Thirty-five years ago, *The Holy Cross Quarterly* devoted an entire issue to the College’s hometown. Surveying the unprecedented redevelopment of downtown and the construction of the Worcester Center complex, HCQ predicted that Worcester would become a world-class metropolis and a model for urban planning, progress and expansion. Things didn’t quite work out that way. Professor emeritus of history and former mayor of Worcester, John Anderson ’57, looks back at that optimistic moment in local history—and forward to the city’s future—to ask the perennial question, “Wither Worcester?” (continued on page 12)
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SPRING 2008
Readers Write

“The Place for Athletics”

I read the article on Athletics with interest. “Seems to me that I have heard that song before.” In 2001, I retired after 48 years of coaching on all levels. I have seen it all, played at Holy Cross, coached against Holy Cross (at B.C.) and finished my career at Amherst College. There are all levels of competition. Distant fields are not greener. Each level has pluses and minuses, but each collegial decision should be based on what is best for the student, then based on what the College can reasonably supply physically and financially. Holy Cross has it right. Keep athletics in perspective as part of a student’s education (note well coaches) and when alumni get restless republish Fr. Brooks’ comments of 1982. He had it right then and Holy Cross has it right now. God bless.

John Tracy Mehr ’50
Amherst, Mass.

You’ve got the sports just right; the Patriot League and the Ivies (Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Princeton) for football and basketball. Keep the Patriot League small enough so you can play the Ivies each year as well. There is the real prestige for Holy Cross; not a national ranking. Relax about it. You don’t have to win everything every year. Let the real student athletes have fun with it. If you do feel the need to upgrade, concentrate on basketball. If you don’t upgrade and can’t fill the basketball schedule, invite a Williams or an Amherst for a game. It might be fun for both schools. A traditional rival to replace B.C.? Stick with the Jebbies; go with Fordham or Georgetown. If not a Jibbe, then try Colgate.

Joseph Taylor ’69
Sherman, Conn.

I was lucky enough to play both a varsity (hockey) and club (rugby) sport over four years at Holy Cross. In hockey we lost, a lot. In rugby we won, a lot. In hockey, we graduated no name players. In rugby, we graduated players who went on to national and international renown. One sport had coaches and “perks.” The other lacked coaches and even basic transportation to games as far south as Washington, D.C. Both sports offered the opportunity to compete against talented athletes, knowing full well that come graduation, it was time to “put away the things of a child.” I continue to be proud of Holy Cross as an academic institution. I don’t want the school to be another B.C. (in football) or Georgetown (in basketball). I want it to be Holy Cross, a school with unlimited opportunities for all of its students. Perhaps it’s time for a new direction in sports—a Catholic or Jesuit Conference, built on the principles of the Patriot League. The Ivy League has gone its own way without looking back. A Jesuit league could be even more impressive.

Dennis Fitzgerald ’74
Manhattan Beach, Calif.

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“Only Holy Cross”

I enjoyed your recent issue, including the Page 40 review of friend and classmate Professor John Callahan’s novel, A Man You Could Love, and the Page 30 article on the 1952 Holy Cross baseball team that won the College World Series.

Professor Callahan presented his novel to our 45th reunion last June and was well received.

One factual tidbit you might have wanted to include in the baseball article is the following, which very few at the College seem to know about: Holy Cross is the first college, ever, to have teams that have won both the NCAA basketball championship (’47) and the College Baseball World Series (’52). Only Holy Cross won both those championships first (in different years of course), and only a couple of schools (including Oklahoma State, which previously went by another name) have accomplished both since. We’re talking Holy Cross here—not Duke, not UCLA, not Florida, not USF—only Holy Cross; and it was the ’52 team that achieved for the College the second of those two championships. Only one school could do both first, and that school was Holy Cross.

Fred Hoogland ’62
Guilford, Conn.

“Cover Concept”

As a former soccer player at Holy Cross, I was drawn to the cover art on the Winter 2008 issue. However, I was disappointed that you neglected to include a soccer ball on your cover. In coverage of athletics at Holy Cross, recognition of all sports would be appreciated by the student athletes who devoted or are currently devoting a significant amount of their time in representing Holy Cross.

Cheryl Alexander Bierwirth ’88
Hingham, Mass.
I’m guessing we’ve all done it. It seems a fairly common rite of passage, at least in my time and place. Perhaps it’s an American thing—a kind of moody, inherent yearning for relocation and reinvention. Maybe it’s a universal teenage sensation—the feeling that you have been born in the most forsaken and paralyzing spot on the planet. Inevitably, the anxiety manifests externally in a sneer—pointed at the cosmos or the nearest parent—and an accompanying vow to flee this nowhere town one day and shake its dirt from your feet.

I cringe a little now, thinking back on all those nights in the mid-’70s, sitting with “the boys” on Mr. Sullivan’s stone wall, a little woozy from our first taste of Born to Run. Dressed like teenage Robert Blake wannabes, bored to tears, talking again about the same muscle cars and Eastwood movies, praying that some girl, any girl, might walk by.

Hope perpetually gave way, long before midnight, to a maudlin and laughable self-pity and the defiant promise that as soon as possible—as soon as one scared up a car, or some money or a long-shot chance—our hometown of Worcester would be nothing but a stifling memory. Because, as Neil Young had taught us, everybody knows this is nowhere.

Most evenings, I nodded along to the sentiment. Grunted my approval. Some nights, I added my own declarations of imminent self-exile. And then, the wise guy comments exhausted, we all said goodnight with a head bob and loped back to our parents’ houses.

And now it’s time to confess that on that walk home, I always felt like an adolescent Judas to my hometown. Because the fact was that, while I shared some sense of suffocation and teen angst, I knew, even at the time, that the feeling had everything to do with me and nothing to do with Worcester. In fact, alone in the dark before sleep, my friends’ escape plans still buzzing around my overheated skull, I knew that the most interesting thing about me—maybe the only interesting thing about me—was the city about which we whined and moaned. I’d known it from the start. I couldn’t take a step outside without being overwhelmed by a kind of deafening resonance that flew up in waves from the cracked sidewalks, out of the red-brick factory walls.

Sometime during that same era of adolescent angst, the “Worcester” issue of the Holy Cross Quarterly arrived in the mailbox. The Quarterly was an ambitious, wide-ranging magazine published by the College between 1967 and 1975. (Some readers might remember its “Berrigan Brothers” issue—which went on to win a national magazine prize and publication as a paperback book.)

The “Worcester, U.S.A.” issue of HCQ sits on my desk as I type these words. It is my personal copy—liberated from my grandfather shortly after it arrived in his mailbox back in 1973, the mailing label bearing his name and class year still affixed to the rear cover. The issue is as intriguing to me today as it was three decades ago when I first encountered it. Maybe even more intriguing all these years later.

I think the reason I fastened on to that issue of HCQ was that it hinted that there were others who felt the same way about the city that I did. Felt that there was something large and serious about Worcester, something—dare I even use the word?—“mythic” in its character. And that this mythic quality was hidden, for some reason, inside the centuries of factory ash.

Four years after the Worcester issue of the Quarterly was published, I arrived on Mount St. James as a first-year student. And quickly learned that my sense of the city’s grandeur and gravitas was something best kept to myself. Because, like so many local kids who landed on the Hill over the years, I discovered that being of Worcester and Holy Cross could be something of a schizophrenic experience. That there were times when one felt the need to define oneself as belonging to one or the other.

These days, that sense of conflicting allegiance is long gone. I’m sure why this is. But, at some point, my experiences of my hometown and my alma mater simply integrated. Out my office

(Continued on Page 69)
Beginning with the 2008-09 academic year, Worcester residents who are admitted to the College of the Holy Cross and who come from families with incomes below $50,000 will receive four years of free tuition.

The announcement was made recently by Holy Cross president Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. “Many low-income families in Worcester do not even consider a private college education for their children because they assume it is out-of-reach,” he said. “Through this new program, we are strengthening our commitment to making a Holy Cross education available to Worcester residents who otherwise would not be able to afford it. We are delighted to extend our many partnerships with Worcester with one that will directly benefit our city’s young people.”

According to U.S. Census data, the median family income in the city of Worcester is $42,988. Holy Cross’ tuition for the 2008-09 academic year is $36,710. Standard room and board and fees bring the current comprehensive cost to $47,502 per year.

Holy Cross Senior Vice President Frank Vellaccio says the new program is a further enhancement of the College’s commitment to financial aid and the city of Worcester. “One of our key institutional priorities is to ensure that no student is denied a Holy Cross education because of his or her family’s financial situation,” he explains. “We hope this initiative will encourage more qualified Worcester students to consider Holy Cross.”

Holy Cross is “need-blind” for applicants, which means that the College reviews student admissions applications and makes decisions on which students to accept without any knowledge of the prospective student’s ability to pay for a Holy Cross education. Approximately 58 percent of all Holy Cross students receive some kind of financial aid.

Currently, 54 percent of Holy Cross’ Worcester students are eligible for Pell Grants, a federal grant program geared to students who have the most financial need. For students such as these—with the greatest need—Holy Cross will supplement free tuition with additional aid for room and board.

This new initiative was catalyzed by and now complements a number of established alumni-funded scholarship programs benefiting Worcester students. Among the most recent scholarships funded by alumni specifically for Worcester residents are the Power Family Scholarship, endowed by Worcester native James David “Dave” Power III ‘53, founder of J.D. Power and Associates; and The Father Francis Xavier Seelos Scholarships. Both funds are restricted to students from Worcester, and the Seelos scholarship is restricted to students who are the first in their families to attend college or who are non-traditional students.

The tuition-free component of Holy Cross’ commitment to provide financial aid to qualified Worcester residents will cost the College at least $1.4 million.
Garvey named outstanding first-year student advocate

Robert H. Garvey, associate professor of physics, has been named one of 10 Outstanding First-Year Student Advocates by the National Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition and the Houghton Mifflin Company. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1977, Garvey was instrumental in creating Holy Cross’ First-Year Program (FYP); he served as its first director for two years and, again, from 2002-07.

In his time at Holy Cross, Garvey has developed courses for non-science majors as well as a range of courses for physics majors. He has conducted research in theoretical atomic physics, including energy levels of rare-earth ions in crystals; yield spectra of atmospheric gases; philosophical implications of technology; and general relativity.

In addition to his classroom and course development endeavors on behalf of Holy Cross students, Garvey has been a dedicated participant in the College’s science programs developed in conjunction with the Worcester Public Schools (WPS). He has taught in the Youth Exploring Science program and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Summer Science Workshop for WPS science and math teachers. Garvey has co-developed a weather program for 400 sixth-grade students that he team-teaches each May. He received his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University.

In 2000, Garvey was one of only four U.S. Professors of the Year to be named by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement and Support of Education. He was recognized for his extraordinary dedication to teaching, commitment to students and innovative instructional methods.

Ziegler named O’Rorke Professor

Joanna E. Ziegler, professor and chair of the visual arts department at the College of the Holy Cross, has been named the first Edward A. O’Rorke Professor in the Liberal Arts. The professorship has been made possible by a generous gift from Edward A. O’Rorke, a member of the Class of 1929.

Once Ziegler assumes the position on July 1, she plans to initiate and facilitate a discussion among faculty on the possibility of integrating more ethics into their teaching.

“I hope to afford opportunities for the exchange of ideas that will make faculty more keenly aware of the need to address emerging ethical issues, especially in light of the College’s special mission, and of the relevance of ethical reflection to a range of disciplines beyond philosophy and religious studies,” she explains.

Ziegler, a faculty member at Holy Cross since 1982, received her Ph.D. in art history and architecture and her M.A. and B.A. in art history from Brown University. A specialist in late medieval and early modern religious art and architecture of Low Countries, she has been invited to lecture throughout the United States and Europe. Ziegler was the recipient of the College’s Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award in 1994... and recently received the Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Award.
Taylor and AlcoholEdu Team win award

The College’s AlcoholEdu Team, under the leadership of Fran Taylor, director of wellness programming, has been selected as a recipient of the 2007-08 Prevention Excellence Award from the Outside the Classroom company. This award was presented by an independent review panel based on implementation practices, communication, programmatic linkages, organizational linkages, and program evaluation.

Taylor was also selected as a finalist for Outside The Classroom’s Outstanding AOD (Alcohol and Other Drug) Professional Award. In addition, Taylor’s nomination of Rory Ogden ’08 resulted in an award in the student category. Ogden received the Excellence in Student Leadership Award in recognition of her achievements serving as a student peer educator.

Six honored for outstanding service

Six employees of the College recently received the 2007 Claire B. Burns Awards. The awards program, now in its 11th year, was established and endowed in 1997 by Donal J. Burns ’49 in honor of his wife, Claire, an alumna of the Class of 1990. The awards are presented annually to non-exempt employees of the College—currently working or retired—who, in the fulfillment of their responsibilities, have demonstrated, fostered and promoted the spirit of family which is a treasured characteristic of the Holy Cross community. This year’s recipients, all from the Worcester area, were honored at an awards banquet on Jan. 9 in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom. They are: Samuel Alcorn, retiree, physical plant/grounds from 1986-97; Harry C. Clouthier, physical plant/building services; Darlene M. Demarco, physical plant/building services; Jason S. Laine, physical plant/building services; Brian J. McCann, physical plant/building services; E. Sandra Shook, study abroad department. In addition, 48 employees were recognized for perfect attendance over the past year—including William Breault, who has received the award for the past 24 consecutive years.
Hounsell Sullivan earns national recognition

Brenda Hounsell Sullivan, director of the Office of Orientation, Transition and Leadership, has received the Outstanding Orientation Professional award from her peers at the National Orientation Directors Association Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas.

“This prestigious honor is a direct reflection of your diligent service to our association and the dedication, hard work and commitment toward orienting, transitioning and retaining new students,” wrote Craig Mack, president of the National Orientation Directors Association, in a letter congratulating Hounsell Sullivan.

Holy Cross holds orientation in both the summer and fall. Summer Gateways, is a one-and-one-half day program held in June, and offers incoming students an important introduction to living in the Holy Cross community. Fall Gateways, held over three-and-one-half days in late August, allows arriving students to get a jump-start on making friends, prepare for the academic challenge of college classes and learn about all the resources available at the College.

Through a series of programs, students who attend the Gateways programs gain valuable knowledge about the College and form early bonds with classmates. Gateways also helps students to understand the expectations of being a Holy Cross student both inside and outside of the classroom.

Update from the Holy Cross media relations office

Holy Cross faculty, staff, students, alumni and programs are featured regularly in local and national media. Here’s just a sample of the stories that made headlines early in 2008.

Jonathan Favreau ’03, presidential candidate Barack Obama’s chief speechwriter, was profiled in Newsweek (Jan. 7, 2008), The New York Times (Jan. 20, 2008) and WBZ-TV (Boston, Feb. 4, 2008). The WBZ-TV segment featured an interview with associate professor of history, Stephanie Yuhl, and video of Favreau’s 2003 valedictory address.

In a front page Boston Globe article on Jan. 7, 2008 titled “Colleges turn to Web tools to hunt for ‘08 freshmen” Ann McDermott ’79, director of admissions, and Colleen Curran ’11 comment on the admission process in an age dominated by online social media.

Between Jan. 30-31, 2008, the news that Holy Cross would provide four years of free tuition to enrolling students from families with incomes below $50,000 (see article on Page 4) was featured by The Boston Globe, the Associated Press, the Telegram & Gazette, WBUR (NPR affiliate in Boston), and WBZ radio (Boston).

Ani Nalbandian ’09 was chosen by “On Faith,” an interactive Web site on religion produced by Newsweek and washingtonpost.com, as a regular contributor to the college religion blog “Faithbook.” You can read Ani’s posts about her Armenian Orthodox faith at: http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/faithbook/orthodox_idyll/

For complete listing of the most up-to-date Holy Cross media mentions, visit www.holycross.edu/publicaffairs/news/.
Exceptional teaching is a hallmark of the Holy Cross experience, and the College is the recipient of two new grants aimed at supporting teaching in two different ways.

An $800,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation will enable the College to recruit recent Ph.Ds to Holy Cross, and help young scholars appreciate the relative advantages of embarking on a career of teaching undergraduates at a liberal arts college rather than at a large research university.

In addition, the College received a $150,000 grant from the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to enhance its 20-year tradition of partnering with math and science teachers in the Worcester Public Schools.

Through the Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellows Program at Holy Cross, six teacher-scholars will be hired over a four-year period beginning in August 2008. The new positions will be filled by nationally recruited scholars who can demonstrate that they will bring to the College a strong theoretical grounding in pedagogy and some prior teaching experience as part of their graduate studies.

The first Mellon fellows will arrive at Holy Cross at an exciting time, according to Timothy Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. Montserrat (www.holycross.edu/montserrat/), the College’s unique new program for all first-year students, begins this fall. The College will work to find many ways for the new young faculty members to participate fully in the rich academic and co-curricular life at Holy Cross. For example, a Mellon fellow in the theatre department will be considered as a possible director of one of the College’s 2009-10 main stage theatrical productions, in addition to teaching classes in acting, directing and dramatic literature.

Mellon fellows will be mentored individually by senior Holy Cross faculty members in their departments, and will be supported with travel and research funds to permit them to develop scholarly projects and present the results at professional conferences.

The College has long had a relationship with the Worcester Public Schools, and the new funding from the state Board of Higher Education (the College’s second three-year grant) will enable Holy Cross professors to design professional development workshops with math and science teachers in the city’s middle and elementary schools.

Twenty WPS teachers will come to the Holy Cross campus over the next three summers for workshops aimed at designing project-based science activities in which mathematical concepts play a major role. This summer’s workshops will be taught by David Damiano, Holy Cross associate professor of mathematics, who specializes in probability and statistics; and Mary Lee Ledbetter, professor and chair of the biology department, whose work focuses on cell biology and genetics.

Faculty will be assisted in these workshops by Holy Cross students serving as teaching assistants; these same faculty and students will then provide follow-up coaching with teachers in their classrooms on the activities developed during the workshop. The workshops will be coordinated by Danuta Bukatko, who holds the Joseph H. Maguire ’58 Professorship in Education and serves as chair of the College’s education department.
Moot Court team wins honors at national championship

The Holy Cross Alternate College Theatre recently presented the Neil Simon classic *Sweet Charity*, in Fenwick Theatre. Packed with show-stopping dance numbers adapted from Bob Fosse’s original choreography, the play features high-energy songs and lovable characters. Adapted from *Nights of Cabiria*, a film by Federico Fellini, *Sweet Charity* tells the story of perennial optimist Charity, who is perpetually unlucky in love. With music by Cy Coleman and lyrics by Dorothy Fields, the play received 12 Tony nominations during its first run on Broadway.

The Alternate College Theatre is a student-run organization at Holy Cross. In each production, students manage every aspect—from directing and acting to lighting and set design. Directed by recent graduate Eric Butler ’06, the show featured Emily Rast ’09, as Charity, as well as Matthew Brown ’08, Molly Bier ’11 and Katie Lydic ’10.

**Moot Court winners Katie Manzi ’08 and Tania Mistretta ’08**

Katie Manzi ’08 and Tania Mistretta ’08 took first and second place respectively in the individual competition at this year’s American Collegiate Moot Court Association (ACMA) championships, held at Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa. In addition, two of the three teams that the College sent to Iowa made it to the final day of trials and finished in the top 16 out of 64 teams. This is the first time in the history of the American Moot Court Association that one college finished in both first and second place.

“This was truly a team effort,” says Manzi, a political science major and co-captain of the moot court team. “Tania and I were in this together from the beginning, and I am so proud to call her my partner.”

Manzi, a Longmeadow, Mass., native, is co-chair of the Hanify-Howland Memorial Lecture Committee. After she receives her degree in May, Manzi will be joining JPMorgan Chase & Co. in New York City. She eventually plans to attend law school and work in the public policy sector.

Mistretta, a political science major and philosophy minor from New York City, is a member of the Delilahs, an a cappella group at the College. Mistretta is planning to attend law school next year.

Other winning team members include Michael Whalen ’11, Molly Delaney ’10, Michael Lobie ’09, Lauren Reilly ’09, and volunteer coach John O’Donnell ’04, who captained the College’s mock trial team for three years before attending UConn Law School.

The 2007-08 case that led Manzi and Mistretta to victory concerns the Gun Free School Zone Act of 1997—a federal law prohibiting the possession of guns within a school zone.

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**The actors from left to right: Matthew Brown ’08 and Emily Rast ’09**

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Professor Turner’s documentary plays film festival

Hidden Warriors: Women on the Ho Chi Minh Trail, a documentary film directed by Karen Turner, professor of history at the College, was recently screened at the ninth annual Women’s International Film Festival. The event, titled Through Women’s Eyes—and held in February, in Sarasota, Fla.—is a project of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

The film, which was produced by Turner and Phan Thanh Hao, a Vietnamese journalist, represents the first joint effort by an American and Vietnamese team.

“The film tells the story of the thousands of young women who volunteered to support North Vietnam’s regular army after 1965 when the U.S. intensified its air war,” explains Turner. “These women left their homes during their teens and early twenties, forgoing marriage and education, to defend the most critical sites along the Ho Chi Minh Trail.”

The 46-minute film shows archival footage from Hanoi, never before shown in the United States. It documents the daily lives and struggles of these women, who took on the work of their male comrades—displaying visually that women can stand up as well as men under the most violent conditions.

The idea for the film came from a book Turner co-wrote with Hao, titled Even the Women Must Fight: Memories of War from North Vietnam (Wiley, New York, 1998). After the book was published, several documentary filmmakers called to get permission to use the book as a basis for a film; Turner and Hao decided, however, that they did not want to lose control of the story or the interviews with the group of veterans and opted instead to produce the film themselves.

Turner, a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1987 and a trained scholar of classical Chinese law, has written about law in China in a comparative context; she is now working with a team at Stanford University to compare the Chinese and Roman empires. Instrumental in the development of the Asian Studies program at the College, Turner is the recipient of several academic awards and honors, including her selection as the Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., Professor of Humanities, from 2002-05.

Turner says her students have been a major force in the production. One of them did a voiceover for the film—and her classes have watched and commented on it as it has progressed.

“The insights of my students, who are far savvier about film than I am, have been very useful. I have always kept them in mind as my imaginary audience and that has helped with the focus of the work.”

For more information on the film, visit www.ThroughWomensEyes.com.

As this issue of HCM was going to press, we were notified of the death of Rev. William J. O’Halloran, S.J. Fr. O’Halloran was a long-time and much loved presence in the Holy Cross community, serving over the years as the College’s vice president, associate professor and chair of the psychology department, and rector of the Jesuit Community at Holy Cross. We ask that you please keep Fr. O’Halloran and his family in your thoughts and prayers. A complete obituary will appear in the summer issue of Holy Cross Magazine.
# Calendar of Events

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**REHM LIBRARY • 7:30 PM** |
| 3-5 & 10-12 | The Holy Cross Theatre Department presents *Dinner at Eight*, by George S. Kaufman and Edna Ferber  
**FENWICK THEATRE • 8 PM** |
| 5-6 | Siblings Weekend |
| 6 | SPUD 40th Anniversary Celebration Brunch |
| 7 | Condé Nast Lecture on Media, Ethics and Values: “Can the Old Media and the New Media Make Peace and Strengthen Democracy?” by E.J. Dionne, Washington Post syndicated columnist and NPR commentator  
**REHM LIBRARY • 7:30 PM** |
| 8 | Thomas More Lecture on Faith, Work and Civic Life: presented by Patrick Clancy ’68, chief executive officer of Boston-based non-profit The Community Builders  
**REHM LIBRARY • 7:30 PM** |
| 10-12 | Conference: “Art, Creativity, and Spirituality in Dostoevsky’s *Brothers Karamazov*” |
| 11-13 | Black Student Union 40th Anniversary Celebration |
| 16 | Lecture: “Reason and Faith in American Higher Education,” by Hugh Heclo of George Mason University  
**REHM LIBRARY • 4:00 PM** |
| 20 | Admissions Office Open House for Accepted Students |
| 22 | Lecture by Michael Pollan, author of *The Omnivore’s Dilemma*  
**HOGAN CAMPUS CENTER BALLROOM • 7:30 PM** |
| 22 | 15th Annual Leonard C. Sulski Memorial Lecture in Mathematics: “The Shape We’re In: The Poincare Conjecture,” by Donal B. O’Shea of Mount Holyoke College  
**HOGAN CAMPUS CENTER, ROOM 519 • 8 PM** |
| 23-26 | Eighth Annual Student Academic Conference. Sponsored by the Office of the Dean |
| 24 | The Holy Cross Theatre Department presents *Spring Dance Concert*  
**FENWICK THEATRE • PERFORMANCES AT 7 PM AND 9 PM** |
**REHM LIBRARY • 4:30 PM** |
| APR. 24- MAY 23 | Exhibition at the Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery: Senior Concentration Seminar Exhibition |
| 25 | Concert: Gamelan Gita Sari  
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In 1973, just after Worcester celebrated its 250th anniversary of incorporation as a town, a College publication, The Holy Cross Quarterly, joined the event, devoting an issue of the magazine to a study of Worcester and its future.

Wes Christensen, then the College’s director of public affairs and a contributor to the issue, surveyed the city’s plans for the revitalization of its downtown, which included the construction of an enclosed shopping center and an adjacent office complex.

Opened in 1971, the whole project—not very imaginatively named Worcester Center—included a shopping mall called the Galleria, echoing the Milanese facility which was its model. The new enclosed mall was intended to staunch the flow of retail blood to suburban malls by offering an equal or better choice of stores and merchandise in the heart of the city. In an area cleared—“redeveloped,” in the phrase of the day—of older buildings, the new center, with its “world’s largest parking garage,” would revitalize downtown.

Thirty-five years later the wrecking ball is poised over Worcester Center.

At the start, there were the highest of hopes for the Center. And they originated with, and were primarily articulated by, Holy Cross alumni. Edward Maher ’40, chairman of the Worcester Redevelopment Authority,
Former Worcester mayor and professor emeritus of history at the College, John B. Anderson ’57 is seen here on the roof of the Senior Apartments, with Interstate 290 in the background. Anderson continues to teach a course on “Worcester and Its People.”

and Francis McGrath ’30, Worcester’s city manager, both saw Worcester Center as the major element in a revived downtown. In an editorial, The Evening Gazette called it “one of the most spectacular commercial complexes in the country.” An accompanying cartoon showed a young couple, presumably “Mr. and Mrs. Worcester,” emerging from a dark, shadowy woods into a bright, open meadow, their days in the wilderness over.

Joel Wilder, one of the principals in the project, predicted a boost to all of the downtown area: older buildings getting face lifts, new ones being built and a dynamic downtown commercial life for Worcester once again. Worcester Center’s Galleria opened with 75 stores including a raft of well-known names: Jordan Marsh—its first Worcester store; Filene’s, which moved from Main Street; and national chains like Peck & Peck, all brought glamour to the new mall. The garage, however, charged for parking, and soon the complaints rose: Why pay to park when you can go to another (suburban) mall and shop at the same stores for no cost?

Wilder’s prediction was realized as two local banks built headquarters on Main Street sharing the new skyline with the Center—which had its own two bank office towers in addition to its retail space. Here and there, new facades appeared. And for a short time, it truly seemed as if Worcester might well become a model for rustbelt resurrection.

But then the activity petered out. And too quickly, clouds darkened Mr. and Mrs. Worcester’s once sunny meadow.

The Galleria’s life was short. As early as 1979, one of the major stores, Jordan Marsh, cut back its hours of operation. By 1991, many of the original stores had left or reduced their size. That year, some of the smaller stores reported sales drops of 50 percent in the most recent two-year period.

**THE COMMON OUTLETS AND THE PROMISE OF CITY SQUARE**

The original developers sold the center in 1989. Its new owners, New England Development—in an effort to save the Center and their investment—reshaped the Galleria into an outlet mall, competing now against places like Kittery, Maine, with its strip of outlets for the fashion-conscious bargain hunter.
Now called “Worcester Common Outlets,” a name designed to suggest its location just off the Common in downtown Worcester—but sometimes read as an adjective denoting its quality—the new Center featured Filene’s Basement and the outlet operations of Barneys New York and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Opened in the fall of 1994, it was, in the words of its new developers, a “destination mall.” Cars and busses full of shoppers from all over New England would bring hundreds of eager and inspired shoppers each day. And they and you could park for three hours for only 99 cents!

Within a year, however, new competition appeared in Wrentham—a Premium Discount Mall, just off Interstate 495. And history appeared to repeat itself with maddening rapidity. The bright promise of the Worcester Common Outlets faded fast. In 1999, the Boston Business Journal reported that the outlet mall was “struggling.”

It was not a long struggle. By 2005 the Common Outlets were virtually empty. Once again a new owner with a new vision—and promises of help from the city—stepped in. Berkeley Investments and its principal, Young K. Park, proposed demolition of the old Center and its replacement by a whole new project. Out of the rubble would rise a new effort at downtown revitalization: City Square.

City Square would reopen an east-west axis in downtown Worcester that had been lost with the construction of Worcester Center, tying Main Street to the newly rehabilitated Union Station and the increasingly active life of Shrewsbury Street with its mixture of lively restaurants and clubs. Retail would be a small part of City Square, which, in addition to office space, would include housing designed to attract the growing number of rail commuters.

**A HIDDEN BACKBONE**

Worcester waits, more and more impatiently, to see a start of this new proposal. Worcester Center was but part of a larger vision for downtown Worcester. Another part of that vision has had more success. A “civic center” was to help spur downtown’s new life.
While Worcester Center attracted shoppers, the civic and convention center would attract delegates and visitors to regional conventions and trade shows. After prolonged debate, numerous construction issues and two referenda, the civic center was built and later, in 1989, expanded.

The Worcester Telegram headlined its September 1982 opening, featuring a Frank Sinatra concert, “No More Little Town Blues.” Known today as the DCU Center, it was successful enough as an entertainment and sports venue to expand the main arena from 13,500 seats to 15,000 seats in 1989. With easy access to Interstate 290, its projected “spin-off” in restaurant and other local business development evaporated as many came, saw and left. Only last year did an adjacent hotel open its doors.

The concentration on downtown development has masked other, more important changes in Worcester in the last 35 years. Although downtown and its skyline often enough are the symbols of a city and its success, it is usually the less glamorous aspects of a city which determine its fate. Downtown may have been Worcester’s face, but industry has been its backbone.

**WALLPAPER, ROLLER SKATES AND RAILROAD CARS**

By the end of the 19th century, over 500 manufacturers called Worcester home; dominated by no single industry, it prided itself on its motto: “City of Diversified Industry.” Of all the adjectives that describe Worcester, “industrial” was the most apt. And it was basic industry, not very glamorous, made by companies seldom a household name—but nonetheless a mainstay, not just of the local economy, but of the national one as well.

By 1930, Worcester was the world’s leading producer of abrasives, and the nation’s leader in the production of wallpaper, ice skates and roller skates, leather belting and railroad cars. Wyman-Gordon, a Worcester company, made 90 percent of the automobile crankshafts in the United States.

Today, although abrasives are still a major industry, most of the others are long gone—some closed, some moved, some the victims of changing fashion or new technology. Where a factory built railroad cars or screws in 1907, a supermarket stands today. Envelope and corset making have been replaced by condos. Worcester, of course, was not alone in the dramatic shift of industry; all across the Northeast and Midwest, cities like Worcester faced a cold future. For Worcester, the shift from an industrial economy to service economy could have spelled disaster.
UMASS MEDICAL

Fortunately for the city, a marvelous opportunity presented itself in 1962, when the Massachusetts State Legislature, under the leadership of Maurice Donahue ’39, authorized the creation of a state medical school, the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

In a struggle among several communities to host the new med school, Worcester had a number of advantages including, of course, a central location, but most of all a site, the old Worcester State Hospital farm, already owned by the state and, as farmland, clear of structures. After a final vote in 1969, progress was quick: The school opened in a temporary facility on the property, ground was broken for a new building, classes enrolled and the school’s first M.D. graduated in 1974.

Growth continued with new programs and several local institutions—including the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology and Memorial Hospital—later merged into the medical school and its associated hospital, which today are the city’s largest employers: UMass Memorial Health Care ranks first with over 7,000 employees and the medical school is second with 6,000 workers.

It has provided the “spin-off” touted but not delivered by other projects, including a major Abbott Laboratories research facility and several smaller companies. The UMass Medical School, under the interim chancellorship of Michael Collins, M.D., ’77, is a part of the local higher education consortium, working closely with WPI in biotechnology and with Holy Cross in gerontology.

COPING WITH CHANGE AND LOOKING FORWARD

So, to a better degree than most similar cities, Worcester has coped with the shift from an industrial economy to a service economy. Losing its industrial base was not the only major change affecting Worcester in the last 50 years. Equally important has been the shift of control of local assets from Worcester hands to those outside the city and, indeed, outside the United States. Norton, the great abrasives manufacturer, for example, might still be the city’s largest industry and its 10th largest employer, but it is no longer Norton; today it is St. Gobain, a French firm which bought Norton 18 years ago.

The Worcester Telegram and Gazette, once separate and locally owned newspapers, is now the property of The New York Times. And locally owned banks, prominent as late as the 1980s, are now parts of banks headquartered in Charlotte, suburban Philadelphia and Toronto. The movers and shakers of a generation ago have been replaced by managers and regional vice presidents.
This is not to say that there is no local business. An outstanding example is Hanover Insurance Group (born as the State Mutual Life Assurance Company in 1844). Under its chief executive officer, Frederick Eppinger ’81 (see profile on Page 72), Hanover plays a major part in Worcester life. Its support of the local Can-Am League baseball team and the creation of Hanover Insurance Park at Fitton Field, along with its major funding of a downtown performing arts center, are in the tradition of local businesses.

A TRADITION OF DIVERSITY

The diversity of Worcester industry in the 19th and 20th centuries was mirrored in the diversity of the city’s population. From Armenia and Lebanon, from Finland and French Canada, from Ireland and Italy, they came to Worcester to work in the dozens of factories. They lived in the famous three-deckers, went to their churches and clubs and made the city theirs. And today, it’s happening again.

Thousands of new immigrants from Kenya and Ghana, from Jamaica and Brazil, from Laos and Vietnam have come to Worcester in the last few years, drawn by the same hope that their predecessors had: a better life. They, too, live in the three-deckers, go to their churches and social clubs and are helping remake the city again.

Source: Worcester Telegram & Gazette/Landov

Redevelopment Authority officials, with model of the Worcester Center Complex, in June 1965. Left to right: James B. Lavin, Richard Rutherford, Milton P. Higgins and Edward C. Maher ’40
But what kind of city is it to be?

Amazingly, in the mid 1980s Worcester was surprised by a full-scale housing boom. With land prices rising in the area between Boston and Worcester, the city became a bargain for developers and speculators. There was, it seemed, land aplenty. Although not exactly a repeat of the Oklahoma land rush, by 1984 permits or plans for more than 1,500 new housing units—in a city ill-equipped to deal with the rush to build—were on the books.

The boom did many things, but the most important was to draw attention to the rapidly shrinking open space in the city. Worcester was a city, certainly, but it was one with considerable open space—not simply on college campuses and in parks, but in scattered locations throughout the city. A Regional Environmental Council study in 1985 showed that the city was losing an asset that gave it a certain character, making Worcester a kind of countrified city.

Was that important?

Many in the city thought it was essential to maintain significant open space, to keep Worcester a city of trees and ponds, fields and flowers—as well as a city of businesses and services. As Worcester’s mayor, I was one of them, as I had been a supporter of the construction of the Civic Center as a city councilor. Despite considerable opposition, the City Council imposed a development moratorium in 1986 to give the city breathing time to develop a new zoning ordinance, to strengthen its planning department and conservation commission, but, most important, to determine what kind of city it wished to be.

In many ways, Worcester was a classic “second city.” Boston overshadowed it in so many ways. Typically Boston had many VHF television stations and Worcester had to settle for one UHF outlet without network affiliation and, as it turned out, without much of an audience in the days when special equipment was needed to receive its broadcasts. A New York Times writer once characterized the city as New England’s “broom closet”—essential but unglamorous. When asked where one was from, many a Worcesterite would answer, “Boston.”

In 1880, Worcester was the 28th largest city in the United States—and had a baseball club in the new National League. In the previous decade, its population had grown by 42 percent. Undoubtedly, there were those who projected that growth would continue and
UNTIL RECENTLY, students and researchers seeking a dependable overview of the early history of Worcester found there were few resources available. But now, historians and casual readers alike can rejoice in the publication of *A History of Worcester: 1674–1848* (The History Press), by Kenneth J. Moynihan ’66. Not only does the book fill a crucial historical void, it also tells an engaging tale of the people who made Worcester what it is today.

Moynihan first came to the city from his home in Laconia, N.H., to attend Assumption Preparatory School in the eighth grade. After five years with the Assumptionists, he was wooed to Holy Cross by the Jesuits—and their offer of a full scholarship.

At the College, Moynihan pursued his two passions: history and writing. In the classroom, he formed strong connections with professors Robert Brandfon and John Anderson ’57—with whom he remains in touch. Beyond his studies, he served as news editor and editor in chief of the College newspaper. Moynihan also wrote an undergraduate column in the alumni magazine.

“My real job was editing *The Crusader,*” he recalls. “It distracted me a lot.”

Moynihan went on to earn a master’s degree and Ph.D. at Clark University. In 1970, he began teaching at Assumption College, where he currently serves as professor emeritus and chair of the history department.

His interest in the history of Worcester stems from his work on an interdisciplinary curriculum project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1978. The project introduced students to the interdisciplinary study of real historical communities—such as Quinsigamond Village, once comprised of Swedish wire workers. As Moynihan explored the city’s past, he was driven to learn more about it.

“A historian always asks the question, ‘What happened before?’” explains Moynihan. But when he tried to answer that question, he came up short.

So he took it upon himself to write a book that provides readers with an account of what happened in Worcester from 1674—when the Nipmuc Indians first faced the English—to 1848, the year the city charter was adopted. Between those years, the narrative covers the American Revolution, industrialization and the antislavery and women’s rights movements. It even includes a mention—and sketch—of Holy Cross—or “Fr. Fitton’s academy, as it was known,” explains Moynihan. According to the book, the College “sent signals of Irish progress and permanence.”

When his two-year term as department chairman ends, Moynihan and his wife intend to travel. Although retired from teaching, he continues to discuss local and national politics in his weekly column in the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* as well as during his regular radio appearances on WTAG’s *This Week in Politics* segment.

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that Worcester would continue among the nation’s largest cities. Perhaps, like Pittsburgh or Cincinnati, the city’s name would be misspelled—but it would be known!

A hundred years later the issue was not whether the city would grow, but in what ways it would grow—what a future Worcester would be.

**CHARTING THE FUTURE**

The most immediate consequence of the discussions that followed was the creation of the largest urban wildlife sanctuary in the Northeast, Broad Meadow Brook. In the wake of the development crisis of the 1980s, the city developed a strategic plan. Its goal? Worcester should be “the most livable middle-size city in the Northeast.”

Students may—and do—complain that Worcester doesn’t have enough nightlife and there’s not much of a club scene, but that’s probably true of New Haven, Bethlehem and South Bend. Its citizens are happy to feel safe, to see wooded hills and the occasional deer or wild turkey in the neighborhood, and to live here.

Worcester no longer ranks among the hundred largest cities in the country, and people still have trouble spelling—and pronouncing—its name. But the truth is that, even as it strives to recreate itself in the 21st century, Worcester retains the strengths that have defined it from the start. Possessing both a diversity of cultures and a uniquely tight sense of community, Worcester maintains the expansiveness of the city and

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the inclusiveness of the small town. Its many splendid colleges and universities are testament to an environment steeped in pedagogical riches. From its quirky street designs to its abundance of mom-and-pop diners to its idiosyncratic and thriving neighborhoods, the city is an alternative to the rush to the generic branding and “franchization” of contemporary culture.

When Bishop Fenwick visited Worcester in October 1842 to examine the site of his dream for a Catholic college, he wrote to his brother, George, that Holy Cross would “stand on a beautiful eminence & will command the view of the whole town of Worcester.” A century and a half later, this city of seven hills and rich history, the home, forever, of alma mater, remains a thriving and livable community.

from Kenya and Ghana, from Jamaica and Brazil, from Worcester in the last few years drawn by the same hope that life. They, too, live in the three-deckers, go to their churches remake the city again.

John B. Anderson ’57 began teaching at Holy Cross in 1961 and retired in 2001; since then, he has taught one course a year—usually “Worcester and Its People.” First elected to the Worcester City Council in 1975, he served 11 terms, retiring in 1998. He was the city’s mayor in 1986—the year in which he was also the chairman of the board of the United Way of Central Massachusetts.
Inigo Soriano '09 joined the Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD) in the fall of his second year at Holy Cross because he wanted to live the reality of his faith. The organization offered him more than a few options. Through SPUD, students can choose to volunteer with more than 40 community partners: social agencies, service programs or schools in the Greater Worcester community. On at least a weekly basis, students tutor, feed the hungry, share their skills and, perhaps most importantly, develop relationships through “direct contacts with those who are marginalized”—as the organization’s mission statement attests.

Soriano signed up to visit Almost Home, a small program under the aegis of Dismas House, a non-profit group that provides former prisoners with transitional housing and services. At Almost Home, located on the grounds of the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction in West Boylston, men with substance abuse issues who are on parole spend four months preparing to re-enter mainstream society.

“Somebody said to me, ‘Whatever you have done for the least of my brothers, you have done for me,’” says Soriano. “I looked it up in the Gospels and found it listed in the Works of Mercy. ‘Visit the imprisoned’ was another one of them. It really stuck out—I decided I wanted to live that work of mercy.”

Twice a week, Soriano accompanies other students to West Boylston, where they cook and share dinner with the 12 men in the program. They talk and exchange stories, doing “what friends would do—you hang out and have a good time.”

Almost Home program director Meridith Milesi notes that this family atmosphere reflects the heart of the Dismas goal to help “the guys integrate into the community and teach the community about reintegration.” The role of Holy Cross students has been “crucial”—and lasting, she says. “A lot of the guys will come back just to have dinner with the kids.”

Carlie Geiger '08 has visited the Vernon Hill School on Providence Street twice a week for three years. Along with
Holy Cross students have been volunteering for decades at the Mustard Seed, a longtime Worcester soup kitchen.

20-to-30 other Holy Cross students, she works with the children on a one-on-one basis or in a group setting. And, taking her involvement a step further, Geiger helped to spearhead a book drive that resulted in the donation of thousands of books to the elementary school last spring.

“They’re wonderful role models,” principal Joanna Bowolick says of the College students. “We call them not just students but mentors. I’m truly, truly blessed.”

As it celebrates its 40th anniversary this spring, the SPUD program can take credit for changing the lives of hundreds of Holy Cross students like Soriano and Geiger—young people who have been deeply affected by their involvement in the Worcester community.

In the late 1960s, SPUD emerged from “the growing awareness on the part of [a few] students of suffering and injustice in the city,” says current SPUD faculty adviser, Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84, associate chaplain and director of service and social justice programs. It has long since become the largest student activity on campus—and now involves nearly 800 participants, close to a third of the College’s total enrollment. Each fall, students wait in line outside the ballroom in Hogan Campus Center to sign up for programs; the event has become so popular that, at the beginning of this school year, only 50 people could be admitted to the recruiting fair at a time.

Through its mission “to seek social justice through service in solidarity,” SPUD continues to foster a deep and abiding connection between College and community, the ideal and the pragmatic; it is the exemplification of the faith-based initiative.

Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of the College, quotes a talk given in 2000 by the former Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., on “the importance of producing a ‘well-educated solidarity’” in students. “He went on to say,” stresses Fr. McFarland, that: “‘Personal involvement with innocent suffering, with the injustice others suffer, is the catalyst for solidarity which then gives rise to intellectual inquiry and moral reflection. That is what SPUD has done so effectively.”

Patrick E. Clancy ’68, the acknowledged founder of SPUD, and his classmates could not have predicted the endurance of their effort—as he wrote in a March 1968 edition of The Crusader—“to address ourselves to the human problems that must ultimately be the measure of our education.”

Already involved in service projects, Clancy spent the summer after his third year coordinating volunteers in Worcester neighborhoods for the Commonwealth Service Corps. He recalls that the experience gave him a deeper
perspective about the inner workings of the city, leading “some of us to organize new volunteer organizations with these community leaders and the organizations in their neighborhoods.”

Their concern was twofold.

“First, a number of us felt that our volunteer experiences weren’t well-grounded in the Worcester community,” Clancy says. “Second, we were considering the quality of the volunteer experience itself. We wanted to be useful—and also learn something from the experience.”

That first year—and for some time afterwards—SPUD was a consortium-wide program, drawing 100-150 students from Holy Cross as well as other Worcester colleges. The commitment was intensive—as much as 10 hours a week. Regular meetings were held to divide volunteers and ensure follow through. Students were responsible for their own transportation.

“We just said, ‘Here’s where you have to get, now get there,’” remembers Clancy.

As the organization evolved and expanded in the 1970s, it became more Holy Cross-centered. An unpredictable old station wagon used to ferry students to agencies around the city gave way to a fleet of vans. The willingness of successive generations of students to revisit the structure, purpose and goals of SPUD has led to the constant development of its mission and its commitment to the Worcester community.

In the process, SPUD has emerged as an integral facet of the Holy Cross ethos.

“Over the last 40 years, the SPUD program has helped shape the culture at Holy Cross in ways that are very important to our Jesuit mission,” says Fr. McFarland. “It has brought students in contact with the poor and those living on the margins of society—inspiring students not only to reach out to help those people, but also to reflect more deeply about our society and its structure and values and about their own place in the world and how they want to develop it.”

In many ways, SPUD’s success is due precisely to its leaders’ willingness to think deeply.

“We’re aiming high,” says Kearns-Barrett. “We’re shooting for solidarity, not community service. We stand with people who are poor—we don’t just observe them. We ask ourselves, ‘Can I challenge myself to see that their problems are my problems?’

For a program to be considered part of SPUD, she continues, “there has to be a potential for a relationship. We don’t want students doing office work or fundraising for a program, though that has happened as a result of the relationship. They have to have a chance to really hear another person’s story and share it.”

Some of the relationships between the College and the community are decades old. SPUD volunteers have been serving food at the Mustard Seed and visiting with women escaping abusive relationships at Abby’s House for 30 years. SPUD has included a Big Brother/Big Sister program for close to 30 years—though it was not at first affiliated with the national organization. Holy Cross students volunteered at Great Brook Valley in the 1960s—and they are still there. They have gone to Plumley Village for eight or nine years. And then there are new community partners like the African Community Education Center, where students work with refugees at three different sites.

“We tend to add more programs than we take away,” says Kearns-Barrett. “When a program is working, it stays with us.”

Student initiative and leadership are key elements in the success not only of individual programs but also of SPUD as a whole. A core of student interns, led by a head intern, meets regularly with the many program directors in small groups; the program directors in turn supervise their own volunteers. The interns also coordinate recruitment night, an orientation for program directors, campus-wide events and an annual three-day retreat held in late August for training and intensive discussion. In addition, there is a considerable amount of
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support from the Chaplains’ Office. In the fall, each student leader receives a manual detailing his or her duties and providing extensive information about the program. Throughout the school year, the chaplains host discussion groups that give students the opportunity for more contemplative reflection about the larger issues at stake.

Current head intern Sarah Fontaine '08 has been involved with SPUD since she first sought the comfort of the Chaplains’ Office as a homesick first-year student. At the suggestion of Kim McElaney ’76, director of the Office of College Chaplains, Fontaine signed up for SPUD and spent the next two years volunteering at the Main Street Homework Help Center. In her third year, she switched to Almost Home—and was also asked to be an intern.

Fontaine has been instrumental in restructuring SPUD’s leadership. Drawing on what she learned in a class on community organization taught by assistant professor of sociology, Susan Crawford Sullivan, she proposed specific changes that were implemented this year. The structure of the program is now more hierarchical, giving each intern specific duties, encouraging individual initiative—and, says Fontaine, “taking the pressure off Marybeth. Everyone used to take all of their questions to her.” A grant from the Lilly Foundation, meant to emphasize discernment of vocation, supports the interns financially and helps the Chaplains’ Office to run the program.

Campus events sponsored by SPUD bring the College community into the discussion. In 2006, a forum on the cost of war focused attention on the financial, environmental and human ramifications of violence. This year, students took part in a Hunger and Homelessness Week and attended a panel on the Faces of Homelessness. Organized in conjunction with the National Coalition for the Homeless in Washington, D.C.—where Fontaine interned in the summer of 2007—the panelists brought formerly homeless people from Boston and Washington to the event to talk about their experiences. More than 150 people attended the program.

Fontaine credits the “huge interest in social service” at Holy Cross for the popularity of the SPUD program, adding: “We get a lot of people who come up to us at open houses and say they’ve heard about SPUD—it’s one of the reasons they’re interested in coming to Holy Cross.” At this point, Fontaine wants to turn commitment to service into a commitment to “ask the larger questions of why SPUD exists.”

For Pat Clancy, that larger commitment became a way of life. After receiving his degree from Holy Cross, he went to Harvard Law School “simply to acquire a tool to help the less fortunate.” By November of his first year, Clancy says, “I was working 20 hours a week with poor families living in community housing in the South End and suing landlords on their behalf.”

He is now president and chief executive officer of a non-profit organization called The Community Builders, which develops and finances affordable and mixed housing units for diverse communities, revitalizing neighborhoods and creating more than 1,000 new units every year.

“For me,” he says, “it was a very straight line from SPUD to my life’s work. I went from the advocacy side to the production side.”

The recipient of the Sanctae Crucis Award in 2004, Clancy recently reconnected with his alma mater—and with the students who are involved in SPUD.

“There is still a real ethos of service in this community,” he notes. “The fact that so many Holy Cross students participate says a lot about the values Holy Cross transmits. They are stronger at Holy Cross and weaker in the broader society.”

On April 6, SPUD will formally celebrate its 40th anniversary with a breakfast in Hogan Ballroom. Clancy will be one of the speakers—and several community partners will have an opportunity to talk about the relationship between campus and community. In addition, there will be a presentation about the student experience and/or a slide show.

But the focus will also be about the future.

Geiger, who is the head of the committee planning the event, notes that SPUD members spent the fall months
trying to figure out the program’s next steps. It is a process that is quite consistent with the organization’s history.

“They are asking a lot of the same questions we asked,” says Clancy, who has met with the current leadership and “prodded them to pick specific changes and see what they have to do to implement them.”

“It’s very impressive that SPUD has always been so student-run and student-focused,” Geiger says—“and to see that through the generations. There have always been people interested in the same things that we’re interested in and in helping Worcester.”

And, as Fr. McFarland notes, SPUD continues to have a lasting impact.

“We see the powerful effects in the strong orientation toward service among our students,” he notes, “not only while they are at Holy Cross, but, even more significantly, after they graduate.”

Kearns-Barrett, who was co-chair of SPUD as a student, says the program—in making her “think of the world differently”—helped draw her to the chaplaincy. She hopes that students involved with SPUD “will develop a relationship with people who help them rethink their own place in the world.”

Certainly this hope continues to be realized. Soriano says he wants to become involved in “some kind of long-term volunteer work” before dedicating himself to a profession. Geiger intends to do educational research—“particularly looking into urban-rural inequalities with schools.”

And Fontaine wants to become a chaplain.

“I’ve been given so much at Holy Cross through my mentors,” she explains. “Part of my vocation is to try to be for other people what they have been for me.”

Before seeking a graduate degree in theology, however, she plans to work in a Catholic high school in the Worcester area and do campus ministry.

“I think that if you are just talking about service and not doing it,” she says, “you aren’t following through.”

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Volunteering at Holy Cross

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As a Jesuit, Catholic institution, Holy Cross is steeped in a long tradition of volunteerism. Catholic social teaching emphasizes a preferential option for the poor. The Holy Cross Mission Statement asks students to consider their “special responsibility to the World’s poor and powerless” and calls upon them “to serve others.” Do Holy Cross students live out the school’s mission? How do they do so? What difference does it make, to their communities and their lives?

To answer these questions, we draw on a spring 2007 survey of 312 randomly selected Holy Cross students. The results provide a resounding “yes” to our first question: Holy Cross students are indeed “men and women for others.” Ninety-eight percent of Holy Cross students volunteered in high school, compared to 58 percent of high school students nationally. While at the College, students continue with an extraordinarily high level of community service. Two recent national surveys found that 30-32 percent of college students had performed volunteer service during the previous year. By comparison, in our survey, 68 percent of the respondents were doing a half hour or more of volunteer work per week during the spring term alone; 84 percent had participated in at least one volunteer program while at Holy Cross. And this figure increased with each academic class, so that, at the end of four years, a whopping 96 percent of Holy Cross seniors had done volunteer service during their four years.

The biggest source of volunteer work at Holy Cross, indeed the largest student organization on campus, is Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD). Over half of the survey respondents reported that they had participated in SPUD, a figure that increased from 37 percent of first-year students to 65 percent of fourth-year students. Moreover, for many students, participation was a sustained commitment. Four of five volunteers attended a SPUD program one-to-two hours weekly; over half of upper-class volunteers had served for more than one semester, often in two or more different programs.

In addition to SPUD, students participate in social justice or advocacy organizations such as Pax Christi or Students for Life; they travel to Appalachia or the Gulf Coast during spring break to paint and repair homes and provide other
services; they go abroad in the summer in campus ministry-sponsored programs in Jamaica, Mexico and Kenya. A majority of varsity athletes perform various forms of sports outreach, such as mentoring and helping students with homework, providing clinics and visiting children with special needs. Almost one third of students surveyed had participated in the annual Holy Cross Cares Day, in which 300-400 students, faculty and staff spend time performing service projects such as painting and raking at several sites throughout Worcester. Students also serve the Holy Cross community itself by becoming peer educators who offer programming and peer support on eating disorders, sexual assault, alcohol use and other concerns. A third of the survey respondents reported that they had done volunteer work for the Holy Cross Admissions Office.

Many forms of volunteering increase with each academic class, so that nearly all four-year students have done formal volunteer work at Holy Cross before they graduate. We suspect that this increase results primarily from a culture of volunteerism fostered by the religious identity and mission of the College. In the survey, students who had read the Holy Cross Mission Statement were 14 percent more likely to volunteer than those who had not. Students who had discussed the Mission Statement with others in addition to reading it themselves were 25 percent more likely to volunteer than those who had read but not discussed it. Paralleling other research, the Holy Cross survey also showed that students with higher levels of religiosity are more likely to volunteer; women are more likely to volunteer than men; and the higher a student’s GPA, the higher the number of volunteer activities in which he or she participated and the more hours per week devoted to volunteering.

Holy Cross students take their commitment to serving others into their post-graduation lives, with many participating in full-time volunteer or service programs; forty-five graduates from the class of 2007 took this path. The survey asked students how likely they were to do full-time service in an organization such as the Peace Corps, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, or Teach for America, and to do volunteer work in their community. Two in five students said that they were likely to do full-time volunteer service; over 90 percent projected that they were likely to volunteer within their community. Even if the latter percentages turn out to be one-half the self-projections, Holy Cross graduates would far exceed the 29 percent volunteer rate among the U.S. adult population.

The Holy Cross Mission Statement asks: “What are our obligations to one another? What is our special responsibility to the world’s poor and powerless?” The survey demonstrates that Holy Cross students take these questions seriously, engaging in service to their community at rates far higher than college students nationally. In living out the Jesuit social tradition, they make a profound impact, on campus, in Worcester, and beyond. Ron Charette, director of the nonprofit South Worcester Neighborhood Center, summed it up: “The types of projects Holy Cross students tackle have deep and lasting effects on the Worcester community. One of the best examples of this is the Big Brother and Sister project launched several years ago with elementary students at Canterbury Street School. By involving freshmen in this program, it crafted a nice and lasting four-year relationship with students from the neighborhood. This served not only to create a true bond, but to inspire these young students to think about a new possibility—attending college.”

For those who want to learn more about the findings from this survey, visit the Web site for the Holy Cross Student Survey:

http://www.holycross.edu/departments/socant/ir/singleton/surveys07.html

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**PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AND SENIORS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS**

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Dante Family Scholarship will give students a chance

BY LAURA FREEMAN ’96

Every Monday night, Mike Dante pulls up a chair at the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center and talks or plays a game of cards with folks 60 years his junior.

His card partners and he have little in common. William Michael “Mike” Dante ’57 is a former Navy man with a Ph.D. in physics, whose life adventures have taken him from the mountains of Idaho to a war-torn region of Nigeria; to secret government projects from California to the Pentagon. Many of the teenagers, however, have never left their neighborhoods. Despite their differences, Dante’s regular presence persuades the teens that he is an attentive listener and an unlikely ally. For his part, Dante says the teens have kept him in touch with pop culture and the realities of city life. “I enjoy interacting with the kids—it keeps me young,” he says.

Mentoring young people is just one chapter in Dante’s story and his lifelong dedication to service. During the course of his career, he has taken on the roles of teacher, sailor who hardly ever went to sea, civil servant, foster parent and counselor to disadvantaged youth. Acutely aware of the financial obstacles many young people face, Dante is creating a scholarship fund that will help make a Holy Cross education more attainable for promising students whose financial circumstances might otherwise discourage them from applying.

Established with an $800,000 gift, the Dante Family Scholarship honors Dante’s father, Lee Fischer Dante ’33—a lawyer and professor who worked for the Corporation Counsel’s Office in Washington, D.C.—and his late uncle, John Henry Dante ’36, a paleontologist whose work studying fossil fish ear bones sparked Mike Dante’s interest in science.

“These scholarships truly do make a difference for so many students,” says Lynne Myers, director of financial aid. “The recipients understand that coming to Holy Cross is a transforming experience, and they deeply appreciate what the generosity of donors like Mike Dante means for their futures.”

Around the world and back again
Dante came to Holy Cross on a ROTC scholarship—and, while studying physics and receiving Navy training, he volunteered to teach a C.C.D. course in Worcester—the first of what would become an extensive series of volunteer and civil service activities.

After graduation, Dante spent three years working as a naval officer scientist for the National Security Agency,
and then spent a summer working as a fire lookout for the U.S. Forest Service.

“They put me on a horse and loaded my food and gear on mules, dropped me off at the top of the mountain, and took the animals back with them,” he recalls. Dante spent his first few solitary nights spooked by sounds of wildlife, but soon grew accustomed to visits from friendly creatures looking for snacks.

“Ground squirrels really like pie,” he says.

Dante earned his master’s degree in physics at Berkeley and a Ph.D. at the University of Washington before teaching at Pacific University. Then, while attending a Physical Society meeting, Dante’s wanderlust flared up again.

“I saw a sign that said, ‘Would You Like to Live in Africa?’” Dante recalls. “So I signed up!”

He received orientation and his pay from TransCentury Corporation—a private company working for U.S.A.I.D.—and moved to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he spent three years teaching physics at the nation’s university.

Dante’s next stop was Uyo, Nigeria, the epicenter of the Biafran War. With bullet-pocked buildings and the ruins of tanks and planes as a backdrop, he organized and equipped the physics department at the College of Education (using UNESCO funds) and helped start the transformation of the standard teaching method—from strict rote to a more organic form of learning.

“I would tell the students Newton’s three laws, but I would speak too rapidly for them to write down the information,” Dante says. “They were completely flustered—and asked me to repeat myself but I would phrase it differently each time. Eventually they began to realize that I wanted them to understand the ideas rather than just memorize the words.”

When Dante returned to the United States in the late 1970s, he taught briefly at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo before joining the Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base as an electronics engineer. In 1988 he returned to the Washington, D.C., area to take a position with the Defense Testing and Evaluation Agency. His final major job as a civil servant involved working at the Office of Live Fire Testing in the Pentagon, a position he describes as “every young boy’s ideal job.” He spent his days having aircraft pummeled with live fire, then directing the contractors to redesign the planes to give the occupants the best possible chance of surviving hostile fire. During the development of the “Star Wars” defense program, Dante was dispatched to White Sands, N.M., to observe the collision of kinetic energy missiles with Russian ICBMs stripped of the contents of their warheads.

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Launching minds

Throughout his experiences in teaching, civil service and counseling, Dante continually exercised the intellectual curiosity and devotion to community service instilled on Mount St. James. Now retired, he takes classes at George Mason University; he has also spent several years volunteering at Covenant House, while continuing his work with juveniles in detention. When Dante came back to campus last June for his 50th reunion, he made the decision to create a scholarship that would help launch future Holy Cross students.

Dante says his Holy Cross education has held him in good stead throughout his career and helped cultivate the service ethic that drew him into rewarding volunteer activities. Grateful for the ROTC aid that made his education possible, he hopes the new scholarship will give future students the same chance to cultivate a broad and sophisticated base of knowledge that can lead to exciting opportunities. More importantly, he hopes it will help them become “men and women for others”—wherever their careers may take them.

Laura Freeman ’96 is a freelance writer from Wilbraham, Mass.
Worcester weather can be changeable, unpredictable and, sometimes, downright miserable—and these conditions can impede the performance of the College’s athletic teams.

Specifically, inclement weather can negatively affect Crusader football and the men’s and women’s lacrosse teams. When rain falls on the natural grass field where these teams practice, the playing surface becomes muddy, slippery and dangerous. As a result, it is difficult for the players to run accurate plays, and they can find themselves at a disadvantage on game day.

“In our climate, it’s very difficult to rely on natural grass surfaces for athletic play,” explains Athletic Director Richard Regan ’76. “A couple days of rain can ruin a team’s preparation for a game.”

Former Crusader free safety T. Troy Dixon ’93 remembers all too well those messy, wet football practices and their detrimental impact on his team’s Saturday performances. So, when it came time for him to make a substantial gift to Holy Cross, Dixon was easily convinced to direct his funds toward a new field.

Removing barriers
A native of Queens, N.Y., Dixon was recruited by Holy Cross to play football. He was attracted to the College by its unique blend of high-quality football and high-caliber academics, taught in a small-class setting. During his first visit, he was impressed by the campus atmosphere of fellowship and community—he had not had as positive an experience at the other schools he toured.

A sociology major in the premedical program at Holy Cross, Dixon played on both the varsity football and baseball squads. Throughout his four years on the Hill, he learned the importance of teamwork and cooperation—both on and off the field.

“Holy Cross in general proved for me that there are few barriers between people if you focus on our shared goals—instead of on our differences,” explains Dixon. “And nowhere was this more true than on the football field, where a group of men—diverse in our ethnicities, backgrounds, financial statuses—came together for one common purpose: to win.”

Dixon knows a bit about removing barriers himself. At just 36 years old, he is the managing director of the mortgage-backed securities trading group at Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. in New York. In fact, he is the only African-American trader heading a fixed income trading division among major Wall Street firms.

“The sense of community fostered at Holy Cross was key to my personal growth,” he says. “It has also helped me to navigate my professional career. At bare minimum, there may seem as if there’s a big difference between me and the people I work with, but there’s a common bond if you really look for it.”

Dixon was drawn to the sales and trading profession by the dynamic and fast-moving nature of the work. He acknowledges that his athletic background gives him a
competitive edge on the trading floor. And he affirms that his academic experience supplies him with the skills he needs to overcome the diverse challenges of his job.

“My liberal arts education enabled me to achieve levels of success on Wall Street that an economics, accounting or business major at another school could not have,” he explains.

A tangible gift

Dixon is giving back to the College in appreciation for the valuable lessons he learned at Holy Cross. Beyond supporting the football program that gave him so much, he expects his gift will enhance the overall student experience. By improving the Crusader athletics program, he hopes to give students something to cheer about.

A $250,000 donation toward the installation of the College’s new artificial turf field was a perfect outlet for Dixon, who was looking to make a gift that would yield a tangible product.

“I wanted to donate to something that I could touch, feel and see,” he explains.

Thanks to Dixon and others’ tremendous generosity, the Holy Cross football team will benefit from productive practices in fall—no matter what the weather. Likewise, the men’s and women’s lacrosse teams will enjoy the field in spring, when it will be used as the primary site for their practices and games.

The new field will replace the current grass playing area located behind the Hart Center. It will be made of FieldTurf, a synthetic surface that combines the properties of natural grass and the best attributes of a durable synthetic system—such as all-weather playability and low maintenance. In addition to better drainage, FieldTurf provides enhanced player safety: Athletes can slide, tackle and tumble on its specially treated fibers without fear of abrasions.

Designed to look and feel like natural grass, FieldTurf is widely used for football, soccer, baseball, rugby, lacrosse and golf on playing surfaces around the world. To date, it has been installed at 24 NFL stadiums and more than 40 NCAA venues.

Since a team’s solid execution on game day depends on clean and precise practice sessions, the installation of this field will be a giant step toward increasing the competitive standing of the Crusader football and lacrosse programs.

Rebecca Smith ’99 is a freelance writer from Auburn, Mass.
THE POWER OF ONE

How he keeps in touch: “We all get together whenever we can, but it’s mostly through e-mails and phone calls—which is still great. Only with Holy Cross friends can you re-tell a 10-year-old story and laugh like it just happened.”

The working life: “Whatever you do to have fun, I advise you to find a way to get paid to do it. If you can figure that out, you’ll actually be happy when that alarm clock goes off in the morning.”

“If there’s a person you care about, a person that helped make you who you are today, don’t you give them a gift at least once a year? That’s what Holy Cross is to me ...”

Memorable moments or people at Holy Cross: “April 22, 1994—that’s when I somehow convinced my future wife to go on date with me. The rest? There isn’t space here. As far as professors, my Holy Cross experience wouldn’t have been as great as it was without Professor William Green of the history department and Professor John Kearns, formerly of the classics department.”

Why he gives to Holy Cross: “If there’s a person you care about, a person that helped make you who you are today, don’t you give them a gift at least once a year? That’s what Holy Cross is to me, and my experience involves hundreds of people, so giving back financially is the least I can do.”

Name: Michael Philbrick ’96

Hometown: Morristown, N.J.

Family: wife, Aileen (Mulhearn) ’96; children, Aidan (4) and Caitlin (3); sister, Kate Iantosca ’91; sister-in-law, Christine Dam ’97; and brother-in-law, Greg Mulhearn ’00.

What he did at Holy Cross: “I was involved with student government for a while—and I was a resident assistant. (That’s what made it to my resume). I also played a lot of video games and spent almost too much time laughing with my friends.”

Current position: Editor for Page 2 on ESPN.com
Current Holy Cross students rely on the Internet for almost every aspect of their College experience. From registering for courses to online class discussions, technology defines the collegiate experience. For alumni, the power of the Internet in relation to their Holy Cross connection varies significantly. Even if technology did not dominate a graduate’s college experience, today’s Holy Cross Web site and Online Community provide numerous resources to all alumni.

One of the goals of the College is to create interesting, regularly updated Web content that will drive more alumni to visit the site often. Through the efforts of the offices of Public Affairs, Alumni Relations and Career Services, the Web site now offers ways for alumni to learn firsthand about Holy Cross happenings, to maintain connections with other alumni and to create career-networking opportunities.

Recently, the College conducted a comprehensive alumni survey, which confirmed a long-standing strength—alumni give Holy Cross Magazine high marks. As it continues to be a highly read publication, the Office of Public Affairs will be placing more of its features on the Web site—to increase accessibility and to give alumni another way to read about campus and alumni happenings; the alumni section of the site includes links to the online version of the magazine and the features and events Web page.

Staying connected
The Holy Cross Online Community provides a method for alumni to stay connected with classmates as well as the entire alumni community. The Online Community, which is open to all alumni, gives a directory of individual graduate contact and, also, biographical and employment information. After logging into the Online Community, alumni can search the directory for graduates, set up a permanent e-mail forwarding account, chat in discussion groups or check out career opportunities. Today 30.6 percent of our 36,000 alumni are registered online community users.

Joining the Online Community involves acquiring a unique ID number from the Office of Alumni Relations—which may be obtained by sending an e-mail request to alumni@holycross.edu.

The Web site also provides opportunities to stay connected with the happenings of classmates and other alumni. Within www.holycross.edu/alumni, the sections Reunion Information, Class Notes, and In Memoriam have the highest number of visitors.

In addition, the Office of Alumni Relations strives, through the Web site, to keep alumni apprised of upcoming events such as fall and winter homecoming, regional events and reunion weekend—which proves to be a high traffic area as June approaches each year; these pages allow alumni to see the schedule of events, find answers to fre-
frequently asked questions about reunion, register online—and, most importantly, find out who else will be attending. The posting of photos from past reunion weekends also creates alumni interest.

The class and regional club sections are maintained by volunteer class leaders and regional club board members—with volunteer Webmasters solely responsible until recently, for the sites’ design and upkeep. In 2008, the Office of Alumni Relations will be providing enhanced Web support for these pages and will help with keeping the sites up-to-date. All class and regional club Webmasters interested in learning more about this assistance should contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@holycross.edu.

Career-networking options

Potentially the most powerful—yet most underutilized—aspect of the Holy Cross Web site is the career-networking opportunity. Whether an alum is looking for career advice, networking contacts, or the chance to hire or work for a Crusader, Holy Cross Online Career Services can be a valuable resource. The Holy Cross Alumni Online Community serves as the cornerstone of the philosophy that “providing alumni with the tools and understanding of career networking leads to more effective networking, either now or in the future—whenever the need arises.”

One of the largest networking groups within the Holy Cross community is the Career Advisor Network. The more than 4,000 graduates who make up this group are willing to provide career advice and assistance to other alumni; career advisors are identified on the site with a career planning volunteer indicator. The Online Community’s advanced search feature is a valuable networking tool that enables an alum to tailor a search according to specific criteria, including career category, career specialty, region, employer and job title—it then displays the names of Career Advisors who match these criteria.

Younger alumni take advantage of the career-networking opportunities—however, the benefits of Holy Cross networking are not limited to recent graduates. The Online Community job postings—where alums can seek to hire or work for a Crusader—have shown promising growth in the past several years. The contact for learning more about alumni career services is Bob Wally ’68, coordinator of the Holy Cross Student/Alumni Career Network, who may be reached, by e-mail, at rwally@holycross.edu or, by phone, at 508-793-3758.

Deirdre Gillin ’02 is a member of the General Alumni Association board of directors Communications Committee.

The event served as a fundraiser for ReadBoston, the city of Boston’s nonprofit children’s literacy program founded by Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino. ReadBoston’s executive director is Theresa Lynn ’87; Erin E. Smith ’04 is the organization’s development and community relations manager. ReadBoston also hosts Holy Cross students each summer through the Summer Fellowship Program sponsored by the GAA and the Holy Cross Club of Boston. The event was another example of Holy Cross graduates uniting for a great cause.

Have You Helped or Been Helped by a Crusader?

Holy Cross Alumni Career Services is looking for success stories to help publicize and highlight the value of alumni career networking. If a Crusader connection has benefited your career, please share your story with Bob Wally ’68, career network coordinator, who may be reached, by e-mail, at rwally@holycross.edu or, by phone, at 508-793-3758.
The General Alumni Association has announced the names of those alumni nominated to serve as officers and members of its board of directors. Kristyn M. Dyer ’94 has been appointed executive secretary. Michael H. Shanahan ’78 has been re-appointed treasurer. GAA bylaws do not require yearly nomination to these offices.

The nominations for the board were selected in accordance with the GAA bylaws, which allow for no more than 20 alumni to be chosen annually for three-year terms, at least 10 of them as at-large members, and 10 of them drawn one each from the immediate graduating class and from each third class preceding the graduating class.

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

Any member of the GAA who would like to be so nominated should submit a petition to Kristyn M. Dyer ’94 by April 1. If any petition should be received, a ballot will appear in the next issue of Holy Cross Magazine so that alumni can vote for the candidate(s) nominated by petition.

PRESIDENT
Gregory H. Cahill ’81

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

PRESIDENT-ELECT
Mark W. Powers ’85

Mark W. Powers ’85 is a partner in the law firm of Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, with offices in Boston and Worcester. He received his law degree from The University of Chicago Law School. Powers has served as a class agent, as president of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Worcester—and on various committees of the GAA, including the Finance, Career Networking, and Nominations and Elections committees. Powers and his wife, Lisa, reside in Shrewsbury, Mass., with their daughters, Rebekah and Marlena.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
John R. Hayes Jr. ’91

John R. Hayes Jr. ’91 is director of individual giving at UMass Memorial Foundation, Worcester; he received his master’s degree in business administration, in 2002, from Babson College, Babson Park, Mass. A class agent, Hayes served as a reunion gift co-chair for his 5th and 10th reunions—and as a class chair, from 2002-07. In addition, he was a volunteer for the Lift High the Cross Boston Regional Campaign Committee. For the GAA, Hayes twice served as chair of the Senior Reception Committee—and has been a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee. He resides in Andover, Mass., with his wife, Nicole, and their two children, Mia and Jack.
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MEAGAN GORMAN ’05: CHANGING LIVES IN RUSSIA

Meagan Gorman ’05 arrived on Mount St. James with a love of the Russian language. She left the Hill as one of two in her graduating class with a degree in Russian—as well as a Fulbright Scholarship and the life-changing experience of having spent her third year working in orphanages in St. Petersburg. After a stint at Stanford—earning her master’s degree in Russian on a full scholarship—Gorman is now working at the EC Boston Language School as a program coordinator.

Dazzled yet? There’s more. The Russian program at Holy Cross inspired her, as did the instruction of the other teachers and her contact with the students she met there. Gorman was motivated to do more—and she has succeeded. Living in three different orphanages during her time in Russia, she saw firsthand what the children were lacking. Returning home, Gorman started her own nonprofit, Positive Alternatives for Russian Orphans. The group’s mission is to provide support to orphans in children’s homes in Bashkortostan, Russia—the very homes in which she worked while fulfilling her Fulbright. The organization hopes to provide funds for orphans to travel to the United States—and, also, to support projects at the orphanages. Gorman notes that the children need clothes, computers and basic items, such as pencils. To help with this effort, visit the PAFRO Website at www.pafro.org.

DENIS C. BRACKEN ’73: LIVING THE JESUIT TRADITION

After Denis Bracken received his degree from Holy Cross in 1973, he moved to Toronto to study criminology. While pursuing his Ph.D. in Britain, Bracken learned of a teaching opportunity at the University of Manitoba; initially accepting a nine-month contract, he has remained at the university for 29 years.

In the Canadian university system, denominational colleges are almost the norm. “Most big provincial universities have these historical connections to denominational colleges,” Bracken explains. “We’ve been the Catholic college since 1923 here at St. Paul’s, which was founded by one of the bishops in Winnipeg. The Jesuits relinquished control in 1959, but there’s still a Jesuit presence here. We still call ourselves the college in the Ignatian tradition.”

Bracken tries to live out these traditions in his new role as university rector.

“I’m the chief administrative officer of the college,” he says. “It’s the rough equivalent of the dean of faculty. I sit on the dean’s counsel, serve as a member of the senior administrative body, and have a seat in the university Senate.”

St. Paul’s is an affiliate of the University of Manitoba, but it is its own entity.

“St. Paul’s is the Catholic presence
at the university,” he says. “But you don’t have to be Catholic to be a faculty member or a student. I suspect the fact that I’m a Catholic helped me get the job as rector. It’s interesting—you’re a religious institution within a secular university, so you have to find your way and determine what that means.”

Bracken works to maintain the mantra of “men and women for others” among his students. It’s a challenge he’s well suited for.

Bracken stresses the importance of a college embracing its Catholic identity, and exploring what that might mean within a secular world.

“For me,” he says, “it signifies balancing what is good about Catholic traditions, but being aware of how changing times require a re-examination of what it means to be a Catholic university.

“The Jesuit Catholic university tradition really helps this process,” Bracken continues. “It’s the idea of education and service to others. Having a Jesuit tradition provides you with a sense of who you are and what you’re supposed to be doing, as an individual and as an institution.”

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SYLLABUS

Beginning with this issue, HCM presents: SYLLABUS an inside look at a cross section of courses currently taught at Holy Cross. This inaugural profile highlights a new class offered this semester by the English department.

Growing Up American

Professor: Patrick J. Ireland

Description: An examination of the portrayal of American childhood in literature through the study of selected works by 10 American writers—the course considers the influence of each author’s perspective and personal experience on narrative development. Topics of discussion include: the perception of adulthood as a product of childhood experience; the consequences of cultural and social conditioning on maturation; the significance of relationships; and the effects of race, gender, ethnicity and history on shaping an individual’s early years.

Selected readings: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain; House of Mirth, by Edith Wharton; The Catcher in the Rye, by J.D. Salinger; Housekeeping, by Marilynne Robinson; Sula, by Toni Morrison; and The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts, by Maxine Hong Kingston.

Requirements: Three papers and a final examination

Professor’s bio: A longtime associate professor of English at Holy Cross and a native of Kentucky, Professor Ireland received his Ph.D. from St. Louis University; the focus of his doctoral research was 20th-century American literature, with a specialty in Southern literature. Involved for the past 10 years with the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, Ireland has conducted literature and medicine seminars at several area hospitals, including UMASS Memorial in Worcester, as a way to reconnect a sense of the humanities in medicine. In the fall semester—as part of Montserrat, the College’s new program for all first-year students—Ireland will be offering two courses, in literature and medicine and literature and science.

Quote: “The idea for this course came out of my foundation work—I began to think a good deal about my own family history and the formative moments of my own childhood. It occurred to me that there are various kinds of growing up experiences in literature, though we most often focus on the coming-of-age formula witnessed in so many American short stories.”

BY PAM REPONEN
The Day-hops

In the era of commuter students, the Carlin Day Room was a haven on the Hill for Worcesterites.

BY JAMES DEMPSEY

James W. Conlin of Ward Street, Worcester, was the first day scholar accepted at Holy Cross; he entered in the fall of 1870. By the end of the century, about 20 percent of the students attending the College were day scholars. They had to stay in the study hall during the midday break—and, curiously, were forbidden to carry letters for boarding students. Holy Cross historian and professor of history, Rev. Anthony J. Kuzniowski, S.J., surmises that the purpose of this mysterious rule was to avert the carrying of romantic letters between boarders and their Worcester girlfriends.

Day scholars—more commonly known as “day-hops” —became an important part of the College’s academic DNA. The greatest numbers attended around the time of World War II, when they comprised about one quarter of the student body. This trend then decreased steadily, until in 1991, only 36 of the 3,742 students attending Holy Cross were commuters. The most-quoted reason for this decline is the demand by students for “the full college experience,” which means—as Rev. Earle Markey, S.J., ‘53 of the Admissions Office, puts it—living far enough away to be independent but close enough to have the option of going home to hit the parents up for a little cash. Today, the College doesn’t keep track of commuters—they are wrapped into the larger group of off-campus students.

Paul J. Connors ’65 recalls hitchhiking to classes across the city on the then relatively new expressway. His father, a general practitioner with an office opposite Hahnemann Hospital, was an alumnus of Holy Cross, so it was no surprise that Paul and two of his siblings, John ’61 and Richard ’63, would also attend the College. The other brother, David, received his degree from Princeton. All went into medicine.

After graduating from Holy Cross, Connors opted to continue his studies at the University of Maryland Medical School for the major reason that none of his older brothers had attended the school. “I had been ‘John Connors’ brother’ ever since I entered Christ the King kindergarten,” he explains. “John had just graduated...
number one in his class at Georgetown—"I wasn’t going to be known as John’s brother anymore."

While working for the U.S. Navy Connors pursued his law degree at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. “I went through the evening division,” he says, “and I’m proud to say I day-hopped.” Connors blended the two disciplines by working as a forensic pathologist for the armed forces, creating a department of legal medicine.

Attending college as a day scholar was “a different student life,” Connors recalls, but one he relished. “When I entered in 1961, the freshmen who lived on campus were in their rooms before 10 p.m.; there was a lights out, and there was a Jesuit on the floor—and you had to sign in for Mass every single morning,” he explains—"so there was a lot to be said for not living on campus. And Worcester was as booming an urban center as you could find anywhere. It was a great place to be raised and a great place to be a day-hop."

Day students spent what spare time they had in a room set aside for their use in the basement of Carlin Hall. The space provided students with lockers for the ties and sports coats then required for class, but little else. The most common activity was playing cards. Connors recalls day-hops—a term considered pejorative by some—referred to even less fondly as “three-decker brown-baggers,” since they had to bring their own lunches. “Some would walk over to Kimball and run the risk of being thrown out by eating upstairs with the residents,” he remembers.

Many colleges found it difficult to integrate day students. Unlike boarders, they had family obligations, retained their high school friendships, and often had jobs; these factors worked against their taking full advantage of college life. A question on a survey conducted in 1963 asked Holy Cross day students whether they felt they had as strong a voice in school activities as boarders; two-thirds answered “no.”

Paul D. Morano ’63 began commuting from Grafton Hill to Mount St. James after winning a baseball scholarship to Holy Cross. “It was a challenge,” he says. “Most of the time it was a matter of taking two buses, but, as we got older, we started making connections with kids who had cars. The other challenge was to get home. Freshmen classes ended at 3:30 or 3:45 p.m.—then we had to stay for practice. We didn’t get out until 6:30 or so.

“There were 400-500 day-hops, so it was a good group,” he continues. “We had a Worcester club that organized social events and dances and so on. There wasn’t a lot of contact with the boarders other than being in class with them, and sometimes seeing them at events. My connection was with the athletes.”

Morano majored in education and minored in French. After graduate school he taught at Worcester Academy and in the public schools. Finishing his career at Doherty High School in Worcester as department chairman in foreign languages, he was the schools’ citywide foreign languages liaison; Morano still does consulting work for the system. A baseball coach at Holy Cross for about 15 years, he also worked part time on the sports desk of the Worcester Telegram.

John S. McCann ’63 commuted to school from Salisbury Street in a 1948 Plymouth coupe that had been passed down from his three older brothers, all of whom were Holy Cross day-hops. The car had a hole in the floor—and was “held together by Scotch tape and bailing wire,” he says, but it got him through his undergraduate years—and even took McCann and his friends to basketball games and to dances at women’s colleges. A political science major at Holy Cross, he entered law school after graduation and now serves as a Superior Court judge.

“The day room was just a big, wide, open area with a locker room to the side and a lot of tables,” McCann says. “We’d eat our lunches there or find a quiet spot to study. ‘Hearts’ was a popular game.”

He found the rift between boarders and day scholars to be slight. “Our class was a tight class,” McCann says. “We all knew each other and everyone got along great. There was a difference, yes. If you lived on campus you were more involved, so day-hops pretty much had to try and become involved as much as possible. Being off campus, it wasn’t as intense an experience, but it was an outstanding one anyway.

“We had more Jesuits than lay teachers, and the Jesuits were extraordinary people,” he continues. “Fr. Raymond Swords, who was the president of the College, taught calculus, and that was the toughest course I ever took in my life. But Fr. Swords was so very patient. If you had difficulties he would take the time to go through that portion with you.

“It was a great time,” McCann recalls. “The best four years of my life.”

About James Conlin, that first day-hop to walk up Linden Lane to the College, we know very little. He started in the 1st Rudiments class in September and did well enough to be promoted to 3rd Humanities in October, but there are no records for him after February 1871.
A Voice of Their Own: The Authority of the Local Parish
BY REV. WILLIAM A. CLARK, S.J.
Much of what the Church is, does and teaches unfolds at the local level where most Christians form their understanding of it. In light of three parish studies, Rev. William A. Clark, S.J., in *A Voice of Their Own* (Liturgical Press), examines community, intimacy and authority—and claims that a fundamental aspect of ecclesial authority resides in the local community. He incorporates theological challenges and supports for this view found in the works of Rev. Karl Rahner, S.J., Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, and Walter Cardinal Kasper—and concludes that a deeper appreciation for the practical authority of local communities can help ground a much-needed renewal of the church’s self-understanding.

Fr. Clark is an assistant professor of religious studies at Holy Cross.

Never Enough
BY JOE MCGINNIS *’64
Never Enough (Simon & Schuster), by Joe McGinniss ’64, is the dramatic true story of the wealthy and successful Kissel brothers—who both end up murdered. Robert, an investment banker, was drugged with a milkshake and bludgeoned to death by his wife, Nancy, in their Hong Kong apartment. The public was engrossed by the ensuing “milkshake murder” trial that revealed lurid details of the couple’s troubled marriage. Less than a year later, Robert’s brother Andrew, a Connecticut real estate tycoon facing prison for fraud and embezzlement, was also found dead—stabbed in the back in the basement of his mansion; the case remains unsolved. In this compelling narrative, McGinniss explores his darkest and most disturbing subject yet: a smart and beautiful family so corroded by greed that it destroys itself from within.

McGinniss is the author of 10 books, including *The Selling of the President*, *Fatal Vision* and *Blind Faith*.

The Possible Dream: How the 2004 Red Sox Reversed History
BY VIN FEMIA ’72
Since 1918, Boston Red Sox fans have endlessly discussed and debated why their team came so close so often but—until 2004—always fell short of the World Series Championship. In *The Possible Dream* (Chandler House Press), Vin Femia ’72 tells readers what kept the Red Sox from winning all those years, and what changed in 2004 that resulted in the long-awaited—and deeply savored—championship.

Femia is vice president of engineering at Sepaton, Inc., in Marlborough, Mass.

Gold Cloths of Sumatra: Indonesia’s Songkets from Ceremony to Commodity
BY SUSAN RODGERS, ANNE SUMMERFIELD AND JOHN SUMMERFIELD
Songkets are one of Asia’s most spectacular traditional, hand-loomed textiles. In *Gold Cloths of Sumatra* (Koninklijk Instituut Voor Taal Land), Susan Rodgers, Anne Summerfield and John Summerfield combine the interpretive approaches of textile scholarship and cultural anthropology to explore songket aesthetics, as this remarkable shining gold cloth moves beyond ceremonial contexts to become a “hot item” as a marketable commodity, for sale as heritage textile and collectible. Chapters focus on contemporary songket craft by Minangkabau, Palembang and Jambi weavers, set against a background of 19th-century songket weaving excellence. As commodities, present-day Sumatran songkets show high levels of weaving creativity and technical brilliance, making them a resilient art.

Rodgers is a professor of anthropology at the College.
What if Holden Caulfield Went to Law School?:
Selected Legal Fiction and Nonfiction
BY STEPHEN M. MURPHY ’77
What if Holden Caulfield Went to Law School? (LawyersWriting), by Stephen M. Murphy ’77, is a compendium comprised of short stories, essays, book reviews and author interviews relating to legal fiction. In addition to some of Murphy’s own compelling fiction, this volume includes many of his thoughtful reviews of the works of fellow lawyer-authors, including Sheldon Siegel, Alafair Burke and D.W. Buffa. It also contains insightful interviews with many of these same lawyer-authors.

Murphy, a practicing civil litigator, is an officer of the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association and editor in chief of its Trial Lawyer magazine. He is the author of Alibi and Their Word is Law: Bestselling Lawyer-Novelist Talk About Their Craft.

Piety and Plague: From Byzantium to the Baroque
EDITED BY REV. THOMAS WORCESTER, S.J., AND FRANCO MORMANDO
From earliest antiquity through the first decades of the 18th century, plague was one of the enduring facts of everyday life on the European continent. It represents one of the most important influences on the development of Europe’s society and culture. In order to grasp the changing circumstances of the political, economic, ecclesiastical, artistic and social history of that continent, it is important to understand epidemic disease and society’s response to it. Piety and Plague (Truman State University Press), edited by Rev. Thomas Worcester, S.J., and Franco Mormando, draws extensively upon a wealth of primary sources, both printed and painted—and includes ample bibliographical references to the most important secondary sources, providing much new insight into how generations of Europeans responded to this dread disease.

Fr. Worcester is an associate professor of history at Holy Cross.

Perspectives on Violence and Violent Death
EDITED BY ROBERT G. STEVENSON ’67 AND GERRY R. COX
The need to have a better understanding of violence, to become aware of the many forms of violence, and to learn how to survive in the aftermath of violent death are the focus of Perspectives on Violence and Violent Death (Baywood Publishing Company, Inc.), edited by Robert G. Stevenson ’67 and Gerry R. Cox. This timely, interdisciplinary collection presents the latest research by international experts on the causes, effects and responses to violence. It is filled with guidelines and practical suggestions for families, schools and communities either coping with or preparing for violence in their particular settings.

Stevenson is an assistant professor of behavioral and social sciences at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. He has published five books and more than 60 articles on loss and grief.

The Return of Christian Humanism: Chesterton, Eliot, Tolkien, and the Romance of History
BY LEE OSER
In The Return of Christian Humanism (University of Missouri Press), Lee Oser argues that the Christian humanist occupies the radical middle between church and state, past and future, faith and reason. Writing at the interface of literature and religion, he challenges the assumption that Christian orthodoxy is incompatible with humanism, freedom and democracy. He argues that contemporary academic culture has overlooked Christianity’s gifts to literature and civilization. Oser maintains that Christian humanism encourages a genuine diversity of thought based on reason, nature and the accomplishments of artistic genius.

Oser is an associate professor of English at the College.
Awestruck, Torey Thomas '07 espies this giant phantom of a man running up court, right at him. Who is this Viking vision wearing the golden uniform of the Sundvald Dragons? Is it really Scottie Pippen, an American sports icon?

“I had to pinch myself … this can’t be real,” the rugged little guard tells himself.

Yet it is.

On this frigid Friday night of Jan. 11, Thomas, a rookie American import, is performing professionally for Akropol BBK in the Swedish Basketball League. Pippen, once a superstar with the dynastic NBA Champion Chicago Bulls, is making a one-game paid appearance in Stockholm during a brief Scandinavian tour.

Thomas showcases his talents, hustling all over the court. He leaps to steal a lob pass intended for Pippen. He scores 22 points, dishes out 15 assists, collects seven rebounds and seven assists. Thomas is voted the game’s co-MVP along with the immortal Pippen, who scores 21.

Ten months earlier, Thomas and his feisty Crusaders had been ousted by Southern Illinois from the NCAA tournament. Since then, Thomas had auditions with the Knicks, Nets, Jazz and Celtics, but was not selected in the NBA draft.

To keep his dream alive, Thomas tramps off to foreign climes to work on his game. After only two days in Kormend, Hungary, he bolts for a better deal with Kepez Belediye, joining his Crusader co-Captain and roomie, Keith Simmons ’07, in Antalya, Turkey. Unhappy with import rules that limit his playing time, Thomas jumps to Akropol BBK where he becomes a minor celebrity.

On Feb. 6, Thomas pours in 37 points, hands out 11 assists and pulls down 15 rebounds—a triple double that he hopes some NBA scout will notice.

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It is difficult to know exactly how many Crusader alums have splashed about in the international bouillabaisse of basketball.

A half dozen grads played professional ball abroad just this past year. There have been perhaps another 40 who have played-for-pay in foreign climes during the last 40 years.

A handful thought that international competition would be a stepping-stone to the National Basketball Association. For most, they went on a lark and for a chance to experience different cultures. And they returned wiser, some a bit richer, but all with a backpack stuffed full of entertaining tales of derring-do, culture shock, homesickness, faux celebrity and strange games.

Bobby Kissane and Joe Phelan were teammates, classmates and close friends. They still are. As they strolled toward graduation in 1971, American campuses were being churned by cultural upheaval and a national discord over the Vietnam War.

Phelan, a swingman and sixth man, had concerns about what lottery number he might draw in the military draft. Kissane, a Hall of Fame scoring machine, seemed more worried about the NBA draft.

Peaceniks at heart, both had a penchant for a little personal hell-raising and a consuming desire to play basketball ad infinitum. They remember fondly playing in Holy Cross’ record (largest margin of victory—70 points) thrashing of St. Michael’s, 138-68, at the Worcester Auditorium on Dec. 3, 1970. That night Phelan’s draft lottery number was selected.

“It was low,” he recalls, “in the 30s.”

Kissane is drafted—by the NBA Suns and ABA Nets. After an unsuccessful tryout in Phoenix, Bobby K heads for Paris, hooking up with the Racing Club of France.

Phelan takes off for Germany to play basketball.

“I figured the Army would not bother to extradite me,”
he says with a laugh. Fortunately, Phelan never is called to
arms. He joins the basketball branch of the SGN Ski Club
in Essen, Germany. “I didn’t even know how to ski,” he says.

“We were basketball vagabonds. Like wandering
Australian tennis pros,” says Phelan. “They really didn’t
have to pay us. We were loving what we were doing and liv-
ing large. Here we were making decent money, getting free
food and the use of a car. I would meet up with Bob in Paris
and we’d go for beers.”

Phelan would go to
Munich to watch the 1972
Olympics, being promoted as
“The Happy Games.” He is
there when the Palestinian
terrorist group known as
Black September kills 11
Israeli hostages. He would
bear witness to the shock and
horror. He would also see all
the USA basketball games,
including the controversial
one-point loss to the Soviet
Union—an infamous game
stolen from the Americans
who refused to accept their
silver medals.

Kissane is a natural raconteur. Upon his arrival in France,
team managers inquire about his ethnicity. Perplexed by the
question, Kissane tells them that he is “an American
Indian.” His quip backfires, he says, when the team pro-
motes him as an American Indian: “They were insisting I
wear a headdress, but I refused—I had long hair, so I did
agree to wear a headband and do a few war-whoops for the
crowd.” Kissane gains Parisian celebrity as a 6-foot-8-inch
Indian who could really shoot from the outside.

Payday, Kissane says, would be an adventure. He would
enter a café owned by the team’s owners in the red-light
Pigalle section of Paris.

“I would go into some sleazy backroom, and they would
stuff my pockets with cash,” he says.

Kissane spins yarns about his time with the Racing
Mechelen Club in Belgium. The team arrives in Barcelona
for European Cup play. The headlines catch Kissane’s
attention. The day before, soccer fans killed a referee after
a match.

“Back then,” he recalls, “the basketball refs usually made
sure the visiting teams did not win. But that night we were
beating the hell out of the Spanish team. With two minutes
left, the crowd begins ringing the court, five deep. The next
thing we know, the Spanish Marines are storming the court
with rifles at the ready. They escort us to our bus, which the
mob starts rocking. A very scary moment.”

By the end of 1973, Kissane and Phelan are back in
Worcester where they play park-league, semipro and pick-up
basketball together for several years. Kissane develops into a
superb designer and handcrafts of fine furniture and oper-
ates his own shop today. Phelan earns a Ph.D. in adolescent
emotional disturbance at the University of Connecticut.
For many years, Phelan has spearheaded the Alternative
Education program at Auburn (Mass.) High.

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Chris Rojik ’97 sits in his airport
hotel room, very much
depressed. He had washed out in
Germany again, without ever
getting a chance to prove he
could play pro ball.

After graduation, he signed
up for a summer tour for
American hoopsters hoping to
land a contract with a German
pro team. The tour is badly run.
The guys are not very serious
about their mission. The 6-foot-
7-inch Rojik cannot land a job.
He comes home, finding work
at an investment company.

The next summer, he goes
back for another shot. This time, he signs a contract for a
$30,000 net salary along with free room, board and a team
car. A week before the season’s opener, Rojik gets cut. His
inexperienced agent screwed up. The lawsuit he files is going
nowhere.

So he is heading home.

The phone rings in his hotel room the night before his
scheduled 7 a.m. flight.

“It was my agent,” recalls Rojik. “He had arranged a
tryout for me with the Rounder Dragons.”

Rojik had his paid-for airplane ticket in hand.

“But I was there, so I figured I should at least go to the
tryout,” he explains.

The plane takes off without him.

Rojik makes the Dragons, a second division team, and
plays well. In his third season, Rojik signs a better deal with
a club in Iserlohn. That’s where he meets his wife, Sonia
Badas de Oliveira—a shooting guard for the Iserlohn
women’s team.

After three seasons there, he returns to the Dragons
where he has been a mainstay for the past five seasons. He
averaged 17 points and seven rebounds this season. The
Rojiks have a daughter, Emilia, age 3. For six-to-eight weeks
every summer, they come back to Wareham, Mass., where
Chris’ dad still coaches the high school girls.

“It has been the best time of my life,” says Rojik. He has
already signed for next season. At 33, Rojik is living happily
in the town of Bad Honnef, not far from Bonn. He plans to coach there after his playing days are done. “Great town, good schools for Emilia. We will probably be here for a long time.”

Two Lady Crusaders chat during a chance meeting at the Hart Center in January. Gleefully, Amy O’Brien ’99 and Kaitlin Foley ’07 swap horror stories about playing pro basketball abroad.

Despite their grief during brief stays, O’Brien and Foley find relief in humor. And the two stellar centers agree on one thing—they are glad they gave it a shot.

O’Brien, a Varsity Club Hall of Famer, had her fling in Germany. Her connection was ex-Crusader standout Pat Elzie ’84, still coaching in Germany. With his help, she lands a job with a second-division club in Cochem near Bonn.

Foley signs with a Spanish league second-level team in the Canary Islands.

O’Brien and Foley share experiences that are typical on the international circuit. They are misled by false promises. They do not speak their team’s native language. They cannot understand their coaches and teammates. They feel isolated. They have no job security.

“I realized that the missing element was teamwork,” says Foley. “I really missed playing at Holy Cross where teamwork was everything. I was averaging 10 points, and 11 rebounds, but that joy of playing the game together was not there. I was the only American. My teammates ranged from 18-to-27 years old. Some were students, some were mothers, some worked all day—so we practiced at night.”

Although she takes Spanish classes there, Foley doesn’t understand much of her coach’s pep talks. Her teammates call her “Kate,” which confuses her because that sounds as if they are saying “que,” the Spanish interrogative for “what.”

“The coach spouted all these team rules in Spanish,” she recalls. “Detailed things like what we could or could not wear on the plane. I didn’t understand a word she was saying and got fined constantly.”

Her teammates do not warm up to her until near the end of her stay when she starts baking them brownies and cookies.

“I learned a life lesson about how to treat outsiders,” says the sociology major. After nearly four months and 13 games with Caja Canarias, Foley returns home, two days before Christmas. She is now exploring other career options.

O’Brien had similar communication problems. The psychology/Spanish double major could not understand German.

“Our Polish coach spoke only Polish, and everything he said was translated into German,” she explains. “The level of competition was awful. Players smoked and came in all shapes and sizes. We only played once a week and practiced at night. The part-time job I was promised never happened. Though we were sponsored by an automobile company, the car they promised never arrived. I felt isolated, alone in my tiny apartment all day. I couldn’t watch TV and didn’t have enough money to travel the country.

“As a 6-foot-1 center, I thought I’d be able to work on my guard skills and maybe get a shot at the WNBA. But they ran practices backward—had us running laps instead of wind sprints. We could not have beaten my Holy Name High School team.”

After a half dozen games over two months’ time, O’Brien decides to refocus. She comes home, teaches Spanish and coaches at a prep school for two years, runs the Boston Marathon for kicks, gets a master’s degree in education and teaches middle school. She marries John Davagian, a Lehigh grad who is a vice president of a software company. She is now a stay-at-home mom, who does basketball commentary for local cable TV, referees basketball and juggles two daughters, Katie, 3, and Alison, who will be 2 in September.

“I was 21 and went to have a little fun,” says O’Brien. “It was nice to walk away on my own terms.”

Kevin Hamilton ’06 is making a pit stop during his international travels, returning to Worcester to close a deal on a condo, which, he says, will be his home base of operations when his playing days are done.

On this Jan. 18, he would get his business done, take in the Holy Cross-Bucknell game that night and catch a Saturday flight to Puerto Rico where he plays in the Baloncesto Superior National (BSN).

Hamilton bounced from Puerto Rico to Grundianz, Poland, to Besancon, France, and back to Puerto Rico.

In Poland, the locals would surround Hamilton and his Polpak Swiecie teammates in pubs and serenade them with Polish fight songs.

“We would get used to the melodies, and we would end up singing along,” Hamilton recalls.

In France, the hardest adjustment is double kissing.
“They kiss both sides of your cheeks every time they see you…neighbors, team assistants, everyone,” he says. “I kissed my next-door neighbors more than I kissed the women in my own family.”

Puerto Rico is much more laid back, Hamilton says, while European basketball seems like a matter of life and death to fans. The atmosphere can be cutthroat.

“If they find someone as good, but cheaper,” he says, “you lose your job.”

Hamilton goes where the pay is best and spotlight is brightest. This summer he will try to get a spot in the Lakers summer league. He hopes he will be noticed and, just maybe, land an NBA contract as a role player.

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He is sitting in his living room in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., when his agent calls. The next thing Patrick Whearty ’03 knows, he is being transported in time to San Nicholas, Argentina, and is surrounded by a very angry mob.

“I’m at home and then, 24 hours later, I’m wearing a Boca Juniors (Buenos Aires) uniform and being attacked by a bunch of crazies,” Whearty recalls.

Such is the life of an itinerant international hoopster. Out of work one moment and plopped into some strange place the next. During the five years since graduation, Whearty has played in Brazil, Argentina, the Ukraine, France and, currently, in Japan. He has played in camps and tournaments in Switzerland, Belarus, Italy and Uruguay.

The rabid fans in Argentina apparently do not appreciate being thumped by Whearty and his brand new teammates.

“The police barged onto the court with Riot-control shields and escorted us to the team bus,” he recalls.

This season, in Japan, things are much more cordial. Whearty and his ’89er teammates in Sendai can relax in natural hot springs tubs and enjoy sushi. Companionship is good. Four Americans are allowed to play on each of the 10 Basketball Japan League (BJL) teams. Whearty is a prized 6-foot-10 center.

“I never guard a Japanese player,” he notes. “All the forwards and centers are Americans.”

His season is long, beginning in October and ending in May. In January, Whearty, averaging 12 points and nine rebounds, is voted by fans to the BJL All-Star team—and plays in an exhibition in Okinawa.

“The league is well run and we are paid on time, which is not the case in some countries,” he says.

Whearty recalls going into a shabby office in the Ukraine, and a guy asking how much he is owed. He tells him he has $35,000 coming—he signed a bonus and a month’s pay.

“The guy takes out a wad of bills, peels off $35 grand, puts the money in a plastic bag and hands it to me,” Whearty says.

At midseason, he is talking about giving up pro ball. His girlfriend of four years, Dr. Selma Mizouni, practices medicine in Orlando, Fla.

“My back and knees are bothering me from so much playing,” he explains. “The pain has taken some of the joy away. It may be time to come home. I’ll decide after the season.”

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There are others still in the international game. Keith Simmons ’07 averaged 15 points this season in Turkey’s top league. Nate Luftin ’05 performed as a solid center for Zwolle in the Netherlands.

Rob Feaster ’95, ranked second on the Crusaders all-time scoring list, ended a fine 10-year pro career in 2006 after playing in Australia, France and Germany and, also, for the Connecticut Pride in the Continental Basketball Association (see Holy Cross Magazine, winter/spring 2005 issue). Married and the father of four, Feaster works as an employment recruiter in Chicago.

Some stayed. After playing for years, Pat Elzie ’83 remains in Germany, now coaching in Kirchheim. Dual-citizen Eileen Bradley ’97 played pro-level ball in Ireland; now she works as a Price Waterhouse actuary in Dublin while keeping fit in a semipro league there.

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It’s clear that the wild and wooly world of international hoops is not for the faint of heart, but every Crusader we talked to emphasized that playing abroad is a gift they would never return.

John W. Gearan ’65, was an award-winning reporter and columnist at the Worcester Telegram and Gazette for 36 years. He resides in Woonsocket, R.I., with his wife, Karen Maguire, and their daughter, Molly.
The cranky relationship between Holy Cross and the city of its birth seems as old as the Seven Hills of Worcester.

“Holy Cross is situated on a bluff and runs on the same principle,” was one curt quip often overheard in my youth. A bluff, along with being an antique word for hill, is defined as “a display of confidence greater than the facts support.” Put another way, pretending to be better than you are. No doubt, many in the blue-collar Worcester community felt that out-of-town Crusaders were lace-curtain snobs from wealthy families who made their fortunes in faraway places such as Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

Though not quite a townie, I grew up as a local yokel from Fitchburg. I arrived in 1961 as a day-hop, a guy from down below (as in the basement of Carlin). During my sophomore and junior years, I lived “on campus,” which meant being incarcerated in a tiny bunk-bedded cell with two other young men in a graveolent dorm. Senior year I was married and listed among the 214 day-hops (1964-65 total enrollment was 2,002).

Way back when, resident students rarely left their ivied towers and would only venture “downtown” for a basketball game at the Worcester Auditorium or for a Sloppy Joe at the Miss Woo. The daylight view from Mount St. James displayed smokestacks jutting up from ancient factories and railroad tracks crisscrossing a nitty-gritty “mill town.”

Students being students cared not a whit about the folks laboring in those factories. They were not curious enough to seek out the history and art museums, the churches and mansions that would demonstrate Worcester had some class.

Yet one thing the good folks of Worcester and its namesake county had in common with Holy Cross’ all-male student body was an ardor for athletics.

As some wag accurately observed, “sports is the front porch of a college.”

Indeed, the townies came to sit on “the front porch” and watch Crusaders perform at Fitton Field at the base of the mountain, or at the Worcester Auditorium in Lincoln Square. The locals would gather to discuss games and celebrate their heroes at long-gone landmarks such as the Bancroft Hotel, the Eden Gardens and Putnam & Thurston’s.

The Purple stirred regional pride. Football teams earned national headlines, competing in places like the 1946 Orange Bowl. The 1946-47 basketball team captured the NCAA Championship and a throng of 10,000 locals greeted George Kaftan ’50, Cousy ’50 and Co. as returning heroes at Union Station. The 1952 baseball team coached by the immortal Jack Barry ’10—with Shuffles O’Neill ’52 and Ron Perry ’54 pitching—won the NCAA crown and the basketball team, led by Togo Palazzi ’54 and Tommy Heinsohn ’56, made the College famous winning the 1954 National Invitation Tournament.

Sports put Holy Cross on the map. And the Crusaders were Worcester’s team. In the stands were Worcester’s working class, many who never had a chance to go to college. In a largely Irish Catholic region, mothers and fathers wanted their sons to go to Holy Cross and hoped their daughters would someday marry “a nice boy from Holy Cross.”

And if you played for “The Cross,” you were an instant local hero.

“Holy Cross was the only ticket in town,” remarks John Mullan, an ardent lifelong Crusader fan reflecting on the days of his youth. Fans like Mullan can still rattle off entire lineups from long ago. Worcester guys coached Holy Cross teams—legends such as Buster Sheary, Hop Riopel ’24, Jack Whalen ’48, Frank “The Iron Major” Cavanagh; or transplants such as Jack Barry ’10, George Blaney ’61, Bart Sullivan, who lived here for most of their adult lives. College luminaries were often homegrown, players like Worcester’s Jack “The Shot” Foley ’62, Bobby Curran ’48, Bobby Foley ’63, John Tivnan ’48, Phil O’Neill ’69 and Leominster’s Ronnie Cahill ’40.

City folk knew the words to all the fight songs like “Old Mamie Reilly.” If the tiny college band needed to be filled out for a big Saturday game, much older local musicians would be recruited to play. From among the legions of day-hops came Worcester County civic leaders, educa-
tors, politicians, lawyers and doctors. Franny McGrath ’32 became the longest serving city manager in the country. Joey Early ’55, a local hoops hero and basketball captain, served as long-term congressman.

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The College is no longer all male. The Hart Center’s basketball court and hockey rink draw the action back onto campus. Long gone are the days when Holy Cross played the Boston Garden and Fenway Park. Football de-emphasized to Division 1-AA and a system of limited athletic aid. There is no longer the excitement generated by big-time visitors like Syracuse and Boston College. Holy Cross opted not to make sports an entertainment on a national stage, turning down an invitation to the Big East. The Crusaders declined a chance to be a regular tenant at Worcester’s civic center.

A much smaller athletic department operated running three main programs—football, basketball and baseball. Now it runs 27 separate teams, and 25 percent of the student body plays a varsity sport.

Hogan Campus Center, though popular for non-college events, serves most all of the student body’s needs. Students have less reason to go downtown. That said, volunteerism is far more aggressive than in days of yore. Students serve community nonprofits in a variety of programs.

The cost of college has created a greater divide between the community and Holy Cross. In recognition of that, the College’s Worcester Initiative will begin granting full tuition aid to city kids whose families make less than $50,000 (see story on Page 4).

To its credit, Holy Cross is emerging as a national power in academic circles while its reputation in sports is solidly aligned with Patriot League and the Ivy League schools. The upside is that Holy Cross, though not contending for national titles, does not get smeared by scandals that proliferate the realm of modern-day sports.
Class Notes

The Dec. 14 edition of the Bangor (Maine) Daily News included an article about John R. Driscoll and his selection by the New England Healthcare Assembly as the recipient of its sixth annual Trustee Leadership Award; Driscoll was honored for his contributions to the Down East Community Hospital, Machias, Maine, as the chairman of its board of trustees.

The Metropolitan Golf Association, Elmsford, N.Y., announced in November the selection of David P. “Dave” Anderson as the recipient of its 2007 Distinguished Service Award; Anderson is a sports columnist for The New York Times. John F. Phelan announced last fall that he and his partner, Frank T. Healey Jr. ’49, are retiring from the practice of law in Connecticut.

Class Chair Albert J. McEvoy Jr.

The law firm Pierce Atwood LLP recently announced that Ralph I. Lancaster Jr. has been included in The Best Lawyers in America 2008, published by Woodward/White of Aiken, S.C.—and, also, in The International Who’s Who of Commercial Litigation 2008, published by Law Business Research Ltd. the official research partner of the International Bar Association; Lancaster, who serves as of counsel in the firm’s Portland, Maine, office, specializes in civil and criminal litigation in state and federal courts.


Rev. Rudolph J. Leveille, a retired priest of the Diocese of Portland, Maine, writes that June 15, 2007 marked the 50th jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. Monsignor Edward A. Sweeney notes that he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 1. Class Chair Rev. Earl L. Markey, S.J.

James A. Paradis writes that his painting, titled Barriers, has been installed in the Mosakley Building of the Boston Medical Center.

Class Chair Robert J. McKay. Class Correspondent Robert F. Danahy

James J. “Jim” Callahan Jr. writes that the Massachusetts Association of Older Americans selected him as the recipient of its 2007 Elsie Frank Advocacy Award.

Former Massachusetts secretary of Elder Affairs, Callahan is also past director of the Policy Center on Aging at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management of Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

Class Co-Chairs Francis T. Londregan, Raymond A. Noonan

W. Lawrence “Larry” Drew, M.D., writes that he continues to work full time as a professor at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine and, as director of the clinical virology laboratory. Leo A. Kellogg notes that he is the president of MENSA of Northeastern New York.

Class Chair Braden A. Mechley. Class Correspondent Arthur J. Andreoli

Arthur W. Brodeur writes that he has been appointed by Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Rell to serve on the Governor’s Hospital System Strategic Task Force—“charged with developing strategies to stabilize and chart the future course of hospitals in Connecticut.” Chairman of the Planning Committee of the Windham Hospital in Willimantic, Conn., Brodeur was recently selected as a recipient of the 2007 Holyoke (Mass.) Community College Distinguished Alumni Award.”

Class Chair William P. Maloney. Class Co-Correspondents Thomas M. O’Brien, John J. Ormond

John J. Gibbons ’47 honored by “Global Kids”

By Karen Sharpe

Gibbons P.C. As an attorney, he has spent his career working for social justice—most notably arguing against the Bush administration in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of detainees held at Guantanamo Bay for the right to legal counsel.

Gibbons’ affiliation with and enthusiasm for Global Kids is natural, he says. Because of Global Kids, thousands of students have become well educated in global political affairs and American constitutionalism—and are poised to become the leaders needed for the 21st century.

“If my generation had been exposed to experiences such as those afforded by Global Kids, perhaps we might have been better prepared to prevent some of the international fissures we have witnessed,” Gibbons says. “I hope that these wonderful young people will lead us some day to a better world. Global Kids shares that hope and deserves our enthusiastic support.”

Gibbons is a former Holy Cross Trustee.

John J. Gibbons ’47
Richard J. Andres notes that he has had his sixth book published by AMSCO School Publications Inc.: Prep for the Regents Exam: Geometry, which he wrote with Joy Bernstein. Lawrence A. “Larry” McGrail writes that he recently conducted training for retired engineers in Silicon Valley, Palo Alto, Calif., through RE-SEED—a Northeastern University-sponsored program that prepares engineers, scientists and other individuals with science backgrounds, to provide voluntary assistance to upper elementary and middle school science teachers with their instruction of the physical sciences; McGrail notes that he has also presented similar workshops in Virginia, Arizona, California, New York, Maine, and Worcester—at WPI. In addition, this program has enabled him to tutor inner city students twice a week at the O’Brien School, Roxbury, Mass., as they prepare for the advanced placement physics exam. Class Co-Chairs George M. Ford, George F. Sullivan Jr.


Albert L. Menard Jr. writes that he is now acting as a compliance officer for the financial planning firm Gilman & Ciocia. Harry A.M. Rush Jr. notes that he has written the Centennial Diary of East Millinocket, Maine 1907-2007, for the town’s 100th anniversary. Richard L. “Dick” Withington, M.D., writes that he retired—following 39 years of service as a physician, orthopedic surgery—and is now residing on a small island in the St. Lawrence River between New York and Canada. Withington adds that he currently serves as captain of a small working tug in marine construction and salvage; captain of the Clayton, N.Y., fireboat Last Chance; volunteer captain at the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton; and deputy coordinator for EMS in Jefferson County, N.Y. Class Chair William J. O’Leary Jr.

William T. “Bill” Collins notes that, while relocating to North Carolina, he is continuing to serve as in-house counsel for the E Q Corporation in Stamford, Conn. Class Chair Charles J. Buchta. Class Correspondent Michael J. Toner

The Diocese of Fall River, Mass., honored Robert A. Mulligan this fall with its St. Thomas More Award for dedicated service as a distinguished jurist. Mulligan serves as chief justice for administration and management of the Massachusetts Trial Court. Donald W. Wilkes is currently the social studies supervisor, prekindergarten through grade 12, in the Middletown (Conn.) Public Schools. Class Co-Chairs David J. Martel, Thomas F. McCabe Jr.

Robert G. “Rob” Stevenson, an assistant professor at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., writes that he is the co-editor of a new book, titled Perspectives on Violence and Violent Death, published last October by Baywood Press. Stevenson adds that the Bergen County Women’s Coaches’ Association announced his election as president of the organization; a member of the coaches’ executive committee for 34 years, he most recently served as treasurer. Class

By Karen Sharpe

Rev. Richard J. Clifford, S.J., ‘56 has been named founding dean of the newly established Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

The new school brings together the resources of the Weston Jesuit School of Theology—which will now be known as the Ecclesiastical Faculty at Boston College—and the Boston College Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. The school will incorporate the Church in the 21st Century Online, a program that provides ongoing adult spiritual formation. Classes will begin in fall 2008.

“I am excited to be named dean of the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, which incorporates into one school three excellent entities,” says Fr. Clifford. “The mission of each will be broadened and enjoy richer resources. The coming together of so many dedicated faculty members, staff and students to form a new school is a historic moment for Boston College. It is an unparalleled opportunity to advance the Gospel and service the church and academic community.”

Fr. Clifford, a widely recognized Old Testament scholar and lecturer, is the author of seven books and numerous articles. He taught classics at Holy Cross from 1960-62 and served on the College’s Board of Trustees from 1972-80.

Co-Chairs John J. McLaughlin Jr., John P. Sindoni

‘68 Joseph E. “Jay” Howard notes that, in April 2007, he was sent by USAID to Macedonia to continue working on an education project there; during his visit to five high schools located in small cities and towns in the southern and eastern sections of the country, he assisted educators with mentoring activities, enabling them to share and disseminate student-centered teaching activities.

William A. Monti writes that he has written and published Publisher vs. Politician—a book about the rise and fall of T. Frank Hayes, mayor of Waterbury, Conn., from 1930-39, and his conflict with local newspaper publisher William J. Pape; the book is available at www.lulu.com. Class Co-Chairs Alfred J. Carolan Jr., John T. Collins

‘70 Peter F. Purcell, M.D., notes that he has been re-elected to the position of governor for the American College of Gerontologelogy (ACG) for Northern New York state; serving in this capacity as liaison among ACG members, fellows and the board of trustees for New York state north of Westchester County—as well as liaison to the National Affairs Committee—he is also a member of the association’s Professional Issues and Finance and Budget committees. Having maintained a private gerontological practice since 1979, Purcell is president of Digestive Disease Associates of Schenectady, PC, in Schenectady, N.Y.—as well as a clinical assistant professor at Albany (N.Y.) Medical College. Class Co-Chairs Stephen T. Bier, Thomas J. Neagle

‘72 Thomas C. McKone III writes that he has been re-elected to a four-year term with the East Lake Tarpon Fire Commission, located in Pinellas County, Fla. Class Chair Allan F. Kramer II

‘74 Louis R. Fortunato, M.D., notes that he has been accepted into the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certificate Program at Manhattan College, Riverdale, N.Y., effective this past fall. Michael E. Niedermeier, managing principal of the certified public accounting and consulting firm Nishball, Carp, Niedermeier, Pacowta & Co.—with offices in Shelton and Waterbury, Conn.—announces that he was recently named to a five-year term on the board of directors of BKR International, a global association of independent accounting and business advisory firms. Class Co-Chairs Brian R. Forts, Edward J. Sullivan

‘75 Jurij Dobczansky writes that he serves as the senior cataloging specialist and recommending officer for Ukraine at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Class Co-Chairs Joseph W. Cummings, Joseph A. Sasso Jr.

‘76 Monsignor John J. Bonzagni notes that he was recently appointed monsignor by Pope Benedict XVI—and adds that he currently serves the Diocese of Springfield, Mass., as judicial vicar and the director of pastoral planning. Class Chair Thomas E. Ryan. Class Correspondent Thomas C. Healey

‘77 Timothy S. Egan writes that he has recently been elected treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee of the board of directors of the non-profit organization St. Francis House, a homeless day shelter in Boston that provides basic services for its guests as well as rehabilitation and counseling programs. Catherine (Lynch) Leary notes that she currently serves as the director of admission and financial aid at Saint Mary’s School, an Episcopal high school for young women, located in Raleigh, N.C. Class Co-Chairs Brian A. Cashman, Kathleen T. Connolly

‘79 Jeanne L. DeSignore, M.D., recently submitted a press release from the American Orthopaedic Association, Rosemont, Ill., announcing her induction into the organization at its annual meeting held in June 2007; senior partner with Hand Surgery Associates LLP in Rochester, N.Y., DeSignore, according to the press release, has held leadership positions in several professional societies, including chair of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) Committee on Ethics and Professionalism, and chair of the AAOS project
team for Development of Professional Code of Conduct for Board of Directors. DelSignore also notes that she has been appointed chair of the newly established US Lacrosse ethics committee—and that she was invited to present a lecture on anterior cruciate ligament tear incidence, risks and prevention, at the Jan. 18-20 US Lacrosse National Convention in Philadelphia. Gerard A. “Rod” Woodford ’79 writes that his wife, Lisa M. Guay-Woodford, M.D., has been appointed the first holder of the Anderson Family Endowed Chair in Medical Education, Research and Patient Care, by the board of trustees of The University of Alabama (UAB); professor and vice chair for research in the UAB department of genetics, she also directs the UAB Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease Core Center. Kathleen (Durkin) Whitelock notes that she is currently the director of Catholic schools marketing and institutional advancement for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Class Co-Chairs Glennon L. Paredes, Deborah A. Pelles

‘80 Daniel M. Dallenbach writes that he has been promoted to regional sales manager-West Coast, for the GAF-ELK Corporation—and that he directs the sales of 15 territory managers and business for the Fontana and Shafter, Calif., roofing plants. Michael T. Harvey announces the summer release of his debut novel, The Chicago Way, by Knopf Publishing. Mark E. Hornech, M.D., notes that he is now president of the medical staff at MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn, Ill. Class Co-Chairs J. Christopher Collins, Kathleen L. Wise

‘82 Anthony A. Ashur writes that he has released his latest compact disc, All Things Bright and Beautiful—“a collection of hymns, songs and lullabies for children of all ages.” Faith Cuenin and Gerard M. Dohearty, M.D., note that Jerry is chief of general surgery at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and Faith is secretary of the board of trustees of the Emerson School, also in Ann Arbor; they both serve as co-chairs of the school’s capital campaign. Jefferson Radiology, a private group practice in Connecticut, announced in January that Michael J. Hallisey, M.D., an interventional radiologist in the partnership, has been appointed to the Advisory Committee of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA); in this capacity, according to the press release, Hallisey “will provide independent expert scientific advice and make recommendations on radiology related health issues in conjunction with the FDAs regulatory responsibilities.” Bernard J. Kilkey, who has been an investor relations practitioner for more than 20 years, writes that he became a director, in 2007, of the New York chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute; Kilkey adds that he has been the vice president of investor relations for the Delphi Financial Group, Inc., in New York City, since 2001. Class Co-Chairs Jean Kelly Cummings, Susan L. Sullivan

‘84 LynneGuiomondFindlay notes that she recently started law school full-time—at the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, N.H. Michael J. Kennedy is the founder, president and chief executive officer of the Virginia-based Web and information technology solutions provider Competitive Innovations, LLC., which announced in August its inclusion on the Inc. Magazine top 500 list of privately held companies in the United States for 2007. Thomas J. “Max” Quinn and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of their daughter, Abby Mae, on Jan. 20, 2007. Quinn writes that he received his Ph.D. in human development from Marywood University, Scranton, Pa., and is currently serving as the assistant superintendent of schools for the Abington Heights School District in Clarks Summit, Pa. Class Co-Chairs Susan F. Feitberg, Edward J. Lynch III, Fred J. O’Connor

‘85 Brian J. Thackaberry notes that he is now flying the Boeing 777 out of Washington Dulles International Airport as a first officer with United Airlines. Class Co-Chairs Thomas M. Flynn, Joseph Terranova. Class Correspondent Joanne S. Niland

‘86 Michael J. Dembowski, a licensed architect in Massachusetts since 1998, is now an associate with Chan Krieger Sieniewicz, an architectural design and planning services firm in Cambridge, Mass. Since joining the company in 2004, Dembowski has been involved in several Boston projects, including the Center for Advanced Medicine, Brigham & Women’s Hospital, and the General Aviation Facility, Logan International Airport. Having also recently completed a public skating rink in Revere, Mass., for the state, he is currently working on a new head-quarters and warehouse/distribution center for the Greater Boston Food Bank. James H. Krumsieck writes that he recently joined his brother and four other attorneys in opening the law firm Perry, Krumsieck & Jack, LLP, in Boston; he notes that he continues to focus his practice on financial transactions, including residential and commercial real estate lending. Thomas M. Meuser notes that, last August, he became an associate professor of social work and psychology at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and the director of the Gerontology Graduate Program; he publishes and conducts research on aging. Class Co-Chairs Virginia M. Ayers, Patrick L. McCarthy Jr., Edward T. O’Donnell, Kathleen Quinn Powers

‘87 Michelle (Tuure) Andew writes that she has been named the chief financial officer of Carroll Construction, Inc., of Bartow, Fla., “which provides construction and consulting services to the transportation and chemical industries.” The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently announced that James J. Collins Jr. was selected as a recipient of its 2007 Director’s Pioneer Award, which is “designed to support individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose pioneering—and possibly transforming approaches—to major challenges in biomedical and behavioral research.” According to the NIH, Collins will use the award “to develop innovative systems biology and synthetic biology approaches to analyze the bacterial gene regulatory networks underlying cellular responses to antibiotics and the emergence of resistance.” He currently serves as a university professor, professor of biomedical engineering, and co-director of the Center for BioDynamics, College of Engineering, at Boston University. Thomas F. Coonan and his wife, Linda, announce the birth of their daughter, Riley Lynne, on Sept. 5. Andrew K. Cuddy announces the May 2007 release of his book, The Special Education Battlefield: A Guide to the Due Process Hearing and Other Tools of Effective Advocacy; Cuddy notes that, for eight years, his law practice has focused on “representing the parents of children with disabilities against their school districts.” The Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute in Utica, N.Y., announced in January the appointment of Anna Tobin D’Ambrosio to the position of assistant director, according to the press release, D’Ambrosio is continuing her current duties as the curator of decorative arts, which includes oversight of the museum’s
19th-century American collection. Philip Gregory "Greg" Hilton notes that he has recently been recalled to active duty with the Navy in Afghanistan. Carolyn (Lester) Magowan and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Marjorie, on June 10. Stephen J. McCormack writes that he has been appointed managing director of Global Life Science Ventures, an independent capital fund focusing on the life sciences, with offices in Germany and Switzerland; he adds that he recently joined the board of directors of Coapt Systems in Palo Alto, Calif., and serves as chairman of Intelligent Medical Implants—a medical technology company headquartered in Zug, Switzerland, with a research and development subsidiary in Bonn, Germany. Theresa K. Mohan and her husband, Peter Moskowitz, announce the birth of their twin girls, Erin and Jamie, on May 5.

Scott L. Rudy and his wife, Anke, announce the birth of their daughter, Amelie Lorelei, on Sept. 24. Mary Morrill Shannon and her husband, Ted, announce the birth of their daughter, Eliza Jane. Joseph N. Sidari, M.D., notes that he is now working at the Fallon Clinic in Worcester—and that, in May 2007, he was appointed chief of the division of otolaryngology; Sidari also notes that, during his tenure, the department was recognized with the clinic’s “Innovation of the Year” award, for his work “in expanding the depth and breadth of services in the ENT department.” Thomas J. Welch and Jodi Stewart were married on Sept. 15, in Shelton, Conn.

1992 Carrie Couglin Germain and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of their son, Thomas Cyrus, on April 30, 2007. Susan Daley and Patrick L. Gibson announce the birth of their daughter, Mavee, on April 1, 2007. Todd D. Manning and his wife, Kathleen ’93, announce the birth of their daughter, Mairéad Kathleen, on Aug. 24.

1993 Sara Leahy Boyle and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of their twins, Declan Patrick and Siobhan Margaret, on May 15, 2007. Melissa Aldridge Carlson and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of their daughter, Annika Melissa, on May 1; Carlson writes that she is an assistant professor at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. Matthew R. Cavanaugh and his wife, Alice, announce the birth of their son, Parker; Cavanaugh notes that he teaches high school Spanish in Rye, N.Y. Cynthia M. “Cindy” Zmijeski and John C. Demers announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth, on July 19; John writes that he works for the U.S. Department of Justice as the deputy assistant attorney general for law and policy in the National Security Division. Peter B. Gesell Jr. and his wife, Susan, announce the birth of their son, Brody Joseph, on Nov. 15.

1991 David A.M. Christie and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Philip, on March 25, 2007. Julie Solinski Faller writes that she accepted a new position as vice president and New York State Agency counsel for the Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company in Garden City, N.Y. Kelly (Thompson) Reilly notes that she works at the toy company, Hasbro, as the director of learning and development. Marie (Peters) Thibeault and her husband, Mike, announce the adoption of their nine-year-old son, Adam, on Sept. 11, 2006. Thibeault writes that she works at Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Mass.—teaching students about history in the 1830s.

1988 The Boston Bar Association recently announced that Joseph L. Bierwirth Jr., an attorney in the Boston law firm Hemenway & Barnes, has been named co-chair of the Fiduciary Litigation Committee of the Trusts and Estates Section of the association. The Thomas Jefferson Agricultural Institute, a Missouri-based nonprofit organization that conducts agriculture education and research projects, announced in November that Roger G. Doiron has been awarded a Food & Society Policy Fellowship for 2008-09. According to the press release, the two-year annual stipend is presented to food and agriculture professionals in North America, “enabling them to use mass media channels to inform public viewpoints in alignment with the goals of creating sustainable food systems that promote good health, vibrant communities and environmental stewardship.” Founder of Kitchen Gardeners International, Doiron is a freelance writer, photographer and media professional as well as the regional organizer for the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group and a volunteer coordinator with the Eat Local Foods Coalition of Maine. Eric J. Schuck, M.D., and his wife, Stacy, announce the birth of their son, Rocco Anthony, on Nov. 30.

1989 Lt. Col. Kevin M. Schmiegel, USMC, who is currently stationed at Quantico, Va.—and serving as the head of assigned assignments for the Marine Corps—writes that he was one of four officers to be named a military assistant to recently appointed Special Envoy for Middle East Security Gen. Jim Jones. Schmiegel notes that this mission involves travel to Israel, Jerusalem, Jordan and Egypt over a six-month period—“in an effort to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, by working with Israelis and Palestinians on the full range of security issues and working to strengthen security for both sides.”

1989 Paul V. Buckley and his wife, Monica, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, on Sept. 22; Buckley notes that he continues to work at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C., where he teaches math and TV communications and directs the drama program. V. Paul Chattergy writes that he currently works for the hedge funds group at SPARX International in Hong Kong, S.A.R. The Massachusetts Bar Association recently announced that Michele E. Randazzo has been appointed to a second term as co-chair of the association’s public law section; Randazzo serves as an attorney with the Boston firm Kopelman & Paige P.C. Michael J. Rousseau notes that he currently serves as the director of a program for social, emotional and behaviorally challenged middle school students in Amherst, Mass. V. Paul Chattergy and Mti Kim were married on June 23, at the Punahou School Chapel in Honolulu.

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Lisa Levine, M.D., ’01 works for global health

By Karen Sharpe

With still more than two years left in her ob-gyn residency at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City, Lisa Levine, M.D., ’01 has already committed herself to serving others—by providing vital health care to poor and disadvantaged women around the globe.

A trip last fall to Uganda and Kenya with Prevention International: No Cervical Cancer (PINCC)—a group with which she has been involved since medical school—solidified her determination. With other volunteers, Levine conducted cervical cancer screenings and provided education aimed at helping the impoverished women stay healthy. At times, though, Levine says, the extreme poverty she experienced made her feel helpless—and she wondered if, in fact, she was making any difference at all.

“The doctors we worked with in Uganda told us that, if this program was successful, the governmental agencies would consider initiating this screening program on a national level,” Levine says. “If that were the case, then we can truly say we are working toward change—toward making a difference. You can’t overcome huge obstacles without using steppingstones to get there.”

Despite her hectic residency schedule, Levine is already planning a trip to Central America with PINCC in June.

“Knowing I know I want to dedicate my life to bettering the future, both here in the States and abroad,” Levine says. “Working in these poor communities with these amazing people is the whole reason I went to medical school to begin with. I just have to keep remembering through the grueling times that I love medicine—I love this field—and I love trying to make a difference.”

Choquette and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Anne, in May 2007; Choquette notes that she continues to work for the State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services. Kami Devlin Ellis and her husband, Bernard, announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Devlin Ellis, on June 29; Brother Peter F. Killeen, FSC, writes that he currently serves as the vocation director for the New York Province of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Carla (Spinda) Quigg and her husband, Kevin ’95, announce the birth of their daughter, Guinevere May, on March 31, 2007; Jennifer Lindwall Schwab, M.D., and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of their daughter, Margaret Frances “Maggie”; Schwab notes that she continues to work as a pediatrician in Rocky Hill, Conn. Jonathan R. “Jon” Strack writes that he is now working full time for Fidelity Investments in its North Carolina office. Michael J. Cullity and Bethany Earls were married on July 14, at St. Peter’s Church in Worcester.

Class Co-Chairs Danita J. Beck, Amanda M. Robichaud

’95 Eileen (Crowley) Balderas and her husband, Javier, announce the birth of their son, Sean Donald, on Sept. 24, 2006. Joseph M. Falcone and his wife, Judy, announce the birth of their twins, Michael Joseph and Mia Felicia, on Nov. 5. George V. Guida Jr. writes that he recently began working at the Daiwa Institute of Research as a member of its translation team, translating equity reports from Japanese into English. Margot DeKorte Lewis and her husband, Merritt, announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Virginia, on April 10, 2007. Killian D. MacCarthy, D.M.D., M.D., and his wife, Tarryn, announce the birth of their son, Leif Ciar, on Oct. 12; MacCarthy notes that he completed his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, in July—and adds that he has joined Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Associates, a group practice in South Portland, Maine.

John P. McLaughlin writes that he recently opened a general practice law firm in Quincy, Mass., specializing in criminal defense; he had previously served eight years as a prosecutor with the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office. Bronwyn M. Monahan and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of their son, Joseph, on Dec. 23; Jennifer A. O’Neill and her husband, Jonathan Fox, announce the birth of their son, Garrett Dillon, in Oc-
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Janice R. “Jan” (Bitteker) Branco and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of their son, Tyler Maddox, on Oct. 10. Deborah A. “Deb” Carroll and her husband, Tom Buck, announce the birth of their son, Joshua Parker, on May 1, 2006. Cara (Sullivan) and Timothy E. Fahey announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Linda. Paul A. Formichelli writes that he has recently been promoted to managing director at the commercial real estate services firm The Staubach Company; he has been with the organization since 1997. Christopher M. Fulco and his wife, Megan, announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Elizabeth, on Feb. 26, 2007; Fulco notes that he recently became the principal of Springfield High School in Delaware County, Pa. Marc A. Jacques and his wife, Heather, announce the birth of their son, Maïl DeLauriers, on Nov. 9. Kimberly (Lynch) Leinson and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their daughter, Kelly Mia, on Nov. 8. Nicole (Bard) Lian and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey Elizabeth, on March 18, 2007. Christopher M. Lodowsky, M.D., and his wife, Helen, announce the birth of their son, Joseph. Catherine “Cathy” (Sichol) Lombardo and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Catherine, on June 19. Michelle (Benatti) Mallard writes that she recently relocated to the Dallas/Fort Worth area where she continues to work in construction project management.

Brian D. Moquin, M.D., notes that he recently joined a gastroenterology group practice in Milford, Mass. John J. Pappas and his wife, Jayme Robertson, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Vincent Pappas, on July 27. Sarah C. Quinn writes that she is now working at Location3 Media, Inc., an online marketing agency in Denver; she notes that, as the lead account manager of multicultural programs, she primarily manages Spanish-language search marketing campaigns. Diane (Costello) Schwerdt and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of their son, Andrew David, on Aug. 10. Alicia (Nepomuceno) Soltsy and her husband, Edward, announce the birth of their son, Harrison Charles, on Oct. 19. Soltsy writes that she works as a physician assistant with a plastic and reconstructive surgery group in Montclair, N.J. The Suffolk Construction Company, Inc., in Boston, recently announced that Kimberly M. Steimle, its executive vice president of marketing, business development and community relations, has been selected by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce as a recipient of its 2008 Pinnacle Award; according to the press release, the award recognizes “women who have made outstanding achievements in the business community through strong corporate leadership and a commitment to making a difference in their field.” Patricia Shields Sweet and her husband, David, announce the birth of their son, Philip Whiford Kirkland Sweet “Ford,” on July 4. Edward A. Whalen and his wife, Kelly, announce the birth of their son, Shea Anderson, on Aug. 21, 2006. Gregory K. Yuraszek, M.D., writes that he completed medical school last May at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City and is now pursuing his pediatric residency at Children’s Hospital in Boston.

Jennifer Bernazani-Ludlum and her husband, Robert Ludlum, announce the birth of their daughter, Kensington Eleni Ludlum, on May 31; Bernazani-Ludlum writes that she is an associate with McRoberts, Roberts and Rainer, LLP, an environmental law firm in Boston. Erik A. Booth and his wife, Nicole, announce the birth of their daughter, Kyla Rose, on Nov. 20. Michael C. Carbonneau and his wife, Stephanie, announce the birth of their son, Dominic Michael, on Dec. 19; Carbonneau writes that he is the vice president of operations for USA Data in Kennebunk, Maine. Julia (Mahoney) Conlin and her husband, Jason ’98, announce the birth of their son, William Patrick, on Aug. 28. Melissa (Hampton) and Timothy W. Dooley announce the birth of their daughter, Bridget Maeye, on Nov. 19. Jill St. Germain Fazekas and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Gavin John Michael, on Nov. 2. Matthew J. Ford and his wife, Janis-Lynn, announce the birth of their son, Griffin Michael, on Aug. 21. Joseph P. Hazleton writes that he has been promoted to regional director of account management with Novartis Pharmaceuticals. Katherine A. Genga Kay and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, on Sept. 25; Kay notes that she is the educational consultant for a therapeutic classroom for Deaf children in South Kingston, R.I., and a freelance American Sign Language interpreter. Giulia E. Lau, D.O., writes that she completed her obstetrics/gynecology residency last June—and that she is now working as a solo practitioner for The Reading Hospital Medical Group; her office is located in Birdsboro, Pa. Danielle Andrews Long and her husband, Pete, announce the birth of their son, Darren Jeffrey, on Jan. 14, 2007.

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Jaime (Cellitti) and Mark A. Costiglio announce the birth of their son, Andrew Michael, on Nov. 2; Mark writes that he currently works in media relations for Citi Private Bank in New York City. Rebecca (Sullivan) and Timothy P. Delaney announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Jean, on Jan. 13, 2007. Paula (Dirubbo) Donovan and her husband, Matthew '99, announce the birth of their son, Jake Matthew, on March 13, 2007. Michael D. Higgins and his wife, Tammy '01, announce the birth of their daughter, Caitlin Ryan, on Nov. 27.

‘99 Heather (Tonkin) Callaghan and her husband, Graham, announce the birth of their son, Owen Russell, on Aug. 24; Callaghan writes that she is a teacher at the Avon (Conn.) Old Farms School where she also manages the community service program. Jennifer A. Cavanaugh notes that she continues to work as a medical sales representative for Bayer HealthCare in the Greater Milwaukee area. Matthew S. Donovan and his wife, Paula '98, announce the birth of their son, Jake Matthew, on March 13, 2007. John V. Spirig writes that he received his Ph.D. in chemistry last August from The Ohio State University—and adds that he relocated to New Jersey to accept a position as a researcher with Bristol-Myers Squibb. Daniel J. Thompson III notes that he received his M.B.A. last May from the F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business at Babson College in Babson Park, Mass.; he adds that he is currently employed by Sun Life Financial as a project manager for strategic corporate projects, including long-term financing and life insurance product development. Jennifer A. Cavanaugh and Michael Barth were married on April 28, in Milwaukee. Allison C. Schultz and Christopher M. Ruettgers were married on April 21, in Seattle. Kerry M. Skowron and Stephen Shea were married on Dec. 17, 2006, in Philadelphia. Kevin J. Toomey Jr. and Mary-Ann Gill '98 were married on May 4, at the Church of Christ the King in New Vernon, N.J. ‘Class Co-Chairs Margaret E. Devine, Timothy E. Horton, Matthew J. McDonough

‘00 Julie (Deleganis) Benotti writes that her husband, Mark J. Benotti, and she have relocated to Las Vegas, where Mark serves as a postdoctoral research scientist with the Las Vegas Valley Water District, and Julie teaches high school mathematics at the Las Vegas Academy—a magnet school for international studies, and the visual and performing arts. Richard A. Bosler notes that he works as an online media analyst for Harmelin Media in Pennsylvania. Christopher R. Coleman writes that he received his master’s degree in education from Boston College and accepted a teaching position in Maine. Janel K. D’Agata-Lynch notes that she is a program manager at Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., overseeing homeless prevention and self-sufficiency programming. Maquel (Salley) Derosby and her husband, Alan, announce the birth of their daughter, Sofia Elizabeth, on Aug. 3.

Laura A. DeSisto writes that she completed her Ph.D. in philosophy and education at Columbia University, New York City, last August and, subsequently, began a postdoctoral fellowship—involving both teaching and research—at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis. Erin (Dombal) Gaboury and her husband, Joe, announce the birth of their twins, Alden Joseph and Chloe Marie, on June 12.

Elizabeth (Woelfel) and Jeffrey B. Harvey announce the birth of their son, Jeffrey Brown Harvey III, on Sept. 15. Joseph A. Lynch notes that he is pursuing his master’s degree in education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Jessica A. Massey writes that she is now working as an assistant attorney general at the Attorney General’s Office in Boston—assigned to the special investigations and narcotics division. Anna M. (Kinne) Patel notes that she is currently pursuing her master’s degree in school counseling at Assumption College. Mark C. Quinto writes that, in addition to his responsibilities as a fourth-grade teacher, he has been named service learning coordinator for the Crossroads Elementary School (kindergarten through grade 5), in Santa Monica, Calif.

Kathleen (O’Brien) Ramirez and her husband, Roberto, announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Grace, on Sept. 27.

Brooke Skretny and Neal E. Toomey announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Anne, on Sept. 10. Chandra S. Ahamed and Juan Carlos Grisanuty were married on Aug. 25, at St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church in Groton, Conn. Colin D. Blair and Sue Huffman were married on Sept. 7, in Chatham, Mass. Richard A. Bosler and Sonia Modis were married on Oct. 21, 2006, in Ebensburg, Pa. Anna M. Kinne and Brijesh Patel were married on July 28, in Harvard, Mass.; they celebrated a Hindu wedding ceremony, on Aug. 4, in New Jersey. Gregory J. Mulhearn and Claire Campbell were married on June 2,
'01 Mary Pat (O’Reilly) Adamson and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of their daughter, Meghan Clare, on Sept. 25, 2006. Sarah C. Gibbs writes that she received her master of science degree in biology last May from Mississippi State University—and adds that she began working at Colby College, Waterville, Maine, in August, as the ecology lab instructor. Tammy (Xayachack) Higgins and her husband, Michael ’98, announce the birth of their daughter, Melissa Ashley, on Aug. 17. Peter T. Mackiewski notes that he was recently promoted to manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Stamford, Conn. Michael N. Masters notes that he recently accepted a position as a financial services recruiter at Robert Half International in Boston. Meaghan Devaney McGarry writes that she works as a sourcing specialist for UBS Financial Services, Inc., in Weehawken, N.J. Amy Hennessey Schacht and her husband, Ray ’98, announce the birth of their daughter Alyssa Hennessey Schacht, on July 24. Meaghan C. Devaney and Matthew McGarry were married on Sept. 8, in North Falmouth, Mass. Anne E. Uba and Garrett Timms were married on Aug. 4, in Buffalo, N.Y. Class Co-Chairs Megan K. Baroni, Catherine G. Bryan, Russmir Music

'02 The Hartford, Conn., office of the law firm Halloran & Sage LLP recently announced that Elizabeth A. Butler has joined the practice as an associate in its litigation practice group. Daniel D. Kirchoff writes that he has begun his surgical residency at St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City. Leonesse (Saunders) McCabe notes that she is currently working in fundraising and development for the Arthritis Foundation in Newton, Mass. Meaghan D. Messner writes that she is volunteering for a year in Siem Reap, Cambodia, performing community development work for a non-governmental organization—and notes that she is also completing her master’s degree in international public service and development. Rachel (Schloth) Moynihan writes that she currently serves as an associate in the Beverly, Mass., law firm Metaxas, Norman & Pidgeon, specializing in commercial civil litigation. Rev. Michael J. Rogers, S.J., notes that he has finished his master of arts degree in philosophy and begun teaching at Boston College High School. Marianna B. “Annie” Rubino writes that she is pursuing her master of fine arts degree in acting at the University of Houston. RaeJean (Spears) Stokes notes that she received her master of arts degree in international development, in November, from the University of Denver, Graduate School of International Studies—and is now working as a program officer with American Councils in Washington, D.C. Kristen M. Vassallo writes that she and her fiancé, Orey, announce the birth of their daughter, Victoria Marie, on Sept. 8. Daniel D. Kirchoff and Erin Murdock were married in May 2007. Caitlin M. McNerney and Michael D. Herrick, M.D. were married on April 21, at Holy Cross. Leonesse V. Saunders and Tyler McCabe were married on May 26, in Westerly, R.I. Rachel E. Schloth and Richard M. Moynihan were married on May 11, in Hampstead, N.H. Class Co-Chairs Lauren M. Buonome, Thomas M. Cadigan, Peter D. McLean

'03 Charles J. Boulier IV writes that he is a certified public accountant with the Tabor Investment Corporation, a hedge fund headquartered in Greenwich, Conn. John J. Dibble notes that he is currently working with Bank of America on the securities desk. Ian T. Hennessey writes that he is currently teaching seventh- and eighth-grade science at the Oxford (Mass.) Middle School—and adds that he is in his second season as the assistant coach for the Holy Cross men’s and women’s swim teams. Frances “Frankie” (Stone) Liberto notes that she continues to work for the public library in Charlotte, N.C. Roy W. Bjorlin III and Courtney E. Paquette were married on May 5, at St. Mary’s Church in Quincy, Mass. Meagan A. Cassista and Michael J. Fedigan were married on Aug. 18, in the Mary Chapel at Holy Cross. Frances M. Stone and David J. Liberto were married on Aug. 4, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Charlotte, N.C. Class Co-Chairs Elizabeth L. Maloy, Inez C. McGowan

'04 Jonathan L. Accocella writes that he is now working as a credit risk analyst at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency—and, also, completing his master of arts degree in economics. Sarah H. Aldridge notes that she relocated to Philadelphia last June to begin the nurse practitioner program in pediatric oncology and palliative care at the University of Pennsylvania. Katherine A. “Katie” Bagdis writes that she is a first-year student at Suffolk University Law School in Boston. Kelley E. Chipman notes that she continues to live in the Washington, D.C., area—and adds that she is now working in the marketing department of the medical/health research company United BioSource Corporation. The law firm Warner Norcross & Judd LLP announced in November that Madelaine C. Lane has joined the practice as an associate in its Grand Rapids, Mich., office. Jennifer L. Neal writes that she is now a certified public accountant—and adds that, last fall, she completed her second year at Deloitte & Touche, LLP, where she serves as an auditor, specializing in the health care/life sciences industry. Elizabeth H. Stevens notes that she is working for the Triage Consulting Group in San Francisco. Andrew R. Willis writes that he is currently teaching eighth-grade history at the Mystic Valley Regional Charter School in Malden, Mass., and, also, completing his master of arts degree in education at Westfield (Mass.) State College. Mark A. Campbell and Jason Foster were married on June 16, on Cape Cod, Mass. Andrew J. Gallagher and Suzanne L. Manning were married on Aug. 11. Meghan A. Moquin and Zachary Luhman were married on Sept. 22, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. Erica C. Tebbets and Daniel G. Hedrick were married on July 14, in the Mary Chapel at Holy Cross. Class Co-Chairs Kathryn Meyers Gilbert, Kathryn C. Leader, John M. O’Donnell

'05 Robert H. Guido writes that he is currently living in New York City and working as an analyst at Merrill Lynch. Patrick R. Hart notes that he recently relocated to New York City and accepted a position with the financial recruiting firm Michael Page International. Fallon M. Holloway writes that she is working as a pre-kindergarten teacher in the Buckhead community of Atlanta and attending classes to obtain certification in the field of early childhood care and education. The Teachers Network Leadership Institute (TNLI) recently announced that Vanessa M. Jones, a
fifth-grade special education teacher in the Bronx, N.Y., has been selected as a MetLife fellow in the institute. Invoking a select group of elementary, middle and high school teachers representing 12 national affiliates, TNLI was established, according to the press release, to improve student achievement by engaging teachers in education policymaking through action research. In this program, which is an initiative of the non-profit organization Teachers Network—with major funding from the MetLife Foundation and additional support from the New York Community Trust—TNLI MetLife fellows “research policy issues and develop recommendations, document their work in papers and publications, and disseminate their work locally and nationally.” A Cohort 10 New York City teaching fellow, Jones is a member of the data inquiry and enrichment teams at P.S. 108, as well as a robotics coach and adviser to new teaching fellows; she also serves as an adjunct instructor at Mercy College in New York. Gina M. Marasco notes that she is currently working at Damon Dash Enterprises as an account executive handling marketing list pull analyst. Jeanne T. Normand writes that, since graduation, she has been working as a program assistant for the ISLE Program in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Kaitlyn E. McCrossen writes that she is now working as a program coordinator for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in New York.

Nathaniel T. Murray notes that he recently completed his Translation Studies Certificate at the University of Florida and accepted an insurance fraud investigative analyst position in Boston, effective this past October. Patrick L. Padden writes that he is now a client service associate for CityVoter, Inc. in Cambridge, Mass. Carissa L. Prosnitz notes that she is currently serving as a litigation paralegal in the Boston office of the law firm Fritch & Mariani. Kathleen L. “Katie” Seltzer writes that she is a teacher at the Connelly School of the Holy Child in New York City, a middle school for girls from low-income families.

Esben L. Shoen notes that, since graduation, he has been working for JP Morgan in Taipei, Taiwan. Adam C. Verduco writes that he is working as a producer for NBC News in Washington, D.C.—for MSNBC and The Today Show. Class Co-Chairs Lisa M. Litte rio, Glenn R. McGowan, Ashley B. Scibelli, and Axel Wolff were married on June 24. Class Co-Chairs Michael J. Galbo, Kaitlein M. Padgett, Kara M. Pipoli were married on June 24. Class Co-Chairs Michael J.

Please note:

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O’HARE ’99 AND NORTON
Kitty O’Hare ’99 and Tom Norton were married on Oct. 21 in Weston, Mass. Left to right: Kate Moloney ’00, Steve Gagne ’96, Kitty O’Hare ’99, Kevin Held ’99, Kristin Holland Jewell ’93 and Tessa Osborne-Smith Ropp ’99

FROST ’96 AND BOWES ’93
Kristy Frost ’96 and Jim Bowes ’93 were married on June 16 in Connecticut. First row, left to right: Katie Sears ’88, Keri Morales ’96, Heather Grondin ’96, Eileen Sears ’93, Susan Coburn ’92, Julie Berry ’91, Garret Morris ’93, Katy Frost ’99, Wendy McDonald ’93, Laurie Hooey ’92. Second row, left to right: Kathie Bowes ’87, John Powell ’93, Kathleen Joyce ’96, Katie Murphy ’96, Luke Walsh ’95, Caitlin Walsh ’96, Bob Frost Jr. ’95, Bob Frost Sr. ’68, Rick Mashburn ’93, Kristy Frost ’96, Jim Bowes ’93, Frank Powell ’93, Tom McDonald ’93, Paul Davis ’93, Shawn Regan ’93, Greg Draddy ’93, Erin Regan ’92, Seth Berry ’93, Jim Grady ’91, Ed Coburn ’93, Ron Hooey ’93 and Jay Siegrist ’96

MCINERNEY ’02 AND HERRICK ’02
Caitlin McInerney ’02 and Michael Herrick ’02 were married on April 21, 2007, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel at Holy Cross. First row, left to right: Leonesse Saunders McCabe ’02, Kylene Sierkowski Lockey ’02, Michael Herrick ’02, Caitlin McInerney ’02, Cristina Panza ’02, Katie Ewald Pietris ’02, Cathleen Backus ’02, Kassia Smith ’02. Second row, left to right: David Lockey ’00, Cara Sivils Riley ’02, Kevin Dwyer ’00, Rachel Wood Garay ’02. Third row, left to right: Meghan Duffy Newman ’92, Andrew Viera ’02 and J.P. Grignoli ’02

POH ’06 AND BABCOCK ’06
Tristan Poh ’06 and Marsha Babcock ’06 were married on July 7, in Ridgefield, Conn. Left to right: Erin Robert ’06, Meghan Romanelli ’05, Kate Giaponi ’05, Rob Chambers ’04, Meg Kenney ’06, Bob Hagemann ’06, Matt Henrich ’07, Tristan Poh ’06, Marsha Babcock ’06, Brendan Poh ’09, Ed Ready ’06, Tim Loveday ’05, Alexandra Poh ’03, Whitney Schmitt ’06, Sarah Keller ’06, Shawn McKay ’06, Tracy Espiritu ’07, David Vafek ’07, Heather Johnson ’06 and Amanda Webster ’08
**Mannin g ’04 and Ga lla g her ’04**

Suzanne Manning ’04 and Andrew Gallagher ’04 were married on Aug. 11 in Duxbury, Mass. First row, left to right: Rev. Thomas Mahoney ’81, Karen Farley ’04, Anne Breslin’04, Andrew Gallagher ’04, Suzanne Manning ’04, Kathryn Deislinger ’04, Meg Brown ’04, Timothy Manning ’73, R. Michael Quinn ’75. Second row, left to right: Kevin Hannon ’04, Jeff Robinson ’04, Jean Connolly ’04, Ralph DeBiasi’04, Tom Callahan ’04, Sean Donovan ’04 and Patrick O’Brien ’04

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**H ogan ’00 and Tr ani ’00**

Laura Hogan ’00 and Anthony Trani III ’00 were married on June 17, 2007, in Litchfield, Conn. First row, left to right: Heather Murdock Cutrone ’00, Katie Lyon-Arana ’00, Anthony Trani III ’00, Laura Hogan ’00, Lauren Bylinski ’00, Allison Cambria ’00, Leah Byrne McAllister ’00. Second row, left to right: Greg Mulhearn ’00, Andrew Reinhart IV ’99, Steven Salamone ’99, Anne Deislinger Reinhart ’99, Joe Brunelle ’99, Thomas F. Hogan ’67, Jonathan Doyle ’00, Chris Sanford ’00, Liz Berberich Rapuano ’00 and Kate Vogel Edwards ’00

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**Her bert ’92 and Jou bert**

Courtney Herbert ’92 and Guy Joubert were married on Sept. 8 in Washington, D.C. Left to right: Lauren O’Connor Sullivan ’92, Chris Sullivan ’90, Jenny Chamberlain Gooch ’92, Dave Ranney ’91, Guy Joubert, Courtney Herbert ’92, Chris Serb ’92, Kelly McCullough Ranney ’92, Janine Cunningham Brenan ’92 and John Hancir ’92

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**Cormier ’95 and P iasc i k**

Craig Cormier ’95 and Tara Piascik were married on Aug. 11 in the Mary Chapel at Holy Cross. Left to right: Dave Barrett ’95, Maura Finnemore ’96, Craig Cormier ’95, Kristen Haviland McEnaney ’94 and John McEnaney ’95
1929
FRANCIS J. RYAN JR.
Francis Ryan died Nov. 17, 2007, at Hay-Madeira Hospice House, in Stuart, Fla., at 100. A corporate litigation attorney, Mr. Ryan had been a partner for many years in the New York City law firm of Hahn, Hessen, Margolis & Ryan; at the start of his career, he had maintained a private law practice in Darien, Conn. During World War II, Mr. Ryan had served as a naval officer in Panama. He is survived by two sons; three daughters; a sister and three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. His brother was the late Gerald T. ‘29.

1932
FRANCIS A. GALLAGHER III
Francis Gallagher died Oct. 14, 2007, at Kan-Mar Place Hospice in Tucson, Ariz., at 97. Prior to his retirement in 1969, Mr. Gallagher had been a member of the board of directors, for two years, of Villa Julie College in Stevenson, Md.—and, in 1966—comptroller of Loyola College in Baltimore; from 1951-66, he had served as a comptroller and chief of the program analysis staff at the CIA. Mr. Gallagher began his career in Washington, D.C.; as an auditor with the General Accounting Office; from 1935-46, he set up regional audit offices and audited defense contracts during World War II. Mr. Gallagher then relocated to Japan where, from 1946-51, he held the post of civilian adviser on economics to Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Mr. Gallagher is survived by his wife, Jean; six sons; a daughter-in-law; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson. His brother was the late Richard J. ‘37.

1933
FRANCIS B. SMITH
Francis Smith died Dec. 23, 2007, in Framingham, Mass., at 95. During his career, Mr. Smith had worked many years as an attorney for the Veterans Administration. A veteran, he had served in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Smith is survived by three sons; three daughters; two sisters-in-law; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1935
ROBERT F. DOWNEY
Robert Downey, of West Hartford, Conn., died Dec. 19, 2007, at 93. During his career, Mr. Downey had been a longtime attorney for the Veterans Administration. An Army veteran of World War II, he had served in the Ardennes, Central Europe, Northern France, the Rhineland and the Battle of the Bulge. Mr. Downey had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by a sister; five nieces; five grandchildren; and a great-grandniece.

1936
REV. EDWARD J. DYER
Rev. Edward Dyer died on Sept. 29, 2007, in the Life Center of Auburn in Auburn, Mass., at 94. A longtime priest of the Diocese of Springfield, Mass.—and, later, of the Worcester diocese—Fr. Dyer had served five years as the pastor of St. Catherine of Sweden Parish in Worcester, until his retirement in 1985. Previously, he had been the pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Lancaster, from 1970-80; St. Joseph Parish in Barre, from 1965-70; and St. Anne Parish, South Ashburnham, from 1962-65. Ordained to the priesthood in 1941, Fr. Dyer began his ministry as the associate pastor of St. Thomas Parish in West Springfield. His subsequent assignments were: St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Milford; Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Hopedale; Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Worcester; St. Louis Parish in Webster; St. Leo Parish in Leominster; Blessed Sacrament Parish in Worcester; and St. Joseph Parish in Auburn. Fr. Dyer is survived by six cousins.

1937
ANDREW F. BURNHAM
Andrew Burnham died June 19, 2007, at the Ward Health Center in Windham, N.H., at 94. A longtime educator, Mr. Burnham had taught 37 years in the Nashua, N.H., school system—at both the Nashua Junior High and Nashua High schools. During World War II, he had served as an Intelligence noncommissioned officer in the U.S. Army Air Force, stationed at Pecos, Texas. Mr. Burnham had been a parishioner at St. Patrick’s Church in Nashua for many years. He is survived by three sons; two daughters; three daughters-in-law; and eight grandchildren, including Alexander R. ‘02.

1938
W. PAUL DUNN
W. Paul Dunn, of Walpole, Mass., died Dec. 14, 2007, at 91. A longtime resident of Needham, Mass., Mr. Dunn had been the owner of the Paul Dunn Insurance Agency. A member of the town’s Board of Appeals, he had also been a member of the Exchange Club and a longtime director of the Needham Co-operative Bank—Mr. Dunn was recently presented with a chair by the bank, in recognition of his years of service. A Navy veteran of World War II, he had been a lieutenant aboard the destroyer escort USS Jenks. Mr. Dunn is survived by his wife, Mary; his son; three daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a nephew and nieces and their families; and a cousin.

1939
JOHN H. LAVIN SR.
John Lavin died Sept. 30, 2007, at the Epoch Senior Healthcare of Brewster, in Brewster, Mass., at 90. Mr. Lavin had worked many years for H.P. Hood and Sons of Charlestown, Mass., prior to his retirement. A veteran, he had served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Lavin is survived by two sons; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; a sister; two sisters-in-law; four grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1940
MURTHA P. LAWRENCE
Murtha Lawrence died Dec. 12, 2007, at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton, N.Y., at 89. During his career, Mr. Lawrence had served as a teacher and track coach at
Brooklyn (N.Y.) Preparatory High School and, also, at Catholic Central High School in Binghamton. A former board member of ARC, a community-based organization, serving individuals with intellectual and developmental special needs, he had been a volunteer and staff member as well at the Nazareth Farm in West Virginia. Mr. Lawrence had been a parishioner of St. Rita’s Church in Chenango Forks, N.Y. A veteran, he had served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Lawrence is survived by two sons; six daughters; four sons-in-law; two sisters; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. His brothers were the late William F. ’37 and Louis J. ’38.

1942
RICHARD G. CANAVAN
Richard Canavan died Sept. 28, 2007, in Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Providence, R.I., at 87. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Canavan had worked in the sales department of New England Telephone. He had been a naval officer during World War II. Mr. Canavan is survived by four sons; three daughters; two sisters; and four grandchildren.

PETER J. DURKIN JR.
Peter Durkin died Nov. 19, 2007, at his home in Danbury, Conn., at 87. During his career, Mr. Durkin had been the proprietor of the former Durkin’s Liquor Store in Danbury. He had been a lifetime member of St. Peter Church, also in Danbury. Mr. Durkin is survived by his companion, Margaret McLaughlin; a brother; a nephew; and two nieces, including Kathleen M. (Durkin) Whitelock ’79. His cousins were the late Robert M. ’35, Charles J. ’36 and James G. ’38.

ROBERT J. MATHIEU
Robert Mathieu died Dec. 10, 2007, at the Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital in Westborough, Mass., at 87. During his career, Mr. Mathieu had been the founder and former owner of Bob Mathieu Ford Village in Westborough; his wife and he later owned Bob Lee Mathieu Realtors. A World War II veteran, Mr. Mathieu had served with the Air Force, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He had been an active parishioner of St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Westborough and a member of the Sodality of the College. Mr. Mathieu had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Leonore “Lee”; seven sons; five daughters; four sons-in-law; four daughters-in-law; 22 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and many nephews and nieces. His brothers were the late Joseph A. ’43 and Ralph E. ’53.

1943
JOHN E. RYAN
John Ryan died Dec. 11, 2007, in New York, at 85. During his career, Mr. Ryan had worked in the insurance field, founding, and operating for many years, the Ryan and O’Haire Agency in Troy, N.Y., until his retirement. He had also been an active volunteer in church and civic activities. A veteran, Mr. Ryan had served as a Navy lieutenant in the Pacific during World War II. He is survived by a son; a daughter; a sister; a grandson; and four nephews and their families.

1944
JOHN F. BARRY JR.
John Barry, of Mountainside, N.J., died on Dec. 25, 2007, at 84. During his career, Mr. Barry had served as in-house counsel for many years at Ballantine Beer in Newark, N.J., Schaefer Beer in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Rockefeller Center, in New York City. He had also been a longtime member of the Mountainside Board of Health and a volunteer at both the Children’s Specialized Hospital, in Mountainside, and Overlook Hospital, in Summit, N.J. A Navy veteran, Mr. Barry served aboard a destroyer escort in the Atlantic during World War II; he attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade. Mr. Barry had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; three sons; three daughters; a brother; a sister; and 11 grandchildren.

JOSEPH M. KEEGAN
Joseph Keegan died on Oct. 21, 2007, in St. Mary’s Hospital, Passaic, N.J., at 85. A long-time attorney, Mr. Keegan had maintained a private practice in Passaic for more than 45 years. During his career, he had also been involved in politics, serving four, two-year terms in the New Jersey State Assembly beginning in 1957, and one term in the New Jersey State Senate, from 1965-67. After receiving his degree in 1948 from the John Marshall Law School, Mr. Keegan had clerked for two judges before assuming the position of law secretary for former Passaic Mayor Morris Pashman in the early 1950s. Executive director of the New Jersey State Alcoholic Beverage Commission, he had also been board chairman and commissioner of the Passaic Valley Sewage Commission, counsel to the Passaic County Board of chosen Freeholders, a longtime trustee of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church in Passaic and a member of the board of trustees of St. Mary’s Hospital. During World War II, Mr. Keegan had served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and received the Purple Heart. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Keegan is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a daughter; a grandson and a granddaughter; and many nephews and nieces.

1945
DANIEL L. DONOVAN JR., M.D.
Dr. Daniel Donovan, of Atlantic Beach, Fla., died Sept. 27, 2007, at 83. During his career, Dr. Donovan had maintained a private medical practice in Melbourne, Fla., from 1959 until his retirement in 1994. Specializing in cardiology, he assisted Brevard Hospital—now Holmes Regional Medical Center (HRMC)—in Melbourne, with the acquisition of its first coronary care unit; Dr. Donovan also played an active role in the establishment of the Cardiac Catheterization and Open Heart Surgery program at HRMC. Serving in the Navy while attending Loyola Medical School and pursuing an internship at the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, he subsequently completed his residency at Grady Hospital in Atlanta. A captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Korean War, Dr. Donovan was selected as the first chief resident of medicine at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham, N.C. From 1953-58, he taught medicine at the Duke University Medical Center and, then, at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Founder of the Brevard Heart Association and the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center in Melbourne—as well as a past president of the Brevard County Medical Society—Dr. Donovan was selected in 1985 by the HRMC as the recipient of its Humanitarian of the Year Award; in 2005, he was named a Florida Medical Association Distinguished Physician. Owner of the Domperosa ranch in Holopaw, Fla., Dr. Donovan pursued numerous interests, including music, tennis, golf and other sports. He is survived by two sons;
five daughters; five sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a brother, William T., M.D., ’50; a sister; a sister-in-law; 20 grandchildren; and a great-grandson. His father was the late Daniel L. ’10.

PAUL V. O’LEARY, M.D.
Paul O’Leary, M.D., most recently of East Dennis, Mass., died Nov. 6, 2007, on Cape Cod, at 86. A longtime physician in Worcester, Dr. O’Leary had practiced obstetrics and gynecology for more than 40 years; he began his career in private practice with the late Dr. Herbert Hedberg. Affiliated with St. Vincent and Memorial hospitals, Dr. O’Leary had also been an adjunct professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester. A longtime member of Blessed Sacrament Church in Worcester, he had provided medical services to those in need, for many years, through Catholic Charities programs. Dr. O’Leary was a Navy veteran of World War II; serving as a lieutenant in the South Pacific theater, he saw action in the Battle of Leyte Gulf and the invasion of Okinawa. Dr. O’Leary is survived by his wife, Susan; three sons; six daughters; five sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and 14 grandchildren.

DANIEL J. TRULAND
Daniel Truland died on Dec. 3, 2007, in Guildhall, Vt., at 84. During his career, Mr. Truland had been the co-owner of the F.B. Spaulding Company in Lancaster, N.H., for 39 years. His community involvement included serving as a Boy Scout leader; trustee and volunteer—installing Lifeline systems—at the Weeks Memorial Hospital; director of the Lancaster National Bank; and longtime member of the Lancaster Ambulance Corp. In 1988, Mr. Truland was voted Lancaster Citizen of the Year. He had been a life member of the American Radio Relay League; the Quarter Century Wireless Association; the Civil Air Patrol; and the American Motorcyclist Association. Mr. Truland was a parishioner of All Saints Church in Lancaster. He had been an Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Truland is survived by his wife, Shirley; three daughters-in-law; a sister; daughter-in-law; a brother; a brother-in-law; two granddaughters; and several nephews and nieces.

1946

PAUL W. MOONEY
Paul Mooney, of West Roxbury, Mass., died on Nov. 18, 2007. During his career, Mr. Mooney had served as chief structural engineer in the department of planning and engineering for the Boston Public School Department. A World War II veteran, he had been a lieutenant in the Marine Corps. Mr. Mooney is survived by four daughters; three sons-in-law; and three grandchildren.

1947

FERDINAND A. HEINIGE JR.
Ferdinand Heinige, of Clearwater, Fla., died Nov. 13, 2007. During his career, Mr. Heinige had been an insurance adjuster for Employers Mutual of Warsaw; he had also held the posts of councilman and mayor, for four terms, in Little Ferry, N.J. A World War II veteran, Mr. Heinige had served as a medic in the Navy. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Heinige is survived by his wife, Irene; a daughter; a son-in-law; a brother-in-law; two grandchildren; and a nephew and a niece.

SHELDON L. KAPLAN
Sheldon Kaplan, of New York City, died on Dec. 3, 2007, at 85. A longtime businessman, Mr. Kaplan had been the president of a public company. During World War II, he had served in the Navy. Mr. Kaplan is survived by his wife, Gloria; a son; a daughter; two sisters; a brother-in-law; two grandchildren; two nephews; and numerous great-grandchildren.

EDWARD J. WALLACE
Edward Wallace, of Englewood, Fla., died Dec. 17, 2007, at 84. A veteran, Mr. Wallace had served as a pilot in the Navy during World War II. He had been a member of the Holy Name Society in Palisades Park, N.J. Mr. Wallace is survived by his wife, Florence; two sisters-in-law; and many nephews and nieces.

1948

THOMAS S. LOUGHLIN
Thomas Loughlin died Oct. 6, 2007, at his home in South Yarmouth, Mass., at 81. Prior to his retirement in 1987, Mr. Loughlin had worked many years as the manager of Butter’s department store in Hyannis, Mass.; at the start of his career, he had been employed by the Freitag Manufacturing Co. in New York. Past president of the former Hyannis Board of Trade and an active member of the Downtown Hyannis Merchants Association, Mr. Loughlin had also been a trustee and the treasurer, for 26 years, of the West Yarmouth (Mass.) Library Association—and a member of the town of Yarmouth Library Board, serving as its chairman in 1993. A longtime parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Church in Hyannis, he had been a Eucharistic minister, lector and member of the St. Vincent de Paul and Holy Name societies—as well as an active participant, for 20 years, in the church’s Brazilian Apostolate; Mr. Loughlin was honored by the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., with its Marian Award. Involved in the General Alumni Association, he had been a charter member and former president of the Holy Cross Club of Cape Cod. A Navy veteran, Mr. Loughlin had served in the Marshall Islands during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; a daughter; two sons-in-law; a sister; five grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. His brother was the late Francis J. ’44.

BERNARD D. PRUSACZYK
Bernard Prusaczyk, of South Windsor, Conn., died Dec. 18, 2007, at 80. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Prusaczyk had been an English teacher and the director of adult education for the East Hartford, Conn., public school system; he had worked at East Hartford High School, for 32 years. A teacher as well in Spencer, Mass., for six years, Mr. Prusaczyk had also coached varsity basketball for 25 years—at St. Mary’s High School in Worcester, David Prouse High School in Spencer and East Hartford High School. A member of the varsity basketball team at Holy Cross, he later played semi-professionally. Mr. Prusaczyk had been a parishioner at St. Margaret Mary Church in South Windsor. A veteran, he had served in the Army during the Korean War. Mr. Prusaczyk is survived by his wife, Susan; a son, Bernard D. Jr. ’82; a daughter, Susan Prout ’86; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; a brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; five grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. His father-in-law was the late Henry J. Bunkiewicz ’30.

1949

RICHARD J. DURAND
Richard Durand died Dec. 4, 2007, at his
home in Marlborough, Mass., at 79. Mr. Durand had served many years as the clerk-magistrate of the Marlborough District Court, retiring in 1992. Previously, he had been a longtime attorney in private practice in Marlborough; at the start of his career, Mr. Durand had been a teacher and coach in the Marlborough school system. During the Korean War, he served as a sergeant first class in the combat infantry. A member of the varsity football team at Holy Cross, Mr. Durand had played in the Orange Bowl in 1946; he was an inductee of the Marlborough Football Hall of Fame. Mr. Durand had been a Holy Cross class agent. He was a member, for many years, of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Marlborough. Mr. Durand is survived by his wife, Mary Pat; a son; a daughter; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; a sister; seven grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

MICHAEL A. MARCHESE
Michael Marchese, of New Hyde Park, N.Y., died on Oct. 28, 2007, at 79. Mr. Marchese is survived by his wife, Diana; a son; a daughter; two sisters; and two grandchildren.

1950

PATRICK J. BROPHY
Patrick Brophy, of Clearwater, Fla., died Dec. 10, 2007, at 83. During his career, Mr. Brophy had worked many years as a public relations director in the automotive industry. He had also been an active community volunteer. Mr. Brophy is survived by his wife, Norine; a son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a sister; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

JAMES A. CLARY
James Clary died Oct. 23, 2007, in Florida, at 81. Mr. Clary had most recently worked as a realtor with National Realty in Palm Bay, Fla.; he had previously served as a commercial realtor with the McAbee Real Estate Company in Yarmouth Port, Mass., from 1975-83. Following his graduation from Holy Cross, Mr. Clary returned to Marcellus, N.Y., to assume the position of president of the Finger Lakes Telephone Company, an independent utility founded by his parents. Following the sale of the company in 1966, he relocated to Westport, Conn.—and, during this time, attended and taught Smaller Business Association of New England seminars at the Harvard Business School in Boston; Mr. Clary had been an active member of the association. A Navy veteran, he served in the South Pacific as an electrician mate, third class. Mr. Clary had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by a son; a daughter; and five grandchildren.

DR. ANDREW J. DE LISLE
Dr. Andrew De Lisle, of Parkesley, Va., died on June 21, 2007. Dr. De Lisle is survived by his wife, Beverly; three sons; three daughters; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

WILLIAM H. WELCH
William Welch died Oct. 4, 2007, at his home in Northampton, Mass., at 79. A longtime attorney and judge in Western Massachusetts, Mr. Welch had most recently served as an associate justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court, from 1986 until his retirement in 1998. He had previously maintained a private law practice in Northampton for 21 years, specializing in criminal and civil law. At the start of his career, Mr. Welch had joined the Northampton practice of Edward O’Brien, following his graduation from Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass., in 1953; he continued his association with the firm until Mr. O’Brien’s death in 1965. Town counsel to several local communities, Mr. Welch had taken part as well in numerous civic affairs, including service as president of the board of trustees of the Cooley Dickinson Hospital of Northampton, from 1970-80, and chairman of the Community Chest; he was named Citizen of the Year in 1981 by the Northampton Chamber of Commerce. Appointed to the State Board of Bar Overseers, Mr. Welch had also been an active member of the Massachusetts Bar Association; a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; president of the Hampshire County Bar Association; and chairman of the Hampshire County Courthouse building committee. Involved in Democratic politics in the 1950s, Mr. Welch had been chairman of the local Kennedy for President Committee. A 1945 graduate of Northampton High School, he served in the Navy his senior year, during the final year of World War II. Mr. Welch is survived by his wife, Joan; three sons, including Mark T. ’83 and Robert J. ’89; two daughters; a brother; two sisters; five grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. His father was the late William M., Class of 1904.

1951

JOSEPH J. FORMICA, M.D.
Dr. Joseph Formica died Sept. 28, 2007, in Mystic, Conn., at 80. During his career, Dr. Formica had practiced medicine for 30 years, serving as a principal in the New Britain (Conn.) Surgical Group. Following his retirement in 1990, he volunteered at the Caridad Center in Boynton Beach, Fla., caring for the medical needs of immigrant workers; he also tutored fifth-grade students in the Palm Beach County, Fla., school system. Dr. Formica had been a Eucharistic minister at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and, at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption, St. Edmund’s Retreat, Enders Island, in Connecticut. A World War II veteran, he had served in the Army as an interpreter for Japanese prisoners of war. Dr. Formica is survived by his wife, Lorraine; two sons; a daughter; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; 10 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and many nephews and nieces.

CARMEN L. MANGANIELLO
Carmen Manguinno, of Pennsylvania, died Oct. 27, 2007, at 78. During his career, Mr. Manguinno had worked almost 40 years for the State Farm Insurance Co. in Pennsylvania. A veteran, he served in the Korean War from 1951-53. Mr. Manguinno was a three-sport athlete at his alma mater St. John’s High School in Pittston, Pa.—and a member of the varsity football team at Holy Cross, where he was named an All-New England player; in 1993, Mr. Manguinno was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Catherine; two sons; a daughter-in-law; a brother; two sisters; three grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1952

REV. TIMOTHY J. HOWARD, S.J.
Rev. Timothy Howard, S.J., died June 24, 2007, in Milwaukee, at 77. During his ministry, Fr. Howard had served various churches, prisons and Indian reservations in Arizona; he had also maintained a clinical psychology practice in Tucson. Granted the Faculties of the Byzantine Catholic Church in 1997, Fr. Howard had been associated with St. Melany’s Parish in Tucson until 2004, when he relocated to Milwaukee. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1963. Fr. Howard is survived by a brother; and a sister.
JOHN P. SHARKEY
John Sharkey died Oct. 12, 2007, at his home in Washington, D.C., at 77. A long-time journalist, Mr. Sharkey had been an assistant foreign editor at The Washington Post, from 1967-94—and, for many years, the chief copy editor for that section. Beginning his career with the Associated Press in New Haven, Conn., he subsequently became the editor of an English-language newspaper in Bangkok, Thailand, and a freelance correspondent in Vietnam—primarily for NBC News. A veteran, Mr. Sharkey had served in the Army in the late 1950s. He is survived by his wife, Joan; two sons; a daughter; a brother; and five grandchildren.

1953
JOHN H. HETHERTON JR., D.M.D.
Dr. John Hetherton died on Nov. 14, 2007, at his home in Bonita Springs, Fla., at 76. Dr. Hetherton had maintained a private dental practice for many years in Framingham, Mass., retiring in 2000. During his career, he had also taught restorative dentistry at the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston. Dr. Hetherton had been a member of the Massachusetts Dental Society. His interests included bicycling, walking, reading, music and golf—Dr. Hetherton had worked part-time as a scout at the Spanish Wells Country Club in Bonita Springs. A member of the varsity baseball team at Holy Cross, he had taken part in the 1952 College World Series in which Holy Cross defeated the Missouri Tigers to win the title. A four-year Navy veteran, Dr. Hetherton had served on the USS Beatty (DD 756) and attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade. He is survived by his wife, Sarah “Sally”; a son; four daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a sister; two brothers-in-law; a sister-in-law; eight grandchildren; five nephews; and a niece.

RICHARD E. MCGRAIL
Richard McGrail died Nov. 6, 2007, in Knollwood Nursing Center, Worcester, at 76. A longtime educator, Mr. McGrail had served the Webster (Mass.) Public Schools for 27 years, retiring in 1996 as a guidance counselor; at the start of his career, he had been a teacher at the former Webster Academy. Mr. McGrail had been a member of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Worcester. His interests included traveling and photography. Mr. McGrail is survived by his wife, Barbara; and a son.

1954
MORTIMER J. BUCKLEY JR., M.D.
Dr. Mortimer Buckley died Nov. 24, 2007, in Osterville, Mass., at 75. A longtime contributor to the field of cardiovascular medicine, Dr. Buckley had served almost 30 years as the chief of cardiac surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital; he retired in 1998. During his tenure, Dr. Buckley helped to establish a residency program at the hospital in this specialty. His pioneer accomplishments in the treatment of coronary heart disease included the development and clinical application, with W. Gerald Austen, M.D., of the intra-aortic balloon pump; he also devised ground-breaking techniques to correct congenital heart defects in children. Among Dr. Buckley’s patients were actor John Wayne; former U.S. secretary of state, Henry Kissinger; and past president of the Boston Celtics, Red Auerbach. In addition to his clinical responsibilities, he taught many years at the Harvard Medical School; upon his retirement, Dr. Buckley was named professor of surgery emeritus. A past president of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, he was a recipient of the American Heart Association’s Paul Dudley White Award. Dr. Buckley was a graduate of the Boston University School of Medicine, which honored him in 1982 with its Distinguished Alumnus Award. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a career planning counselor. Dr. Buckley is survived by his wife, Marilyn; a son; three daughters; three sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and 10 grandchildren. His brother was the late John F. ’48.

FARRELL T. GALLAGHER JR., D.D.S.
Dr. Farrell Gallagher, of Rocky River, Ohio, died on Sept. 8, 2007. Dr. Gallagher had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; three sisters; and five grandchildren.

MICHAEL A. IARRAPINO
Michael Iarrapino died on Sept. 27, 2007, in Saint Mary’s Hospital, Waterbury, Conn., at 74. A longtime educator, Mr. Iarrapino had taught science at Crosby High School in Waterbury, from 1963-93—and chemistry, physics and mathematics, from 1954-63, at Sacred Heart High School—both in Waterbury. During his career, Mr. Iarrapino had also been an adjunct professor in science at Central Connecticut State University, Mattatuck Community College and Post College. The recipient of several awards for excellence in teaching, he had presented lectures on science teaching to professional groups in Connecticut and other states—and had had publications included in various books and journals. An officer for 20 years in the Waterbury Teachers Association, Mr. Iarrapino had been a member as well of the Connecticut Education Association, National Education Association, Society of American Physics Teachers and the New England Association of Chemistry Teachers. His community involvement included serving as an officer in the Waterbury Taxpayers Association, past president of the Sacred Heart Holy Name Society and member of the parish board at SS Peter and Paul Church in Waterbury. A professional magician for several years, Mr. Iarrapino had held offices in the Society of American Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; two sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a sister; a brother-in-law; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

CHARLES G. SHEDIACK
Charles Shediack died Dec. 4, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital, Orange, Calif., at 75. During his career, Mr. Shediack had worked in the food brokerage business for more than 40 years. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Shediack is survived by his wife, Sally; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two brothers, including Joseph C. Jr.’51; a sister; numerous grandchildren; nephews; and nieces.

JOHN W. SPILLANE
John Spillane, of Worcester and West Yarmouth, Mass., died Dec. 25, 2007, at 75. A longtime Worcester attorney, Mr. Spillane began his career as a sole practitioner; he later became the senior partner of the firm Spillane & Spillane, LLP, in practice with his sons. In addition to his work as a trial and appellate attorney, Mr. Spillane had been a legislative agent for numerous groups on Beacon Hill. Last June, he was honored by the Worcester County Bar Association for his 50 years of devoted service to the practice of law. Early in his career, Mr. Spillane had worked on the presidential campaigns of John F. Kennedy and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, traveling nationwide as an advance person.
In 1962, he formed the Shrewsbury Bank and Trust Company—it was later acquired by the Commerce Bank & Trust Company, for which he had been a longtime board director. An incorporator and founding director of the Commerce Insurance Company in Webster, Mass., Mr. Spillane had been the clerk of the company and a director at the time of his death. A member and lifetime achievement honoree of the Worcester Democratic City Committee, he was also a former member of the Worcester Plan E Association; past chairman of the city’s Board of Voter Registration; longtime member of the local Draft Board—and member, since its inception, of the Worcester Canal District Task Force. Active in the Boy Scouts of America, Mr. Spillane was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, the Mohgan Council’s highest honor. In addition, he had been a trustee of Anna Maria College in Paxton, Mass., and the Higgins Armory in Worcester. Active in church work, Mr. Spillane had performed pro bono service for Problem Pregnancy, Inc. of Worcester—and had been a board member of the Massachusetts Catholic Action League; he belonged to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Mr. Spillane had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary; four sons, John J. ’89, Joseph W. ’91, Matthew T. ’95 and Michael J. ’98; a daughter, Maryanne Spillane McInturf ’93; a son-in-law; three daughters-in-law; a brother-in-law; two grandchildren; and a cousin. His father was the late John J. ’22.

1959

WILLIAM J. MCMCCORMICK JR. William McCormick died Dec. 24, 2007, at his home in Potomac, Md., at 69. A longtime keyboard retailer in the Washington, D.C., area, Mr. McCormick had joined Jordan Kitt’s Music in 1971 and purchased the College Park, Md.-based company in 1976. From 1984-93, he had also been chairman of the firm that owned Georgetown Leather Design in Beltsville, Md. Hired in 1971 by the consulting firm Checchi and Company to revitalize Jordan Kitt’s Music, Mr. McCormick had previously overseen the financial turnaround of a sugar mill in the Philippines. A veteran, he had served in the Army Reserve until his discharge in 1961. Mr. McCormick had been a member of the board of the Washington Performing Arts Society and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra—as well as the National Association of Music Merchants and the Business Bank in Vienna. In addition, he was the founder of a family charitable foundation. Mr. McCormick had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his son, W. Joseph III ’95, two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law, Ann Boole McCormick ’95; two sisters; two brothers-in-law; four grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

1960

JOHN J. HORRIGAN John Horrigan died Sept. 27, 2007, in Newton (Mass.)-Wellesley Hospital, at 68. Prior to his retirement in 2002, Mr. Horrigan had worked more than 20 years at Framingham (Mass.) State College, serving as the vice president for finance and administration; he had previously held the posts of first vice chancellor for administration and finance of the Massachusetts State College System and first director of Budget and Facilities Planning of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. Mr. Horrigan began his career teaching statistics at the Newton College of the Sacred Heart, Newton Centre, Mass., and, at Boston University, where he had also been a guidance counselor; he subsequently became the university’s first assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Mr. Horrigan’s civic involvement included serving on the Human Resources Board and the Advisory Committee in Wellesley—and as a member of the board of directors of the Veterans Outreach Center, MetroWest Inc.; in addition, he had been a special police officer for the town of Framingham. Following retirement, Mr. Horrigan had been a volunteer consultant to non-profit organizations through the Executive Service Corps. He is survived by his wife, Esther; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a brother, an aunt; a granddaughter; two nephews; and many cousins.

1963

THOMAS D. MARZIK Thomas Marzik, of Merion Station, Pa., died Oct. 23, 2007, at 65. A Ph.D. graduate of Columbia University in New York City, Mr. Marzik had served 36 years as a professor of European history at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. An internationally recognized scholar in East Central European history, he had been a past officer of the Slovak Studies Association and the Czechoslovak History Conference. In 1998, the president of the Slovak Republic honored Mr. Marzik for his contributions as a historian of Slovaks and Slovakia. He is survived by his wife, Anna; and his brother, Robert K. ’58.

1965

PETER T. LAWRENCE Peter Lawrence, of New York, died Dec. 31, 2006, Mr. Lawrence is survived by a son; a daughter; and seven brothers and sisters.

1968

JOHN T. DUAX John Duax, of Illinois, died on Nov. 3, 2007. During his career, Mr. Duax had been a corporate attorney for many years in Chicago. He is survived by his wife, Maureen; a son; a daughter; two brothers; and two sisters-in-law.

PATRICK NYENDWA, M.D. Patrick Nyendwa, M.D., died Nov. 19, 2007, in UMass Memorial Medical Center, Worcester, at 64. A longtime cardiologist, Dr. Nyendwa had practiced medicine in his homeland of Zambia for many years, serving as a personal physician to three presidents, including Levy Mwanawasa and his predecessor, Frederick Chiluba. Working as well in several Zambian hospitals from 1992-2006, he was named managing director of the University Teaching Hospital, Lusaka, in 1998. Chairman of the board of directors of Our Lady’s Hospice for AIDS patients, also in Lusaka, Dr. Nyendwa had been a member of...
the National Sports Council of Zambia, the Medical Council of Zambia and the Zambia National Formulary Committee. Receiving his medical degree from the University of Zambia in 1977, he completed his postgraduate studies in internal medicine and cardiology at the UMass Medical Center in Worcester, where he worked from 1979-92. Dr. Nyendwa returned to the United States in 2006—and, having recently obtained his Massachusetts state medical license, he was scheduled to begin practicing in Worcester. Dr. Nyendwa is survived by his wife, Cecilia; a son; and three daughters, including Munda S. ’05 and Chanda ’05.

1969
GEORGE L. TULLY III, M.D.
George Tully III, M.D., died Oct. 12, 2007, at his home in Wellesley, Mass. A longtime member of the staff of Caritas St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Brighton, Mass., Dr. Tully began working there in 1980 as the chief of endocrinology and associate director of the Internal Medicine Training Program. His subsequent responsibilities included serving as: vice chair of the department of medicine for 17 years; vice president for clinical strategy and business development; and member of the center’s board of trustees since 1995. Dr. Tully had been the founder and director as well of the Caritas Diabetes Care Program. In 1980, he was appointed associate professor of medicine at the Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. His affiliation with other medical facilities and hospitals during his career included The Chelsea (Mass.) Naval Soldiers’ Home, where he had been the director of the diabetes clinic, and the Brighton (Mass.) Marine Public Health Center, where he had held the post of chief of the endocrinology clinic. A member of numerous professional organizations, Dr. Tully had been a fellow of both the American College of Physicians and The American College of Endocrinology. He had been an active member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Wellesley for many years, serving as a Eucharistic Minister and teacher of confirmation classes. Dr. Tully is survived by his wife, Barbara; a son; a daughter; his father-in-law, Joseph A. Dorgan, M.D., ’41; two brothers, including John E. ’75; a sister; a brother-in-law, Lawrence M. Strang ’69; four sisters-in-law; and many nephews and nieces, including Joseph G. Jordan ’99. His brother was the late Peter M. ’72.

1970
JOHN J. LAHEY
John Lahey, of Worcester, died Nov. 13, 2007, at his home in Worcester, at 59. A longtime attorney, Mr. Lahey had practiced in Washington, D.C., Boston, and, recently, Worcester. A graduate of St. John’s High School, where he had been named to the All State and All New England basketball teams, Mr. Lahey had been a member as well of the College varsity basketball team. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Lahey is survived by his mother; four brothers; including John E. ’75; a sister; a brother-in-law, Joseph A. Dorgan, M.D., ’41; two sisters-in-law; and many nephews and nieces, including Ann M. ’02, Dermot S. ’03 and Margaret M. ’06. His father was the late Philip J. Sr., M.D., ’39.

1971
PAUL C. CLARK
Paul Clark died Oct. 11, 2007, at his home in Huntington Beach, Calif., at 58. A longtime attorney, Mr. Clark had worked many years for the Rockwell International Corp.—most recently in California, following his transfer to Los Angeles in 1995. He had been a longtime, active member of St. James Church in Lakewood, Ohio. His interests included sports and music. Mr. Clark is survived by his wife, Barbara; three sons; four daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; three brothers, including Gary C. ’72; a sister; a brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; and five grandchildren.

1972
LAWRENCE L. MARCUCCI
Lawrence Marucci died on Dec. 3, 2007, in the Iowa Methodist Medical Center—Des Moines, at 57. A longtime attorney, Mr. Marucci had most recently been co-owner of the West Des Moines law firm Marucci & Conger, P.L.C. President of the Polk County Bar Association from 1989-90, he had also been a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, serving on its Board of Governors from 1990-92. During his career, Mr. Marucci had been active as well in several local and national mock trial associations—and a judge, for many years, of mock trial teams. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a career planning counselor. Mr. Marucci is survived by his wife, Rhonda; a son; two daughters; two brothers; three sisters-in-law; five aunts; many nephews and nieces; and cousins.

1974
LEO G. FRIEL
Leo Friel died Sept. 24, 2007, in Glen Burnie, Md., at 54. During his career, Mr. Friel had been a health care administrator with CMS in Maryland. He had lived in Oswego, N.Y., for 20 years. Mr. Friel had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Lori; a son; and two daughters. His father was the late Leo F. ’36.

1975
STEPHEN G. FOURNIER
Stephen Fournier died Nov. 5, 2007, at his home in Lewiston, Maine, at 54. Mr. Fournier had most recently served as the district manager of Berklene Furniture for Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont; at the start of his career, he had been the manager, for 10 years, of the RGIS Inventory of Silver Spring, Md. Mr. Fournier is survived by his wife, Pamela; two sons; a daughter; a brother; a sister-in-law; and several nephews and nieces.

1978
JOSEPH R. MANN
Joseph Mann died Oct. 26, 2007, at his home in Tampa, Fla., at 51. During his career, Mr. Mann taught 30 years at his alma mater Jesuit High School in Tampa. He had been a lifelong member of Christ the King Church, also located in Tampa. Mr. Mann is survived by his wife, Susan; his stepson; his father-in-law; three brothers; eight sisters; seven brothers-in-law; three sisters-in-law; and a granddaughter.

1979
CATHERINE S. ATHANAS
Catherine Athanas died Aug. 22, 2007, at Joanne’s House at Hope Hospice, Bonita Springs, Fla., at 49. Mrs. Athanas had spent 17 years overseas with her family—in Honduras, Cairo and Nepal. In addition to travel, her interests included art and calligraphy. Mrs. Athanas had been a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples, Fla., and, also, of the American Women’s Association. She is survived by her husband, James; her parents; two sons; two brothers; a sister; a brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; eight nephews and nieces; and a grandnephew and a grandniece.
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**ANN D. WHALEN**

Ann Whalen died Dec. 22, 2007, in New York, at 22. As a student at Holy Cross, Ms. Whalen had been a member of the women’s track team—and attained two personal and College race-walking records: completing the 3000m race walk at Holy Cross on April 23, 2005, with a time of 15:36.01 and the 5000m race walk at the Penn Relays, on April 30, 2005, with a time of 27:20.64—for a fourth-place finish. A 2004 graduate of Arlington High School in LaGrangeville, N.Y., she had been a member of the National Honor Society, the Arlington Interact Club and other co-curricular organizations—as well as a member of the track and field team as a race walker; Ms. Whalen had been a participant and medalist in the Empire State Games for race walking and, also, a race-walking participant in the Nationals. A lector at St. Martin de Porres Church in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., she had been an active volunteer at the Tri-town Senior Center. Ms. Whalen was most recently a senior at New York University. She is survived by her parents; her paternal and maternal grandmothers; two uncles; and two aunts; and seven cousins.

**FRIENDS:**

Kathryn Anderson, mother of John T. Anderson, mathematics and computer science department; Anthony Angelosante, father-in-law of Lawrence W. Doyle ’83 and grandfather of Kevin L. Doyle ’11; Fakhri Bazzaz, father of Sahar Bazzaz, history department; Wilfred E. Bellerose, father of William Bellerose, athletic department, and Barbara Germain, health services; Robert Chojnacki, father of Michael Chojnacki ’86; Joseph T. Coelho, father of John Coelho, Dinand Library; Rita L. Demosiers, mother of Pauline Kane, Kimball dining services; Steven T. Florio, former Trustee, and father of Steven J. ’00 and Kelly A. ’03; Richard A. Frega Sr., father of Julienne Frega ’09; Richard LeRoy Gebhardt, father of Joan Townsend, theatre department; John and Dorothy Greene, father and mother of Joseph M. Greene ’92; Bill Grogan Jr., brother of James J. Grogan ’76 and uncle of Leah M. ’05 and Amy E. ’11; Maryellen Herbert, sister of James Long, physical plant/grounds, and Frances Milonis, financial aid; Margaret M. Holahan, mother of Philip F. Holahan ’75 and Maureen A. Holahan-Saling ’83 and grandmother of Timothy F. Holohan ’03; Sally Houston, wife of William B. Houston ’47; Rev. Daniel J. Kennedy, brother of John F. Kennedy ’97; Elizabeth Kennedy, mother of William Kennedy, bookstore, and Joan Anderson, purchasing; Richard J. Kleijen, father of Andrea Clancy ’92 and father-in-law of Thomas E. Clancy, M.D., ’92; Cecile Lamoureux, mother of Normand J. Lamoureux, retired, modern languages and literatures, and grandmother of Celeste (Lamoureux) Mansfield ’83, Suzanne C. ’85, Robert N. ’87 and Danielle (Lamoureux) Wearing ’92; Ruth (Lydon) Langin, mother of Susan Stuart, parents fund co-chair, and grandmother of Katherine L. ’06, James M. ’07 and Julianna B. Stuart ’10; Mildred P. Lembcke, mother of Jerry Lembcke, sociology and anthropology department; Robert Leroux and Jane Leroux, father and mother of Michele Leroux Parslow, Hogan dining services; Josephine V. Maher, wife of the late Frank B. Maher, former Trustee; Mary McCarty, wife of Daniel J. McCarty ’47; James M. Noone, father of Mary E. Noone ’01; Michael A. O’Hara, father of Christine A. O’Hara ’07; Irene Packard, mother of Karen Kann, dining services; James J. Pappas, physical plant; Ruth Peck, wife of Edward C. Peck Jr. ’39 and mother of Robert J. Peck ’69; Walter R. Perry, brother of Ronald S. Perry ’54 and uncle of Maryellen P. Collins ’78, Ronald K. Perry ’80, David W. Perry ’82 and Patrice M. Berens ’84; Maxine A. Reinhardt, sister of Dale C. Reinhardt ’08; Beverly Ricci, wife of Robert W. Ricci, retired, chemistry department; Sadete Tajf, mother of Florida Sula, physical plant/Campion House; Maureen R. Walton, mother of Endia P. Walton ’82 (Editor’s Note continued) window, through what I hope—but doubt—will be the last snow of winter, I can see both Fenwick Tower and the Worcester Knitting Mill. Smith Hall and the Chess King Factory on Hammond St. They all seem utterly rooted in the same unique landscape. And they all still feel freighted with meaning regarding how our surroundings help to determine who we become.

For this issue’s look at Worcester, we asked alumnus, former mayor of the city and professor emeritus of history at Holy Cross, John B. Anderson ’57, to reread the “Worcester, U.S.A.” issue of HCQ and share some of his reflections on the past, present and future of the College’s hometown.

In 2004, I came to Holy Cross on a Peter Pan bus from New York City. I was a typical New Yorker, with little patience and a bit of arrogance—especially when comparing the Big Apple to any other city. But something has changed over the last four years. When I graduate in May, I will begin my life in the “real world” here in Worcester, Mass. A series of events has turned this city into my hometown.

This is my first memory of my first visit to Holy Cross from early October of 2003: “Coney Island Hot Dogs? This isn’t Coney Island! Are they crazy? Someone needs to let them know that Coney Island is part of Brooklyn!”

This last year, I chose to live off campus, but not on Caro St., Boyden St., College St., or any of the other usual senior haunts. Instead, I moved to Benefit Street, in the Main South neighborhood, about a 10-minute drive from campus. I moved to Main South as a way to be closer to my new community. These days, as I drive down Southbridge Street and pass Coney Island Hot Dogs I remember that first impression and a time when I didn’t know a thing about Worcester. But today, this once proud New Yorker is now a very proud Worcesterite—and is looking forward to bringing my experiences and knowledge learned in the classroom out to the work I do, in the community where I live.

I am currently an aide to District 4 Worcester City Councillor Barbara Haller. I started interning for her in the winter of my junior year, and over the course of the next year of heavy community work, I immersed myself in Worcester and grew to appreciate this unique city. Although not New York City, Worcester has much to offer. It is a community on the move, and I enjoy the fact that I have an opportunity to play a role in creating its future.

What were the series of events that made me know that Worcester was my home? It started within the first month of school with SPUD (Student Programs for Urban Development), when I served as a tutor at the Nativity School of Worcester, working with fifth-through-eighth-graders who live in low-income neighborhoods. For two years, I tutored and became friends with many of these young men who were striving for success. After this, I spent a semester tutoring at ISLA (Innovated Services for Latino Adolescents) at Worcester State College, an after-school program for third-through-sixth-grade English Language Learners—most of them recent immigrants from Latin America. During my sophomore and junior years, I also co-chaired the Multi-Cultural Peer Educators—a group that hosted lectures and discussions on inequality and our role in working through divergence as a means of creating genuine relationships across lines of differences.

At an event at Nativity in the fall of 2005, I met Councillor Haller and, a year later, she selected me as an intern for her. Traveling around the district with her, I learned about Worcester’s inner-city neighborhoods—and found myself working with people who were experiencing the same issues that I had experienced back home in my own low-income neighborhood. I saw what I had never seen before: a city that was smaller, less stylish, and with a more modest skyline—but all in all not very different from New York. I came to understand that the people and their problems were not very different at all. The two years that I spent working with many low-income families was a formative experience for me—as was
working with my peers to deal with issues of inequality on campus. Through this experience, I came to see myself not just as a student, but as an agent of change.

Working with Councilor Haller, I became impressed with the extent to which I was able to combine our direct work with families and policy work that addresses inequalities in a more systematic way. Under her political tutelage, I learned how to work with constituents and with the city administration to tackle issues affecting low-income neighborhoods. This was the most important time in my life, when I discovered how to apply what I was learning in the classroom to the challenges found beyond the gates of Mount St. James.

After the campus residence halls closed down at the end of my junior year, I moved into the Main South neighborhood, spent the summer working as an aide for Councilor Haller, and continued to strive to live up to the Jesuit mission of “men and women for others.” Through the Chaplains’ office, I received a Lilly Fellowship to work on community issues throughout the summer. I was also awarded a Marshall Grant, which I used to develop a “Quality of Life” survey for the city’s Green Island neighborhood, a community located about five minutes from campus. This neighborhood is comprised of many different ethnic groups, is mostly low-income, and is in need of more political support. My survey was designed as a means of understanding the special needs and desires of a specific neighborhood. Our instrument proved successful—we received many responses and held a community meeting to address significant issues that residents raised. The meeting was attended by state Sen. Edward Augustus, state Rep. John Fresolo, several city councilors, some city administrators, and many community people.

I have been fortunate both to work with Councilor Haller and to attend a college that encourages active student engagement in the community. I know that throughout all my work both on and off campus, I have had solid support from Holy Cross administrators, faculty and staff—and that has made all the difference.

One such person has been Kathy Robertson, special assistant to the president for community and governmental affairs, who has taught me a great deal. Through people like Kathy, I have found Holy Cross to be a place where you can strive, take risks, seek new and challenging experiences—knowing all the while that there are supportive people right behind you, ready to pick you up when you fall, or give you that nudge when you need to pick up the pace.

It is regularly said that college is where people grow and find themselves. I would say that I always knew I wanted to help people in low-income neighborhoods—similar to the one in which I grew up—but I didn’t have the necessary tools. Now, after four years, I may not yet have all the tools, but I have definitely matured and gained skills that will allow me to be successful in my community. It was Holy Cross that gave me the opportunity to attain not only a great education but also to discover the hidden treasure that Worcester turned out to be. I realize that this is not New York City, but this is Worcester—and now I am very happy to grab a hot dog at Coney Island anytime.

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The Profile

Frederick H. Eppinger ’81

BY MICHAEL REARDON

F red Eppinger ’81 would probably be embarrassed to be called a “hometown hero,” but that’s exactly what he is. Eppinger, who was raised on a chicken farm in neighboring Spencer, was instrumental in saving Allmerica Financial Corp. from financial ruin and, in the process, preserving this Worcester-based institution, as well as thousands of jobs.

Eppinger joined Allmerica as chief executive officer in 2003, following a year when the company lost $306 million, saw its stock drop from a high of $52 to $7 a share, and its debt rating downgraded five notches below investment grade. The outlook for the company was bleak.

Allmerica’s directors looked to the local guy Eppinger—a veteran of 20 years experience in the insurance and financial services business, most recently as Executive Vice President at The Hartford—as the man to turn the company around.

“I care about this company and I care about the community,” Eppinger says.

Under Eppinger’s leadership, Allmerica, now known as The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc., has set out to become a world-class insurance institution. The company has rebounded financially, consistently beating its core earnings, and generating top shareholder returns for publicly traded property and casualty companies.

“Who are your best friends at Holy Cross—and do you still keep in touch with them?”

Jim Hennessey ’81, who lives in Washington, D.C., and Lenny Leader ’81, who lives in Lunenburg, Mass. We met the first week of school—and we’ve been friends ever since. Both of them were in my wedding.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I’m a dad, and when you have young children, every minute you spend with them is precious. It’s a very rewarding part of my life watching them grow up.

Who had the most influence on your life?

My mom, Leona. She was valedictorian of her high school class. I didn’t want to study, but she got me to appreciate learning and to make the most of the opportunities you have.

Although Eppinger considered enrolling at Brown University in Providence, R.I., he chose to stay in the area to be able to continue to work on the family farm while attending school. His brother, Charles, who received his degree from Holy Cross in 1970, spoke highly of the College.

At Holy Cross, Eppinger was greatly influenced by the emphasis on balancing academic and professional success with service to the community and other people. His parents were also teaching him this lesson at home.

In his present position, Eppinger takes this idea and applies it to the values of the company. Since joining The Hanover, he has beefed up its foundation, which has allowed the corporation to make significant contributions to Worcester, as well as in Howell, Michigan, where the company employs another 900 people.

“We’re very involved with making things happen in the community,” Eppinger says. “It’s a big part of who we are.”

In recent years, The Hanover has contributed $1 million to the UMass Memorial Emergency Care Campaign and worked with Holy Cross to bring the Tornadoes baseball team to the city.

The Hanover announced in December 2006 that it was contributing $2 million to the construction of a performing arts center in downtown Worcester—which is to be called The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts. The Eppingers privately donated a six-figure gift to this effort.

“I’m proud of what we’ve done as a company and as a team in the last four years. It has been an extraordinary accomplishment,” Eppinger says.

How did you meet your wife, Patty?

We went to graduate school together—and I was her accounting tutor.

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In recent years, The Hanover has contributed $1 million to the UMass Memorial Emergency Care Campaign and worked with Holy Cross to bring the Tornadoes baseball team to the city.

The Hanover announced in December 2006 that it was contributing $2 million to the construction of a performing arts center in downtown Worcester—which is to be called The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts. The Eppingers privately donated a six-figure gift to this effort.

“I’m proud of what we’ve done as a company and as a team in the last four years. It has been an extraordinary accomplishment,” Eppinger says.

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