Holy Cross

Party of the Summer!

Jerry Colbert ‘64 Helps Nation Celebrate
“Out to the Ball Game”
Photograph by Rob Carlin
16 Remembrance and Celebration
by Rebecca Smith

Gerald E. “Jerry” Colbert ’64 is the mastermind behind the nation’s premier Independence Day and Memorial Day concerts. Proud to produce these commercial-free extravaganzas, Colbert believes in commemorating national holidays in grand fashion.

22 Arbor Studies
by James Dempsey

It is a little-known fact that the Holy Cross campus is a registered arboretum—a collection of maintained specimen trees. Read about the history of the award-winning landscape that defines our unique campus.

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“The Worcester Issue”
Connecting with Worcester was all part of the job at campus radio station WCHC since we broadcasted to and served the entire city—both town and gown. The connections included residents phoning in to request songs or comment, occasional press coverage, and contact with community representatives and organizations. Over my four years at WCHC, my appreciation and love for the city grew. During my senior year we launched a weekly talk show, “In the City,” which interviewed guests such as Francis McGrath ’30, then the city manager. He never even told me he was a Holy Cross graduate—the focus of the interview was Worcester. That was perfect for a show that brought Worcester topics to students at all the colleges and universities in town. The city loved us back—it was always exciting to see WCHC bumper stickers on residents’ cars. Thanks for giving Worcester the spotlight.
Steve Schildwachter ’85
Chicago, Ill.

“The Place for Athletics”
It was an honor to be featured in the “Class Notes” section of the winter Holy Cross Magazine for my work as an art museum curator. If I had known that the cover story would be about the place of athletics at Holy Cross, I would have shared with the interviewer my experience on the varsity women’s crew team at Holy Cross. Our coach (Tom Sullivan ’70) was as powerful a force as my academic mentors and what I learned in the boat was an extremely important complement to what I learned in the classroom. My choice to pursue a Junior Year Abroad did bring my crew career to an end (and set me on my professional path), but I treasure the lessons learned about teamwork, collaboration, focus, hard work, discipline, friendship and levity. Collegiate athletics shouldn’t overshadow academics, but they can offer great training for the challenges, choices, and the balancing act that life after college presents.
Charlotte Eyerman ’87
St. Louis, Mo.

“Recognition”
I read your recent story about Holy Cross athletics with some interest, particularly the part where it was suggested that no one recognizes Holy Cross outside of the Northeast. A few years ago, Holy Cross upset Minnesota in the NCAA ice hockey tournament. Now, when I wear my Holy Cross hockey T-shirt to Best Buy or the ball park, I get big smiles and “Go Holy Cross!” from snowbirds who identify themselves as North Dakota fans (Minnesota’s archrival). My T-shirt also attracts attention from expatriate Minnesotans living in Arizona, though theirs is somewhat less enthusiastic than the North Dakotans’.
Jim McManus ’70
Phoenix, Ariz.

“Fr. Nelligan”
Several months ago I returned from living overseas and upon reading the issues of HCM that were waiting for me at home, I learned that one of my favorite priests, Father Paul Nelligan, S.J., had passed away. Fr. Nelligan and I had a special friendship. During my junior year abroad in Dijon, France, I happened to send him a postcard upon learning that he was recovering from an illness. I had never met him before, but a schoolwide e-mail notified the campus. Fr. Nelligan responded to me with a sweet note in which he thanked me for my prayers, and, when I returned to the Hill for my senior year, we struck up a friendship. He invited me to several dinners at Ciampi (those are the best!) and told me about his days working in the Archives department of Dinand. Once you got Fr. Nelligan talking, he didn’t want to stop! And I loved hearing his stories and his genuine words of encouragement. I know that many alums echo my sentiments in saying he will be missed. They undoubtedly remember, as I do, seeing Fr. Nelligan strolling around campus on any given day—sometimes even in the bitter Worcester cold—stopping to talk to anyone who crossed his path.
Ashley M. Michalek ’06
Richmond, Texas

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Editor’s Note

“Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.”

Can’t argue with Henry James on this particular opinion. Especially today. As I write, in mid-May, it’s another New England spring that never quite behaved as it should. Joggers this morning wore gloves and graduating seniors have shivered through a cold and rainy Cape Week.

But as you hold this issue in your hands, summer will at last be here. For James, of course, it’s not just about the lovely sound of those two words. “Summer afternoon” is also about shared experience and having a precious commodity: time.

Summer afternoons on Mount St. James are relatively quiet. That doesn’t mean O’Kane or Hart or St. Joseph Chapel or any corner of campus is bolted shut. Behind-the-scenes preparations are in high gear for the August arrival of the Class of 2012. Faculty-student research teams are at work in labs and classrooms. Admissions officers conduct tours and hold special advisory sessions for high school students. Construction of the new science complex continues full speed ahead. Weddings, sports camps, conferences, and other events bring visitors every day.

The campus is especially stunning now. Those of us fortunate enough to spend summer here confess to a twinge of guilt about this. Most students (and most of you, dear readers!) do not have the opportunity to enjoy the season at a registered arboretum. So, we asked writer James Dempsey to look into the design and history of our 174-acre hillside campus and how its legacy is kept alive (Page 22).

Summer’s gifts also include time to celebrate traditions and connect with community. Rebecca Smith ’99 writes that Jerry Colbert ’64 (Page 16), producer of Washington’s Fourth of July concert, may be a national example of this connectedness. As Colbert says: “For an hour and a half we unite the country in this celebratory moment where everyone is in a joyous mood.”

After a fast-paced academic year, it’s also time to catch our breath, plan for the next year, and—yes—try to squeeze in a restorative summer afternoon. Our staff in Public Affairs will be embarking on vacation travel both nearby (Nova Scotia, Cape Cod, Maine) and even a little farther afield (Yellowstone, Greece, Ireland) … spending time with family and friends camping, blueberry picking, hitting the road for kids’ baseball tournaments … and, of course, catching up on reading.

If you’re looking for suggestions for your summer reading, check out the titles by members of the Holy Cross community in Book Notes (Page 40). Congratulations are in order to HCM editor Jack O’Connell ’81, who published his fifth novel, The Resurrectionist (Algonquin), to exceptionally strong reviews.

Maybe you caught him at one of the stops on his national book tour. After traveling to 13 cities in 16 days for readings and signings, Jack is looking forward to not getting on a plane this summer.

Even with the extra minutes of daylight, summer hurries by. Responsibilities can conspire to keep us from truly enjoying the sun shining through trees or fully experiencing moments rich with music, celebration and community. We can’t give you more time to enjoy your afternoons this summer, but hope these pages connect you with some of what we share as members of the Holy Cross community—no matter what the season.

Ellen Riedel

Greeting from Holy Cross
Kevin M. Cahill, M.D., renowned humanitarian and activist, delivered the principal address and received an honorary degree on May 23, at the College’s 162nd Commencement ceremony. A total of 669 men and women were awarded bachelor of arts degrees in front of an estimated 6,000 people—family and friends of the graduates, Holy Cross faculty, administrators and staff, as well as honored guests such as the Most Rev. Robert J. McManus, bishop of the Diocese of Worcester.

“Silence and isolation are not viable options,” said Dr. Cahill, who has worked in war zones and refugee camps around the world during his 45-year career. “In this era of instant communications, your Jesuit education, and your own moral values, make it impossible for you to hide from massive sufferings.”

The point, he said, was to find one’s own path, and to remember the early Jesuit missionaries who...
saw no boundaries in their vocation, who refused to accept any limitations imposed by the restrictive customs of the era.

“Maybe it will be in teaching your own children about the reality that faces others of a similar age in less fortunate lands, out there in that harsh world that is getting closer all the time. Maybe you will contribute in a soup kitchen, coaching on a ball field, helping another on the job, or assisting aging parents. Maybe prayer, or some form of art, will be your chosen vehicle.”

Recognizing how many Holy Cross graduates were actively engaged in some kind of significant community service during their College careers, Cahill said, “As most of you know from your own periods of community service, you are likely to find more understanding and consideration, and experience more growth, on those harsh frontiers than in the refined, protected environments of the establishment.”

“I have been caught behind the lines in armed conflicts, and seen senseless slaughter from Beirut to Managua, and all across the scarred landscape of modern Africa,” he said. “Somehow in the twisted
wreckage of war, and in the squalor of refugee camps, the incredible beauty of humanity prevailed for me, as it does for most of those privileged to work in humanitarian assistance. It is that perspective that sustains us on what otherwise might seem like a journey through hell on earth.”

In his valedictory address, James Michael Brennan, a double major in political science and Russian studies from North Smithfield, R.I., reflected on the four years his classmates and he spent on Mount St.
James Brennan emphasized that a liberal arts education will serve them well, stating that, “It is a grand beginning; it is a grand opening of our souls; it is the grand challenge to face our humanity.”

Honorary degrees were also conferred on David Anderson ’51, sports columnist for The New York Times and winner of the 1981 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary; Rev. Robert Athickal, S.J., founder of India’s Tarumitra (Hindi for “Friends of the Trees”), a student environmental movement; Donald P. Moriarty ’52, former member of the Holy Cross Board of Trustees and longtime head of its investment committee and a philanthropist with wide-ranging interests; and James A. Welu, an acclaimed scholar of 17th-century Dutch art and director of the Worcester Art Museum.
Paul Sheff departs
VP for development and alumni relations assumes presidency of Catholic Memorial

Paul Sheff, the College’s vice president for development and alumni relations, has left his position to become the first lay president of Catholic Memorial School in West Roxbury, Mass. Sheff, who is a 1962 graduate of Catholic Memorial, served on the school’s board of directors from 2000-06.

Sheff arrived on campus in 1998; under his leadership, Holy Cross concluded, in 2006, a record-breaking capital campaign, raising $216 million—far surpassing the campaign’s $175 million goal.

“In addition to the success of the Lift High the Cross campaign,” says Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of the College, “Paul increased average annual total cash from $12 million to $25 million. His work has galvanized alumni and friends of the College to even greater levels of support. After declining for several years, our participation rate is now above 53 percent—and alumni from the youngest classes are more engaged with the College than ever before.”

“My return to Catholic Memorial School is an extraordinary professional and personal opportunity,” says Sheff. “As a teenager, this school opened my eyes to the transformative power of education in a young man’s life. I am blessed now with the chance to open the eyes of so many more young people as we build together a vibrant academic faith community.”

Prior to arriving at Holy Cross, Sheff oversaw major gifts and capital gifts at Dartmouth College. He was a philosophy major at Catholic University. He later received a master’s degree in secondary education from Boston University.

Sanctae Crucis Awards presented

The 11th annual presentation of the Sanctae Crucis Awards took place at a campus dinner on May 2. The awards are the highest nondegree recognition bestowed by the College on an alumnus or alumna; awards are given in the categories: distinguished professional achievement; outstanding community service; and outstanding young alumnus/alumna. This year’s recipients are:

**Frank T. Kartheiser ’72**

Arriving as a student at Holy Cross during the turbulent late 1960s, Chicago native Frank Kartheiser became involved in the anti-war movement and with the Catholic Workers. Determined to make a difference, he dropped out of Holy Cross in 1971, and formed the Mustard Seed in Worcester with fellow classmate Shawn Donovan ’70. The Mustard Seed began as a storefront agency dispensing help to the elderly, poor and homeless and eventually grew to a full-time soup kitchen and homeless shelter. He returned to Holy Cross in 1987 to finish his degree in religious studies, graduating in 1988. In 1992, Kartheiser became the director and organizer of Worcester Interfaith, an alliance of Worcester religious congregations and organizations that work together to empower the underprivileged through action,
specifically with city youth, enforcing public safety, and providing equal job access and affordable housing. Before that, he helped create many community organizations in Worcester; served as a field representative for Clergy and Laity Concerned; and worked for the Diocese of Worcester as director of the Urban Ministry Commission, associate director of religious education, and consultant for social justice and peace. He is a founding member of the Holy Cross Community Leadership Workshop, a new training program for students interested in careers in the nonprofit sector.

Kristen M. O’Hara ’92
Since 2004, O’Hara has been the senior vice president/managing director of the Time Warner Global Media Group. She was a key architect in reinventing the integrated marketing model by shifting the group’s emphasis from transactional sales to insight- and idea-driven solutions that build brands and businesses. A catalyst for creativity and collaboration across the Time Warner enterprise, O’Hara has helped key Time Warner advertisers bring innovative solutions to market. She received the Time Inc. President’s Award in 2002 for forging a partnership with American Express Publishing on a groundbreaking database marketing tool. Prior to joining Time Inc., O’Hara spent nearly 10 years at Young & Rubicam, where she led integrated teams for a wide array of clients and helped the agency secure nearly half a billion dollars in new business. Actively involved in the Holy Cross Women in Business program, she served as a keynote speaker at the program’s inaugural conference.

Richard J. O’Reilly, M.D., ’64
Richard O’Reilly, M.D., chair of the department of pediatrics at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, was the first to conduct a successful bone marrow transplant involving an unrelated, compatible donor—an approach now used successfully on well over 2,500 cancer patients annually. In addition, he co-developed an approach now used throughout the world to treat effectively children born without an immune system. In the ’70s and ’80s, such children were known as “bubble babies”—and died within a year unless they were maintained for years in a sterile environment. The transplant method O’Reilly developed has allowed all these children to receive a curative transplant from a half-matched parent or sibling. A graduate of the University of Rochester School of Medicine, he is the recipient of many professional honors and the author or co-author of more than 300 articles, papers or research studies. O’Reilly also serves as professor of immunology and of pediatrics at the Cornell University School of Medical Science.

Bernard E. Trainor ’51, retired lieutenant general, USMC
Following his graduation from Holy Cross (where he was a history major and member of the NROTC program), Bernard Trainor commanded in combat as a young U.S. Marine officer in Korea. Returning to the United States, he obtained his master’s degree in history at the University of Colorado—and was working toward his Ph.D. when he was assigned to two tours of duty in Vietnam. Appointed a lieutenant general in the early 1980s, Trainor completed his final active duty assignment at the Pentagon where he held the post of deputy chief of staff for Plans, Policies and Operations and served as Marine Corps deputy to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Upon his retirement in 1985, Trainor began working for The New York Times as its military correspondent; in 1990, he joined the Kennedy School of Government as director of the National Security Program and became a military analyst for ABC News. He is co-author of the definitive text on the Gulf War, The Generals’ War (Little, Brown, 1995). Senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, he continues to do military analysis for both NBC News and The New York Times.
Eleven Faculty Members Receive Tenure

On April 1, Terri Priest, Worcester-based artist and retired Holy Cross professor, unveiled her latest work, titled “Paths to Divine Light Through Vermeer’s Lens”—commissioned exclusively for the College. The artwork was installed in the cupola of Smith Hall, a domed area near the entrance.

Priest was approached by the College four years ago to create a painting depicting the five major religions of the world for the campus building, which houses the College’s Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture.

Priest spent a year conducting research, visiting museums, and sketching, before deciding on a final painting, which is made up of nine panels representing the world’s five most prominent religions—Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Islam. The four other panels represent “Vermeer’s Lens” arranged in the shape of the cross. The artwork is 9 feet, 8 inches in length and width.

“The overall format of the nine panels emphasizes the circle and the square,” says Priest. “In various cultures these forms have symbolic meaning, the circle representing heaven and the square representing the earth.”

Priest earned her bachelor of fine arts and master of fine arts degrees at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Her works are included in several museum collections in Massachusetts, including the Worcester Art Museum, the DeCordova Museum, and the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts—as well as exhibited extensively in national shows. She became a member of the visual arts faculty at Holy Cross in 1978. During her years at the College, Priest taught perspective, introductory and intermediate courses in painting and design, served on various faculty committees and held the post of department chair for several years.
Alumni celebrate 40th anniversary of Black Student Union

A joyous anniversary celebration marking the 40-year history of the Black Student Union (BSU) drew approximately 150 alumni from across the country back to campus on the weekend of April 11-13.

The Black Student Union was founded in 1968 following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. BSU’s first leaders were 28 African-American men who had enrolled in 1968—due, in large part, to active outreach by Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49 now president emeritus of the College. Those first students included: Clarence Thomas ’71, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; Theodore V. Wells Jr. ’72, one of the leading litigators in the nation; and Eddie J. Jenkins Jr. ’72, chairman of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission and former Miami Dolphins running back—all of whom returned to campus for the festivities.

The weekend offered a full slate of activities, including State of the College addresses; a “Fireside Chat” with Fr. Brooks; CASA Cultural Night; alumni panel discussions; and stories from current students, among others.

The weekend’s events climaxed in a powerful keynote speech delivered by Wells about the formation of the Black Student Union and the defining moments in the nation’s history during the civil rights movement. Wells recalled the tense racial times following King’s death in 1968: “When we formed the Black Student Union that year we had two separate priorities. One, we had an internal priority and that was to make Holy Cross more sensitive and accommodating to the needs of its black students. And we focused on trying to persuade the school to hire more black faculty. We also wanted more black students.”

Wells recalled that all black students left Holy Cross in protest after four black students were singled out for suspension in 1969 after a demonstration against General Electric’s alleged Vietnam war profiteering. The College ultimately granted the students amnesty, and they returned to campus.

Three people who were instrumental in helping create a welcoming environment for black students were honored at the event: Fr. Brooks; Ogretta McNeil, former professor of psychology and class dean at Holy Cross, as well as a former member of the Worcester School Committee; and Joseph J. Reilly Jr. ’55, past chair of the College’s Bishop Healy Committee—a group dedicated to achieving and maintaining a diverse and multicultural campus. All three received standing ovations.

To cap the evening, Ronald R. Lawson ’75, senior director of business affairs for the Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation, made a special announcement. Holy Cross black alumni contributed $8,000 to the College, which will be administered by the Bishop Healy Committee of the General Alumni Association to assist ALANA (African-American, Latin American, Asian-American, and Native American) students as they make their way through the College.

To see an online photo gallery of the BSU event, please visit: http://www.holycross.edu/public_affairs/features/2007-2008/bsu40thanniversary_gallery
On April 6, more than 150 current members of the group, Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD)—plus SPUD alumni, community partners and various SPUD supporters—gathered in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom to celebrate the past, present and future of the organization.

In remarks on the popular campus institution, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of the College, traced the Jesuit tradition of service to the founding of the religious order in the 1500s. He said that there are three elements that are essential to the educational experience students receive by working as SPUD volunteers.

The first is primary contact with the marginalized, which allows the poor and powerless to know that somebody cares. The second element is the strong role students take in the growth of SPUD. And, finally, the importance of reflection and the constant need to think about the larger picture and to ask tough questions. “Why do we have working poor who work three or four jobs a day? Why are women left out in the street? Why are children abandoned? Why isn’t there widespread opportunity for these people?” Fr. McFarland asked.

Also in attendance was Annette Rafferty, founder of Abby’s House, an emergency shelter for women and children in Worcester, which Holy Cross students have served since its founding in 1976. Rafferty said that the work SPUD students have done is a major accomplishment, and that “the city has truly grown better because of our partnership.”

Pat Clancy ’68, who helped to found SPUD, was honored for his vision of creating the organization which has transformed lives. He encouraged students and the College to continue to promote social justice.

“As we commemorate this occasion,” Clancy said, “I want to look back at the last speech that Martin Luther King Jr. gave the day before he died in which he spoke about spiritual apathy. The question is not, ‘If I stop to help this man in need, what will happen to me?’—‘If I do not stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to them?’—That’s the question.”

Looking toward the future, Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84, associate chaplain and director of service and social justice programs at the College, encouraged students to think about the organization’s role as delivering direct service (e.g., serving food at a pantry) and being a catalyst for social change (e.g., engaging in discussion with the mayor about steps everyone can take to eradicate hunger).

An article detailing the history of SPUD appeared in the spring issue of Holy Cross Magazine—and can be found online at:

http://www.holycross.edu/departments/publicaffairs/hcm/spring08/features/feature2.html
Senior apartments dedicated

Named in honor of Edward Bennett Williams ’41, celebrated attorney

The College’s senior apartments were officially named the Edward Bennett Williams Hall, in honor of the legacy and generosity of the late Ed Williams ’41. Agnes Williams and members of her family came to campus on April 26 to mark the occasion.

A celebrated trial attorney and influential Washington insider, Williams was deeply committed to the Holy Cross mission and to the principles of Jesuit education. He represented a litany of famous clients and advised several United States presidents, while also serving on, and, eventually, chairing, the Holy Cross Board of Trustees until his death in 1988. At the time of his death, Williams presided over the Washington law firm he founded, Williams & Connolly—and was the owner of the Baltimore Orioles professional baseball team. In addition, he had been president of the Washington Redskins professional football team for 20 years.

Gifts from Williams’ widow, Agnes—also a former Trustee—and other contributors, endowed the Holy Cross Edward Bennett Williams Fellows Program in 1997. This program enables the College to hire faculty for their commitment to undergraduate teaching and to provide opportunities for the study of Catholic life—as well as for their interdisciplinary orientation toward issues of faith and reason.

Completed in 2003, Williams Hall is a five-story, 85,000-square foot building on lower campus, behind the St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. The two-bedroom apartments (living room, dining area and full kitchen) accommodate 244 seniors. Amenities include study rooms on each floor, and a ground-floor function room with a walk-out balcony overlooking the Worcester skyline.

Campus Roundup

Chemistry professor Richard Herrick received this year’s Marfuggi Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship. His research interests lie in the new area of bioorganometallic chemistry. Herrick and his students synthesize and study new compounds as potential diagnostic imaging/therapy agents.

Patricia Bizzell, professor of English, was the winner of the 2008 Conference on College Composition and Communication Exemplar Award given by the National Council of Teachers of English. “This cumulative achievement award signals that the recipient has reached the very top tier of educators in the field of composition and rhetoric,” says Timothy Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College.

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Campus Roundup continued

Bob Garvey, associate professor of physics at Holy Cross, was named one of 10 Outstanding First-Year Student Advocates by the National Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition. In 2000, Garvey had received the Carnegie Foundation’s U.S. Professor of the Year.

Nancy Baldiga, associate professor and chair of the economics department, has received the Outstanding Accounting Educator Award from the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA). The award is given to those who show excellence in teaching and motivating students; make contributions to the accounting profession—and are active participants in the society, serving as a liaison between the classroom and the business world.

Retiring at the end of this academic year are: Guy Beales, professor of history; David O’Brien, Loyola Professor of Roman Catholic Studies and professor of history; James Nickoloff, associate professor of religious studies; and economics professor, John F. O’Connell. “Between them,” notes Austin, “these four remarkable men have devoted an amazing total of 135 years to Holy Cross and witnessed countless changes.”

William Shea has retired from his position as director of the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture. Prior to arriving at Holy Cross in 2003, Shea was a professor in the department of theological studies at St. Louis University for 12 years. Previously, he held faculty positions at Catholic University and the University of South Florida. Shea earned his Ph.D. in the philosophy of religion at Columbia University; his areas of specialization include: contemporary religious thought, philosophical theology, the history of American religion, American religious thought, and American philosophy of religion. An active scholar, he has published numerous articles spanning these areas of specialization, and he has written and edited five books.

Rev. James Miracky, S.J., of the department of English, has been named the College’s newest associate dean. Fr. Miracky holds a bachelor’s degree in English and philosophy from Fordham University; his master of divinity and licentiate in sacred theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley; and his master of arts degree and Ph.D. in English from Rutgers. He joined Holy Cross as a tenure-track faculty member in 1996 and achieved tenure in 2003; in 2006, Fr. Miracky assumed the position of chair of the English department.

William Sobczak, associate professor of biology, has been awarded a Bullard Fellowship to spend the 2008-09 academic year at Harvard Forest. The Charles Bullard Fellowship program supports advanced research and study by individuals who show promise of making an important contribution, either as scholars or administrators, to forestry and forest-related subjects—from biology to earth sciences, economics, politics, administration or law.

Ben Correia, assistant director of student programs and involvement at the College, was recently named the recipient of the Craig Slack National Leadership Symposium Fellowship. This national award is given to one individual based on professional experience, eagerness to learn, and ability to make contributions at the National Leadership Symposium.
### Calendar of Events

#### July

**23 & SELECTED DATES THROUGH AUG. 17**

- **Redfeather Theatre at Holy Cross presents:** *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Twelfth Night* (in repertory)

**DATES THROUGH MEMORIAL GROVE AMPHITHEATRE IN GREEN HILL PARK, WORCESTER • 7 PM**

For more information, please visit www.redfeatherco.org

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For more news about upcoming events and for up-to-date information about the campus, please visit the Holy Cross Web site at www.holycross.edu
For 28 years, Jerry Colbert ’64, the producer of the PBS holiday concerts, has honored our nation and glorified our freedom.

**Remembrance & Celebration**

**By Rebecca Smith ’99**

For most Americans, the Fourth of July is a relaxing day spent lazily enjoying barbecues, baseball and fireworks. But for Gerald E. “Jerry” Colbert ’64, executive producer of Capital Concerts, Inc., it is one of the two busiest days of the year. As the mastermind behind the nation’s premier Independence Day and Memorial Day concerts, Colbert spends his holidays making us better citizens.

**The Blessings of Community**

Growing up in Boylston, Mass., Colbert was imbued with a strong sense of community. He would observe Memorial Day with his family and neighbors, watching the town parade and gathering with everyone on the common to hear speeches and prayers from veterans and priests.

“Afterwards, we’d visit the graves and they’d play Taps,” he recalls. “It was always very moving.”

Years later, that desire for fellowship drew Colbert to Holy Cross.

As an athlete at St. John’s High School in Shrewsbury, Mass., he worked out with two Crusaders at the College gym. He was so impressed by the young men’s courtesy and generosity that he passed up scholarships to other schools—namely Boston College—and enrolled at Holy Cross.

“Those guys were so nice and classy that I said to myself, ‘This is the place I want to go,’” Colbert says. “And today, the students are still nice. The sense of community and friendship is the blessing of the place.”

At Holy Cross, he immersed himself in religious activities and grew close to College Chaplain, Rev. Joseph LaBran, S.J., ’38 who led him on three separate Spiritual Exercises retreats.

“Holy Cross is a formative place. It taught me a lot about life, philosophy and religion. It made me reflect on what I wanted to do with my one precious life,” recalls Colbert. “It was there that I realized that I wanted to help others.”

**Making a Difference**

With Fr. LaBran’s encouragement, Colbert volunteered with the Jesuit Baghdad mission after graduation. His experiences teaching English and math to Iraqi schoolchildren provided him with a deep understanding of the
country’s culture, politics and religion—knowledge that he draws on regularly today.

His time in Baghdad also strengthened his desire to serve others. Upon returning to the United States, Colbert married his wife, Eileen, and the couple settled on the South Side of Chicago as lay missionaries. For three-and-a-half years, they worked with gang kids, ministered to the inner-city poor and fought for civil rights during the tumultuous ’60s.

“Then he transitioned his skills to more patriotic productions.”

In 1978, Colbert presented the first Fourth of July concert featuring the National Symphony Orchestra and guest artists performing live from the West Lawn of the United States Capitol. Nine years later, he introduced the National Memorial Day Concert. Since then, both holiday specials have become among the highest-rated performance programs on PBS.

Colbert’s nonprofit organization, Capital Concerts, Inc., manages these annual spectaculars. The group is made up of seven staff members year round, but, at concert time, that number balloons to 500. As executive producer, Colbert has immense responsibilities: He is in charge of raising money, booking stars, wooing sponsors, brainstorming concepts, managing the press, overseeing security and coordinating with government agencies.

“You have to juggle a lot of hats when you do this,” he says.

“In fact, Colbert has to deal with nine unions and 22 government entities, including the Military District of Washington, the National Park Service and the Office of the Architect of the United States Capitol. He coordinates multiple law enforcement agencies and oversees the operation of 14 different cameras, including one in the Washington Monument.”

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BINDING BROKEN HEARTS

The National Memorial Day Concert is a unique program of dramatic readings, documentary footage and musical performances honoring Americans who have served our country in times of conflict. It reaches out to millions of viewers and provides an outlet for loved ones to remember, grieve and begin to heal.

“Besides the soldiers, the families and friends are casualties of war too,” Colbert explains. “We must remember their sacrifices and continue the mission set forth by Abraham Lincoln to ‘care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan.’”

Colbert also draws spiritual inspiration from the words of the prophet Isaiah: “The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to comfort all who mourn.”

This past year’s concert, co-hosted by actors Gary Sinise and Joe Mantegna, paid special tribute to the veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam and the sacred war memorials built in their honor in Washington, D.C. Actor and highly decorated World War II veteran Charles Durning was recognized for his bravery and sacrifice as part of the “greatest generation” who stepped forward in a time of need. And the valor of our newest veterans was honored as the event examined the bonds that buddies form on the battlefields of Iraq. The production featured an all-star lineup of dignitaries, actors and musical artists, including retired Gen. Colin L. Powell, USA, music legend Gladys Knight, and the National Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Erich Kunzel.

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

As a history major at Holy Cross, Colbert especially enjoyed studying early America. So when he read John Adams’ declaration that the nation’s birthday “ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows … bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore,” he took it to heart.

Colbert’s Independence Day celebration, “A Capitol
Fourth,” draws people together to honor our nation’s heritage and enjoy a brilliant evening of musical entertainment topped by a dazzling display of fireworks over the Washington Monument.

“This event is totally different from the Memorial Day concert,” he explains. “That one is a memorial service; this one is a big party.”

The 2008 spectacular will take place on the Capitol lawn before an on-site audience of hundreds of thousands—and will be viewed by millions more at home on Friday, July 4, at 8 p.m. EDT on PBS. In addition, the concert will be heard live in stereo over NPR member stations nationwide—and will be broadcast to U.S. military personnel in more than 175 countries and aboard more than 200 U.S. Navy ships at sea by the American Forces Radio and Television Network.

The celebration will feature performances by the Grammy-winning band Huey Lewis & The News, American Idol winner Taylor Hicks, classical superstars Hayley Westenra and Vittorio Grigolo, and the National Symphony Orchestra. As always, the show will close with a rousing rendition of Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture, complete with live cannon fire provided by the United States Army Presidential Salute Battery.

In attendance will be the Joint Chiefs, numerous politicians and celebrities, veterans, and a cadre of wounded soldiers from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Despite the VIP presence, Colbert stresses that the concert is really for the general public:

“For an hour and a half we unite the country in this celebratory moment where everyone is in a joyous mood. We help them to forget about their differences and to remember that we are all Americans.”

**SHRINKING COSTUMES AND UNINVITED GUESTS**

With any live event comes the possibility for mistakes, and, when Colbert first produced the Fourth of July concert, he says there were plenty of blunders. After 27 productions, however, the program runs quite smoothly—due in no small part to Colbert’s leadership and his talented production team, comprised of industry veterans who have worked on such prestigious live programs as the Grammy Awards and the Academy Awards.

But one thing Colbert has absolutely no control over: the weather. Even with a former weatherman for Air Force One on staff, he still cannot stop the rain from falling. He remembers an especially wet Capitol Fourth in 2001, when more than one inch of rain fell.

“Everyone was soaked but it was 95 degrees and they...
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bucking bronco. Once it’s out of the gate, the race is on and there isn’t too much I can do to it,” he explains.

PRODUCING PRIDE AND PATRIOTISM

Hearkening back to the words of John Adams, Colbert affirms that, as a country, we should commemorate Independence Day in grand fashion—especially amidst today’s political atmosphere of negativity and dissent.

“I think we need more celebration,” he says. “We need to come together as Americans and remember it’s been a great experiment in democracy.”

Colbert is proud to provide the nation with a commercial-free, high-quality production with beauty and integrity. He encourages people to attend the concerts—or watch them on TV—and revel in their festive, community atmosphere.

“It’s a party at the most special building in the country. Everyone’s standing, singing, dancing and having a good time on the lawn,” he says. “For people watching at home, it’s infectious.”

Although Colbert believes that producing these elaborate holiday extravaganzas is what he is meant to do, he acknowledges that it took a lot of effort and a good deal of faith to get him here.

“You don’t know what’s going to happen in your life, but you should always be open to God,” he says. “God’s been very good to me. He’s given me a chance to do something I never would have dreamed of.”

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It begins in early spring, soon after the lowly skunk cabbage has quietly bloomed along the edges of brooks such as the Middle River at the foot of Mount St. James. Following the welcome yellow blaze of forsythia and the fat purple flower-blobs of the rhododendron come the elegant white flowers of the Bradford Pear—the first tree on the Hill to bloom. The sudden splashes of color make gray winter a memory, and, so, nature briskly begins its yearly march toward the lushness of summer.

It's difficult to envision New England without thinking of trees, and just as difficult to imagine Holy Cross without the dappled light of the locust trees along Linden Lane or the soughing of the wind through the crisp foliage of fall. It is a little-known fact that the Holy Cross campus is, in fact, a registered arboretum—a collection of maintained specimen trees—that the layman can enjoy and the arborist can study.

There are about 1,000 trees on campus, repre-
senting as many as 600 different species—and they are cared for by superintendent of grounds, Jim Long, and his crew. Long’s beard and warmly gruff Worcester accent are known to many who have passed through the gates of Holy Cross. This year, Long celebrates his half-century of employment at the College. He likes to say that he came for a summer job in 1958 and stayed for good.

Long first worked under Rev. Florance Gillis, S.J., who insisted on professional education and gave the young landscaper homework and reports to write.

“We were still cutting grass with sickles when I came,” Long says.

The first power lawnmowers bought by the College had no oil pumps—and when they were tilted to the side to mow the campus’s many hills, the oil ran into the cylinder head and sometimes caught on fire. To solve the problem, workers mowed the hills from top to bottom, letting down the mowers with ropes and hauling them back up.

Henry Van Dyke

Tree is the servant of God,
for many generations,
not seen shall bless him.

HENRY VAN DYKE
for the following passes. Workers still have to wear cleats when mowing the steeper hills on campus.

Landscaping is both a craft and an art—and it takes a lot of work to achieve Holy Cross’ “natural” look. Consider Linden Lane, for example, that beloved leafy entrance of the College. Originally just 15 trees grew alongside a cinder path climbing the hill toward the center of campus. But the building of a cement walk in 1922, the paving of the road in 1933, and the expansion of the road and creation of the median strip in 1958 put more and more pressure on the trees for which the lane was named. Long and his workers fertilized, pruned, sprayed and cabled the trees—but the damage had been done—and, by the 1980s, only six of the original 15 remained. So the decision was made to fell the dead and dying trees and replant. The center sidewalk was removed and sodded to improve the root environment, and a couple of dozen honey locusts, along with other trees, were planted. The locust, with its compound leaf made up of dozens of leaflets, throws a dappled shade and gives Linden Lane its beautiful half-filtered light. Other improvements—from limiting winter salting to drawing up a snowplowing plan that was sensitive to the needs of the environment—helped the trees to thrive.

Long is justifiably proud of the arboretum and the College grounds he knows so well. The campus has been recognized with a dozen or so national awards and scores of features in trade magazines.

Greenhouse foreperson George Query is another grounds veteran who has planted many of the campus’ trees in his 35 years at Holy Cross. During the winter, he raises the 6,000 or so annuals that decorate the campus and works to increase student interest in horticulture by raising houseplants that are “adopted” by students. He even “baby-sits” the plants when students are on vacation. It’s a gentle teaching of the value of living things that pays off. Most of the cluster of trees and bushes around Beaven Hall were planted by students—and many classes choose to plant trees in memory of their time at Holy Cross.

Planting a tree is at its minimal significance an act of faith, a trust that it will grow, and a hope that those to come will enjoy its fruits, both physical and aesthetic. Jesuits like planting trees. Between 1948

“I knew all of them,” says Long. “Every day, they’d be out working and taking care of the trees.”

The three Jesuits also taught. The priests would don gardening shoes before work, and, at least once, Long remembers, some prankster stole Fr. Shanahan’s shoes while he was weeding. The young Jim Long, quailing under the priest’s accusing stare, nervously pointed out that he himself was wearing boots, not shoes.

The planting of commemorative trees is a long-standing tradition at the college—and one that has added to the richness of the campus’s arboreal life. The oldest is probably the “Teddy Roosevelt Elm Tree,” which is located near what is now the lower tennis courts. It was planted by the president in 1905, after he had addressed the graduating class, and during dedication exercises for Fitton Field. The tree is still healthy; Long’s workers did a little “air-spading” this year to loosen the compacted soil around its roots.

“I don’t want it dying on my watch,” says Long. Not so fortunate was the cedar planted by the author G.K. Chesterton in 1930, which died soon afterward.

A brochure on the arboretum, written by Long, lists every significant tree on campus. It also details the many commemorative trees that have been planted over the years for warriors and peacemakers, clergy and laymen, teachers and students.

For some former students who were employed to help on the college grounds, those days were among the happiest they remember. Joan Jakubiak Patterson ’79 worked on the grounds crew one summer and helped with a tree survey.

“One of best jobs I ever had,” says Patterson, who studied chemistry and went on to work in biostatistics and computer programming before settling down to raise her family in Carlisle, Mass. She recalls being fascinated by a mimosa tree.

“I had never seen one before, and I used to pick off the little feather flowers that had such a unique smell and take them home with me,” she says. “It
was a beautiful tree.” Patterson recalls Long telling her that she was one of his best weeders—but sus-
psects he told that to everybody. “I wish my other jobs had been as much fun,” she adds.

Patricia Kupcinskas Longvall ’83, of Paxton, Mass., worked in the greenhouse with Query and helped catalog trees for the arboretum.

“I’m still an avid gardener, and I find myself going back to the knowledge I gained working there,” she says. Longvall earned her degree in psychology—and is now a nurse. “I do occasionally get back to visit, and I still run into people who recognize me as the girl who used to work on grounds at Holy Cross. I used to drive the tractors, and it was then unusual to see a girl driving big tractors.”

Jim Caffrey ’77 credits the landscape of the College with putting him on track for a career as a forestero. “At the time I attended Holy Cross there was not an emphasis on the natural world,” he says. “Most of the biology courses that I took had an animal (human) biology slant. What I did enjoy—and what made an impression on me—was the meticulous way in which the grounds were maintained. I have responsibility for the maintenance of the historic landscape at the William Cullen Bryant Homestead, and I am sure that going to school in such a well-cared-for setting has helped in that regard.

“Most importantly,” he continues, “the broad education I received at Holy Cross helped in graduate school—and has also given me insight that has enabled me to better understand humanity and its interaction with the natural world.”

Caffrey’s comment underscores the Holy Cross ideal of a community where fundamental questions are pondered in an environment of beauty, wonder and connectedness. An environment, that is, that mirrors those very questions at the heart of the College’s mission.

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Jim Long Remembers…

Jim Long’s three brothers all followed their father into factory work. That was during the 1950s—when Worcester was still something of an industrial powerhouse—and the city’s many factories offered well-paying jobs. Long tried the life of a piece-worker, running three machines at once for a shoe company. He hated it.

So, when, in 1958, a friend who worked in the Holy Cross paint shop told him there was an opening on the grounds crew, Long—who had always loved the small vegetable garden his father maintained—jumped at the chance. He liked being outdoors—and this would be a good summer job, he figured.

Half a century later, Long is still enjoying that summer job.

His first task on Mount St. James was to dig a grave in the Jesuit cemetery. It would be the first of many.

“At that time it was all done by hand,” he says. “We’d make a game of it, trying to guess how many wheelbarrows of dirt were in a grave—how long it took us to dig one.” (Long could eventually finish the work in five or six hours.)

Long worked under Rev. Florance Gillis, S.J., who taught ethics at the College.

“He made me read and take courses—and I had to give book reports,” Long recalls. “It was like that old TV show, Kung Fu. The Jesuits taught me everything. I was their little grasshopper.”

His brothers told him he should get a real job in a factory, where the money was better, but Long had found his passion and wasn’t about to give it up. Today his brothers are all retired, while Long is still working indefatigably, with no thoughts of leaving Holy Cross.

Long’s career has been one of mounting successes. He has won both national and regional awards for his management of the Holy Cross grounds; served on the board of several national trade organizations; and published 39 articles on his craft. His work on the College athletic fields earned him a non-athlete’s induction into the Varsity Club’s Athletic Hall of Fame.

The toughest times for the grounds crew were probably during the Blizzard of ’78, Long remembers.

“I thought it was the end of the world,” he says. “We went 80 hours straight. We shuttled food around campus in sand trucks. There were 125 students shoveling snow for three days straight, as well as all the heavy equipment. I really cut my teeth on that storm.”

The Jesuits who taught Long his trade are now memories, but their advice and the work itself has continued to teach him.

“Nature is life,” Long says. “You never have control over it, and sometimes it just blows you along. With me, nothing was planned—it all just came—although Fr. Gillis used to say that all luck was preparation. If you’re prepared, when opportunity comes along you’re ready.”

Nature has also taught him hope.

“Don’t be a pessimist,” he says. “You’ve gotta be optimistic. In our business, we’re always anticipating the season. There is an end to hard times. The sun shines after a frost. The seasons will change.”

James Dempsey

To view a video of Jim Long discussing his 50 years tending the Hill, please visit: http://www.holycross.edu/hcm/summer08/long/
In the movie Sideways, one of the lead characters muses that drinking a bottle of pinot noir connects her, in some cosmic way, with the laborers who toiled to collect and crush the vineyard’s grapes so that she might enjoy a glass of wine one moment years into the future.

For art enthusiasts and collectors Amy Bermingham ’80 and Charlie Wilson ’80, drinking in a painting or a sculpture provides a similar link to artists who have poured their inspiration onto canvas or into clay. Wilson points to the techniques employed by Italian masters of the Renaissance era.

“They would work painstakingly, going frame by frame, spending days sketching the details of a hand alone,” he says. “They’re no longer here, but their passion comes through on that canvas.”

Bermingham and Wilson’s interest in art took root more than 25 years ago, when they enrolled in History of Western Art, a sweeping survey course taught at the time by Rev. Joseph S. Scannell, S.J. They began to see how the study of art intersected with a multitude of subjects—from history and literature, to religion and science, to anthropology and many others. Because the study of art provides a pathway to a fuller understanding of so many disciplines, Bermingham and Wilson believe that visual art is an indispensable part of a liberal arts education.

In recognition of the crucial role art plays in learning, the couple is giving $50,000 to create an endowed gallery fund at the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery in O’Kane Hall. Their gift is a robust response to the Cantor Foundation’s challenge issued two years ago, and it is a major step toward meeting the $600,000 total Holy Cross must raise in order to receive an additional $1 million infusion from the foundation.

“The magnitude of this gift clearly demonstrates Charles and Amy’s commitment to visual art and their keen understanding of the ways it affects students, faculty and the College as a whole,” says gallery director Roger Hankins. “Their generosity is an emphatic affirmation of the arts as a vital element in our educational mission.”

Beyond Holy Cross, Bermingham and Wilson have demonstrated their devotion to artistic endeavor in many ways. Bermingham, a trust and estate attorney with Ehrenkranz & Ehrenkranz in New York, has long been engaged in philanthropic activities at museums and libraries. She is a member of the professional advisory committee at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Planned Giving Committees at the Museum of Modern Art, the
New York Public Library and the American Crafts Museum.

Wilson is the self-described “shopper and gallery wanderer” of the two. When he is not managing two Connecticut branches of Wachovia Securities, he spends a large portion of his free time prowling auctions and purchasing the works that crowd nearly every wall and flat surface of the couple’s home in Scarsdale, N.Y.

Their collection began with the purchase of a pair of drawings by Italian artist Giovanni Guerra—which later were lent to the Met for an exhibition of works by 16th-century masters—and has grown over the years to include pieces spanning a wide variety of periods and styles. A stroll through their home would bring one past Toulouse Lautrec’s early rendering of his family’s farm; an oil painting by Anna Mary Robertson (better known as Grandma Moses) depicting a farmer’s Thanksgiving-day pursuit of a doomed turkey; a 2,000-pound solid jade sculpture of a Xi’an general that the couple acquired while visiting China; and a postcard-style drawing that Victor Hugo created in exile and sent to a friend in Paris to mark the New Year.

Wilson and Bermingham applaud Holy Cross for its efforts in recent years to build the gallery’s offerings, providing students with tactile conduits to history and a deeper understanding of the human condition. During her undergraduate days, Bermingham recalls, “Father Scannel could show us only the slides of the artwork; we never saw anything in its tangible form. It is so advantageous to have pieces on site that the students can see and touch.”

The couple’s gift will enable the gallery to provide better storage and care for its permanent collection, which has grown to nearly 450 paintings, photographs, prints, sculptures and textiles. The gift will also help dedicate funds for exhibitions and the conservation of objects on display throughout the campus—and allow the gallery to work more of its permanent collection into public spaces.

In addition, it will help provide funds to print booklets documenting objects and faculty research generated for each show, and make it possible for the gallery to hire a staff member to handle the technical work of preparing and installing art for display.

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DINNER HONORS BOB COUSY ’50

The Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York honored NCAA basketball champion and Hall of Famer Bob Cousy ’50, at its annual dinner fundraiser on May 14 at the New York Palace Hotel. Above: Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J.; dinner co-chairs Rosanne Onorato Anderson ’76 and Steve Anderson ’76; Cousy; and honorary chair Dave Anderson ’51
Bugs and Bones

The inaugural Ardizzone awards enable pioneering faculty field work

BY REBECCA SMITH ’99

Examine dinosaur fossils in Beijing. Investigating ground beetles in Arizona. Today’s Holy Cross professors are straying far from their laboratories on Mount St. James to perform innovative research around the globe. Beyond the positive effects it has on campus, this research could lead to significant discoveries that have an impact on the entire scientific community—and it is all possible because of the Robert L. Ardizzone ’63 Funds for Junior Faculty Excellence.

A fitting remembrance

Established by Ardizzone’s longtime partner, Pamela Jones, and her brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Dorothy Jones, the Funds for Faculty Excellence support the research initiatives of junior faculty at the College. The endowment was set up as a memorial to Ardizzone, who died unexpectedly in 2005.

The Joneses designed the commemorative funds to reflect Ardizzone’s inquisitive character. A Navy veteran and founder of the private investment advisory firm, Litchfield Global Advisers, Inc., Ardizzone had a true passion for knowledge.

“Bob loved to read into things, study and learn about everything—old or new,” explains Pam Jones.

“He was wonderfully curious,” adds Michael Jones. “If a question came up, he’d track down the answer.”

As a class agent and member of the President’s Council, Ardizzone had stayed connected with Holy Cross. He was proud of the College’s strong academic standing, but was concerned about a lack of faculty resources combined with the large number of highly qualified faculty members who were retiring.

To address his late friend’s concerns, Michael Jones—a major gift officer at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and former economics professor—came up with the idea of creating funds in Ardizzone’s name that would directly benefit junior faculty researchers.

“Institutions like Holy Cross have to prize research in order to recruit and retain world-class scholars,” he explains. “This is what Bob wanted.”

One of Ardizzone’s good friends, Frank Handler ’63, is delighted that the funds pay tribute to the man whom he “considered a brother.” As an alumnus, Handler concurs that the College needs to support its faculty in order to remain competitive.

“If we’re going to sustain the excellence of the school we need to provide the resources to faculty so they will stay,” says Handler. “Research is a big part of who they are, and good researchers excel as teachers.”

The funds in the field

The Robert L. Ardizzone ’63 Funds for Junior Faculty Excellence are made up of two components: the Junior Faculty Research award—which provides direct support to

Leon Claessens
junior faculty members from any discipline—and the Summer Fellowships for Junior Faculty Scholarship—which provide a summer stipend to help a junior faculty member bring a research project or scholarly work to completion.

The inaugural Junior Faculty Research grant was awarded to Leon Claessens, assistant professor of biology, in the fall of 2007. The first Summer Fellowship for Junior Faculty Scholarship was also awarded to an assistant professor of biology; Karen A. Ober received her fellowship earlier this year. Both professors were chosen through a competitive application process monitored by the Faculty Committee on Fellowships, Research and Publication.

Although both recipients are biologists, their research encompasses very different subject areas.

Claessens investigates the evolution of breathing in archosaurs—reptiles including dinosaurs, pterosaurs and the modern crocodilians. In March, he traveled to China’s premier fossil research collection, the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology, in Beijing, where he examined fossil dinosaur, bird and pterosaur specimens. Through this project, Claessens aims to increase our understanding of the evolution of respiratory systems in vertebrate animals.

Without the Ardizzone funds, Claessens would not have been able to make the trip to China—an area he describes as “one of the most productive and important regions of fossil discovery of the last decade”—and gain access to the rare samples so crucial to his investigation.

“It takes a good researcher to make an excellent teacher,” he explains, “and my research allows me to stay at the forefront of my field and present the students with research, specimens and knowledge years before this information becomes incorporated into the textbooks.”

Like Claessens, Ober is undertaking interesting biological research that is made possible by the Ardizzone funds. But her work will be conducted on much smaller specimens—and a bit closer to home.

Ober will spend her summer conducting field work on ground beetles in the “Sky Islands” of Arizona, a unique complex of mountain ranges that are isolated from each other by intervening valleys of desert and grassland. In this region, evolutionary changes can occur within species in one location that differ from changes in the same species on a different “island.” Over time, these changes can be dramatic enough that the two populations can no longer reproduce with one another—the phenomenon known as speciation. Using a variety of genetic, topological and climatic records, Ober will study the patterns and process of speciation and evolution and ultimately contribute to our understanding of biodiversity on earth.

She stresses that funding for scientific research is highly competitive—especially at a small undergraduate institution like Holy Cross. She is pleased to receive the fellowship, as it will enable her to include students at every level of her research—from the field collecting beetles, to DNA analysis in the lab at Holy Cross, to writing papers for publication.

According to Ober, “The support that the Ardizzone funds provide for my research is critical. It not only moves my research program forward, resulting in published scholarship, but also provides hands-on opportunities for students to be involved in the scientific research process.”

Knowing that the Funds for Faculty Excellence are helping Holy Cross students, bolstering faculty and contributing to pioneering research around the world is comforting to Pam and Michael Jones.

“There are always good things that come out of tragedy,” says Handler. “And this fund is one of those. Bob would be—he is—thrilled with it.”

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THE POWER OF ONE

Name: Erin E. Ronan ’98

Hometown: North Merrick, N.Y.; currently resides in Rockville Centre, N.Y.

Family: mother; father; two brothers; a sister-in-law; and a nephew

What she did at Holy Cross: mathematics and economics double major; member of the College Honors Program; water polo; two-year member of the varsity swim team; Chapel Choir; Students for Life; Appalachia Service Project; Senior Show

Current job: math teacher, swim coach and coordinator of college placement guidance at Kellenberg Memorial High School in Uniondale, N.Y.

How she stays connected: “I keep in touch with my Holy Cross friends through e-mail—and even though most of my friends live in Massachusetts—we usually get together at least once a year for weddings and other special events.”

The working life: “I love Kellenberg. In my 10 years there, I have taught grades nine-to-12; coached talented swimmers at the New York state swim meet; and guided seniors through the college selection process. I have chaperoned some amazing school trips, such as the USA Study Tour—a 50-day camping trip across the U.S. and its national parks. I had the opportunity to travel to Germany and Poland with 100 students from Kellenberg and nearby Chaminade High School to attend World Youth Day and see Pope Benedict XVI; and I started an Appalachia-type service trip for students with Holy Cross grad, Lee Imbriano ’03.”

Memorable moments or people at Holy Cross: “Even though I had never been in any of his classes, Professor (John) Little agreed to become my thesis adviser. He translated information about the mathematics of music that was in foreign languages, gave me ideas for sources, and guided me through the whole process. For that I am extremely grateful. Professors (Thomas) Gottschang, (John) Anderson, (Thomas) Cecil, and many other professors in the math and economics departments—and College Honors Program—were inspiring. Events that were memorable include: being able to attend Patriot League Championships during my freshman and sophomore years; traveling to Kentucky and Virginia through the Appalachia Service Project; and going on the Spiritual Exercises. These are life experiences that I will never forget.”

Why she gives to Holy Cross: “My experience at Holy Cross helped shape the person I’ve become. I received an excellent education, had the opportunity to be involved in so many things, met people who still remain some of my closest friends, learned the importance of serving others, and had professors who have inspired me to become a better teacher. Holy Cross offered me everything I would hope for in a college experience and by giving back, I hope that I can help to provide that same opportunity for current and future students.”
Three years ago, Rev. Philip C. Rule, S.J., was preparing to retire after a rich teaching career spanning 40 years—25 of which were spent as an English professor at Holy Cross. However, after years of dedication and daily engagement with the College and its students, the idea of letting go of active daily involvement didn’t sit well with him.

It was during the President’s Council dinner that year that Fr. Rule and Paul Sheff, vice president for development and alumni relations, talked about Fr. Rule’s desire to do something to help further enrich Holy Cross in his retirement years. It didn’t take long for the two to decide on the perfect role: Fr. Rule would lead the charge of developing a Faculty Speakers Bureau program—a concept which other top-notch colleges and universities had put into action and one which the College wanted to offer its alumni body.

The program allows alumni to tap into the wealth of expertise and knowledge of the Holy Cross faculty. Fr. Rule is delighted that, since the inception of the program, no faculty member has ever turned down his invitation to be part of the program and venture off campus to speak to alumni. To date, members of the Holy Cross faculty have visited several regional clubs, including: Albany; Boston; Cape Cod; Chicago; Fairfield, Conn.; Long Island; Los Angeles; San Diego; St. Louis; Springfield, Mass.; Milwaukee; Philadelphia; Rhode Island; and, of course, Worcester.

“After I sent the list of faculty and possible topics to one regional club leader, he told me he felt like a kid in a candy store,” laughs Fr. Rule. “This program is first and foremost a service to our alumni. It really displays to alumni the quality of professors at Holy Cross.”

Fr. Rule goes on to explain that the program certainly adds value to other College endeavors, such as recruiting.

“If someone has a friend or colleague with a child interested in Holy Cross,” he says, “it is a great event where you can bring that student so he or she can witness the excellence of Holy Cross teaching.”

The Faculty Speakers Bureau program is independent of the annual Classroom Revisited continuing education day—now in its 26th year—sponsored by the General Alumni Association. Whereas the GAA’s Classroom Revisited is a daylong event, which takes place on a Saturday every spring at Holy Cross, the Faculty Speakers Bureau is a resource for alumni who cannot get to Worcester. One alumnus’s note to Fr. Rule following a lecture read: “Between my family and work life, I have very little time to read beyond little snippets from my online WSJ and the mountain of flyers that come home from my kids’ three different schools. It was great to hear a lecture from someone who is immersed in subject areas that have such global impact.”
The first set of speaking engagements was structured around the theme of “Preparing for the Chinese Century,” explains Fr. Rule. Professors with expertise in this area—Claudia Ross (modern languages), Karen Turner (history), and Thomas Gottschang (economics), visited the Boston, Cape Cod and Long Island regional clubs. Since then, the topics have varied widely—from Professor Matthew Koss teaching the physics behind “The Ted Williams Red Seat Home Run” to David O’Brien’s lecture “Problems in the American Church,” to Donald Brand’s “The American Presidency and Presidential Elections.”

Most often the events happen at a venue coordinated by the regional club, but Fr. Rule explains that they could, in fact, even be held at someone’s home. The Office of Alumni Relations covers travel and overnight accommodations, while the alumni group hosting the event typically covers local travel and meals. Because of the academic semester schedules, speaking engagements tend to work best when planned between Sept. 15 and Nov. 15 and between Jan. 15 and April 30.

According to feedback from the local groups, when alumni gather at these lectures, it can be difficult to end the event because the chemistry of the Holy Cross classroom is re-ignited. Alumni are brought back for an evening to that invigorating dynamic of learning and discussing ideas together. It’s an experience that Fr. Rule hopes even more alumni will take advantage of as this program continues to grow.

### How to Access the Faculty Speakers Bureau

Rev. Philip C. Rule, S.J., professor emeritus and director of the Faculty Speakers Bureau, may be reached, by telephone, at 508-793-2561 or, by e-mail, at prule@holycross.edu. Typically, speaking engagements are arranged through the leadership of the regional alumni clubs—however, Fr. Rule encourages alumni who belong to other Holy Cross networks, affinity groups, or groups of friends, to contact him if interested in arranging an event and hosting a speaker. Visit the Faculty Speakers Bureau page on the College’s Web site at: [http://www.holycross.edu/alumni/events/education/speakers.html](http://www.holycross.edu/alumni/events/education/speakers.html)

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### Holy Cross Alumni Travel presents

**FLORENCE & ROME**

**Nov. 8-16, 2008**

Join fellow Holy Cross alumni on a fabulous tour of Italy, featuring the cities of Florence and Rome, with tours to Pisa, Lucca, Assisi, San Gimignano and Siena. See the David; visit the Sistine Chapel; enjoy lunch in a Tuscan town; and participate in a wine tasting.

Experience Italy in the fall when the weather promises to be comfortable and the crowds will be gone—a time perfect for sightseeing, Nov. 8-16.

The cost of this tour is $2,439, including round-trip airfare. For more information, or to reserve places on the tour, please visit the Alumni Travel Web site; send an e-mail to AlumniTravel@holycross.edu; or call 508-793-2398.

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### Upcoming Travel Opportunities

- **Italy in the fall, Nov. 8-16, 2008:** social travel
- **The Eastern Mediterranean Cradle of Christianity and Scholarship, spring 2009:** (in planning); educational travel
- **Building Homes for the Poor in Argentina, fall 2009:** (in planning); service travel
- **An Ignatian Pilgrimage to Iberia, Spring 2010:** (in planning); religious travel
Whether you are looking to reconnect with classmates, find assistance with career networking or just keep up to date on alumni activities, check out some of the latest alumni programs and events:

On April 5, the GAA hosted The Classroom Revisited: 2008, in association with the College faculty. To listen to some of the day’s lectures, visit: www.holycross.edu/alumni/events/GAA/continuing.html

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It’s not easy to get in touch with Thomas Severo. These days, the 24-year-old Suffolk law student has a publicist. He also has a role on the CW’s Beauty and the Geek. When I finally caught up with him, he was ironing a new sweater vest.

**What have you been up to since you graduated from Holy Cross?**

I have been pursuing a legal education at Suffolk University Law School in Boston. I had to take this semester off to film the show, so I have been living back at home and substitute teaching at my former high school, as well as coaching the high school track team. I have officially become “that guy.”

**How did you get involved in Beauty and the Geek?**

I was an extra in a film being shot at Suffolk. The director of the film noticed my unusual style of dress, formal manner of speaking, and my awkward interactions with the female actresses. Once he found out I was also a student at the law school he arranged for me to do an interview for the show.

**Have you done any acting previously?**

No. I was cut from my middle school play three years in a row. I did some background work in a few other films, but that’s about it.

**Do you hope to come away with a new love interest or is this just for fun?**

I went in there with the attitude that I would take in the experience and have a blast. My parents kept asking if I would come home with a girlfriend, but this is not a dating show. It’s about personal growth. That said, if the opportunity presents itself, I’m not averse to it.

**Do you think you need assistance in the “social arena”? It seems to me you’re a good-looking guy in law school. Some might call you a catch!**

Ha! You sound like my mom! I think it’s tough for me because my geekiness is maybe a little subtler. I don’t have a huge beard or glasses, but I am a gangly, klutzy, goofy guy. I have unusual interests, an odd sense of humor, a strange fashion sense—and, while I consider myself pretty friendly, I get shy and uncomfortable around women. I
try to hide that behind humor so the people around me don’t feel it. But conversations get awkward sometimes. I am an awkward magnet.

**What has the reaction been from your family and friends?**

Everybody is psyched! My family members are all watching and calling and e-mailing with news from the blogs. My grandmother cuts out every newspaper article that mentions the word “geek” and mails it to me. My little sister has friends over on Tuesday nights to watch the show at our house. Tuesday has become the new Friday at the Severo household!

**You’re going to be a guest on Dr. Drew’s Loveline where you’ll learn whether or not you have an eye for fashion. What do you think? Would you say you’ve got the look?**

I don’t know. I definitely have an eye for fashion, but it might need some glasses. I think I have my own idea of what fashion should be. My friends make fun of me for dressing like a grandfather, but I like to look clean-cut and put-together. I think my style would’ve gone over well in the ‘60s. Kids today have different ideas of what looks good.

**Did Holy Cross help, in some way, to prepare you for an endeavor like Beauty and the Geek? I imagine it helped with the intelligence factor, but did you do some acting on the Hill as well?**

Holy Cross was definitely an important factor in my preparedness for this experience. The education I received at the College is part of the reason I was selected in the first place. But the thing is, all the guys on this show are brilliant. I think what helped me the most was learning to deal with new people and situations. I was involved in a lot of clubs at Holy Cross, from track and field, to Best Buddies, to the Black Student Union, and I participated in a lot of different events with varied groups of people. Just learning to interact with different groups like that, and listening to all those different opinions, was a major plus for me.

**Update:** As we were readying this issue of the magazine for press, HCM learned that Severo had won the *Beauty and the Geek* competition. Severo and his partner on the show, Amanda Corey, defeated opponents Chris and Cara—and were declared the competition’s victors in the series’ season finale. The pair will split $250,000 in prize money. Corey, a 23-year-old graduate of the University of Arizona now working as a model, said, in a post-victory interview with the Web site *LaLate*, that Severo was the “least geeky” of all the contestants. For his part, Severo, interviewed by the *Buddy TV* Web site, said that he and Corey “worked amazingly well together. . . . To have been selected by Amanda was an honor.”

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**SUSAN PALSIR HUBER ’87: MARTHA STEWART FOR THE REST OF US**

After graduating from Holy Cross, Susan Palsir Huber went on to earn her law degree at Villanova, then practiced law as an associate prosecutor for eight years in Trenton, N.J. During that time, she married, had three children and, eventually, “retired.”

Huber spent the next 10 years raising her family, volunteering and working in her kids’ classrooms. At one point, she started a party planning business—but decided that it was so labor intensive it didn’t make sense for her.

“I have a good friend, Kim, who is a Wharton business graduate and a computer person,” Huber explains. “She came to me with a business proposal to start a Web site together.”

From there busybeelifestyle.com was launched. Huber’s Web site offers practical advice on everything from packing for a trip to organizing an outdoor cocktail party.

“Some sites in our niche spend
a lot of time trying to be hip and cool,” she says. “That isn’t me. I write about whatever is on my mind. Right now, we’re getting ready for a ski trip, so I’m writing about how and what to pack. I’ve also started to give lectures to moms’ groups, with hands-on workshops.

The site gets an average of 1,600 visits a day. The most popular searches? High School Musical party ideas and birthday treats for school classrooms that are not cupcakes.

“I answer all the questions I get from people who write in,” Huber says. “I once received a question from a woman asking for fashion advice for a family traveling to Paris, so I did a bit of research and gave her some tips. I do all the writing, and my business partner does the marketing, advertising and posting. We hope to bring in more expertise down the road—including fitness, finance and fashion advice.

“My friends have dubbed me, ‘Martha Stewart for the rest of us,’” she says. “I try not to recommend anything I haven’t tried myself.”

As proof, Huber notes that she once almost set her house on fire while trying out more than 500 different pumpkin seed roasting recipes.

By the way, for all of you Holy Cross tailgaters who are already planning for the fall, search the site for tailgating advice, and you’ll find recipes, serving ware and accessories.

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SYLLABUS

Understanding Jesus

Professor: Rev. William Reiser, S.J.
Department: Religious Studies

Description: An examination of the figure of Jesus drawing especially on the Gospel of Mark. The class focuses on the historical context of Jesus’ life and ministry, theological claims the Evangelist makes about Jesus, and the challenge the Gospel presents to the church today.

Course objectives: To teach students how to read a Gospel text both critically and reverently, and to formulate a contemporary answer to the question, “But who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8:29)


Requirements: Three papers, three period-length tests, and class participation

Professor quote: “It is my hope that the students taking this course will come to know Jesus through his relationship with the crowds he encountered in the Gospel story, especially the poor and marginalized—to those ‘outside the door.’ To understand Jesus, we need to see him in relationship with his people.”

Professor’s bio: Before joining the religious studies faculty in 1978, Fr. Reiser completed doctoral studies at Vanderbilt University. He has also been involved for some 20 years in the Hispanic community of Worcester, and does summer teaching in Bolivia; from 1988-2003, Fr. Reiser directed an inner-city outreach program sponsored by the Jesuits called Casa Santa Maria. Among his writings are Jesus in Solidarity with His People (required course reading) and To Hear God’s Word, Listen to the World.

Student quote: “Understanding Jesus was an amazing class—engaging and very interesting,” says Mark Eckardt ’09. “I was amazed that we were able to spend an entire semester reading the Gospel of Mark. Every story and every line in the Gospel has so much detail and such a deeper meaning that can be missed if it is just read normally. Because I took this class, I do feel like I have a closer connection to my religion; I am able to relate and apply some of the stories I learned in class to daily life; and I have a far greater understanding of the story of Jesus.”

BY PAM REPONE
When Houdini escaped from the Hill

By James Dempsey

On Dec. 10, 1925—according to the student newspaper, The Tomahawk—more than 1,000 people packed the auditorium at Holy Cross for a performance by Harry Houdini—a virtual sellout, considering the student body numbered 1,084.

This was not the famous escapologist’s stage performance—which he would take on the road the following year—but a lecture, demonstration and slide show on his bête noire, spiritualism.

Houdini had begun his professional career at the age of 17 performing magic tricks for the pleasure-seekers at Coney Island. His talent, dedication to his craft and public relations savvy soon brought him international fame. He performed astounding stage magic and mastered the art of escaping from handcuffs, strait jackets and prison cells. One of his more famous illusions was escaping after being immersed upside down and manacled in a tank of water. Often, this escape was effected within minutes, but Houdini would wait behind the curtain to intensify audience suspense before calmly stepping into view. His one area of professional failure was in film; he made a number of movies, but none was successful.

Houdini’s debunking of various psychic frauds had infuriated spiritualists around the country, but he was careful in specifying the real target of his campaign.

“I am not attacking any religion,” Houdini told the Holy Cross audience. “I am simply exposing the filthiest profession in the world.”

He reiterated his standing offer of paying $10,000 to charity if anyone could prove communication with the dead. This was his life work, he said, claiming to have amassed 50,000 books on the subject (a misprint, perhaps: only 3,988 of his books were given to the Library of Congress after his death). Most of his criticism at that time was aimed at Margery Crandon, the Boston medium who, for a time, fooled a Harvard committee on psychic research. Curiously, one of Crandon’s staunchest admirers was author of the unwaveringly ratiocinative tales of Sherlock Holmes.

“People who imagine they see forms of the dead come back to life should consult their family physician,” Houdini said, adding that “the Ouija board is the first step to insanity.”

Publicity followed Houdini everywhere. During his visit to Worcester, when he also played at the Worcester Theater, the Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists filed suit against him for having an accomplice purportedly steal the church’s charter while pretending to receive a $13 reading. And the local paper noted that the automobile of Houdini’s attorney, James C. Donnelly, disappeared from Commercial Street during the wizard’s visit—an incident that yielded the cheerfully alliterative headline, “Mystery Magician’s Counsel Mystified By Missing Motor.”

Incidentally, there is some confusion as to where the “Auditorium” in which Houdini spoke was located. The O’Kane lecture hall was sometimes set up to take in the entire student body, according to Holy Cross historian and professor of history, Rev. Anthony Kuzniewski, S.J., but there is the possibility that the talk may have taken place in the basement of St. Joseph Memorial Chapel—which could also have accommodated the studentry.

The following year after his Holy Cross appearance, while touring, Houdini allowed a fan to punch him in the stomach to demonstrate his ability to endure physical blows. A burst appendix led to peritonitis and death.
A Friendship Like No Other: Experiencing God’s Amazing Embrace
BY REV. WILLIAM A. BARRY, S.J., ’52
In A Friendship Like No Other (Loyola Press), renowned spiritual director Rev. William A. Barry, S.J., ’52 explores the path to becoming a friend of God. The book offers three well-supported and practical sections: prayerful exercises to help lead readers to the conviction that God wants them for a friend; a close look at objections to this idea; and reflections on experiencing the presence of God and discerning those experiences. These sections are enhanced by brief meditations woven throughout. Grounded in biblical tradition and with a clear focus on Ignatian spirituality, this book offers a fresh approach to relating to God.
Fr. Barry currently serves as tertiart director for the New England Province of the Society of Jesus. His many works include Letting God Come Close and God and you.

Political Violence and the Authoritarian State in Peru: Silencing Civil Society and Politics in the Andes: Identity, Conflict, Reform
BY JO-MARIE BURT ’86
Political Violence and the Authoritarian State in Peru (Palgrave Macmillan), by Jo-Marie Burt ’86, explores the devastating effects of insurgent violence and the state’s brutal counterinsurgency methods on Peruvian civil society. Burt’s analysis provides compelling insights into the way societies sacrifice freedom and democracy in the name of fighting terrorism—and also the way ruling elites manipulate societal fears to perpetuate their power and privilege. Together with Philip Mauceri, Burt is the editor of Politics in the Andes: Identity, Conflict, Reform (University of Pittsburgh Press), a comprehensive volume that assesses the persistent political challenges facing Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. Comprised of essays covering such topics as diversity, drug trafficking and political change, this book offers a contemporary view of a region in crisis.

Burt is an associate professor of government and politics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

101 Baseball Places to See Before You Strike Out
BY JOSH PAHIGIAN ’96
In 101 Baseball Places to See Before You Strike Out (The Lyons Press), Josh Pahigian ’96 takes the reader on a road trip across America to honor the game’s players, fans and ballparks. Through a series of colorful photos and essays, he commemorates the game’s effect on American culture: how the game evolved while our country came of age, how baseball helped break down barriers, and how it unified our citizens when we needed it most. Pahigian profiles 101 baseball-related spots, including museum exhibits, gravesites, bars and pop culture landmarks that reflect the game’s rich history and quirky lore. Among the sites he highlights are the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, Lenny Dykstra’s Car Wash, Babe Ruth’s gravesite and McCoye Cove.

Pahigian is the author of The Ultimate Minor League Baseball Road Trip and co-author of The Ultimate Baseball Road Trip. He teaches writing at the University of New England in Maine.

From Bondage to Belonging: The Worcester Slave Narratives
EDITED BY B. EUGENE MCCARTHY AND THOMAS L. DOUGHTON
From Bondage to Belonging (University of Massachusetts Press), edited by B. Eugene McCarthy and Thomas L. Doughton, is a collection of autobiographical narratives by eight former slaves who lived in Worcester. Although each personal story is unique, together they illuminate the inhumanity of slavery as well as the dreams and dilemmas of emancipation. In their introduction, the editors discuss why these ex-slaves came to Worcester, the circumstances in which each wrote his or her narrative and the audiences they had in mind.

McCarthy is a professor emeritus of English at Holy Cross. Doughton is a senior lecturer in the College’s Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies. To hear a recording of Doughton and McCarthy discussing their book, please visit: http://www.holycross.edu/hcm/summer08/booknotes/
A Primer on Church and Eucharist

BY REV. ROBERT F. SLESINSKI ’72

A Primer on Church and Eucharist (Eastern Christian Publications), by Rev. Robert F. Slesinski ’72, is an introduction to Eucharistic ecclesiology from an Eastern point of view. In this adult catechesis, Fr. Slesinski, a Byzantine Catholic priest and world-renowned theologian and lecturer, relates the Eucharist to an understanding of the church, icons, the Trinity, the holy mysteries and Christian unity.

Fr. Slesinski is the pastor of Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church in New Britain, Conn.

Children of Divorce: A Practical Guide for Parents, Therapists, Attorneys, and Judges

BY WILLIAM BERNET, M.D., ’63 AND DON R. ASH, J.D., M.J.S.

The mission of Children of Divorce (Krieger Publishing Company) is to reduce the fighting and conflict experienced by children of divorced parents. It is unique among books for divorced parents because it blends the expertise of psychiatric and legal professionals. Written by William Bernet, M.D., ’63, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, and Don R. Ash, J.D., M.J.S., a sitting judge, the book speaks to the adults who deal with children of divorce—parents, therapists, attorneys and judges—and gets them all on the same page. It is organized around the use of parenting plans, agreements that are developed through the collaboration of the parents rather than imposed by a judge.

Dr. Bernet is a professor of psychiatry at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn.

American Adventurism Abroad: Invasions, Interventions, and Regime Changes Since World War II

BY MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN III ’62

Now in its second edition, American Adventurism Abroad (Blackwell Publishing), by Michael J. Sullivan III ’62, traces U.S. foreign policy from the late 1940s through the past six years of America’s War on Terror. It is comprised of 34 case studies of overseas United States militaristic intervention throughout this period. It provides not only an understanding of the interventions, but also a framework with which to interpret anticipated future American adventures. Complete with extensive bibliographies, this volume offers a detailed and compelling picture of American foreign policy and its position in the world today.

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Airborne Forces at War: From Parachute Test Platoon to the 21st Century

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Airborne Forces At War (Naval Institute Press), by Robert K. Wright Jr. ’68 and John Greenwood, shows the development and employment of United States Army airborne forces from the small Parachute Test Platoon of 1940 to the multiple global contingencies of the 21st century. Featuring more than 150 photographs—some rare or seldom seen and many in color—the work highlights the history of the airborne units as they added new dimensions to national power and military operations, arriving from the sky by parachute and aircraft and compressing time by their swift deployment and flight to objectives thousands of miles away.

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Grandpa Was Right!

Dominic Randolph ’09 took a circuitous route to the Hill, but this gridiron diamond is now shining brightly.

BY JOHN GEARAN ’65

He must have felt as if he were trapped in a Volkswagen stuck behind a school bus. He had hit an unexpected traffic snarl on one lane to nowhere special, his destination uncertain, with no detour in sight.

Suddenly Dominic Randolph’s football career seemed stymied.

Randolph had always envisioned a clear path to success. A versatile athlete, he had developed nicely in football since quarterbacking his sixth-grade team. He had grown and improved his throwing in junior high. As a sophomore, he flashed signs of natural leadership, directing his jayvee team to an undefeated 9-0 season. As a junior, he was confident he could orchestrate powerhouse St. Xavier of Cincinnati to a state championship. Then he would be on his way to a Big Ten scholarship.

However Randolph found himself road-blocked. Before him loomed Rob Schoenhoff, a wide-bodied classmate who stood 6-foot-5-inches tall, weighed 240 pounds and had realistic dreams of becoming a big-time quarterback.

Schoenhoff had the supersize that pro scouts drool over. His unusual agility would be confirmed when he would lead St. Xavier’s to the state basketball finals. Schoenhoff had been stamped a stud, rated one of the top prospects in the country after dazzling everyone at a football meat market known as the Elite 11 Camp in California.

Always a team player, Randolph accepted his role as a backup quarterback while also performing as a wide receiver. While catching touchdown passes from Schoenhoff, Randolph’s inner desire to throw them did not diminish. As seniors, Schoenhoff, Randolph and their St. Xavier’s Bombers rolled to an undefeated season before they were upended in round two of the Division I state playoffs.

“I began to feel I had fallen into that parental trap and over-estimated the talents of my son. I was mad at the world because he wasn’t playing quarterback,” admits his dad, Charles Dominic Randolph.

But the family’s elder, Dominic Charles Randolph, held a different view of his grandson’s future.

“Give it time,” grandpa Randolph would advise sagely, “everything will turn out for the best.”

Dominic Randolph grew up in the open spaces of Amelia, Ohio, a few miles outside of Cincinnati and a hoot and a holler from Kentucky. The only son of Charlie and Rose Randolph, Dominic was sandwiched between his two sisters: Andrea, now a teacher in North Carolina, and Nina, heading into her second year at Ohio University.

His dad, one of nine children, still lives with Rose in the same house where he grew up and where they raised their own family. Charlie had gained all-around athletic acclaim at St. Xavier’s, a highly regarded Jesuit prep school. He played backup tackle for Bo Schembeckler at the University of Michigan. He also did some kicking and punting. His only mini-claim to fame was recovering a fumble against Navy in 1974.

“I guess I was the proverbial little fish in a big pond,” quips Charlie, who now runs a general contracting firm that absorbed his father’s plumbing business.

Dominic had a wonderland childhood, playing on the 33-acre lot owned by his grandparents adja-
cent to his house. On homemade fields, he and his cousins and friends played soccer, baseball and even some football as his dad had erected goalposts there. Dad coached him in basketball, baseball and football in youth leagues. Mom chauffeured him everywhere.

“I might have been a little too serious,” recalls his dad with a smile. “I remember driving him to basketball games when he was in the fourth grade. I would make him listen to classical music like Mozart in the car. I’d tell him to close his eyes, relax and visualize making a winning foul shot. And he would do it.”

Charlie encouraged Dominic to kick.

“I remember Dominic hurt his wrist and was out for a game as a sixth grader,” he recalls. “I knew Dominic couldn’t stand watching. I was an assistant coach so I convinced the head coach to let Dominic try an extra point. Nobody tried kicking extra points at that level, but Dominic booted one right through the uprights. Our opponents were so shocked they never made a rush to block the kick!”

In high school, Dominic wanted no part of kicking.

“They’re specialists now and spend all their time on the sidelines practicing,” he explained to his dad. Dominic wanted to play regular. Dominic wanted action. Dominic wanted to run the show.

His plans, however, hit a roadblock. His dreams would have to take a detour.

His dad re-adjusted his hopes. Maybe not The Big Ten, Charlie Randolph thought. Maybe not Ohio State, where superstar Rob Schoenhofst was ticketed for the fall of 2005. Maybe a notch down, maybe in the Mid Atlantic Conference at Ohio University. Maybe, maybe, maybe ...

“Give it time,” grandpa Randolph would advise sagely. “Everything will turn out for the best.”

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Destiny can be very quirky. Though mired behind Schoenhofst, Randolph had not given up; he figured someone might notice other qualities in him.

Before his junior season, his dad had brought his son to a football camp at his alma mater, the University of Michigan.

“I did not want Dominic to be overly impressed with stars coming from all over the country,” he says. “I wanted him to know ‘they all bruise just like you.’”

There, Dominic listened to a talk by Tom Brady, a former backup QB at Michigan. Brady had been a sixth-round Patriots draft pick before he reached NFL stardom.

“If coaches judged me just by my times in the 40-yard dash, I wouldn’t be in the NFL,” Brady told the campers, advising them to “hang in there.”

Brady’s message motivated Randolph even more.

“We learned something about the recruiting process,” Charlie says. “College coaches don’t always have time to see everyone. Often, they see a kid at a camp throwing a football through tires or running a 40-yard dash. But very often they don’t get to observe the intangibles.”

Oftentimes, student-athletes must search out the right school for them. A friend of Charlie’s brother suggested sending Dominic to a football camp at Harvard. An honor-roll student and an excellent all-around athlete at a premier prep school, Dominic might interest a college such as Harvard.

His dad did some calculating. Maybe the family could go on a vacation to New England, tour Boston a bit and give Dominic a chance to display his wares at Harvard. And while they were in the area, why not swing by another school? Had not Holy Cross, which regularly taps Xavier and other Jesuit prep schools for talent, sent Dominic a feeler, inviting him to its 2003 summer camp?

Dad mailed Harvard a check for its camp. He sent a letter to Holy Cross asking if Dominic could drop by after the Harvard camp concluded. “We got a reply telling Dominic to bring a medical waiver and his helmet,” says Charlie.

Randolph loved Holy Cross, its friendliness, its size. He thought it would be a perfect fit. So did his dad.

Head coach Tom Gilmore and his staff understood there was no shame in being a backup to Schoenhofst in a big-time program like Xavier’s. They noticed Dominic’s intangibles—his poise, his demeanor, his composure, his confidence. With work on his techniques and conditioning, Dominic could increase his velocity, improve his accuracy. And he had something you can’t teach, athletic intuition. He had a natural feel for football. He could visualize plays, read defenses, play without panic.

“I worked out and threw pretty well,” recalls Randolph. “Some guy came over and started talking with me. He gave me some words of advice and encouragement. I didn’t know it then, but I was talking to Coach Gilmore.”

Gilmore didn’t want Dominic to get away.

“Working one-on-one with him, we knew he was a great kid from a great school. He had great potential. We figured...
he would be a starter at any other school. Why not take a chance on him?” recalls Gilmore. He followed Randolph’s performance during his senior season, watching games on film, especially those when Dominic subbed for Schoenhoft. He knew he had a diamond in the rough.

* Dominic’s Crusader career has been storybook. While Schoenhoft was being red-shirted as a freshman at Ohio State, a Big Ten hero-in-waiting, Randolph was developing his 6-foot-3, 210-pound physique and learning from talented starter John O’Neill. During the spring practice of 2006, a quarterback blossomed.

Holy Cross was changing its philosophy, spreading out to a pro-style offense with a wide-open scheme that would emphasize passing.

“Dominic opened everyone’s eyes. He was quick and consistent, always throwing to the right person at the right spot,” Gilmore says.

That fall, during his debut game against Georgetown, Randolph injured his ankle and missed the next two games. In Game 4, Randolph returned to inspire the Crusaders to an impressive 28-21 victory over Fordham. He has been a wonderkind since. The next week against Brown, Randolph threw for four touchdowns and 329 yards. Then came the stirring overtime triumph over Dartmouth, unbeaten in the Ivy League. Against Lafayette, he threw for another four touchdowns, chalking up 352 passing yards. He was named ECAC Offensive Player of the Week—and won The Boston Globe Gold Helmet Award. In an abbreviated season, the sophomore threw for 2,237 yards and 19 TDs, completing 184 of 299 passes.

Last season, tri-captain Randolph became “The Man,” throwing for 30 touchdowns, and 3,604 yards with only eight interceptions. He was crowned the Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year. A cool customer, Randolph threw a game-winning 40-yard touchdown to Thomas Harrison with 19 seconds on the Fitton Field clock to beat Harvard. He wowed the homecoming crowd. He wowed everyone, all season long.

“He has amazing decision-making ability,” says Gilmore. “He reads defenses so well and can look off primary receivers and find his third and fourth options.”

Randolph is being touted as a leading candidate for the Walter Payton Award, given to the best offensive player in the NCAA Division 1 Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

He will have a target on his back this season. “Dominic has become a big fish in a smaller pond,” his dad observes.

Randolph welcomes the challenge. He says he will work this summer on getting his feet quicker, improving his arm strength. The accounting major will also work again as an intern at General Electric in Lynn. He is keeping his options open for the future. The NFL will likely give him a serious look because of his Brady-like accuracy and poise. But right now he is focusing on his final year on the Hill.

* His last year could be special for him and his Crusaders. He’ll serve as a team co-captain and will challenge records. He ranks first in all-time completion percentage (.616) and, with 69 TD passes, he could very well shatter Tom Ciaccio’s career mark of 72 TD throws.

The Crusaders’ goal is to win the Patriot League and reach the FCS playoffs.

Meanwhile, Rob Schoenhoft has left Ohio State. Last season, as Todd Beckman’s backup, he completed 17 passes in 25 attempts. For the BCS national championship game against LSU, redshirt Antonio Hinton was promoted to No. 2 quarterback and Schoenhoft was relegated to scout-team tight end.

Wisely, Schoenhoft left the big-time, transferring to Delaware, a 2007 FSC finalist. He wants to compete for the job as Delaware starting quarterback.

Wouldn’t it be something if Randolph and Schoenhoft met again, down the road in the FSC playoffs? Coach Gilmore smiles at the proposition.

“Who knows?” he says. “But I know there is one kid wearing a purple uniform who would just love that!”

Destiny can be very quirky as Randolph and Schoenhoft both well know.

As grandpa Randolph would say, “Give it time. Everything will turn out for the best.”

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OWNIE CARROLL ’25: RENAISSANCE MAN

Remembering the humble hurler who had it all

BY JOHN W. GEARAN ’65

A proud son recalls with relish a favorite story oft told by his famous father: Babe Ruth is up with two strikes, figuring that the callow Detroit rookie on the mound would never dare throw him a fastball over the plate. Maybe he would toss a teasing curve to lure him into chasing a bad pitch.

Owney Carroll, freshly graduated from Holy Cross in the summer of 1925, could read the Babe's mind. With his usual moxie, the 5-foot-10-inch, 165-pound righty challenges the Babe with a letter-high fastball. A startled Ruth unleashes a prodigious home-run swing and misses. Strike three.

The Babe trots toward right field as young Carroll strides off the mound. They cross paths. Ruth knows well that Carroll had pitched at The Cross for Jack Barry '10, his dear friend and former Red Sox player-manager.

"Kid, if you ever do that again, I'll hang you out there on that flagpole!" snaps Ruth. That would be some "friendly advice" that Carroll would never forget.

Owen T. Carroll Jr. '51, who played for Jack Barry a quarter of a century after his father, loves recounting such tales that intertwine their shared connections to baseball and Holy Cross. He can detail how his father would walk amongst baseball immortals, at times holding young Owen by the hand.

No doubt, being the second coming of the great Owney Carroll—at Holy Cross and back home in New Jersey—had to be a blessing and a burden at the same time.

"My claim to fame at Holy Cross was being in the infirmary for three days with Bob Cousy," quips a self-deprecating Owen Jr. In fact, Owen Jr. had an abundance of athletic talent, playing basketball his freshman year and baseball for four years as a utility infielder. He played semipro ball for teams like the Point Pleasant (N.J.) Pelicans and for Army service teams during his two-year hitch.

The words flow more easily nowadays as Owen Jr., age 77, recaps his father's exploits at Holy Cross and in the big leagues. Long ago, this son of a legend escaped the enormous shadow of his father's celebrity, succeeding on his own as a life-insurance executive. He is married to a prominent educator, Anne Carroll, and helps run her academic consulting firm in Colorado.

Make no mistake—in the 1920s, his father loomed as a true sports icon, capturing national headlines with his amazing talent. He drew crowds of 25,000 at Fitton Field, at Fenway Park and Braves Field in Boston—and elsewhere—while battling collegiate powerhouses.

Carroll had a phenomenal 50-2 career record—losing only to Princeton and Boston College as a sophomore. Deservedly, Carroll is considered by most experts as the greatest college pitcher of all time.

This July 4th, Carroll—along with Jackie Robinson of UCLA and Texas (1911-1939) coach Billy Disch—is entering the National College Baseball Hall of Fame, founded in 2006 in Lubbock, Texas. Last year, Jack Barry, Lou Gehrig of Columbia, Christy Mathewson of Bucknell and Joe Sewell of Alabama were enshrined in the Hall's inaugural veterans class (for pre-1947 stars).

In 1977, Carroll was inducted into the American
Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame for his remarkable 25-year coach career at Seton Hall (1948-72). Under Carroll's tutelage, the Pirates played in two College World Series, had a record of 341-185 and, in 10 seasons, posted a winning percentage of better than .700. Carroll was the first person elected to the Pirates' Hall of Fame. And, in 1957, he was enshrined in the second class of the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame.

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* Stories of his derring-do abound. With him pitching, Holy Cross dominated Eastern collegiate baseball. He was surrounded by College Hall of Famers such as Albert “Hop” Riopel ’24 and Ken Simendinger ’24 in the outfield and Doc Gautreau ’25 at second. In the Carroll Era (1922-25), Holy Cross compiled an astounding record of 100 victories, 9 losses and 1 tie. Undefeated in three seasons, Ownie threw 16 shutouts and 16 one-hitters—winning half his team's victories and pitching in many more.

His feats sound mythical—but were witnessed by legions of fans.

In May 1922, the frosh Carroll two-hits Harvard, driving in the tying run in the ninth and stealing home in the 15th inning for the victory.

As a sophomore, on April 25, 1923, Carroll loses to Princeton, 1-0, when the Tigers’ Moe Berg doubles and scores the game's lone run. Berg became a catcher for the Red Sox (and four other clubs), while gaining notoriety later as a government spy and scholar who spoke a dozen languages.

That season, on June 18, Carroll loses a 4-1 Bunker Hill Day game to Boston College before a record crowd of 30,000 at Braves Field. A few days later, his lifelong friend, Albert “Hop” Riopel, makes a circus catch in the ninth at Fitton Field before 25,000 to preserve Carroll's 2-0 win over Boston College.

On May 7, 1924, Carroll strikes out 17 batters in 15 innings to beat Princeton, 3-2.

As a senior against Yale, Holy Cross is leading by one in the ninth. The Bulldogs load the bases with nobody out. Barry beckons to Carroll sitting on the bench. Without warming up, Carroll strides to the mound and strikes out three Yalies on nine pitches to preserve a 7-6 victory.

June 13, 1925 is declared “Ownie Carroll Day.” The late Harry Worcester Smith, a prominent Worcester citizen, chairs the celebration committee and presents Carroll a cash purse. Carroll pitches his last game, beating NYU 6-1.

A week later, Carroll takes the mound in Fenway Park in his major league debut, hurling for Ty Cobb’s Detroit Tigers.

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NOT ONLY did Ownie Carroll ’25 bring athletic glory to Holy Cross with his sensational 50-2 pitching career, he played a strong role in the adoption of the College’s nickname, the Crusaders.

The story goes something like this:

In 1923, the Boston Herald sent sportswriter Stanley Woodward to cover the Red Sox, who were playing a series against Connie Mack’s Philadelphia Athletics. The Holy Cross baseball team, coached by Jack Barry, was staying at the Hotel Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia. So was Woodward—a Worcester native who had started his newspaper career with the Worcester Evening Gazette.

Woodward met up with Barry in the hotel lobby. Barry invited him to come to Holy Cross’ practice as the team prepared to play Princeton the next day.

In his 1964 autobiography Paper Tiger, Woodward recalls the scene:

“I went out to the park with the team and hung on a strap in the trolley car between Owen Carroll, the great pitcher, and Doc Gautreau, the second baseman who later played for the Braves. On the way out to the park the Doctor, always a great conversationalist, brought up a matter that was bothering him.

“They have a new paper up at the college called the Tomahawk,’ he (Gautreau) said. ‘They are trying to get a name for Holy Cross teams and I am afraid they are going to call us “the Chiefs” to go with the name of the newspaper. It is a lousy name and we would like you to help us get a better one. Ownie and I think ‘the Crusaders’ would be a good name—what do you think of that?’

Woodward reports he started calling Holy Cross teams the “Crusaders” in the Boston Herald. “I disclaim credit for the name. It originated either with Gautreau or Carroll,” writes Woodward.

This recollection by Woodward came 41 years after his confab with Gautreau and Carroll in Philly. He also recalls that Carroll lost to Princeton, 2-0, the next day. However, the minor details in his book are a bit shaky. The Tomahawk wasn’t inaugurated until February 1925, so the Tomahawk reference attributed to Doc Gautreau may be inaccurate due to Woodward’s faulty memory. Perhaps Woodward confused the 1923 trip—during which Carroll beat Princeton, 1-0, on April 25—with the 1925 trip when Carroll beat Princeton, 4-1, on April 15.

Woodward died shortly after the 1964 publication of the autobiography. Long out of print, the book was republished in paperback last year.

In any event, because a Boston newspaper had adopted Crusaders, that sobriquet carried a certain cachet when the students put the issue of an official nickname to a vote in the fall of 1925. With the support of graduating heroes Carroll and Gautreau, “Crusaders” won in a landslide and the unofficial “Chiefs” bit the dust.

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and the unofficial “Chiefs” bit the dust.
Carroll takes the field.

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Reportedly he signed for $28,000—a staggering amount in that era. To the cheering of a packed house, Carroll leaves that game in the seventh inning, his Tigers leading the Red Sox, 6-5.

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Carroll had a decent nine-year pro career hurling for Detroit, the New York Yankees, the Cincinnati Reds and Brooklyn Dodgers. In 1926, he was optioned to Toronto in the International League for seasoning and began drinking milkshakes to put on some heft. With a 21-7 record, Carroll led his team to the Little World Series crown. Back in Detroit, Carroll had his best years. In 1927, he posted a 10-6 record and, in 1928, he went 16-12 with 19 complete games and a 3.27 earned run average in 231 innings.

Over-pitched and plagued by a tired, sore arm, Carroll was traded three times for three future Hall of Famers (from the Tigers to the Yankees for Waite Hoyt; from the Yankees to the Reds for Sunny Jim Bottomley; and from the Reds to the Dodgers for Dizzy Vance).

His legendary pitching, however, is only a slice of his riveting story.

“Ownie’s fame is widespread,” gabs a 1925 edition of The Tomahawk, the student newspaper. “His unparalleled achievements bespeak his ability, but they do not tell of his graciousness, his manly conduct, his model sportsmanship … the finest athlete who ever wore the Purple!”

Carroll had it all. He was a humble hero, popular among his peers. The faculty and his senior classmates held a testimonial banquet on June 4, 1925 in his honor. He was Hollywood handsome. He had a beautiful tenor voice, singing solos for weddings and funerals from his days as an altar boy. He was a hometown hero. At St. Benedict’s High in Newark, N.J., Ownie was an all-state all-star for four years in basketball and baseball. His schoolboy pitching record was a phenomenal 49-2.

Carroll was a devout Catholic, a First Friday Mass regular, throughout his life. He was the rare ballplayer who never cursed or drank. The always-coy Barry tried to keep pro scouts from badgering Carroll by telling them Ownie was studying for the priesthood. That was not much of a stretch.

His best friend in high school, Eugene O’Keefe, became his Holy Cross roommate for four years. O’Keefe became a Jesuit, a missionary in the Philippines and a prisoner of war in the infamous Cabanatuan Camp—dramatized in Hampton Sides’ 2002 bestseller, Ghost Soldiers. Carroll married O’Keefe’s sister, his beloved Evelyn.

“My father was a natural athlete and gifted in many other ways,” says Owen Jr. “They tried to lure him into politics and entice him to run for Congress, but he knew he could only tell the truth. With his good looks and singing voice, he had offers to go into show business, but he couldn’t stand phonies. His integrity and moral rectitude was a blessing, yet an obstacle to many career paths.”

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Ownie retired from pro ball in 1934, settling down with Evelyn in New Jersey. They had four children: Owen Jr.; Bobby, who lives with his wife Nancy in Texas and who played second base for his dad at Seton Hall; Marie Evelyn, who married George Sundstrom and whose daughter Mary Judith is a 1984 Holy Cross graduate; and Joan, wife of Paul Jamison and mother of seven children.

Carroll worked for many years as a training instructor for the Newark Police and Fire Academy. In 1948, he took the head baseball job at Seton Hall. The Pirates still play on Owen T. Carroll Field.

“With dad it was family first. He was very devout and extremely loyal to proven friends. He remained very close to guys like Hop Riopel,” Owen Jr. says. “As a coach and parent, he’d let his children and players make their own decisions. He was fair and consistent. And he had this magical way of getting others to follow what he would mildly suggest.”

Owen Thomas Carroll died at 72, on the weekend of his 50th Holy Cross reunion. Upon learning of his death, his classmates of 1925 sent his family their condolences, conveying how they missed him dearly. After all, he was a legend, the best ever and always.
In Memoriam

1933
EDWIN J. REAVEY
Edwin Reavey died Feb. 6, 2008, at his home in Worcester, Mass., at 99. During his career, Mr. Reavey had owned and operated the State Tire Company in Worcester for 38 years, beginning in 1946; he had previously worked as a store manager for the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Company and, also, the Apex Tire and Auto Supply Company. A decorated veteran of World War II, Mr. Reavey had served with the 30th Combat Division; wounded in the Battle of the Bulge, he had been a recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Mr. Reavey had been a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Holy Cross Club of Greater Worcester. He is survived by a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and two grandsons.

1937
JOHN F. HARDER
John Harder, of Hamden, Conn., died Jan. 16, 2008, at 91. Serving in the public welfare field from the early 1950s until his retirement, Mr. Harder had held various administrative posts, including deputy commissioner and commissioner of welfare during the tenures of former Connecticut governors, Abraham Ribicoff and John Dempsey. Active in community affairs, he had volunteered on many local boards and advisory committees, including Child & Family Services, the American Red Cross, the United Way and the Friends of the New Haven (Conn.) Public Library. A veteran, Mr. Harder had served five years in the South Pacific during World War II. He had been a longtime parishioner of St. Bernadette’s Church in Morris Cove, Conn. Mr. Harder is survived by his wife, Lucille; four sons; three sisters; six grandsons; and five great-grandchildren.

1938
FRANCIS J. MAHONEY
Francis Mahoney died Feb. 15, 2008, in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, at 91. During his career, Mr. Mahoney had worked 40 years for the Melville Shoe Company in Worcester, retiring in 1976 as a supervisor. An Army and U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, he had served in China, Burma and India and attained the rank of staff sergeant. Mr. Mahoney had been the recipient of numerous awards, including the American Theater Company Ribbon; Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon; Good Conduct Medal; American Defense Service Medal; Victory Medal; and Distinguished Unit Badge. While in the military, he had also attended Cooks and Bakers School at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and contributed to the Vernon Hill newsletter that provided updates about neighborhood events and the service activities of local residents in the armed forces. A longtime member of St. Peter’s Parish in Worcester, Mr. Mahoney had been an usher for many years and a member of the Holy Name Society. He was a 1934 graduate of St. John’s High School in Worcester, where he had played on the football and basketball teams. Mr. Mahoney is survived by three daughters; two sons-in-law; and four grandchildren.

1939
HENRY W. DRUM
Henry Drum, of Mattituck, N.Y., died on Feb. 8, 2008. Mr. Drum was a retired captain of the U.S. Navy; he is survived by his wife, Mary; three sons; five daughters; and a sister.

1940
ROBERT F. HARTCORN
Robert Hartcorn died Jan. 1, in West Hartford, Conn., at 90. During his career, Mr. Hartcorn had been a high school teacher in Bay Shore, N.Y., prior to his retirement. He is survived by two sons; a daughter; two daughters-in-law; a brother, John A. ’43; and three grandchildren.

ARTHUR F. SULLIVAN
Arthur Sullivan, of Holden, Mass., died on Jan. 29, 2008, at 90. A longtime educator in the Worcester Public School system, Mr. Sullivan had most recently served as clerk of the School Committee and as associate superintendent for research and development, until his retirement in 1979; at that time, the School Committee named the city’s new middle school in his honor. Mr. Sullivan began working in Worcester in 1950, teaching at the Providence St. Junior High School and, also, at South High School; in 1958, he was appointed director of research and, in 1962, assistant superintendent of educational functions. At the start of his career, Mr. Sullivan had taught at Lancaster (Mass.) High School and David Prouyt High School, in Spencer, Mass. During his career, he had belonged to several professional organizations. Mr. Sullivan had been a member of St. George’s Church in Worcester and its Eucharistic Shrine, as well as the Catholic Alumni Society of Our Lady. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Mr. Sullivan is survived by a son; a sister; and two granddaughters.

1940
JOHN M. BYRNE
John Byrne died Dec. 25, 2007, at his home in Sun City Center, Fla., at 88. During his career, Mr. Byrne had been a part-owner, for almost 50 years, of the Byrne Dairy in Syracuse, N.Y., which had been founded by his father in 1933; he had served as president from 1946-72. Mr. Byrne had also been a longtime member of the board of directors for the Unity Mutual Life Insurance Company. Active in speed skating since his youth—winning many titles and events—he later served as a referee at local and national speed-skating meets and assisted in the establishment of a charitable foundation to provide funding for participants in the sport. A former board director of the U.S. Olympic Committee, Mr. Byrne had been involved in the Olympic Games held at Lake Placid.
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Sarajevo, Calgary, Albertville and Lillehammer, between 1980 and 1994. He was inducted into the U.S. Speed Skating Hall of Fame in 1994 and the Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame in 1998. A golf enthusiast, Mr. Byrne had also been a longtime member, board director and past president of the Bellevue Country Club in Syracuse and a member of the Golf and Racquet Club in Sun City—as well as a rules official at golf tournaments. He is survived by his wife, Ann; six sons; four daughters; four sons-in-law; four daughters-in-law; 18 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a brother; and several nephews and nieces.

JOSEPH J. SCAVULLO
Joseph Scavullo died Jan. 17, 2008, at his home in Ventnor City, N.J., at 89. Involved for many years in the field of aircraft radar and beacon systems, Mr. Scavullo had worked for the National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center (NAFEC) in New Jersey; beginning his career with the federal government in Washington, D.C., he had transferred to NAFEC in 1958. Mr. Scavullo was co-author of the college textbook Aerospace Ranges: Instrumentation, which was published in 1965. Joining the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1942, he continued his military service until 1969 when he retired as a commander. During World War II, Mr. Scavullo had been a special projects engineer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass., as part of the team working on radar. His civic involvement included serving as a member of the City Council in Cheverly, Md., and, as founder of the Ventnor Taxpayers Association; president of the Ventnor Margate Lions Club for one year, he had also founded a Newman Club at his alma mater the Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey. Mr. Scavullo’s interests included acting, sculpture, carpentry and playing the piano. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; seven daughters; 13 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

1941

PHILIP R. CONDRON
Philip Condon, of Scranton, Pa., died Feb. 21, 2008, in Palm Beach, Fla., at 88. Active in the building industry in the Scranton area during his career, Mr. Condon had founded the Condon Construction Co. following World War II, which oversaw various projects—including Our Lady of Peace School; the Chincilla (Pa.) Elementary School; the Chrysler Plant; and St. Ann’s Maronite Church. He later joined the architectural and engineering firm Bellante, Clause, Miller & Nolan, where he had been involved in numerous endeavors, such as the Giants Football Stadium and the Scranton State Office Building. Interested in the use of computers to control energy consumption toward the end of his career, Mr. Condon had worked with PQ Energy Controls prior to his retirement. An Army veteran of World War II, he served in the Philippines and, subsequently, aided in planning the invasion of Japan; appointed assistant to the commanding general in charge of military government during the occupation, Mr. Condon attained the rank of major—and was the recipient of six medals while in the service. He had been a longtime member of the executive committee of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Mr. Condon is survived by four sons, including P. Kevin ’67; a daughter; a son-in-law; three daughters-in-law; 13 grandchildren, including Erin ’90; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces, including Deborah Condon Hoffman ’76. His brother was the late Joseph C. ’44.

REV. ALPHONSE A. VOLUNGIS
Rev. Alphonsen Volungis died Feb. 19, 2008, in the Overlook Masonic Health Center, Charlton, Mass., at 89. Prior to his retirement in 2002, Fr. Volungis had served 33 years as the pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Parish in Worcester; he had previously been the pastor, for two years, of St. Thomas-a-Becket Church in South Barre, Mass. Ordained to the priesthood in 1945, Fr. Volungis began his ministry as the associate pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish, St. Casimir’s, and Our Lady of Vilna Parish, all in Worcester; named associate pastor of St. Francis Parish, Athol, Mass., in 1957, he returned to St. Casimir’s in 1961, where he served until his appointment as pastor, in 1967, of St. Thomas-a-Becket Parish. In addition to his pastoral responsibilities, Fr. Volungis had been the spiritual adviser for Council 116 Knights of Lithuania. He is survived by two brothers, including Richard J. ’52; a half brother; two sisters; nephews; nieces; grandnephews; and grandnieces.

JOHN J. WALSH SR.
John Walsh died Feb. 1, 2008, in Connecticut Hospice, Branford, at 89. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Walsh had been the owner, for more than 50 years, of the Larsen & Walsh Insurance Agency in Connecticut. He had been a member of the Professional Insurance Agents Association and a parishioner of the Church of St. Rita in Hamden, Conn. Mr. Walsh had served in the U.S. Marine Corps and, also, the U.S. Merchant Marines, during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Loretto; three sons, including James O. ’70 and John J. Jr. ’74; two daughters, including Karen Walsh Reidy ’78; two sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law; a stepson; a stepdaughter; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

IRVING F. WHITE JR.
Irving White died Jan. 7, 2008, in Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Boston, at 88. Prior to his retirement, Mr. White had served 35 years as a sales coordinator at Chase-Kolbin Food Broker. A graduate of the Hingham (Mass.) Citizens Police Academy, he had belonged to its alumni association. Mr. White had been a longtime member of the Resurrection Roman Catholic Church in Hingham. An Army veteran of World War II, he had served in the European theater as a first lieutenant. Mr. White is survived by his wife, Marion; two sons, including Robert F. ’67 and Thomas I. ’69; two daughters, including Judith Ann ’77; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; two brothers-in-law; a sister-in-law; and many nephews and nieces.

1943

LOUIS J. GALULLO
Louis Galullo, of Waterbury, Conn., died on Feb. 4, 2006. Mr. Galullo is survived by his wife, Teresa; a son; and a daughter.

DANIEL J. SHEA
Daniel Shea died Jan. 16, 2008, at the Notre Dame Long Term Care Center in Worcester, at 88. A lifelong Worcester resident, Mr. Shea had been the founder and former owner of the Shea & Poor Insurance Agency. He had been a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Church, as well as a member of the Main Street YMCA, the Elks Club and the Worcester Rotary. During World War II, Mr. Shea had served in the Army. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Shea is survived by three daughters, including Dorothy A. Murphy ’79; two sons-in-law, including James W. Murphy ’79; and four grandchildren.
1945

FRANK S. MCGAUGHEY JR.

Frank McGaughey died Feb. 2, 2008, in Savannah, Ga., at 84. During his career, Mr. McGaughey had worked many years at Havertys, a furniture store founded by his grandfather in 1885. Joining the store in 1947, he held the posts of merchandising director, vice president, president and chief operating officer—from 1984-90—and, president and chief executive officer, from 1990, until his retirement in 1995; Mr. McGaughey had also served on Havertys’ board of directors for 34 years. Active in community affairs, he had been a member of the board of directors for Horizon Industries Inc., as well as a member of the lay advisory board for his alma mater the Mariot School in Atlanta—which honored him, in 1988, with its distinguished alumnus award. In addition, Mr. McGaughey had been a staff member of the National Retail Furniture Association and a parishioner of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Atlanta—where he had been a member of the Finance Committee, president of the Parish Council and a religious education teacher. A World War II Army veteran, he served with the 106th Infantry Division, taking part in the Battle of the Bulge during a surprise German attack in the Ardennes forest. Mr. McGaughey was a recipient of the World War II Victory Medal; the American Service Purple Heart; Prisoner of War Medal; and the European African Eastern Service Medal with two Bronze Stars. He was a graduate of the University of Georgia, where he earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration. Mr. McGaughey is survived by his wife, Marie; four sons; a daughter; 20 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and Marie’s family, including six children; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1946

JAMES E. CASSIDY, D.M.D.

James Cahill, of Salem, Mass., died Feb. 28, 2008, in Gloucester, Mass., at 81. Harvard master for the city of Salem from 1981-91, Mr. Cahill had been a pioneer and leader in the development of the scuba diving industry. Co-founder, in the 1950s, of the Hui Kai scuba training camp on Children’s Island in Salem, he had been a consultant at that time for actor Lloyd Bridges, star of the television series Sea Hunt. Mr. Cahill subsequently founded and served as president of New England Divers, Inc.—eventually expanding the Beverly, Mass.-based company into a national chain of commercial scuba diving stores and training centers. In addition to giving scuba and swimming lessons, he assisted state and local police departments—as well as several branches of the military—in their investigation, rescue and training efforts; Mr. Cahill also provided aid to adventurers exploring shipwrecks in New England and Caribbean waters. Founding board director of the National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI), he had served as chairman of the Massachusetts Governor’sCommittee to study scuba diving and as a member of both the Massachusetts Governors Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Massachusetts Governors Civil Defense Advisory Commission. The recipient of numerous honors during his career, Mr. Cahill was recognized in 2003 by the Academy of Underwater Arts and Sciences with its NOG I Award for science; in 1958, the Boston Sea Rovers had presented him with its Diver of the Year award. A Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he took part in an early class of the U.S. Underwater Demolition Team—which preceded the formation of the Navy SEALs; head of Boston Harbor security for the Navy, Mr. Cahill was discharged in 1954 with the rank of lieutenant senior grade. A participant in the College V-12 program, he had played varsity football at Holy Cross. Mr. Cahill is survived by three sons; four daughters; two sons-in-law, including John B. Taft ’76; two daughters-in-law; two sisters-in-law; four grandchildren; four nephews; and a niece.

EDWARD F. GREISSING SR.

Edward Greissing, of Akron, Ohio, died Feb. 16, 2008, at 81. During his career, Mr. Greissing had worked many years for the General Tire International Company in Akron as an executive. Involved in community affairs following his retirement from the company, he had helped to found ACCESS—a short-term shelter for homeless women and children in Akron—and served as director of the Mobile Meals program. An active member of St. Bernard Parish, Mr. Greissing was honored by the Akron Catholic Commission with its Bishop Cosgrove Award. A Navy veteran of World War II, he later served in the Air Force—also working during this time in military intelligence at the National Security Agency; he retired as a lieutenant colonel. Mr. Greissing had been the recipient of numerous awards for military service, including the World War II Veterans Medal; the Korean Veterans Medal; and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Greissing is survived by two sons, including Edward F. Jr. ’72; two daughters; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a brother; 14 grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

THOMAS P. SMITH JR.

Thomas Smith died Feb. 22, 2008, in Nazareth Hospital, Philadelphia, at 84. During his career, Mr. Smith had been a member of the Philadelphia police force for many years, serving as a commander of the South Police Division at 28th and Wolf streets, and, also, as chief inspector, from 1976 until his retirement from the Command Inspections Bureau in 1978. Mr. Smith then began working for SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority) in 1980, as the first chief of its transit police department; he continued in this position until his retirement in 1986. A member of the Army Air Corps during World War II, Mr. Smith had been a waist gunner and radio operator on a B-17 bomber assigned to the 100th Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force; stationed in England, he flew 35 combat missions. Following the war, Mr. Smith pursued his bachelor’s degree in business at Villanova (Pa.) University, where he had been a star player on the football team; he later coached football at North Catholic and St. Thomas More high schools for one year, before graduating in 1950 from the Philadelphia Police Academy; Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Regina; a son; two daughters; and four grandchildren.

1947

JAMES E. CASSIDY, D.M.D.

Dr. James Cassidy, of Boston, died Jan. 26, 2008, at 81. Dr. Cassidy is survived by his wife, Maureen; four sons; five daughters; four sons-in-law; four daughters-in-law; a brother; a sister; 22 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

THOMAS S. FITZGERALD

Thomas Fitzgerald, of North Massapequa, N.Y., died on Jan. 11, 2008, at 81. During his career, Mr. Fitzgerald had worked for more than 40 years in the aerospace industry, at
both the Arma and Sperry companies. A veteran, he had served as a Marine Corps officer in World War II and, also, the Korean War. Mr. Fitzgerald is survived by his wife, Winifred; five sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; five daughters-in-law; 19 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

THEODORE T. GALKOWSKI
Theodore Galkowski died Jan. 13, 2008, at his home in West Yarmouth, Mass., at 86. Mr. Galkowski had taught chemistry for 40 years at Providence (R.I.) College, retiring in 1993; during his tenure, he had served as department chairman, administrative liaison and grants coordinator with federal agencies such as the National Science Foundation and NASA. At the start of his career, Mr. Galkowski had worked one year for the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C.—after receiving his master of science degree in chemistry in 1948 from Holy Cross, and his Ph.D. in chemistry from Ohio State University, Columbus, in 1951. Conducting research in the areas of organic and carbohydrate chemistry—including work with plant genera Vaccinium and Portulaca, he had published numerous articles in the Journal of the American Chemical Society. Retiring to West Yarmouth, Mr. Galkowski had been a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Hyannis, where he had been a Eucharistic minister and member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Yarmouth representative to the Woods Hole, Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority, he had been a member of the board of directors of the American Cancer Society; an assistant district commissioner of the Boys Scouts of America; and member of both the Yarmouth Shellfish Advisory Committee and the Hyannis Park Civic Association board. A member of several professional organizations, including the American Chemical Society, Mr. Galkowski had also belonged to the Yarmouth Conservation Trust, the Nature Conservancy, the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Rifle Association. A three-year Army veteran of World War II, he had served with the Tank and Signal Corps in New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan, among other assignments. Mr. Galkowski is survived by his wife, Jeannette; two sons; two daughters-in-law; two grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1949
ROBERT A. McDEVITT
Robert McDevitt, of Rumford, R.I., died on Feb. 7, 2008, at the Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, at 82. Mr. McDevitt had worked many years in the real estate business, retiring in 1999 as a residential appraiser for the New England area. During his career, he had served as the president and treasurer of McDevitts Inc. and the William H. McDevitt Land Company. His community involvement included serving as a former director of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Pawucket (R.I.) Boys Club, as well as president of the St. Raphael Academy Men’s Club and member of the Pawtucket Rotary Club. Mr. McDevitt is survived by a son; and a granddaughter.

WILLIAM J. OWEN
William Owen, of Reston, Va., died on Jan. 31, 2008. Prior to his retirement in 1984, Mr. Owen had worked 13 years for the U.S. Protection Service—most recently as the director of the operational services division; previously, a foreign service officer with the State Department, he had been deployed to Vietnam, from 1968-71, as an adviser to the country’s national police. A longtime captain in the Massachusetts State Police, Mr. Owen had first served five years as a trooper and criminal investigator in B and C troops, following his graduation from the police academy in 1948. A 1957 graduate of the FBI National Academy, he held the posts of both case and troop lieutenant in Troop A in the 1960s; from 1960-61, Mr. Owen was also the troop inspection officer for C Troop. An instructor at the police academy from 1966-68, he had served as well as the academy’s commandant. Mr. Owen was a distinguished expert marksman and a member of the Massachusetts State Police pistol team; following retirement, he had been an active member of the Former Massachusetts State Troopers Association, the Marine Corps League, and the Third Marine Division Association. A World War II veteran of the Marine Corps, Mr. Owen had served in the Pacific theater with the 2nd Raider Battalion and, subsequently, the Third Marine Division; he was a recipient of the Navy Commendation Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon. Mr. Owen is survived by a son; three daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and four grandchildren.

ROBERT H. ROULEAU
Robert Rouleau died Jan. 8, 2008, at the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, Mass., at 80. During his career, Mr. Rouleau had practiced law for many years in Boston and Scituate, Mass.—and had served on the Boston Board of Bar Overseers. A lifelong resident of Scituate, he had been involved in many community activities, including founding member of the town Conservation Committee; subcommittee member of the School Committee; and member of the Arbitration Board for the police and fire departments. Mr. Rouleau had also been an active parishioner at St. Francis X. Cabrini Church in Scituate, assisting as an extraordinary minister, usher, a lector, choir member, CCD teacher—and member of the Holy Name Society. A Navy veteran, he had served aboard the USS Kearsage during World War II. Mr. Rouleau had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Ann “Nancy”; a son; three daughters; a sister; seven grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1950
JOHN B. CAVANAUGH
John Cavanaugh, of West Springfield, Mass., died Feb. 23, 2008, at 80. During his career, Mr. Cavanaugh had worked for more than 42 years at American Bosch/United Technologies, where he had been manager of advanced products and engineering research. Mr. Cavanaugh was an Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. He is survived by his wife, Leah; six daughters; three sons-in-law; a sister; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

BARTHOLOMEW M. MURPHY SR.
Bartholomew Murphy died on Feb. 9, 2008, in the UMass University Hospital, Worcester. Prior to his retirement in 1991, Mr. Murphy had worked 31 years as a senior bank examiner for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A decorated World War II Army veteran, he had served in the Second Amored Division, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and taking part in the liberation of concentration camps; at the end of the war, Mr. Murphy had been an honor guard at the Potsdam Conference. A longtime active parishioner of St. Andrew the Apostle Mission Church in Worcester, he had also been a member of the Catholic Alumni Sociaty of Our Lady at Holy Cross. Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife, Joan; four sons, includ-
ing Owen J. ’79; three daughters-in-law; six sisters; six grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1952
HENRY E. GANGWISCH JR.
Henry Gangwish, of Panama City Beach, Fla., died on Jan. 23, 2007, at 77. During his career, Mr. Gangwish had served as executive vice president of the Arnoldware-Rogers Plastic Co. and, also, as a Realtor in Panama City Beach. He had been a member of St. Bernadette’s Catholic Church. Mr. Gangwish is survived by a son, Arnold Clayton, D.M.D., ’80; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; and two grandchildren.

1953
EDWARD J. LYNCH JR.
Edward Lynch died on Jan. 29, 2008, at the Caritas Norwood (Mass.) Hospital, at 79. During his career, Mr. Lynch had been the owner of Northeastern Distributors Inc. in Cambridge, Mass. A lifelong resident of Canton, Mass., he had served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee and Conservation Commission; town historian and a regular contributor to the weekly newspaper the Canton Citizen, Mr. Lynch had also been a member of the board of trustees and Executive Committee of the Bank of Canton. Other professional and community affiliations included membership in the Norfolk County Selectmen’s Association and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, as well as board membership in the Old Colony Council, Boy Scouts of America; in addition, he was a former president of the St. John School Foundation and an Equestrian Knight of the Holy Sepulchre. Mr. Lynch was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife, Tara; four sons, including Edward J. Ill ’84; two daughters, including Maryann Byrne ’86; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and nine grandchildren.

JOHN F. MCHALE JR., D.D.S.
Dr. John McHale died Jan. 3, 2008, in Geneva, N.Y., at 77. During his career, Dr. McHale had practiced dentistry for many years in the Westwood, Mass., area. A former member of the Westwood Rotary Club, he had been a Paul Harris Fellow. Dr. McHale is survived by a sister; a sister-in-law; two nephews; and a niece.

1954
L. EDWARD CONSIDINE JR.
L. Edward Considine, of Elmira, N.Y., died Feb. 29, 2008, at 76. During his career, Mr. Considine had worked 30 years for the Elmira Water Board, retiring in 1991; appointed assistant general manager in 1960, he assumed the position of general manager in 1972. A former trustee and president of the American Water Works Association board of governors-New York section, Mr. Considine was honored by the association in 1981 with its George Warren Fuller Award for outstanding service; in 1990, the New York section presented him with its John M. Diven Jr. Award, for his contributions to the organization. Following his retirement from the Water Board, Mr. Considine joined Hunt Architects and Engineers in Corning, N.Y., as a consultant. His civic involvement included serving on the board of directors of Elmira Savings & Loan; Creative Orthotics and Prosthetics; the Chemung County (N.Y.) Department of Health; Tanglewood Nature Center; and the New York State Environmental Protection Agency. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Considine served in the Navy from 1954-56; attaining the rank of lieutenant junior grade, he had become a certified salvage operation diver, upon graduation from the U.S. Navy Salvage School in Bayonne, N.J. A 1959 graduate of Marquette University in Milwaukee, with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering, Mr. Considine received his professional engineering license the following year. He had been a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Elmira. Mr. Considine is survived by his wife, Teresa; four daughters; three sons-in-law; seven grandchildren; many nephews and nieces; and a cousin.

FRANK D. CRAEMER
Frank Craemer died Feb. 11, 2008, at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Conn., at 75. Involved for many years in the insurance field, Mr. Craemer had most recently been associated with the Kerin Agency in Newington, Conn.; at the start of his career in 1957, he had been a partner in the firm Daly and Craemer. A three-year veteran of the Marine Corps, Mr. Craemer had attained the rank of first lieutenant. He had been a parishioner of the Church of St. Timothy, West Hartford, Conn., for 49 years and, of St. Gertrude Church, Windsor, Conn., since 2006. Mr. Craemer had been a member of the golf team at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Kitty; two sons; three daughters, including Elisa C. Genovee ’81 and Rosanne H. Shea ’86; three sons-in-law, including Robert F. Shea Jr. ’85; a daughter-in-law; a brother, George H. Jr. ’52; a sister-in-law; 10 grandchildren; three nephews; five nieces; and several cousins.

1955
MICHAEL E. MAGNIER
Michael Magnier, of Seabrook Island, S.C., died on Feb. 12, 2008, at 74. During his career, Mr. Magnier had worked for the New England Life Insurance Company, retiring as a group department manager. A veteran, he had served in the Army. Mr. Magnier had been a two-term president of the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club and an active parishioner of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, John’s Island, S.C. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Magnier is survived by his wife, Shirley; two sons; four daughters; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a sister; and 12 grandchildren.

1956
ROBERT H. GRANEY
Robert Graney died Feb. 12, 2008, in Tampa, Fla., at 73. An English teacher and administrator for 40 years in New York, Mr. Graney had worked in the Chittenango, LeRoy and Lafayette School Districts, where he had been the dean of students at Lafayette High School. Following his retirement from Lafayette in 1989, he taught at Morrisville (N.Y.) State College, LeMoyne College and Onondaga Community College in Syracuse—and, from 1992-96, served as the principal of St. James School, also in Syracuse. Active in community affairs, Mr. Graney had been a literacy volunteer for more than 15 years and a member of Person-to-Person Citizen Advocacy; he had also been involved with Camp High Hopes, a summer camp program for boys with hemophilia, and the Valley Little League in Syracuse—as well as a volunteer at shelters for the homeless and food pantries—and a tutor to immigrants seeking U.S. citizenship. Mr. Graney was a veteran of the Army. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Graney is survived by his wife, Shirley; a son; two daughters; two stepdaughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and five grandchildren.
IN MEMORIAM

FRANCIS W. PATON
Francis Paton, of Bokelana, Fla., died on Feb. 8, 2008. Mr. Paton is survived by his wife, Joan; two sons; three daughters; a brother; and two sisters.

1959
WILLIAM J. COONEY
William Cooney died Feb. 6, 2008, in the Adventist La Grange (Ill.) Memorial Hospital, at 70. A longtime attorney in Chicago, Mr. Cooney had been associated with the law firm McBride, Baker, Wienke and Schlosser—now McBride, Baker & Coles—from 1965, until his retirement in 2001. He began his career in 1962, working with the Securities and Exchange Commission; following retirement, Mr. Cooney served part time as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and the National Association of Securities Dealers. An active member of the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation, he had also been a member of the board of directors of the Riverside Public Library and the Riverside Planning Commission. Mr. Cooney had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Julie; two sons; two daughters; a son-in-law, Kevin P. Maloney ’82; two daughters-in-law; brothers-in-law, including Thomas E. Walsh ’58; 11 grandchildren; and a cousin, Joseph Murphy ’43.

DANIEL P. DENNEHY
Daniel Dennehy died on Jan. 16, 2008, at his home in Falmouth, Mass., at 69. A certified public accountant, Mr. Dennehy had worked 34 years for Tech-Etch, Inc., in Hingham, Mass.; joining the firm as a comptroller, he retired in 2002 as the executive vice president. At the start of his career, Mr. Dennehy had worked at Haskins and Sells, now Deloitte & Touche. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Dennehy is survived by his wife, Dorothy; four sons; three daughters-in-law; a sister; 10 grandchildren; and three nephews.

PETER F. DEVANEY JR.
Peter Devaney died Jan. 11, 2008, in Leominster (Mass.) Hospital, at 75. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Devaney had worked 25 years for ITT Suprenant of Clinton, Mass.; he had previously served as an accountant for the U.S. General Accounting Office in Boston. A veteran, Mr. Devaney had served in the Army during the Korean War. He had been a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Clinton. Mr. Devaney is survived by a sister; a brother-in-law; two nieces; a grandson; and a granddaughter.

JOHN A. SHIELDS
John Shields, of Hamlin, N.Y., died on Feb. 22, 2008. A longtime attorney, Mr. Shields had most recently been associated with Wilmorite, Inc., in Rochester, N.Y.—serving as vice president and general counsel until his retirement in 2002; previously, he had maintained a private practice in Rochester with his partner, John J. Petruelli. Beginning his career as an assistant district attorney in Monroe County, Mr. Shields had been a member of the Young Republicans—and served on the Henrietta Town Board. Active in the Monroe County Bar Association, he had taken part in its “lawyers for learning” program. Mr. Shields is survived by his wife, Sandra; a son; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; and five grandchildren.

ARTHUR J. SPRING
Arthur Spring died Feb. 29, 2008, in St. Cloud, Minn., at 70. A longtime educator, Mr. Spring had taught many years at St. Mary’s College of Minnesota in Winona; during his tenure he had served as director of the Honors Program, incorporating volunteer service into the curriculum. Mr. Spring most recently taught geography and education at St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minn. A 1959 graduate of Columbia College with degrees in English and history, he taught high school while earning his master’s degree in English. Joining the Peace Corps, Mr. Spring went to Tunisia in 1964 and spent the following seven years training new volunteers in West Africa and the United States, for service in Tunisia and other African countries. He earned his Ph.D. in teacher education in 1980 at the University of North Dakota. Mr. Spring is survived by his wife, Rosamond; 10 children; six siblings; and three grandchildren.

1961
JOHN J. MCLEAN, D.D.S.
John McLean, D.D.S., died Feb. 17, 2008, at his home in Fort Collins, Colo., at 68. During his career, Dr. McLean had practiced dentistry for many years in Fort Collins; he was a past president of the Larimer County Dental Society. His affiliations included the Colorado Mountain Club, Fort Collins Serena Club and the Homelessness Prevention Initiative board; Dr. McLean had also been in charge, for several years, of St. Patrick’s fundraiser for the Mission, a local homeless shelter. An Army veteran, he had served in Hawaii and, upon discharge, volunteered for a year with the Catholic missions in St. Lucia, establishing dental clinics. Dr. McLean then practiced general dentistry in Bronxville, N.Y., before pursuing a graduate degree in orthodontics at the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine. He is survived by two brothers; a sister; nine nephews and nieces; and 24 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

PAUL K. ROBBINS
Paul Robbins died Feb. 23, 2008, at his home in Weathersfield, Vt., at 68. A longtime ski and travel journalist, Mr. Robbins had been a freelance writer and a historian for the U.S. Ski Team for 30 years; his articles appeared in numerous magazines and newspapers, including Skiing, SKI, Ski Racing and The Boston Globe. Beginning his career in the late 1970s in response to an invitation to publicize the World Cup cross country ski races at the Telemark Lodge in northern Wisconsin, Mr. Robbins became a correspondent with the ski team in the early 1980s, which included travel with the teams on the Nordic circuit. Public relations director for the team in 1986, he assumed the role of full-time correspondent in 1988—with his coverage expanding to include all ski sports, plus snowboarding. Mr. Robbins worked at eight Olympic Games, beginning in 1980 at Lake Placid where he had been press chief for luge; at subsequent games, he served as press officer for the U.S. Ski Team—and, also, as an expert commentator on Nordic sports for CBS and NBC. At the start of his career, he had worked for United Press International in Boston as the New England bureau chief—and, as public relations director for Sheraton Hotels in the Pacific, in Honolulu. Mr. Robbins had been a member of the Society of American Travel Writers for many years. An Army veteran, he served as an information officer in South Korea in the early 1960s. Mr. Robbins is survived by his wife, Kathie; and other family members.

1962
WALTER G. BARKER JR.
Walter Barker died Feb. 7, 2008, at his home in Orinda, Calif., at 67. During his career, Mr. Barker had been involved in the field of finance and commercial real estate; joining U.S. Leasing International in 1970, he subse-
ently established and ran the San Francisco office of Integrated Resources, Inc. In 1980, Mr. Barker began working for E.F. Hutton & Co., where he established and managed its real estate investment banking group and attained the position of executive vice president of the parent company. Instrumental in the development and use of real estate sale leaseback transactions, Mr. Barker later became a co-founder of Pacific Realty Partners. An accomplished athlete, he had been a member of the track and cross country teams at Holy Cross—and was the recipient of the Student Athlete Award. A participant in the College ROTC program, Mr. Barker later served three years in the Navy while stationed in Mayport, Fla.; upon the completion of military service, he worked for IBM in Massachusetts. Mr. Barker had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; five sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a sister; nine grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1963
REV. GEORGE E. HAM
Rev. George Ham died on Jan. 22, 2008, at the Bishop Peterson Residence in Manchester, N.H., at 66. A longtime priest of the Diocese of Manchester, Fr. Ham had most recently served as the pastor of St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Alton/Wolfeboro; he had previously been the pastor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Hampton and St. Patrick’s Parish in Pelham. Ordained to the priesthood in 1967, Fr. Ham first served at the St. Joseph Cathedral Parish in Manchester, and subsequently, at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Bedford. An accomplished pianist and organist, he had been involved in music ministry at each of his parish assignments, organizing adult and children’s choirs to take part in liturgical celebrations. In addition to his pastoral work, Fr. Ham had held the post of director of vocations and vice chancellor for the diocese. He is survived by a brother; a sister-in-law; and several cousins.

1964
ROGER J. DESAUTELS
Roger Desautels, of Rusk, Fla., died Dec. 17, 2007, at 64. During his career, Mr. Desautels had worked many years at Providence (R.I.) College, serving as a member of the foreign languages faculty and, subsequently, as an administrator; he retired in 2001. Mr. Desautels had been a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Rusk. He is survived by his wife, Vivian; a son; a sister; and a nephew.

1965
JOSEPH P. ALTMAN JR.
Joseph Altman, of Rockville Centre, N.Y., died on Jan. 17, 2008, at 64. Mr. Altman had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Camille; three sons; two daughters-in-law; two sisters; two grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1965
GRiffITH M. OWEN
Griffith Owen died Feb. 12, 2008, in Muskogee, Okla., at 65. During his career, Mr. Owen had taught English at Rundlett Junior High School in Concord, N.H., and later served as a laboratory technician for the state of New Hampshire. He had also studied drama in graduate school at Ohio State University, where he was voted “Outstanding Drama Student” in 1970. His philanthropy endeavors included working at Dismas House in Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Owen is survived by a sister; many nephews; nieces; and cousins.

1972
MARK E. BROOKMAN
Mark Brookman, of Shirley, Mass., died on Jan. 29, 2008, at 57. A longtime businessman, Mr. Brookman had served as a vice president with Maidenform Inc., and other companies; he had most recently been an executive in his father’s yarn business, Brookman & Sons. Mr. Brookman is survived by a son; two daughters; his father; his stepmother; three brothers; three sisters; a grand-daughter; and several nephews and nieces.

1972
ROBERT C. DELSIGNORE JR.
Robert DelSignore died Jan. 5, 2008, at his home in Shrewsbury, Mass., at 57. An engineering manager for many years, Mr. DelSignore had worked for the Digital Equipment Co., Lucent Technology Corp., Hpynion, and other engineering and biomedical engineering companies. At the start of his career, he had been a registered pharmacist. Mr. DelSignore had also been active in youth sports, coaching hockey, baseball, softball and soccer in Shrewsbury; managing and coaching hockey in the Boston Metropolitan Hockey League; and serving as an umpire for youth baseball. He had been a longtime member of St. Mary’s Church in Shrewsbury. Mr. DelSignore is survived by his wife, Judith; a son; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; a sister; a nephew; and a niece.

GEORGE R. FOUGERE
George Fougere died Feb. 19, 2008, in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, at 76. During his career, Mr. Fougere had been a longtime director of volunteers at the Grafton (Mass.) Senior Center. A veteran, he served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-60, retiring with the rank of staff sergeant. Mr. Fougere was a member of St. Mary Parish in North Grafton, Mass., where he had lived for more than 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; a son; four daughters; three sons-in-law; seven grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1973
DAVID L. BRODERICK SR.
David Broderick died Feb. 7, 2008, in Concord (N.H.) Hospital, at 56. During his career, Mr. Broderick had been an assistant U.S. attorney for many years; he had previously served as an attorney with the Manchester, N.H., law firm Malloy & Sullivan, specializing in media law. Former chairman of the Hillsborough County Democratic Party in the 1980s, Mr. Broderick had been the chairman and the commissioner of the Manchester Transit Authority and Parish Council president of the former Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, also in Manchester. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; a son; two daughters; a brother, Francis J., D.M.D., ’64 and his wife; two brothers-in-law; many nephews; nieces; and cousins.

1977
FAYNE E. ERICKSON
Fayne Erickson died on Jan. 25, 2008, in Hartford (Conn.) Hospital, at 52. During her career, Ms. Erickson had been the publisher of Ms. Magazine in New York City; she served in this capacity from 1998, until the magazine moved its headquarters to Los Angeles. Most recently the director of development at Interval House, an agency assisting victims of domestic violence in Hartford, Conn., Ms. Erickson had spearheaded its 2007 fundraiser featuring women chefs—and had been involved in planning the organiza-
Rev. William J. O’Halloran, S.J., the first chairman of the psychology department at Holy Cross and a longtime administrator at the College, died Feb. 26, 2008, at the Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, Mass., at 80.

Most recently holding the post of special assistant to Holy Cross president, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., Fr. O’Halloran had joined the College faculty as an assistant professor in 1963; appointed department chairman in 1964, he served as associate professor from 1968-75. Fr. O’Halloran had earned his Ph.D. in psychology at Fordham University in New York City.

In addition to his teaching and administrative duties at the College, he had been the rector of the Jesuit Community at Holy Cross for six years. Also, Fr. O’Halloran had been a visiting professor and research fellow, for several summers, in the psychology department at the University of Michigan—taking part as well in the Catholic charismatic movement centered around “The Word of God” community in Ann Arbor; in the summer of 1975, he had been a University of Michigan visiting research fellow at the Office of Naval Re-

search in Pensacola, Fla.

Appointed the sixth president of Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., in 1976, Fr. O’Halloran served in this capacity until June 1981, when he returned to Holy Cross to assume the position of director of relations with corporations and foundations. He was named vice president of the College in 1984 and, special assistant to the president, in 1998.

Fr. O’Halloran’s contribution to Jesuit education also included serving as a member of the board of trustees of several institutions of higher learning: Holy Cross; Boston College; Spring Hill College; Xavier University; and Wheeling College—as well as Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine.

Involved during his ministry in many civic, community and educational organizations, he had been a member of the board of Unity Mutual Life Insurance in Syracuse, N.Y.; chairman of the educational division of the United Way of Central New York; a member of the Advisory Committee of the New York State Senate Committee on Higher Education; and a trustee of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities of New York. Managing editor of the Catholic Psychological Record, Fr. O’Halloran had also been a member of the Worcester Mental Health Planning Committee.

His professional affiliations included membership in the Rhode Island Honor Society; Eastern Psychological Association; Academy of Religion and Health; Sigma Xi; the American Psychological Association; and the Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society; in addition, he had been a fellow of the Massachusetts Psychological Association.

A Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, Fr. O’Halloran had been a Knight of Columbus and moderator of the Worcester diocesan First Friday Club, from 2001-08.

A graduate of LaSalle Academy in Providence, R.I., he entered the Society of Jesus at Shadowbrook in Lenox, Mass., on Sept. 7, 1945. Completing undergraduate studies at Weston (Mass.) College, Fr. O’Halloran earned his bachelor of arts degree in 1951 and master of arts degree in philosophy, in 1952, at Boston College; he then taught Latin, English and religion for two years at Boston College High School in Dorchester, Mass. After receiving his master’s degree in psychology the following year at Fordham University in New York City, Fr. O’Halloran pursued theological studies, from 1955-59, in Enghien, Belgium, and, then, in Chantilly (Oise), France. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 30, 1958, in the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Senlis, France.

Fr. O’Halloran is survived by two nephews, F. Thomas Ill and his wife, Andrea, and Vincent M.; two nieces, Martha McCorry and Susan M., wife of Andreas Constable; grandnephews; and grandnieces.

Following is an excerpt from the homily of Holy Cross president, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., at the funeral Mass of Fr. O’Halloran, celebrated March 4, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel:

“Bill O’Halloran’s immense compassion was felt by everyone who was lucky enough to know him. That has been so evident in the remembrances we have heard in the last few days. He cared about everyone, the humble and needy most of all. It came across in his unfailing kindness and attentiveness, the warmth and joy he brought to every encounter. He was always there for the sick and those in mourning, the lonely and the lost, with a sympathetic ear, a word of consolation and whatever help he could give.”

To view the full text of Fr. McFarland’s homily, please visit the online tribute to Fr. O’Halloran at www.holycross.edu/publicaffairs/features/2007-2008/ohalloran.
tion’s 2008 event “Fire and Ice.” A longtime resident of Naugatuck, Conn., she had been a past president of the Naugatuck Taxpayers in Revolt group—as well as a member of the town’s zoning commission and a parishioner of St. Hedwig’s Church. Earlier in her career, Ms. Erickson had been a vice president with American Express and president of AC&R Direct, a marketing agency in New York City. A past president of the National Association for Female Executives, she had also been a member of the board of directors of the National Women’s Hall of Fame and a past president of the Women’s Campaign School at Yale University; in addition, Ms. Erickson had been a volunteer in the young people’s theater program of the Waterbury (Conn.) Youth Services Board. She is survived by her husband, Peter J. Kulas ’74; her mother; a son; a daughter; a brother, Robert C. Erickson Jr. ’73; her brothers-in-law, Paul J. ’74 and Stanley H. Kulas ’74; and several nephews and nieces.

1978
SCOTT A. HARRIS
Scott Harris, of Arlington, Va., died Feb. 21, 2008, at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, at 51. Mr. Harris is survived by his mother; two brothers; and several nephews and nieces.

1981
CYNTHIA A. BLAIR
Cynthia Blair died Jan. 15, 2008, at her home in East Hartford, Conn., at 48. During her career, Ms. Blair had worked as an attorney in private practice—and, subsequently, served as an attorney for the Hartford (Conn.) Probate Court. Her interests included camping and bowling. Ms. Blair is survived by her husband, Jerry Petri; her parents; two stepchildren; a brother; three sisters; two brothers-in-law; an uncle; two aunts; her godmother; six nephews and nieces; and two stepgrandchildren.

DIANE E. PULIAFICO
Diane Puliafico died Feb. 17, 2008, at her home in San Diego, at 48. During her career, Ms. Puliafico had served as an account executive for Sprint/Nextel. She was a graduate of the Brockton, Mass., public school system. Ms. Puliafico is survived by her father; her mother; two brothers; two sisters; two sisters-in-law; uncles; aunts; a nephew; three nieces; and cousins.

1997
LUKE A. DUNIVANT
Luke Dunivant, of Colorado, died on Jan. 10, 2008. During his career, Mr. Dunivant had been a social studies teacher at Arvada (Colo.) West High School; he had earned his master’s degree in education at the University of Colorado in 2000. A history major at Holy Cross, Mr. Dunivant had been a member of the College varsity soccer team for four years. He was a 1993 graduate of Wheat Ridge (Colo.) High School; his interests included exploring the outdoors and playing competitive sports. Mr. Dunivant is survived by his wife, Denise; his parents; a brother; a sister; and a brother-in-law.

FRIENDS:
Rev. Walter J. Baughardt, S.J., Hon. ’84; Mary Claire Campbell, stepmother of Rev. William R. Campbell, S.J., ’87, Chaplains’ Office; Mary Darby Canedo, wife of Alfred E. ’50 and mother of Marianne Canedo Bohr ’78, Richard G. ’83 and Robert T. Canedo ’85; Peter Cavalero, brother of Robert J. ’08; Emma Elizabeth Cloherty, daughter of Maureen E. Moran ’89; Francis S. DeLacey, father of Kevin F., M.D., ’77, Brian J. ’80 and Michael J. DeLacey ’83; Paul V. Doherty, father of Paul F. ’82; Maureen Gelnaw, wife of Donald F. ’59; Wanda Koskie, sister of Theresa Courtneyn, physical plant; Brenda Kostandy, mother of Lee Rosario, admissions; Edward J. McCaffrey, father of James J. ’76; Rosemary (Bolan) Murphy, wife of John J. ’41 and mother of John J. Murphy Jr. ’72; Elsie G. Perron, mother of Nancy George, physical plant/building services, and grandmother of Karen Hodgerney, counseling center; Dorothy E. Readon, mother of Frank E. ’75 and John J. Readon ’78, mother-in-law of Deborah Walsh Readon ’76, and grandmother of Kathleen E. Readon ’03; Margaret Reedy, mother of Rev. Gerard Reedy, S.J., former Holy Cross president; Mary Reynolds, stepmother of Timothy Roach, physics department; Rocco Rullo, father of Denise (Rullo) Donovan ’92; Rita M. Sladzik, mother of Theresa D. D’Auria, physical plant/building services; Mary S. Youngs, mother of Katie Youngs Goodman ’88 and the late Marie Youngs Vogel ’80

ERRATUM:
Following is a photo of SPUD founder Patrick E. Clancy ’68; the photo for Clancy that appears on Page 24 of the spring issue is actually that of John J. “Jack” Higgins ’76. HCM regrets this error.

Please note:
All alumni news submitted for publication in HCM will also be posted on the magazine’s Web site.
Uncharted Waters

BY CATHERINE REED

“It is funny how someone can come in and out of your life so quickly, yet leave footprints and memories in your heart forever.”

This quote is posted on the bulletin board in my office. I have no idea where I found it or who wrote it. Nevertheless, it expresses perfectly my Holy Cross experience.

Many of you have asked the questions, “Why are you leaving and where are you going?” One special student asked, “Rev. Reed, why are you leaving us?” When I answered that I was retiring, she replied, “But we can’t retire from God’s work.” She’s a wise young lady. I replied, “No, don’t worry; I will never retire from God’s work.” This is just another chapter in my life. I came for what I thought would be one year—to get the Protestant ministry started—and I’ve stayed eight. After much prayer, God revealed to me that I’ve completed my assignment. It is time to pass the baton on to someone else who can take this ministry to even higher heights. I’m excited about the possibilities for this ministry, and I’m excited about my retirement.

In 2000, I met Joe Reilly ’55 and Dave Doern ’62 of the Bishop Healy Committee at an ALANA Consortium meeting at Clark University where I had been a campus minister for seven years. They asked me to come to Holy Cross to meet with Kim McElaney, director of the Chaplains’ Office and the two of them because they wanted to start a Protestant ministry at Holy Cross. Soon afterward I returned for a second meeting. Since I arrived early and it was such a beautiful day, I sat on the bench outside of Campion House. During that quiet time I felt a sense of peace, and I also felt this is where I belonged.

My role as the first Protestant chaplain at the College of the Holy Cross was a big step in uncharted waters. It has been a wonderful experience. Has it always been easy? … quite frankly, in the beginning I sometimes questioned whether I had made the right choice. “There are some questions you answer with your lips and there are some questions you answer with your life.” I took the same advice that I give to students: “Stick to it and don’t quit.” After a few more months, my time with the students at Holy Cross became a journey of love. By then, they slipped into my heart and began to leave footprints. At the end of that year I knew I was where God wanted me to be.

The ministry started out slowly. Hour of Power, which is our hour of prayer, began with only three students and me. Now it is a vital part of our ministry. As some of the students remarked, “This is the high-light of my day.” Sunday worship services also started out with only three students. Now, the numbers have grown with students taking a vital role in the service. We have a “praise and worship” team and a choir. The diversity of our group enhances our worship time together. We are truly many members and one body.

We have grown together. One of my greatest joys has been to watch students grow close and form a lasting relationship with God. Still, another is to have watched so many students march down the aisle with diplomas in their hands, and the joy of the Lord in their hearts, academically prepared and spiritually sound.

We have laughed together, cried together and learned from each other. I have learned as much from them, as they have from me. It is so rewarding when I receive the cards, letters
and e-mails “catching me up”—or the calls for prayer when they are going through difficult times.

During the Black Student Union’s 40th anniversary celebration, it was an absolute delight to see so many students return, sharing their incredible success stories. To me, it was a magnificent sight, as I looked at the sea of familiar faces during Sunday worship in McCooey Chapel, which was overflowing with alumni and current students—all worshipping together—a true blessing for all who witnessed.

To my family, my son Bruce and his wife, Lynn, my daughter, Lynnel, and her husband, Jerry, and my two wonderful growing grandsons, Reed and Jackson: I love and cherish you so much. You have supported me and have extended your time and holidays to students. The Holy Cross students to whom I’ve ministered became a natural extension of my own family. It has been my pleasure to invite my student family for dinner during school breaks, Thanksgiving and Easter. During these occasions, I was able to sit back with a joyful heart as both worlds and both of my families became one. I will forever look back on those days as extraordinary, and know that those endearing memories will touch my heart as each new holiday season approaches.

To my colleagues who welcomed me and embraced the new position, I will forever be indebted for the acceptance, the friendship, the guidance and the love that has been shown to me by so many at Holy Cross. To each of you, I offer my sincerest gratitude.

Now, it is time for me to step down, and I do so with mixed emotions. It is hard to say goodbye to this chapter in my life, yet, I am excited as this new door opens for me. Many have asked about my plans. I plan on doing some extensive traveling, I will continue to focus on and write poetry. And I’m happy to say I’ve been awarded a grant to publish my second book. Most importantly, as I said to my special student, “Not to worry, I will never retire from God’s work,” and my role as associate pastor of John Street Baptist Church will continue as well. I leave with many fond memories, many new friends, and a deeper trust and love for God. You have left footprints and memories in my heart that will remain forever. I pray God’s continued blessing on the College, and on all who pass through its gates.

I’d like to complete this chapter of my life with these words from my book Crossing Boundaries:

Found

Oh Holy and Everlasting God
You who breathed into me the breath of life
I lift my voice in praise and thanksgiving

I came to you
Broken in many pieces
Scattered in many directions
Like leaves in a gust of wind
You held me in the dark of night
You held me through the storm

You held me until the tears subsided
You wiped my tears while I slept
And you whispered
Be still my child
And in the stillness I found you

Rev. Catherine H. Reed
Assistant Chaplain
Protestant Chaplain

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The Profile

Leigh Anne Brodsky ’80

BY MICHAEL REARDON

Q & A

Where did you live on campus?
I lived in Hanselman Hall all four years.

What was your most memorable class at Holy Cross?
I loved Professor Kenneth Happe’s “Classical Theater” class. We got to perform a Sophocles play as a Western!

What was your first job after you graduated from college?
I was an assistant at United Feature Syndicate, the licensing division of Scripps Howard.

What is your favorite book, movie, album, play or other work of art?
Thornton Wilder’s Our Town is my favorite play. It gets to the heart of family, home, and what is important in life. I cry every time I see it.

What was your favorite cartoon as a child?
Peanuts. I always loved the music. Snoopy is such a great character, and I loved the art style—what it had to say about society in a humorous and touching way. And, as an adult, I had the chance to meet Charles Schultz. What an honor!

What are your most popular consumer products?
SpongeBob SquarePants and Dora the Explorer merchandise.

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Even as an adult, Leigh Anne (Conyngham) Brodsky ’80, still loves cartoons and toys. That love has built Nickelodeon Network Inc.’s consumer products division into the world’s sixth largest licensing business—and the world’s largest licensing business based on TV-first properties. As president of Nickelodeon and Viacom Consumer Products she leads and manages the global licensing and merchandising of Nickelodeon, Comedy Central and MTV consumer products, which total nearly $6 billion in retail sales.

Brodsky has created a record-breaking licensing program for “Nick” characters and shows such as Dora the Explorer, Blue’s Clues, Rugrats, and that lovable yellow resident of Bikini Bottom, SpongeBob SquarePants. Her licensing and retail deals include some of the industry’s top brands, including Mattel, Fisher-Price, Target, Wal-Mart, American Greetings and Kraft Nabisco.

Coming from a family with a long tradition of attending Jesuit schools, Holy Cross was a natural choice for Brodsky. Her father attended Fordham University in New York, and her brother and uncle attended John Carroll University in Cleveland.

As a hardworking salesman, devoted family man and eternal optimist, Brodsky’s father was her biggest influence. Her mother was the rock of the family, who sacrificed a show business career to raise six children.

At Holy Cross, Brodsky absorbed lessons that have served her well as a top executive. As an undergraduate, she learned to work collaboratively with other people to achieve a shared positive outcome. She also learned to think, write and question the common wisdom in classes such as those taught by Professor Edward Callahan on James Joyce and William Shakespeare.

In addition to her academic studies, Brodsky worked with special needs citizens, interned at a local television station and joined the grounds crew through the College’s work-study program; she had been involved as well with a theater group—and served two years as a resident assistant. Recognized throughout her career for her leadership and expertise, Brodsky has been elected twice to the International Licensing Industry Merchandisers Association (LIMA) board of directors—the licensing industry’s governing body. Her proudest professional accomplishment, she says, was convincing that organization to adopt the Children’s Brain Tumor Foundation as its official charity; Brodsky is currently a co-chair of LIMA’s Charity Committee.

Because of her leadership, Nickelodeon has earned more than 30 industry awards—including major licensing and Parent’s Choice Award recognitions in the toy, video, interactive gaming and apparel categories.

Next up for Brodsky is the launch of a new product line based on the popular Nick show iCarly, starring Miranda Cosgrove. Given Brodsky’s merchandising golden touch, iCarly products will likely take their place right alongside SpongeBob and Dora at the top of many a child’s Christmas list this year.

STATS

• Birthplace: Cleveland. Raised in Glenview, Ill., a suburb of Chicago
• Date of Birth: Feb. 26, 1958
• Current Residence: Tenafly, N.J.
• Family: husband, Greg Brodsky; children, Allie (18), and Daniel (16)
• Profession: President of Nickelodeon and Viacom Consumer Products for Nickelodeon Networks, Inc.

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“What’s next?”

On Commencement morning, we asked our graduating students about their plans for the future. View their responses at http://www.holycross.edu/hcm/summer08/video/

Eileen Flanagan ’08
Milton, Mass.

Daniel Connors ’08
Ridgewood, N.J.

Natasha Brown ’08
New York City, N.Y.

Justin Brooks ’08
Enfield, Conn.

Robbie Cocuzzo ’08
Arlington, Mass.

Suzannah Flaherty ’08
Hollis, N.H.

William King ’08
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rachael Galanek ’08
Plymouth, Mass.

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