplified by leading American statesmen. This book is not only a critique of Rawls’ political program and philosophic methodology, it is also a defense of the American constitutional order against Rawls’ dogmatic theorizing—which, Schaefer argues, has exercised an increasingly detrimental effect on our jurisprudence.

Schaefer is a professor of political science at the College.

Remastering Morals with Aristotle and Confucius

BY MAY SIM

Aristotle and Confucius are pivotal figures in world history; nevertheless, Western and Eastern cultures have, in modern times, largely abandoned the insights of these masters. *Remastering Morals* (Cambridge University Press), by May Sim, is the first book-length scholarly comparison of the ethics of Aristotle and Confucius. Sim’s comparisons offer fresh interpretations of the central teachings of both men. More than a catalog of similarities and differences, this study brings two great traditions into dialogue so that each is able to learn from the other. This is essential reading for anyone interested in virtue-oriented ethics.

Sim is an associate professor of philosophy at Holy Cross.

Practicing Catholic: Ritual, Body, and Contestation in Catholic Faith

EDITED BY REV. BRUCE T. MORRILL, S.J., ’81, JOANNA E. ZIEGLER AND SUSAN RODGERS

*Practicing Catholic* (Palgrave Macmillan), edited by Rev. Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., ’81, Joanna E. Ziegler and Susan Rodgers, is a collection that explores Catholicism as a faith grounded in ritual practices. Ritual, encompassing not only the central celebration of Mass but popular ceremonies and devotional acts, comprises a base for Catholicism that requires constant engagement of the human body and negotiation of various types of power, both human and divine. This book is divided into six, easy-to-follow sections, in which scholars from different backgrounds focus their essays on particular aspects of ritual within Catholic practice.

Ziegler is a professor and department chair in visual arts at Holy Cross and Rodgers is a professor of anthropology at the College. Morrill serves as an associate professor of theology at Boston College.

An Introduction to Jesus and the Gospels

BY FREDERICK J. MURPHY

In his textbook, *An Introduction to Jesus and the Gospels* (Abingdon Press), Frederick J. Murphy provides an introduction to the gospels that does justice to the full range of modern critical methods and insights. Murphy discusses the implications of these methods as they relate to how we understand the nature of the gospels and how we can read them today. The chapters sketch the portrait of Jesus that emerges from each gospel—and then examine the canonical view of Jesus by comparing and contrasting these pictures, as well as the ones that emerge from the non-canonical gospels and from the modern quest for the historical Jesus.

Murphy is a professor of religious studies at the College.
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Holy Cross baseball and its little sister, softball, come from vastly different athletic traditions. Baseball, once crowned at the palace dance, has sashayed with the sport’s royalty and enjoys a fascinating 117 year history. Softball, 23 years old, is still looking for its first big date.

The Crusaders have cultivated more than 75 major leaguers. Indeed, the Cleveland Indians may have been named in honor of Louis Sockalexis of the Penobscot tribe, the first inductee into the Varsity Club’s Hall of Fame. Jack Barry, the College’s longest serving coach (40 seasons), played for Connie Mack’s famed $100,000 infield and later managed and played for the Red Sox. He hung out with Babe Ruth, who considered Barry a big brother. Barry’s 1952 team won the NCAA Championship. The hardball lore is bountiful.

Softball, though, remains Cinderella before the Ball. However, baseball and softball walk hand-in-hand in this era. There is little disparity between them. The men and women are searching for athletic respectability to accompany their academic acumen. Holy Cross tends to 27 varsity sports while competing largely in the Patriot League—which John Feinstein’s book title aptly describes as “The Last Amateurs.” Contemporary press releases crow about Holy Cross having 20 teams with a 100 percent graduation rate and 12 teams with a perfect NCAA (1,000) Academic Progress Report. Students playing baseball and softball are true scholar-athletes, receiving only need-based financial aid like everyone else.

Enter Greg DiCenzo and Brian Claypool, respectively the new Crusader baseball and softball coaches. Their challenges are equally and painfully obvious. Last season, the baseball team was 12-23; the softball team was 5-38.

DiCenzo and Claypool possess similar attributes. They are self-made achievers in their early 30s. They have played sports with passion and gotten very dirty while learning the nitty-gritty of the games they adore. They are self-starting, non-stop workers. They value education first and foremost. And, thankfully, they are eternal optimists.

You would have to go back some 88 seasons—to baseball Hall of Famer Jesse “The Crab” Burkett—to find the last Crusader coach hired who was not an alum or assistant.

Associate Athletic Director Rose Shea ’87 fielded more than 100 job applications for head baseball coach. Greg DiCenzo, the overwhelming choice of Shea and her team of campus consultants, quickly won the stamp of approval from Athletic Director Dick Regan ’76.

DiCenzo has what the College needs: a strong background in coaching, with an emphasis on pitching and a special talent for recruiting. In his bat-bag, he also totes two master’s degrees—in education and administration—from his alma mater St. Lawrence University of Canton, N.Y.

“We were struck by his focus on the academic success of his players,” says Shea. “He relates well to prospects and their parents. He knows Holy Cross is not a pro baseball factory. He understands the Holy Cross way.”

DiCenzo also comprehends that Holy Cross hasn’t made the NCAA tournament in 30 years. Getting back there, he vows, is his primary goal. DiCenzo is well-prepared for the task. He is a sports devotee from Duxbury, a tony seaside town a little upwind from Plymouth Rock. In high school, DiCenzo played soccer for the incomparable Frosty Cass; he played hoops and excelled as a crafty lefty and slick first baseman in baseball. He still wishes he had time for hockey. He’d play tiddlywinks in a blizzard.

In college, DiCenzo added football to his repertoire. He joined the St. Lawrence Saints, emerging as an all-
conference kicker and punter. How good was he? Suffice it to point out that DiCenzo booted a 49-yard field goal against Union College. His baseball mentor became Dr. Tom Fay, now 36 years at the Saints’ helm.

He is a man in perpetual motion. DiCenzo played football and baseball while earning his bachelor of science degree in 1998. He continued to play football (on a medical waiver) and coached baseball while receiving his first master's degree in 2000. DiCenzo served as interim head baseball coach while winding up his second master’s in 2002. During his four-year pursuit of two master's degrees, he taught physical education full time at the local high school. And, on autumnal Sundays, DiCenzo would drive seven hours back home to play football for the semipro Quincy Granite.

That kind of energy and determination impressed Northeastern University where he served five years as a pitching coach and top-flight recruiting coordinator. His skills as a closer became apparent as he signed three young guns who were selected in the Major League draft. In his inaugural season, the Huskies won the first of three straight American East titles (2003, 2004 and 2005) and advanced to the NCAA tournament.

In the summertime, DiCenzo coached in the Cape Cod League for the Falmouth Commodores, helping to develop the likes of Jacoby Ellsbury (Red Sox) and Jensen Lewis (Indians).

At Northeastern, DiCenzo learned how to construct a program as a recruiter with a keen eye for talent, as a practice organizer, as a game strategist.

"I’m recruiting kids for biology, not the Red Sox. I know that, but I want to win now," he says.

His first move was a wise one. Instead of traveling during an abbreviated fall season, DiCenzo kept his Crusaders at home. He held a series of intra-squad scrimmages.

"That allowed me to evaluate our talent better. You can teach much more during a controlled scrimmage. We weren’t worrying about the other guys, but concentrating on ourselves," DiCenzo explains.

“Our objective is to challenge and push each other and to create energy amongst ourselves," he adds.

Turning the program around will take time, DiCenzo concedes. “Right now, my guys are on campus—in the library, in the cafeteria, on the field. I want them to know I care about them and this season. We have a great school in a great league playing in the best college park in New England. We will draw smart athletes with a real work ethic and the winning will come.”

Brian Claypool loves softball so much he married his star catcher. He looked at her glossy .358 batting average and her flossy .984 fielding percentage as a senior and fell head-over-heels.

In 2003, Claypool landed his first head coaching job at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, formerly known as North Adams State. That season he garnered Coach of the Year honors in the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC). The Trailblazers were led by a 5-foot-2-inch dynamo named Courtney Tebo, a soccer and softball standout at Douglas (Mass.) High.

The following season, Tebo was selected as the MASCAC Player of the Year. Her coach was duly impressed. In 2005, Claypool took a step up the career ladder, coaching Hartwick College, just up the road from Cooperstown in New York. Things were looking up. His Pittsburg Steelers were marching toward the Super Bowl and Brian was courting Tebo.

"For Super Bowl Sunday, Courtney arranged a surprise 30th birthday party for me and invited family and friends. Actually, I was turning 29, but any excuse for a party works," quips Claypool.

The Steelers won the Super Bowl. Overjoyed Brian
How did Claypool wend his way to Worcester from the College of Wooster in Ohio, where he received his degree in 1999? He took an interesting and tough path and hit more than a few bumps.
For you Crusaders who like swapping stories in the Hot Stove League, let me tell you the “Legend of Two Jiggers,” a baseball yarn guaranteed to take the chill off.

The first Jigger is a Holy Cross Hall of Famer who now resides in Holy Cross Cemetery in Los Angeles. The other Jigger—also a terrific Holy Cross athlete—is buried in St. John’s Cemetery in Worcester. The dearly departed were brothers, both known in their rich lifetimes as Jigger Statz.

Arnold “Jigger” Statz ’21, aptly interred in the City of Angels, may be the most overlooked Crusader superstar ever. Indeed Jigger’s 4,093 base hits during his pro career aren’t even etched into his plaque that graces the College’s Wall of Fame at the Hart Center.

Note, in the history of professional baseball, only Pete Rose (4,683, including 427 in the minors), Ty Cobb (4,397, including 206 in the minors), Hank Aaron (4,095, including 324 in the minors) and Stan Musial (4,101, including 471 in the minors) had more hits than our own Jigger.

Jigger reached the rarified 4,000-hit plateau uniquely. As a switch-hitting leadoff man for the Pacific Coast League’s Los Angeles Angels, Jigger slapped 3,356 hits during 18 minor-league seasons. He added 737 base-knocks as a major leaguer. Only Rose and Aaron played more games of professional baseball than Jigger. His 3,473 games played (from 1919 through 1942) is third on the all-time list.

Aside from Statz’ stats at bat, Jigger was also considered by his contemporaries as one of the best center fielders who ever played the game.

Born in 1897 in Waukegan, Ill., Arnold Statz, the oldest of John and Sarah Statz’ seven children, moved to Worcester as a young lad. His father, a German immigrant, worked for U.S. Steel.

Because Arnold was a diminutive little mite, his family and neighborhood pals referred to him as “jigger,” an alternative name for that annoying pest better known as a chigger. Throughout his life, Jigger Statz was rarely referred to by his first name, much the same way as Arnold Auerbach was rarely called anything but “Red,” except by his star, Bob Cousy ’50, and family members.

Statz grew into a local hero. He played shortstop for St. Paul’s grammar school and outfield for city champion Worcester Classical High. And he played such a splendid game of golf—winning junior titles at Worcester Country Club and elsewhere—some theorized his nickname had come from the old-time golf club known as a jigger.

In 1917, Jesse “The Crab” Burkett, who resides in the baseball Hall of Fame, coached at Holy Cross and recruited Statz. In 1918, the Crusaders won the New England baseball title, and the next season captured the Eastern Intercollegiate Championship as Statz, Rosy Ryan and their mates posted a 47-4-1 record during those two campaigns.

Jigger signed with the New York Giants in July of 1919—after his sophomore year—thus beginning a stunning 24-season pro baseball odyssey. He played all or parts...
of eight seasons in the majors with the Giants (1919, 1920); the Boston Red Sox (two games in 1920); the Chicago Cubs (1922-25) and the Brooklyn Robins (1927-28). In 1923, Jigger hit .319 for the Cubbies with 209 hits and 10 home runs in 655 at-bats. He also stole 29 bases.

Jigger’s real fame, however, came on the West Coast in the Pacific Coast League, where extended schedules of 200 games or more were not uncommon.

“The Greatest Angel of Them All” sang out a headline in the Los Angeles Times when Jigger died, at age 90, in Corona Del Mar, Calif., on March 16, 1988.

Exaggeration?

Not at all. Because Jigger Statz, a 5-foot-7-inch, 150-pound speedster, not only belted out all but 737 of his 4,093 hits as an Angel, he also thrilled crowds with his sensational fielding.

“That old Angels’ center field who had a hole cut into the pocket of his glove could really catch the ball,” once recalled Ted Williams, who started his career in the Pacific Coast League.

Statz, along with Joe DiMaggio, was voted to the Pacific Coast League All Century (1903-1955) team. With good reason. Consider that he holds the record for most seasons (18) playing for the same minor-league team. He turned down many chances to return to the parent-club Cubbies from 1929 on.

“It was a warm climate, the intimate ballparks and the competitive salary that I liked about the Pacific Coast League,” he once explained during a magazine interview.

Jigger, who did love the good golfing weather, was a superb contender in this sport as well, winning many amateur championships along the West Coast. So stay he did, becoming the PCL’s all-time leader in every longevity category, including—most games, at-bats, singles, doubles, triples, runs, outfield putouts (6,872) and assists (263).

Examine his final 1926 stats: Statz hit .354 in 199 games with 291 hits, 68 doubles and 18 triples, while scoring 150 runs. With a fielding percentage of .997, he committed just two errors in 604 chances.

As a fleet-footed fielder, Jigger had an uncanny ability to position himself—and he cut out the palm of his glove to get a better feel for the ball. His speed was remarkable, evidenced by 466 steals with the Angels. In 1934, at age 36, Statz stole 61 bases, including six in one game.

Spending his last three seasons as the Angels’ player-manager, Statz retired in 1942 just before his 45th birthday. He scouted for the Cubbies’ organization and filled in as an acting manager for the Cubs’ Visalia, Calif., farm club in 1948 and 1949. He lived comfortably in retirement, from his wise investments in oil and real estate.

Now for the rest of the story …

The other Jigger, John Statz, was born in Worcester in 1915—the bookend brother, as five Statz sisters were sandwiched in between the two Jiggers. Because he was 18 years younger than his well-known brother, John was quickly tagged with the nickname “Jigger,” too.

In his own fashion, John Jigger Statz ’37 became a star as well. He played second base for Worcester’s North High and served as senior class president.

“My dad played in his brother’s shadow,” John’s son Bob told me at the time of his dad’s death in 1998. “I think he decided to concentrate on golf so he could outdo his older brother at something. He was very competitive.”

At Holy Cross, his dad did become a golfing standout. A member of the Crusaders New England championship team of 1936, Statz was elected captain of the 1937 team, which featured Crusader Hall of Famers Willie Tunesa ’38 and Gerry Anderson ’38.

John idolized his only brother. Though separated by years and, often, by 3,000 miles, the two Jiggers remained very close. John, a successful businessman with U.S. Steel, would talk much more about his brother than about himself. He would recall his older sibling bringing him to games and letting him sit on the bench next to baseball legends such as Giants manager John McGraw—or play catch with the likes of Grover Cleveland Alexander.

The two Jiggers lived interesting and rewarding lives. John and Ruth, his wife of 58 years, had three sons; Arnold and his wife, Grace, had three daughters and a son. Both were decent, devout family men and always-proud Crusaders. And, lest we forget such trivia, Arnold had 4,093 base hits as a pro.
The Medical College of Georgia (MCG) Research Institute in Augusta recently announced that Paul G. McDonough, M.D., professor emeritus, MCG department of obstetrics and gynecology, physiology and endocrinology and pediatrics, was a recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award—for "fundamental research leading to insights into disease prevention, progression or therapy"; according to the press release, he was honored for his contributions to reproductive endocrinology and reproductive genetics. Associate editor of the Journal of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine since 1986 and member of the Executive Committee of the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology since 1979, McDonough had received a Senior Fogarty NIH Fellowship in 1981-82, the 1990 Seale Harris Award from the Southern Medical Association and the 1995 President’s Distinguished Scientist Award from the Society for Gynecologic Investigation; he continues to serve as an active contributor to the MCG department of obstetrics.

Paul R. Murphy writes that, at a recent luncheon, he was among those who received special recognition for business development from the Executive Service Corps of New England—a regional, nonprofit organization headquartered in Boston that assists nonprofit organizations “to improve their effectiveness by providing affordable management consulting and related services”; this is accomplished through the efforts of a volunteer network of senior-level executives and professionals.

The Medical College of Georgia (MCG) Research Institute in Augusta announced in November that William B. Strong, M.D., emeritus Leon Henri Charbonnier Professor of Pediatrics and section chief emeritus of MCG pediatric cardiology, was a recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award—for “fundamental research leading to insights into disease prevention, progression or therapy.” According to the press release, Strong was the founding director of the Georgia Prevention Institute, an NIH Preventive Cardiology Academic Awardee, author of more than 400 publications and self-instructional audiovisual programs, and principal investigator or co-investigator on 20 grants. A member of the editorial board of numerous pediatrics, cardiology and sports medicine publications, he was the sports medicine and fitness associate editor of the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine as well as co-chairman of the 2004 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expert panel, Development of National Recommendations for Physical Activity in Children and Adolescents. The recipient of numerous awards, Strong served 30 years as the chief of the pediatric cardiology section, prior to his retirement in 2002.

Louis F. “Lou” Cumming notes that, after 40 years in the banking industry—most recently as an executive vice president and chief credit officer, and as the principal of Financial Proctology Associates—he is now doing financial and expert witness consulting, as well as executive search consulting for banks, in Southern California.

Dominic F. Corrigan, M.D., an assistant clinical professor of medicine in the division of endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University, Providence, R.I., writes that he was recently a recipient of the school's Teaching Recognition Award—"for sustained expertise in the teaching of students, residents and fellows in the hospital and outpatient setting"—and, also, of its Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award—"for excellence in teaching in preclinical sciences (endocrine pathophysiology)."
The National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) honored James P. Carey III with its Robert E. Oliphant Service Award, in recognition of his dedication and service to the organization; Carey is a professor at the Loyola University Chicago School of Law and director of the Center for Advocacy. David J. Hinchen, director of volunteer services at the Boston Medical Center, notes that he has been selected to serve as communications chair for the New England Association of Directors of Health Care Volunteer Services.

Thomas J. Moran writes that, while retired, he is now a career and academic adviser at Palm Beach Community College in Boca Raton, Fla.

Barry J. Gainor, M.D., notes that his bluegrass band, “Gainor & Friends,” continues to perform benefit concerts for the University of Missouri-Columbia Children’s Hospital.

Michael E. Duffy writes that he continues to work for the Transportation Security Administration—currently serving as executive liaison to the Federal Aviation Administration at its headquarters in Washington, D.C.; he notes that his assignment is to have the two agencies work more closely together in aviation security. Thomas C. Gariepy writes that he has been appointed director of marketing and communications for the Maricopa Community Colleges—based in Tempe, Ariz.

Albert G. Aldi notes that he retired from a career in education and is now working as an administrator for the YMCA in his area. Robert B. Boulrice writes that he was appointed treasurer last June for the city of Chelsea, Mass.—and adds that three of his plays were produced during the summer: Oy Yea, Oy Veh, at the Stagecrafters’ Festival at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak, Mich.; Uncle Colin’s Garden Party, at the Fort Point Theatre Channel in Boston; and his adaptation of the Robin Hood saga, Tidewater 4-10-0-9, on the radio station of Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass. Claude M. Chistolini notes that he has been named chief operating officer at AdvoCare International, L.P., in Carrollton, Texas. John J. Doran writes that, last July, he and his wife, Susie, dedicated the new Doran Park baseball field for the Bourne Braves of the Cape Cod (Mass.) Baseball League. Joseph E. Gadbois notes that he was recently elected to a three-year term as a member of the board of directors of the Oak Brook, Ill.-based National Fraternal Congress of America—an association, founded in 1886, that unites 75 not-for-profit, fraternal benefit societies operating in the United States and Canada. Gadbois adds that he is vice president of corporate marketing and fraternal services for Catholic Family Life Insurance (CFLI), headquartered
Stephen G. Bowen Jr. ’65 is the marketing guru behind megastar James Patterson

By Rebecca Smith ’99

After a successful career in advertising, Stephen G. Bowen Jr. ’65 decided to retire and ride his motorcycle around the world. Then one morning, while biking out West, he got a call from good friend and best-selling author, James Patterson, that changed his plans.

Now president of James Patterson Entertainment, Bowen finds himself once again drawing on his marketing expertise.

Bowen first learned about commerce as an economics major at Holy Cross. After four years in the Marines and a tour of Vietnam, he tried to pursue a degree in business—but was told by Harvard that he needed to work for a year before they would admit him.

So he applied to J. Walter Thompson, arguably the original—and most famous—advertising agency in the world. The only member of his training class without an M.B.A., Bowen was hired on the spot. He expected to stay only a year before matriculating at Harvard.

Twenty-three years later, he was running the place.

It was during his tenure at JWT that Bowen first met Patterson. Together, the pair ran accounts for top brands like Burger King. As partners, they worked off of each other’s creative energy. All the while, Bowen recalls Patterson waking up at 5 a.m. to write before work.

After they left the agency, Bowen tried his hand in entrepreneurship, and Patterson wrote full time, quickly rising to superstar status. Three years ago, when Patterson realized he was on course to publish five books in one year, he called on his old pal for marketing help.

They’ve been reunited ever since.

As president of Patterson’s firm, Bowen choreographs a small team of people—agents, publishers, producers—as they make one of the world’s most popular writers even more ubiquitous. Recently Patterson became the first author to release 18 international bestsellers in a row.

“My real function is to be Jim’s alter ego,” explains Bowen. “I keep the nitty-gritty business stuff off his plate so that he can concentrate on creating stories.”

Bowen also reads all of Patterson’s work—no small task based on the volume the author produces.

“Holy Cross gave me an appetite for reading,” he says. “And good thing—because Jim is a writing machine.”

Currently, Bowen is overseeing the development of a casual online game based on Patterson’s Women’s Murder Club book series—now a TV show. Employing the same techniques he used to sell hamburgers 30 years ago, he is marketing Patterson’s brand to new audiences using modern mediums.

So—is retirement in Bowen’s near future?

“Absolutely not,” he exclaims. “We have enough books, films and TV shows in the works to keep me busy for another 10 years!”
in Milwaukee—and, in this capacity, “oversees CFLI’s branding and image development as well as charitable and volunteer operations.” He also notes that he currently serves as a trustee of the Catholic Family Life Education Foundation.

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CLASS CO-CHAIRS
WILLIAM F. BAGLEY JR.
PHILIP J. CROWLEY
William F. Bagley Jr. writes that he has been appointed to the position of senior philanthropic adviser to the Trustees of Reservations in Beverly—an organization that has worked to preserve Massachusetts’ landscapes and landmarks for 116 years.

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CLASS CO-CHAIRS
BRIAN R. FORTS
EDWARD J. SULLIVAN
Bruce J. Carusi notes that he recently retired from Babcock & Brown, a merchant banking firm in New York City.

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CLASS CO-CHAIRS
JOSEPH W. CUMMINGS
JOSEPH A. SASSO JR.
Ronald R. Lawson writes that he recently accepted the position of senior director, business affairs, of the Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation in New York; his responsibilities include finance, human resources, information technology, legal administration and facilities—as well as business development for the Ailey Extension Program.

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CLASS CO-CHAIRS
BRIAN A. CASHMAN
KATHLEEN T. CONNOLLY
Michele Spencer Babakian notes that she is now a financial adviser in the wealth management division of Citigroup/Smith Barney—and that her team specializes in investment management and tax and estate planning for businesses and families. Thomas W. Kellner writes that an exhibition of his work, titled “Paintings of the Millers River, Carvings and Constructions,” was scheduled to be held this past fall at the Petersham (Mass.) Craft Center. Karen Furey Liebert, M.D., notes that she practices gynecology in Florida. Mary Agnes “Maggie” Wilderotter writes that she has been elected to the board of directors of Yahoo! Inc.—and adds that she is also a director of Citizens Communications and Xerox Corporation.

Simplify April 15th
Planning ahead can make April 15th as simple as a spring breeze.
Consider, for example, your stock portfolio. If you own securities that have appreciated in value over the years, your tax exposure on the capital gain can be significant. With careful planning, charitable giving can help you reduce or even avoid capital gains taxes. At the same time, you will be supporting the mission and programs of Holy Cross.

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HOLY CROSS PLANNED GIVING
Col. Michael F. Cuenin, USA, notes
that he was selected to assume com-
mand of the U.S. Army Fort Jackson
Dental Activity, effective this past
July; he had relinquished his post at
the Europe Regional Dental Com-
mand in June. Jerry A. Formisano Jr.
writes that he is now retired and liv-
ing with his family in Kailua, on the
island of Oahu, in Hawaii; Formisano
adds that he is the owner of GKO
Environmental Health Services, LLC.
Toya Alek Graham notes that, last
February, she accepted the position
of staff attorney for the Department
of Children and Families in Bridge-
port, Conn. Charles F. “Chuck”
Mullen Jr. writes that he has opened
Muldoon’s - The Patio, in Houston.
Citizens Bank in Providence, R.I., an-
nounced in June the appointment of
Preston J. O’Toole Jr. to the position
of vice president and audit supervi-
sor in its audit department. Nancy
Lusignan Schultz notes that she has
been elected chairperson of the En-
glish department at Salem (Mass.)
State College.

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the establishment of the Mudiri-Li-
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rector of Adwords with Google.

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Scott Schaeffer-Duffy ‘80 wins Isaac Hecker Award

By Karen Sharpe

Scott Schaeffer-Duffy ‘80 and his wife, Claire

Much of the work of Scott Schaeffer-Duffy ‘80 and his wife, Claire, flies under the radar: preparing meals for their homeless guests, walking a child to the bus stop, coaching a soccer game, offering a safe haven and thoughtful prayers for the downtrodden.

They are, of course, better known for organizing countless peace vigils and protests against injustice and violence and for demonstrating against nuclear weapons, war and military intervention. They both have been arrested numerous times; Scott has appeared on CNN—and, been profiled in The New York Times.

As founders of the Sts. Francis and Therese Catholic Worker House in Worcester, they have dedicated their lives to the Catholic Worker movement and its ideals of prayer, voluntary poverty, care for the forsaken and protestations of injustice and violence.

In September, the couple were honored by the Paulist Center of Boston with its Isaac Hecker Award—which was also once bestowed upon Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker movement. Named after Hecker, the priest who started the Paulist Fathers order, the award has been given annually since 1974 to Catholics who have worked for a more peaceful, just world.

Noting that it is “an extraordinary honor to be put in any association with Dorothy Day,” Schaeffer-Duffy adds: “It’s a pat on the back, but also a challenge for us—the people who have received the award previously are so incredible and impressive. It encourages us and pushes us to be better people ourselves.”

A religious studies major at Holy Cross, Schaeffer-Duffy had once considered entering the priesthood but found his calling instead as a Catholic Worker.

“I tell people the Catholic Worker is about global peace and justice, but it really concerns learning about the death of the ego and confidence in the power of God,” he explains. “There are teachings in Catholicism that are profound and society changing.”

According to the couple, the award also draws some attention to the Catholic Worker movement—which, they believe, will benefit not just local houses such as their own but the movement nationwide.

“We feel this is not something that we’ve accomplished,” Claire Schaeffer-Duffy says. “The award notes ‘relentless commitment.’ We don’t believe we have been nearly as relentless as we could have been.

“But it is an opportunity to keep going deeper,” she continues, “and a chance to give greater publicity to the Catholic Worker movement. It’s valuable to learn about the possibilities of lay vocation and how to try always to be about God’s presence in the world.”

Laura (Bogni) Saich and her husband, Sean, announce the birth of their daughter, Penelope Rose, on July 8.

Paul J. Reilly and his wife, Suzi ’91, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Scarlett, on March 20, 2007.

Kathleen L. Crawford notes that she completed the Lake Placid Ironman last July in 13.5 hours. Maria J. D’Avanzo writes that she recently joined the Starwood Capital Group in Guatemala; Daniel was born in Guatemala City on Sept. 19, 2005.

Rosanna Villani notes that she is the director of experimental medicine for a contract research laboratory that helps companies develop novel medical devices and drugs for clinical applications.
Greenwich, Conn., as a compliance officer. John P. Luedtke Jr. and his wife, Kim, announce the birth of their daughter, Jane Elizabeth, on June 7. Ronald R. Rossi notes that he is a partner in the New York office of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP—a national law firm specializing in complex litigation.

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**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

NANCY L. MEANEY

LISA M. VILLA

MARK P. WICKSTROM

The Massachusetts Bar Association announced in September that Michele E. Randazzo has been appointed to a second term as co-chair of the association’s public law section; Randazzo is an attorney in the Boston office of the law firm Kopelman and Paige, P.C. Ralph A. Riley and his wife, Jenn, announce the birth of their son, Evan Patrick, on March 5; Riley writes that he recently accepted a position in worldwide marketing with Johnson & Johnson in Raritan, N.J.

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**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

PETER J. CAPIZZI

KRISTIN M. KRAEGER

RICHARD A. SQUEGLIA

Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. recently announced that Scott C. Ford, an attorney in the law firm’s Boston office, was named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer for 2007—selection is based on a peer review survey, independent research and a panel review process; Ford was recognized in the closely held business, business litigation and construction practice areas. John E. Lamphier writes that he is currently working at Bank of America in Boston, as a finance manager—in support of the global wealth and investment management business.

Teresa “Terry” and J. Russell “Russ” Morrissey announce the birth of their son, Alexander Patrick, on April 13. Susan E. “Suzi” (Swentkoske) Reilly and her husband, Paul ’88, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Scarlett, on March 20.

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**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

MAURA E. MCGOVERN

TIMOTHY D. MCGOVERN

CHRISTOPHER J. SERB

Jennifer A. Evans and her husband, Frank, announce the birth of their daughter, Zoe Nancy, on June 18. Mary (Morrissey) Kwasny and her husband, Greg, announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Marie, in March 2007; Kwasny notes that she is working as a biostatistician at the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.


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**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

PATRICK J. COMERFORD

EILEEN KASPRZAK READ

Kimberly Klaus Daly writes that she is working as the global sales account manager at ROCPAC International in Auckland, New Zealand. Terrance J. “Terry” Encalade announces the birth of his son, Patrick Joseph, on Dec. 3, 2006. Timothy M. Kelly and his wife, Susan ’94, announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey Frances, on Oct. 27, 2006. Jennifer “Jenny” (Connorton) Mulholland and her husband, Brendan, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Patrick, on May 12. David A. O’Callaghan notes that he recently accepted the position of budget director for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. Dawn (Brady) and Alfred J. Rossi announce the birth of their daughter, Helena Dorothy, on May 7; Al received his master of science degree in innovation management and entrepreneurship engineering last May from Brown University in Providence, R.I.

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**CLASS CO-CHAIRS**

DANITA J. BECK

AMANDA M. ROBICHAUD

Amy E. (Bizup) Barrett, M.D., and her husband, Dave ’95, announce the birth of their son, Christopher David, on April 6; Barrett writes that she is currently working part time as a pediatrician in Bangor, Maine. Eileen (McCarthy) Bouvier and her husband, André, announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel, on July 20. Laura (Hobin) Coonrad and her husband, Rich, announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie Margaret, on March 12. Christopher P. Dowd, D.O., and his wife, Cynthia, announce the birth of their daughter, Paige, in December 2006; Dowd notes that, for the past two years, he has maintained a primary care practice in a small town in Virginia.

Kristy M. Dyer and her husband, Jim ’95, announce the birth of their daughter, Frances Mary, on Nov. 5.
Lara Deresky Foster and her husband, Thomas, announce the birth of their son, Luke Michael, on Dec. 26, 2006; Foster writes that she is a technical program manager at Sun Microsystems, Inc. Albert “Al” Hebron Jr. and his wife, Stephanie, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Grace, on July 28, 2005, and their son, Andrew Joseph, on Aug. 6. Susan Giordano Kelly and her husband, Tim ’93, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Catherine, and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of their son, Quinn Fox Jacobs, on Aug. 26, 2006. Alison (Kozowyk) Laurie and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Brennan Laurie, in August 2006. Susanna (Wince) Lee and her husband, Kenny, announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Elizabeth, on Dec. 28, 2006. Jennifer (Gregorski) Niece and her husband, Matthew Joseph, on May 31; Niece writes that she received tenure—and was promoted to associate professor of accounting at Assumption College in Worcester. Jennifer Bissonette Ryder, M.D., and her husband, Steven, announce the birth of their son, Jake Mansfield Ryder, on June 7, 2006. Paula J. Valencia-Galbraith and her husband, Jeffrey, announce the birth of their son, Jackson Robert Galbraith, on March 31.

Christopher David, on April 6; Barrett teaches accounting at the University of Maine. Michael M. Calorossi and his wife, Cynthia, announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Lynn, on June 27; Calorossi notes that he continues to work at the MannKind Corporation in Danbury, Conn., where he serves as the associate director of clinical manufacturing. Elizabeth A. “Liz” (Alberti) and David A. DeBassio announce the birth of their son, William “Billy” Dennis, on April 22. James A. Dyer and his wife, Kristyn ’94, announce the birth of their daughter, Frances Mary, on Nov. 5. B. Kathleen and Thomas M. Gallagher announce the birth of their son, Thomas Malachy Gallagher Jr., on May 22. Michelle (Reed) Hazewood and her husband, Jeffrey, announce the birth of their daughter, Gianna Cecilia, on March 29. Margaret J. “Maggie” Hermes and her husband, Christopher Rometty, announce the birth of their son, Leo Stephen, on June 29. Allison Fox Jacobs and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Elizabeth, on Dec. 13, 2006. Dedra (Desio) Leapley and her husband, Adam, announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Mary, on Aug. 31, 2006. Kerri (Koller) Mercier and her husband, Ray, announce the birth of their son, Quinn Joseph, on March 28. Kelly (Grogan) O’Neill and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of their daughter, Fiona Shevlin O’Neill, on April 27. Kristin (Barrett) Pettey and her husband, Erik, announce the birth of their son, Jacob Ely Pettey, on Oct. 7, 2006. Toni H. Picerno, D.O., writes that she has recently been appointed director of the osteopathic portion of the pediatrics residency program at Driscoll Children’s Hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas; she notes that this position includes active involvement in teaching resident as well as medical students—in addition to her clinical work. Jason P. Spinazzola writes that he recently joined Health Net, Inc., in Southern Calif., as the director of corporate compliance; his responsibilities include the establishment of a comprehensive compliance program across the company. Paula M. Tusiani-Eng and her husband, Roger, announce the birth of their son, Michael Roger, on April 26. Joshua B. Wright notes that he recently became branch manager of the Manchester, N.H., office of Wachovia Securities where he has worked since 2000; he also continues to serve as a financial adviser.

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Christopher L. Sears
Renee Rejent Bowser and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of their daughter, Bridget Mei, on May 14. The American Academy of Arts and Sciences announced in September that Lisa J. Fluet is one of seven scholars selected to participate in its Visiting Scholars Program for 2007-08; according to the press release, the title of her project is “Modernism, Human Rights, and the Novel, 1921-1961.” Fluet currently serves as an assistant professor of 20th-century British and Anglophone literature at Boston College. Kerry (O’Brien) Goulette and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of their daughter, Cassidy Jules, on May 8. Kimberly (Ingram) Henning writes that she currently serves as director, corporate development, at Revolution Health Group in Washington, D.C.; the Web site is www.revolutionhealth.com. Michelle DeViva Richitelli and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daughter, Cassidy Jules, on May 8. Kimberly (Ingram) Henning writes that she currently serves as director, corporate development, at Revolution Health Group in Washington, D.C.; the Web site is www.revolutionhealth.com. Michelle DeViva Richitelli and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daughter, Cassidy Jules, on May 8.
As curator of modern and contemporary art at the Saint Louis (Mo.) Art Museum, Charlotte Eyerman ’87 spends her days surrounded by some of the world’s most precious works of art. Last September, she enhanced this already illustrious collection by negotiating the $10 million purchase of Degas’ *The Milliners*—one of the most expensive acquisitions by an American museum to date.

An English major at Holy Cross, Eyerman had always been interested in the expression of ideas and the portrayal of the human condition through literature.

She had an equally powerful encounter with art during her first art history class at Holy Cross, in which Professor Joanna Ziegler instructed her to write a paper on a 17th-century Merovingian belt buckle.

Eyerman remembers the assignment vividly: “I was amazed at how a work of art could reveal so much about a culture, a region and a time period,” she says.

Her love of art flourished during her junior year abroad in France—a destination recommended to her by adviser Blaise Nagy of the classics department.

“I had intended to go to England,” recalls Eyerman, “but Professor Nagy inspired me to take a risk—one that ultimately changed my life.”

Under the encouragement of Ziegler—whom she refers to as her “champion and mentor”—Eyerman earned her Ph.D. in art history at the University of California at Berkeley.

Now a specialist in 19th-century French art, she is responsible for installing the permanent collection, organizing exhibitions and augmenting the collections at the Saint Louis Art Museum.

To that end, Eyerman is constantly on the lookout for great works of art. Last year, thanks to her wide network of contacts in the international art community—and her ability to speak fluent French—she was able to locate an exceptionally valuable oil painting by French artist Edgar Degas. In private hands since 1918, *The Milliners* is compelling for its excellent condition as well as its “astonishing beauty,” according to Eyerman.

Painted around 1898 as part of a series the artist launched at the height of Impressionism, the work bridges the 19th and 20th centuries. *The Milliners*, pioneering in its bold use of color, complements the great strengths of the museum’s collection of Impressionist and early 20th-century art as well as its other works by Degas, including two pastels, three drawings, nine prints and two sculptures.

The painting portrays two female milliners—or hat makers—and a prominent, centrally placed feather arching between them as they decorate a vivid yellow hat with streaming ribbons. It fits with the artist’s larger theme of representing modern women at work.

“In this work, as in his depictions of dancers, bathers and ironers, Degas displays empathy toward his subjects,” explains Eyerman. “Degas, like the milliners he represents, uses humble raw materials to create something spectacular.”

Whether she is engaging art aficionados at the museum or instructing newcomers to the field, Eyerman manifests fascination with art that is contagious.

“An encounter with a great work of art has the power to stop you in your tracks,” she says. “My role is to give people the opportunity to experience art in their own way.”

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daughter, Ryah Katherine, on Sept. 13. Corey C. Shagensky D.V.M., and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their daughter, Reilly Abigail, on Sept. 25. Daniel M. Walz, M.D., notes that he completed his radiology residency at the North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y., and is now pursuing a fellowship in musculoskeletal radiology at the New England Baptist Hospital in Boston. Elizabeth Sawyko and Jeffrey W. Wheeler announce the birth of their son, James Francis, in January 2007.

MARRIED: Kimberly M. Ingram and Jeff Henning, on March 3, on Marco Island, Fla.
Mary Clark and Daniel J. Coffey announce the birth of their son, John Michael, on June 29, 2006. Dan is an assistant professor of political science at the University of Akron in Ohio and, also, a fellow of the university’s Bliss Institute of Applied Politics; Mary teaches Latin at the Shaker Heights (Ohio) High School. Melissa (Fandel) and John K. Coffey announce the birth of their son, Andrew Patrick, on July 10. Christine (Mulhearn) Dam and her husband, Nasine, announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Claire, on March 30. Julie (Mills) Gagliardi and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Rose, on May 14.

Timothy C. Bennett and his wife, Danielle, announce the birth of their twins, Gavin Charles and William “Liam” Miles Bennett, on July 31. Courtney (Regan) Bernazzani and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Shane Michael, on Jan. 31, 2007. Renee Z. and Robert E. “Rob” Croak announce the birth of their daughter, Corinne Zannini Croak, on May 24; Rob writes that he began working last May at Fidelity Investments, in its corporate accounting group. Melissa (McGuaggle) Nowell and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of their son, McKeon Finn, on Sept. 7. Greta (Lako) Viens and her husband, Dominic, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Rose, on May 14.
Melissa Lin Monte and her husband, Philip, announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Lin Monte, on Feb. 15. John S. O’Donnell writes that he received his M.D. from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University in New York City—and that he has been accepted into the radiology residency program at North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, N.Y. Chesley R. Parker notes that she recently received her degree from St. John’s University School of Law in New York City.

1st Lt. Michael F. Buckley, USMC, writes that he has been deployed, since last March, as an intelligence officer for an Infantry Battalion in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq. Michael B. Creeden notes that he was recently promoted to team lead at Blitz Media, a media planning and buying agency in Needham, Mass. Jillian L. DiLaura writes that she received her juris doctor from the Washington and Lee School of Law, Lexington, Va., in 2006 and, subsequently, pursued a clerkship in the Circuit Court of Maryland. James A. Fortune Jr. notes that he received his master’s degree in sociology last May from the University of Pennsylvania and is now working for the Joseph J. Lau renelle Memorial Foundation, a non-profit organization in Michigan that promotes mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Capt. Christopher R. Hagan, USMC, writes that he was selected for promotion to the rank of captain, effective this past fall. Ralph A. Milillo, M.D., notes that he received his degree last spring from SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse; he adds that, after working at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park, N.Y., in 2007-08, he is scheduled to pursue a radiology residency at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. Bradley W. “Brad” Schuller writes that he recently received his Ph.D. in bionuclear engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass.—and that he was the recipient of a postdoctoral fellowship in medical physics, effective this past fall, at the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Boston Medical Center. Lt. Christopher A. Torres, USN, notes that, due to a change of orders from the United States Naval Academy, he has returned to sea aboard the Norfolk, Va.-based USS Ponce (LPD-15) as the assistant operations officer; currently on his third deployment, he is operating in the Persian Gulf and Horn of Africa. Torres adds that, at the beginning of 2007, he was deployed to Western Africa on board the Norfolk-based guided missile frigate USS Kauffman (FFG-59), as navigator, administrative officer, legal officer and auxiliaries officer.

Katharine “Katie” Bisordi notes that she completed her year of service with the JVC, working at Thunder Road Adolescent Rehabilitation in Oakland, Calif.—and that she was accepted to the Indiana University School of Medicine, effective this past August, to pursue her Ph.D. in medical and molecular genetics. Laura C. Dodd writes that she currently serves as an admission counselor at Providence (R.I.) College. Kevin J. Hilson notes that he has accepted a position in sales at the EMC Corporation in Franklin, Mass. MARRIED: Kristin L. Heimsath and Colin Marker, in April 2007.

Christopher S. Bier writes that he works for JPMorganChase in New York City. Gretchen E. Keisling notes that she received her degree last spring from the Villanova (Pa.) School of Law. Mary Kathryn “Katie” Uffelman Kramer writes that she and her husband own a gym in Bethlehem, Pa. Capt. Patrick J. McKinney, USA, notes that he has been promoted to the rank of captain—and that he has been serving as a battalion logistics officer at Fort Bragg, N.C. Michael F. Seery writes that he works in fundraising for Chrysalis, a nonprofit organization in California that assists homeless individuals find employment. MARRIED: Mary Kathryn “Katie” Uffelman and Michael Kramer, on Nov. 11, 2006.
working for Banc of America Securities in New York City. Teresa M. Buscemi notes that she is a student in the post-baccalaureate program at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. Patrick H. Devane writes that he is stationed on the USS Mahan, a guided missile destroyer out of Norfolk, Va. Christine M. “Chrisy” Fanning notes that she is a first-year student at the New York Medical College in Valhalla. Thomas B. Ferrante Jr. writes that he is working as a payroll manager for Modular Mailing Systems in Tampa, Fla., and, also, pursuing his M.B.A. at the University of Tampa. Eileen M. Geoghegan notes that she is pursuing her Ph.D. in molecular microbiology and immunology at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Mark S. Hamilton writes that he is working at Fidelity Investments in Merrimack, N.H., as a financial representative. Deirdre A. Lamarre notes that she is teaching English to students in grades 10-12 at LGT Pierre du Terrail in Pontcharra, France. Katherine N. Makowski writes that she is a first-year veterinary student at University College Dublin, in Ireland. Christine E. Marieni notes that she is working at Travelers in Hartford, Conn., as a pricing analyst. Mark E. McGrail writes that he is working at UBS Financial Services in Boston. Elizabeth A. “Betsy” Mills notes that she is enrolled in a Ph.D. program in neuroscience at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore. Edward T. Murphy writes that he is working at St. Martin de Porres Academy in New Haven, Conn., through AmeriCorps. Boskey Patel notes that she is a research coordinator at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, studying cardiovascular disease in obese adolescents with and without type 2 diabetes. Elyse R. Reed writes that she is teaching kindergarten at Jumoke Academy in Hartford, Conn., through Teach for America. Paul Riley Jr. notes that he is working at Fidelity Investments in Boston. Catherine T. Rossi writes that she has been working, since August, as a community associate with Commmunispace in Watertown, Mass. Aaron B. Rowden notes that he has been accepted to the Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., effective this past August—to pursue his juris doctor and the Institute of International Economic Law World Trade Organization (WTO) Studies Certificate. Kelly L. Ryan writes that she is working at Pricewaterhouse-Coopers in Boston. James J. Staley notes that he is a client accounting and reporting specialist at The Bank of New York Mellon in Everett, Mass. Elyse M. Sullivan writes that she is working at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston as a clinical research coordinator.

Guidelines for submission of alumni wedding photos

• Bride or groom must be a graduate of Holy Cross.
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• All persons in the photograph must be alumni.
• All alumni must be identified by first name, maiden name (where applicable), last name and class year.
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• If a professional photographer has a copyright on the photograph, a letter of permission for use from the photographer must accompany the photograph.
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In Memoriam

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JAMES M. MORRISON, M.D.
SEPT. 21, 2007
At his home in Worcester, at 92. Prior to his retirement in 2001, Dr. Morrison had maintained an internal medicine practice in Worcester for 52 years. A resident and, later, staff physician for many years at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, he was also a former senior physician, chief of medicine and board trustee at Fairlawn Hospital; director of health services at Worcester State College; and medical director of the Providence House Extended Care Center. A pioneer in the treatment of alcohol and substance abuse, Dr. Morrison was a co-founder, in 1954, of the St. Vincent Hospital Alcohol Clinic; he was a charter member and former state chairman of the American Medical Society on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction and a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society Impaired Physicians Committee. His community involvement included serving as a volunteer at the Worcester Boys and Girls Club, the Dr. Paul Hart Free Clinic at Epworth United Methodist Church and the Green Island Free Clinics; he was also a founder of Faith House, a halfway residence for female chronic substance abusers. Dr. Morrison was the recipient of numerous honors during his career: in 1973, the Emerald Club of Worcester presented him with its Man of the Year Award, and, in 1976, the Worcester County Council on Alcoholism selected him as the winner of its Dr. Carol Johnson Award. Recognized, in 1984, by Worcester State College and Fairlawn Hospital for his community service, he also received a key to the city of Worcester. In addition, Dr. Morrison was presented with Worcester State College’s Good Samaritan Award in 1989 and, the Massachusetts Medical Society’s Senior Volunteer Physician of the Year Award in 1997. A graduate of St. John’s High School, he received its Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1990—and, in 1995, was inducted into the school’s Hall of Fame, for his participation in four sports. Dr. Morrison’s professional affiliations included the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society and the Worcester District Medical Society; he had also been a member of the Catholic Alumni Sodality at Holy Cross and a parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Worcester. A veteran, Dr. Morrison had served at the Portsmouth (N.H.) Naval Hospital during World War II. He is survived by two sons; three daughters; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a nephew; and a niece.

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WILLIAM P. ROOS
SEPT. 14, 2007
In the Lancaster, (Pa.) General Hospital, at 91. Mr. Roos had worked as a chemical engineer in the private sector during the first half of his career and, subsequently, as a government employee in the Department of the Navy; he retired in 1980. Mr. Roos had been a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Philatelic Society as well as a parishioner of St. Philip’s Church in Lancaster. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Roos is survived by two daughters; a son-in-law; two stepchildren; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

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ROBERT J. ENGLISH
APRIL 8, 2007
In the Livonia, Mich., Lutheran Home, from complications of Alzheimer’s disease, at 86. During his career, Mr. English had worked 35 years in sales and marketing for the Ford Motor Co.; he had joined the company in 1949, after receiving his M.B.A. from Columbia University in New York City. Mr. English subsequently served 12 years as a management consultant for Results Systems in Troy, Mich., until his retirement in 1998. A decorated veteran of the Army Air Corps, he had been a bombardier/navigator in the 8th Air Force during World War II—flying more than 20 missions over Eastern Europe, including raids on the Ploesti, Romania oil fields; one of several hundred airmen rescued by the Serbian resistance in Yugoslavia, Mr. English was included in Gregory Freeman’s recent novel, The Forgotten 500. He later served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Mr. English had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; five
sons, including Robert C. ’68; and eight grandchildren. His uncle was the late Joseph T. ’23.

WILLIAM J. REEDY, M.D.
JULY 31, 2007
In Sarasota, Fla., at 88. During his career, Dr. Reedy had practiced internal medicine for many years in Omaha, Neb.; he retired to Sarasota in 1987. A veteran, Dr. Reedy had served in the Army from 1945-47. His interests included white-water rafting, canoeing, sailing—and, in later years, wood sculpting. Dr. Reedy is survived by three sons; four daughters; four sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

CHARLES J. MCNULTY
AUG. 17, 2007
In Denville, N.J., at 84. A former chemist for Esso—now Exxon Co., U.S.A., at its Bayway and Bayonne refineries in New Jersey, Mr. McNulty had worked almost 40 years for the company, retiring in 1985. During his career, he had also been the president of the board of trustees of both the Clark (N.J.) Public Library and the New Jersey Library Trustees—as well as an elder of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains. A veteran, Mr. McNulty had served two years in the Navy during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a son; three daughters; and 10 grandchildren.

1942
JEROME M. KIRCHBERG
JULY 29, 2007
At the Silverado Senior Living Center in Encinitas, Calif., at 87. Active in the optical business for many years, Mr. Kirchberg began his career in sales and management with American Optical; he subsequently worked for Univis Lens—in Illinois, Michigan, California, Florida and, again, in Illinois. Owning a small lens grinding company in Southern California from 1970-74, Mr. Kirchberg continued to work in the optical business, from Coronado, Calif., until his retirement in 1984. A Navy fighter pilot during World War II, he flew in operations over North Africa and Guadalcanal; in 1943, Mr. Kirchberg was named a test pilot at the Naval Air Test Center at Patuxent River, Md. He is survived by three sons; a daughter; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

JOSEPH J. CONDRON
SEPT. 16, 2007
In the Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield, Mass., at 83. Prior to his retirement in 1987, Mr. Condron had worked 36 years for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works. He had served as an ensign in the Navy Reserve. Mr. Condron was a member of the Sacred Heart Church in Pittsfield. He is survived by many nephews and nieces; and grandnephews and grandnieces.

1946
ROBERT THOMAS
SEPT. 2, 2007
At his home in Tampa, Fla., at 83. A longtime businessman, rancher, philanthropist and community leader, Mr. Thomas had pursued numerous interests during his career—cattle, timber, seaport development, phosphate mining, fertilizer production, banking and equestrian sports. In addition to serving as chairman of the board of the American Agricultural Chemical Co., he had been the president and chairman of the board of Port Sutton Inc. in Tampa and chairman of the board of the Exchange Bancorporation—as well as a director of River Gulf Terminal
Inc.; the Freedom Savings and Loan Association; Redwing Carriers Inc.; and Trend Corp. of America. Founder of the Florida State Fair Horse Show Association, Mr. Thomas had also been the co-chairman of the Community Relations Commission in Tampa, president of the Florida Council of 100—and a member of the Governor’s Advisory Committee on Corrections, the Hillsborough County Planning Commission and the Hillsborough County Industrial Development Authority.

Founder of the Joshua House in Lutz, Fla., he had served as chairman of the March of Dimes and Curtis Hixon ( Fla.) Rehabilitation Center and co-chairman of the Community Relations Commission in Tampa. A director of the Divine Providence Food Bank and Metropolitan Ministries in Tampa, Mr. Thomas had been the host of the daily program, “Appreciating the Bible,” on the local radio station WBVM-FM. Active in Catholic ministries in Florida on the parish and diocesan levels, he had also been a long-time supporter of education—chairman of the foundations of the Academy of Holy Names and the Jesuit High School in Tampa. Mr. Thomas had been a trustee of the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio and chairman of the board of trustees of both the University of Tampa and Ave Maria University in Naples, Fla. In honor of his many contributions, he was named “Outstanding Young Man of the Year”; “Citizen of the Year”; “Wildlife Conservationist of the Year”; and “Tree Farmer of the Year.”

Mr. Thomas was a Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by a son; three daughters; a son-in-law; and three grandchildren.

1947

JOHN M. FRYE

AUG. 6, 2007

Of Dallas, at 81. A Navy veteran, Mr. Frye had served 15 years as an officer—and was awarded the American Defense Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; World War II Victory Medal; and the Navy Occupation Service Medal. He had been an active member of St. Rita Parish in Dallas. Mr. Frye is survived by a son; two daughters; a sister; and seven grandchildren.
1948
FRANCIS X. O’ROURKE
JULY 3, 2007
In the San Tomas Convalescent Hospital, San Jose, Calif., at 81. Mr. O’Rourke had worked in the research department of IBM in San Jose, from 1964, until his retirement in 1990 as an advisory engineer; at the start of his career, he had been employed by RCA in New Jersey. A Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Mr. O’Rourke subsequently served in the Reserves, attaining the rank of lieutenant commander. He is survived by two sons; two daughters; and five grandchildren.

1949
JOSEPH D. KILFOYLE
SEPT. 2, 2007
Of Peabody, Mass., at 79. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Kilfoyle had worked many years for the Social Security Administration, in its Boston office. He is survived by his wife, Teresa; a son; a daughter-in-law; and three grandchildren. His brothers were the late Richard M., M.D., ’40 and Thomas E., M.D., ’43.

1950
ALBAN P. (ATKO CIUS) ATKINS
SEPT. 26, 2007
At his home in Dudley, Mass., at 83. Prior to his retirement in 1989, Mr. Atkins had been employed almost 40 years by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.; joining the company in Worcester at the start of his career, he later worked out of its offices in Boston and Providence. A World War II veteran, Mr. Atkins had served in the European theater as a member of Company K, 4th (Ivy) Infantry Regiment, which was instrumental in the August 1944 liberation of Paris; wounded in action in Heurtgen Forest, Germany, he was awarded the Purple Heart. Mr. Atkins had also been a recipient of the Combat Infantryman Badge; the Bronze Star Medal; the Normandy Medal; and two Bronze Service Stars for action in Northern France and the Rhineland campaigns. In addition, the French government honored him with its “Special Diploma”—presented to soldiers of the Allied Forces who helped liberate France during World War II. An active member of the Army Reserve for almost 30 years, Mr. Atkins retired from military service in 1974 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Involved in civic affairs in Dudley for many years, he had been a member of the town’s Finance, Appropriations and Advisory Committee; a member and chairman, for several years, of the Parks and Recreation Committee; and a precinct warden. Mr. Atkins had also been an active parishioner of Saint Andrew Bobola Church in Dudley. A member of the Military Officers Association of America, he was a former president of the Worcester County chapter of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States. Mr. Atkins is survived by his wife, Ann; a daughter; a son-in-law; and a nephew.

ROBERT E. FLYNN, M.D.
SEPT. 3, 2007
At his home in Mattapoisett, Mass., at 82. During his career, Dr. Flynn had been a longtime
Charles W. Flynn
Aug. 13, 2007
In Florida, at 87. During his career, Mr. Graver had worked for the Sysco Corp. in Jacksonville, Fla., from 1976 until his retirement in 1988 as the director of institutional sales for the Southeast region; he had previously been employed for 11 years by Foremost Dairies—which later became Farmbest Dairies—as the director of sales. A graduate of Summit Hill (Pa.) High School in 1937 and the Allentown (Pa.) Business College in 1939, Mr. Graver subsequently worked for the General Electric Supply Co. in Allentown. Enlisting in the Air Force in 1941, he had served four years as an officer, a bombardier instructor and a bombardier on a B-24. Upon the completion of his military service, Mr. Graver attended Holy Cross; playing varsity basketball at the College, he had been a member of the 1947 NCAA championship basketball team. Following graduation, Mr. Graver worked for the Sealtest Milk and Ice Cream Company (National Dairy) in Atlantic City, N.J., Wilmington and Philadelphia, where he had been the director of ice cream sales; relocating to Ponte Vedra, Fla., in 1965, he then joined Foremost Dairies. Mr. Graver had been a member of the Ponte Vedra Club since 1965; president of the Ponte Vedra Community Association in 1970; and a lifetime member of the Beaches Historical Society. He had also been an active member, for many years, of the Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach, serving twice on the vestry and taking part in other ministries. In 1997, Mr. Graver had been inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Graver is survived by his wife, Minnie Mae; two daughters; two sons-in-law; three grandsons; and three great-granddaughters.

James R. Berry Jr.
Sept. 13, 2007
In San Luis Obispo, Calif., at 78. Active in the insurance industry during his career, Mr. Berry had been employed by St. Paul Reinsurance Management in New York as a vice president, until his retirement in 1992. He had previously worked as a vice president in international insurance and reinsurance with the American Foreign Insurance Association in New York—his assignments included New York, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and San Francisco. A veteran, Mr. Berry had served four years in the Navy during the Korean War, attaining the rank of lieutenant. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Berry is survived by nephews and nieces.

Daniel D. O’Brien Jr.
Aug. 27, 2007
At his home in South Deerfield, Mass., at 80. Prior to his retirement, Mr. O’Brien had served as
the general manager for Whitman and Barnes in Plymouth, Mich.; at the start of his career, he had worked for Van Norman in Springfield, Mass., and G & D in Greenfield, Mass. Mr. O’Brien had been a member of St. James Church in South Deerfield. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; a son; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; eight grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

1952

REV. JOHN J. MEANEY
AUG. 29, 2007
At his home in Wolcott, Conn., at 77. Fr. Meaney had most recently worked at the Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury, Conn., serving as a religious teacher, principal and president; at the time of his death, he had been the director of religious education. During his ministry, Fr. Meaney had also assisted at several parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn.—St. Patrick’s, SS. Peter and Paul, and, most recently, St. Pius X. Entering the Maryknoll Seminary in Ossining, N.Y., in 1951, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1959. Fr. Meaney was subsequently a missionary in Japan for 28 years—until his return to Waterbury in 1986. While stationed in the Japan region, he was appointed third assistant to the regional superior in 1978 and, first assistant, in 1983. His work there included teaching English to graduate students at the Kansai College of Foreign Languages, Ritsumeikan University and Kyoto University—as well as serving as a professor at Sophia University in Tokyo. Fr. Meaney is survived by a brother; three nephews; three nieces; and 10 grandnephews and grandnieces.

1953

THOMAS F. DRUMMEY
AUG. 9, 2007
In Berlin, Vt., at 75. Mr. Drummey had worked 28 years for the Westfield, Mass., public school system, retiring in 1997 as principal of the Southampton Road School; he had previously been principal of the Abner Gibbs and Franklin Avenue schools. Mr. Drummey began his career in Marlborough, Mass., where he had taught for 15 years. An active member of St. Mary’s Church in Westfield, he had also been a volunteer at Noble Hospital and the Westfield Police Department—as well as a member of the Western Hampden Historical Society. Mr. Drummey is survived by his wife, Catherine; two sons; two daughters; a son-in-law; a brother; a sister; a sister-in-law; and two grandsons and two granddaughters.

1954

ROBERT B. CASEY
AUG. 7, 2007
Of Dana Point, Calif., at 75. During his career, Mr. Casey had worked 30 years as a financial controller. A veteran, he had served two years in the Army. Mr. Casey is survived by his wife, Rosemarie; three sons; a daughter; two daughters-in-law; and five grandchildren.

1955

JOHN F. BICKNELL
JULY 23, 2007
Of West Boylston, Mass., at 74. During his career, Mr. Bicknell had been an epidemiologist with the Department of Public Health in Worcester. A veteran, he had served in the Army from 1956-58. Mr. Bicknell is survived by his longtime companion, Betty Sukis, and her three children; four sons; three daughters-in-law; eight grandchildren; a sister; and nephews and nieces.

1958

FRANK P. CALAMITA JR., M.D.
SEPT. 30, 2006
At his home in Swampscott, Mass. A physician practicing internal medicine on Boston’s North Shore, Dr. Calamita maintained a medical practice, Puritan Medical Center, located first in Swampscott, then in Salem, Mass. He also served as a past president of the medical staff at Union Hospital (now AtlantiCare Medical Center) in Lynn, Mass., and as a clinical instructor for Tufts University. Dr. Calamita was a member of the medical staffs at AtlantiCare Medical Center and Salem Hospital. A veteran, he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel. Dr. Calamita earned a medal for service in Berlin, Germany, behind the Iron Curtain. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; a son; three daughters, including Grace ’85; a brother; and eight grandchildren.
MICHAEL A. HORGAN  
AUG. 5, 2007  
In Wellesley Hills, Mass. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Horgan had worked many years for the H.J. Boule Insurance Agency in Marlborough, Mass.; he had been awarded the professional insurance designation, Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU). Mr. Horgan began his career with the Traveler’s Insurance Co. in Boston. A member of the Air National Guard, he had served during the Berlin crisis. His community involvement included participation on the school committee, housing authority and charter commission in Northborough, Mass. A member of the Holy Cross Club of Worcester, Mr. Horgan had been a Holy Cross class agent; he had also been a spotter for the College’s football and basketball games on the Worcester radio station WTAG. In addition, Mr. Horgan had been an active parishioner of St. Bernadette’s Church in Northborough. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; two sisters; two brothers-in-law; a sister-in-law; two grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

WILLIAM T. SCHNURR SR.  
AUG. 23, 2007  
At his home in Sheffield, Mass., at 70. Mr. Schnurr had worked throughout his career on Wall Street, until his retirement in 1999; becoming a partner of Estabrook & Co. in 1966 and a member of the New York Stock Exchange in 1972, he established his own firm in 1982. A member and governor, for many years, of the Stock Exchange Luncheon Club, Mr. Schnurr had also been an avid golfer and, in recent years, a tournament official for the Massachusetts Golf Association. He had served with the National Guard in the missile division. Mr. Schnurr had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Judith; a son, W. Thomas ’89; three daughters; three sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and 14 grandchildren.

1959  
DANIEL J. SHEAHAN  
AUG. 27, 2007  
In the Catholic Memorial Nursing Home, Fall River, Mass., at 70. During his career, Mr. Sheahan had worked many years for the Fall River School Department; he had been a guidance counselor at the time of his retirement. Mr. Sheahan had been a member of the Fall River Administrators Association. His sports interests included running, handball, swimming and kayaking. Mr. Sheahan had been a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church in Westport, Mass. A veteran, he had served in the Army during the Vietnam War. Mr. Sheahan is survived by his wife, Marguerite; a son; two brothers, including David R. ’55; and nephews and nieces.

1973  
JAMES E. CAFFREY  
AUG. 25, 2007  
Of Wakefield, Mass., at 56. During his career, Mr. Caffrey had served more than 10 years as a senior litigation attorney at New England Telephone, now Verizon; he had also taught contract and tort law for six years at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. After receiving his degree from Boston College Law School, Mr. Caffrey had been an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County, Mass., and an attorney with Murphy & Mitchell in Boston. His civic involvement included serving as acting chairman and chairman of the Wakefield Board of Appeals for 11 years—and, as town moderator, from 1992-95. Mr. Caffrey is survived by his mother; a son; two daughters; four brothers, including Andrew A. Jr. ’71; Augustine J. ’73 and Joseph H. ’81; and a sister. His father was the late Andrew A. ’41.

RICHARD H. KING  
AUG. 6, 2007  
In the Somerville (Mass.) Hospital, at 56. During his career, Mr. King had been employed by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority as a ticket-taker. He had also worked for several restaurants as a bartender, including Kennedy’s Restaurant in Marlborough, Mass., and the Horsehoe Pub in Hudson, Mass. In addition, Mr. King drove students for the Waltham Central Transportation Company. Involved in Brockton (Mass.) Big League Baseball for several
years, he had served as an announcer and helped with field maintenance and team organization. Mr. King is survived by his longtime companion, Teresa Enos; a son; a daughter; and a sister.

1974

EDWARD S. KULESZA, M.D.
SEPT. 25, 2007
Of Montvale, N.J., at 54. Dr. Kulesza had worked 19 years as a physician at Coler-Goldwater Memorial Hospital, Roosevelt Island, New York. He had been a union delegate for the Doctor’s Council. Dr. Kulesza had also served as a coach for the Bi-County Junior Scholastic Football League for Cliffside Park, N.J. He is survived by his wife, Marie Louise; two daughters, including Tara C. ’05; his mother; two brothers; a sister; uncles; aunts; nephews; nieces; and cousins.

1977

GREGORY L. DUBUC
AUG. 12, 2007
In the Sturdy Memorial Hospital, Attleboro, Mass., at 52. Mr. Dubuc had been a registered nurse at the Faulkner Hospital in Jamaica Plain, Mass.; he had previously worked 12 years as a social worker in Arlington, Mass. Mr. Dubuc is survived by his wife, Valeriya Bondarenko-Buatts; two sons; his father; a brother; and a sister.

1978

CHARLES M. BUTTS
JULY 24, 2007
At his home in Milton, Mass., at 51. Mr. Butts had most recently been employed as a registered nurse at the Faulkner Hospital in Jamaica Plain, Mass.; he had previously worked 12 years as a social worker in Arlington, Mass. Mr. Butts is survived by his wife, Valeriya Bondarenko-Butts; two sons; his father; a brother; and a sister.

FRIENDS:
Leo N. Albert, Hon. ’94; Anthony D. Butler, uncle of Eric A. Butler ’06; Joseph F. Comerford, father of Patrick J. Comerford ’93; Deborah E. Daigle, mother of Shannon M. Harris ’11; Carl A.B. Engvall, father of Ronald C. Engvall, physical plant; Mary Elizabeth (O’Mara) Hayes, mother of Rev. James M. Hayes, S.J., rector of the Holy Cross Jesuit Community and wife of the late Neil B. Hayes ’32; Carol

Bridgwood Hyland, wife of James J. Hyland ’55; Alexandria Lynch, daughter of Patricia and J. Harry Lynch ’74, sister of Elizabeth C. ’01 and Susanna ’08 and the late Sheila ’05, and niece of Paul F. ’78; Jena Marcovicci, brother-in-law of Blaise Nagy, classics department, and uncle of Andrew M. ’96, Marta T. ’00, Ilona T. ’03 and Thomas G. ’06; Ret. Capt. Harry R. Moore, USN, formerly of the College NROTC program; Victoria K. Rydberg, mother of Shirley Adams, English department; Paul E. Tardiff, father of John Tardiff, planning & budget office; Shannon R. Weithers, wife of Laurence M. “Larry” Weithers ’84; William G. Whittton, formerly of the athletics department
I am much aware that I share a sentiment with many previous recipients of this award. There is simply no way to achieve a measure of distinction in teaching by oneself. Whatever the merits of my teaching, I know that I would never have grown as a teacher were it not that I have been part of an extremely dedicated teaching faculty. When I arrived at Holy Cross, four of the first 10 faculty members who would receive this award were colleagues of mine in the English department: Ed Callahan, Tom Lawler, Bob Cording, and Helen Whall. I had a lot of work to do if I were to come up to the standards set by them. And even now, when I can readily admit that I am a better teacher than I was 26 years ago, I know that, at my best, there are always some students I do not manage to reach. Fortunately, almost all students at Holy Cross eventually find mentors who make an important difference in their lives. I am thus grateful for the honor being bestowed upon me personally today; but I am equally honored to represent all of you as we celebrate and reflect upon what teaching means at this college.

... Finally, I want to thank the generations of Holy Cross students that it has been my privilege to teach. I am overwhelmed by the thought that there have been so many “yonge, fresshe, folkes, he or she,” as Chaucer describes them, who have allowed me to assist them in pursuing their hopes and dreams. I am indebted to them for calling forth in me the passion for teaching that animates my life. If I might assume the voice of experience and say something to the newer faculty here, it is this: do not become fixated on our students’ tendency not to speak in classes. Learn to look attentively at their faces. The narrator in Marilynne Robinson’s wonderful novel, Gilead, remarks, “Now that I am about to leave this world, I realize there is nothing more astonishing than a human face. ... Any human face is a claim on you, because you can’t help but understand the singularity of it, the courage and loneliness of it.” If you learn to look at our students’ faces, you will come to see that there are hidden depths within them. You will learn to evoke from them words spoken from these depths. And when they do speak, they will not just say something but have something to say.
I want to speak today about how a dialogue between literature and philosophy has shaped me as a teacher. I was drawn to study literature because of the powerful encounters with literary works that I had in my own undergraduate classes. I came to understand what was happening in these classes, however, because of a moment that occurred in a philosophy class. We were studying Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics, and one of the students asked the professor about Aristotle’s ideas about God. The professor grumbled for a few seconds—he loved to make fun of what he called our illiteracy—and said he hadn’t been talking about ideas. He had been seeking to unfold how the linguistic symbols in Aristotle’s text articulated Aristotle’s experience of divine reality. He insisted we first had to recast the question in these terms. He then read particular passages in the text and caught us up in a luminous movement of interpretive thinking. The experience was emotionally powerful, to be sure, but it also brought understanding—insights which, when reflected upon, become the kind of lasting knowledge one stakes one’s life on. What happened in that philosophy class on that day was the defining moment in my intellectual life. It presented me with matters that I think about every time I prepare a class.

These days literary studies is a multi-disciplinary set of practices that have a variety of different objects. But to the extent that acts of interpretation are still central to the discipline, students of literature are not just concerned with texts or works as any kind of object. Rather, they are concerned with the irreducible triad of experience, language, and subject matter that had guided my philosophy professor’s reading of Aristotle’s text. The terms of the triad are irreducible in that you can’t eliminate any one of them by reducing it to one of the other terms. You can’t reduce the work’s language to anyone’s experience, whether the author’s or reader’s; you can’t reduce the subject matter to the literary form, as happens when content is simply identified with form. You can’t attend simply to language and subject matter without acknowledging that an act of interpretation happens as an event and thus involves someone’s experience.

My understanding of these matters deeply affects how I plan courses and individual class sessions. My recurrent nightmare is that I will inadvertently destroy a student’s experience of the work for the sake of analyzing it. I know that analysis, carried out in ways that seek to develop a student’s initial sympathetic response into genuine understanding, is both a good and necessary thing. But what if there is no initial sympathetic response to develop? What can one do to bring about that initial opening? A metaphor developed by the literary critic Cleanth Brooks captures the challenge compellingly. Borrowing an image from John Donne, Brooks suggests that we think of the literary text as a well-wrought urn containing ashes. It’s beautiful, but it is finally, in itself, funereal. The ashes contained in the urn, however, are not just any ashes but the ashes of the phoenix. To interpret the text well, to make it happen as a work of art, one must figure out how to cooperate in the phoenix’s rising again.

When faced with such pedagogical challenges, I ask first about the relationship between the work’s language and its subject matter. The peculiar dignity of language is that it exists for the sake of something other than itself. There is thus a danger in collapsing the distinction between the language of the work and its subject matter. This distinction, however, is not a separation. The subject matter of a literary work isn’t lying around out there available for inspection independent of the work. It is only disclosed in and through the medium of the work’s words as these are interpreted. To carry out the work of interpretation, one does indeed need to analyze semantics, syntax, historical contexts, effects of textuality, ideological distortions, and the like. In the end, though, one also needs something more.

What is this something more? Well, this is where the work of imagination comes in. Imagination has fallen out of favor in literary criticism in recent decades—probably because it came to be seen by many as part of a “romantic ideology” about literature. One need not inflate imagination into a god-like creative capacity, however, to acknowledge that it has long played a crucial role in our self-understanding. Imagination has to do with our capacity to have double vision—to see, as the poet William Blake put it, a world in a grain of sand and a heaven in a wild flower. And this capacity for double vision correlates with a doubleness in reality itself. Since Aristotle, we have distinguished between being as actuality and being as possibility. There is no doubt that we act and we suffer bound to a world which is, in large part, not of our making. But that world is constituted by possibility as well as actuality. Imagination has to do with our capacity to see both. Because we must take initiative in exercising our imaginations, a measure of risky self-assertion is involved. This assertiveness can turn willful. We can seek to construe reality so as to make it conform to our desires. A mature imagination, however, is open and attentive to reality in both of its aspects. It is, as the poet John Keats has put it, “capable of being in the midst of uncertainties, mysteries, and doubts without irritable reaching after fact or reason.” It is seriously playful.

Such imaginative thinking can be at odds with the kinds of critical, analytical reasoning that predominates in most academic disciplines today. We are perhaps most indebted to Descartes for this style of reasoning. He taught us to doubt appearances until we had arrived at something indubitable—the “I” which must “be” because it experiences itself as thinking. This “I” stands over against a world of extended substance and interrogates it, applying the same principle of methodical doubt to establish what is real and
what is not. One’s capacity to be imaginative is limited, however, when one places oneself in such a critical, analytical posture. It’s as if Descartes’ “I think, therefore, I am” needs to be complemented by another acknowledgement: “We are born, and we shall die.” And we do not know our whence and whither. To realize our capacity for double vision, we must acknowledge our place as participants in a process of reality whose origins and ends are mysterious.

In his Nobel Lecture of 1980, the poet Czeslaw Milosz suggests that the “enigmatic impulse” which makes writers begin to write, and which keeps them writing—“leaving books behind as if they were dry snake skins”—is the “quest” for a “double vision” of “reality.” Such a double vision enables us to see the Earth both up close, in the inexhaustible richness of its concrete detail, and in its wholeness, its integrity. This is also the attitude that must be taken by those who would become interpreters of literary works. It is not enough to take a critical, analytical posture toward the products left behind or toward the conditions of their production and reception. The principal difference between the professionally competent teacher and one who helps students see the phoenix rising from the ashes may well be that the latter teacher brings his or her own quest for reality into the classroom. One can’t just adopt the posture of the learned expert and pass along the accumulated results of one’s inquiries. One has always to teach out of interpretive engagement; one has to come to know the students sitting in the classroom this time; one has to attend to their faces in hopes of seeing into their souls. Then one can hope that the students will awaken to their own quest for reality . . . that they will engage literature in search of the double vision it promises to make available . . . that they will themselves see the phoenix rise again.

To conclude, I would like to recite for you a poem by the American poet Wallace Stevens. It is entitled “Angel Surrounded by Paysans,” and in its thick, compact, endlessly suggestive way it is concerned with everything I have been talking about today. That is to say, it is a symbolic exploration of how language and interpretation work in the depths of the poetic process.

The poem has a dramatic structure. The first speaker is one of the paysans or countrymen, and he simply asks the question, “There is a welcome at the door to which no one comes?” The question suggests that the countrymen are hospitable folk, open and attentively waiting for any visitor who might arrive. But no such figure seems to be present. The angel responds immediately, however, suggesting that he is indeed there, but that the countrymen have not seen him. In the first part of his response, he demystifies himself for them, seeking to remove those clichéd notions about angelic messengers that may be impeding their vision. But he then utters the word “Yet,” and for the rest of the poem, he discloses to them why he is the necessary angel.

Angel Surrounded by Paysans

One of the countrymen:

There is a welcome at the door to which no one comes?

The angel:

I am the angel of reality,

I have neither ashen wing nor wear of ore

Or stars that follow me, not to attend,

And live without a tepid aureole,

Yet I am the necessary angel of earth,

I am one of you and being one of you

Is being and knowing what I am and know.

Yet I am the necessary angel of earth,

Since, in my sight, you see the earth again,

Clear of its stiff and stubborn, man-locked set,

And, in my hearing, you hear its tragic drone

Rise liquidly in liquid lingerings,

Like watery words awash; like meanings said

By repetitions of half-meanings. Am I not,

Myself, only half of a figure of a sort,

A figure half seen, or seen for a moment, a man

Of the mind, an apparition appareled in

Apparels of such lightest look that a turn

Of my shoulder and quickly, too quickly, I am gone?

In the end, teaching literature is, for me, a never-ending effort to help both my students and myself become like the countrymen. Together, we seek to be more open, attentive, and hospitable to that which would appear when we engage the literary work. The unfathomable miracle is that when teacher and student do achieve such an attitude, the necessary angel often does appear, and together we see and hear the earth again.
When Jeff Wiley, former Crusaders star quarterback, is asked to recall any football games from his playing days that stand out in his mind, he mentions four: a 1986 game against Army, which Holy Cross won 17-14—solidifying a winning season; another 1986 game in which the Crusaders beat William & Mary 31-7 to win the Lambert Cup; a 1987 game against Villanova—won by Holy Cross 39-6—that was broadcast on ESPN and clinched a perfect 11-0 season for the Crusaders; and his last game in 1988 against Northeastern, which Holy Cross also won 52-30.

Wiley, being a modest man, does not want to talk about his contributions to those wins. Instead he says, “I don’t remember what I did in those games,” and gives his teammates and the coaches the lion’s share of the credit for those phenomenal years in Holy Cross football history.

If Wiley were inclined, he could have mentioned that, as a second-year student, during the Army game, he completed 18 of 28 passes for 230 yards and one touchdown.

Wiley could have also mentioned that, during the Villanova game, he threw for 388 yards, tied a Holy Cross record with 29 pass completions, set an I-AA record for single season completions and tied the single season mark for consecutive games, with 200 yards passing (11). Or that he completed 25 of 35 passes for 266 yards and one touchdown in the William & Mary game.

He might have talked about that last game against Northeastern when he threw for 358 yards—four touchdowns and no interceptions—and finished his career 10th in NCAA history in passing yards and ninth in NCAA history in total offensive yards—and became the holder of 23 Holy Cross football records, five NCAA records and countless awards and honors.

Although he does not like to talk about his outstanding Crusaders football career, the records speak for themselves. Simply put, Jeff Wiley is a legend at Holy Cross.

“My football experience allowed me to find out about Holy Cross,” he says. “The school had the intimacy of a small community. It offered a topnotch education with a high level of sports. The best of both worlds.”

Although Wiley’s football career was a huge success, it was not without tragedy. Following his first year, the entire community was shocked by the sudden death of head football coach Rick Carter.

According to Wiley, Mark Dufner, who succeeded Carter as head football coach, was instrumental in helping the team recover emotionally—and on the field. Coach Dufner proved to be one of Wiley’s biggest influences at Holy Cross.

Wiley made lifelong friends at the College—and, in Concord, N.H., is surrounded by fellow graduates. Three Holy Cross alumni—Stephen J. Fox, M.D., ’78; Douglas J. Moran, M.D., ’76; and Sean J. O’Connor, M.D., ’78—work with Wiley at Concord Orthopaedics, and three other fellow alumnus live in his neighborhood.

“Calling Holy Cross a family really epitomizes what it is all about, and it plays a pivotal role in my personal and professional life 20 years later,” Wiley says.
Christmas Scenes

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