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Both faith AND justice—not one over the other—are crucial elements of Holy Cross’ Jesuit and Catholic mission and identity. Unfortunately, in my experience with SPUD, the program made promoting justice its primary focus, to the detriment of serving faith. In contrast, two other Catholic organizations on campus have shown themselves to be compatible with both elements of the College’s mission and identity.

Both the 79-year-old Knights of Columbus council and the recently established Daughters of Isabella circle are celebrated for their defense of Catholic teaching and for their unwavering support for life. Both groups have also taken an active role in serving the Worcester community. Unfortunately, widespread political correctness has met them with opposition on campus, and neither the Knights nor the Daughters enjoy institutional support from the College.

In 2008-09, Father McFarland has the opportunity to correct this injustice. Ultimately, the president has a choice: he can either re-legitimize the tradition of faith-centered service embodied by the Knights and Daughters on Mount St. James … or not. The final decision rests with him; however, those of us who take seriously Holy Cross’ Catholic mission and identity can only pray that it is an easy one for him to make.

Paul V. Phillipino ’08
Immediate past Grand Knight of Crusader Council No. 2706 of the Knights of Columbus
New Haven, Conn.

Editor’s response: The Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabella have given long and commendable service to the Church, the College and the community. They have been given very generous support by the administration—including prime space in the Hogan Campus Center—and have all the privileges they need to carry out their work. Because of their particular structure and status, they do not fit the profile of student organizations that are recognized by the Student Government Association (SGA), which tend to be independent groups initiated and run by students. It is misleading to confuse the absence of SGA recognition—which is decided by SGA, and about which there are ongoing discussions—with a lack of support from the administration. There are many on-campus groups that are not SGA-recognized, yet function quite well—the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella chief among them.

Edward F. Danowitz ’43
Altamonte Springs, Fla.

I wish to tell you how much I appreciate receiving Holy Cross Magazine and keeping up with the academic progress on The Hill. We, the Purple Knights, read the “In Memoriam” section with interest to pay honor to the Crusaders we knew. We appreciate the efforts of the alumni office to notify us of the passing of classmates through the mailing of the “white card”—a long tradition of the College. I have filed each of these cards in The Purple Patcher on my deceased classmate’s page with an RIP noted. The binding of my Patcher has been destroyed by the cards, totaling nearly 150 to date, but I keep it as the most valuable publication in my library.

While at Holy Cross, my poetry appeared regularly in The Purple, which earned me the title of “Class Poet” at graduation. Many of my poems have since been published, but I have composed one that I submit for HCM publication. “Requiem of the White Card” tells of the meaning this card has in the life of older Crusaders:

As Purple Knights we still remain
Chained heart and mind in memories saved.
Thus, sad when one more name we find
Upon that card of white engraved.
For one from us has sheathed the sword,
Dismounted and from quest withdrew
To homeward turn, toward Camelot
To claim the treasure knights accrue.
So take we then that ancient book
With bindings strained, with pages tore
And with a prayer note on his page
“God’s rest be yours forevermore.”
But know we not who last shall be
That Purple Knight of ageless prize
With fate that no classmate remains
To read the card of his demise.
So with each requiem prayer that’s said
Add one “Amen” for you may be
The one who’s last, then we shall wait
To welcome you to eternity.
Edward F. Danowitz ’43
Altamonte Springs, Fla.
On Jan. 7, 1997, I sat down for the first time in the Crossroads editor’s chair. A few weeks ago, on Sept. 16, 2008, I rose from that same chair and left the editor’s office of Holy Cross Magazine for the last time.

Leaving HCM and the employ of the College was a bittersweet decision. I have learned so much and made so many dear friends during my tenure on Mount St. James. But all good things, we are told, must come to an end. And the time has arrived to begin a new chapter. I am leaving to devote more time to novel-writing.

While tying up loose ends and dismantling my office, I’ve been asked which issues are my favorites of the 48 editions of HCM that we have produced over the last 12 years. I do have a few that I continue to treasure.

The winter 2002 issue was a memorial edition dedicated to the alumni lost on 9/11. It was an emotionally grueling project, but, in the end, one that seems to have touched the Holy Cross family in a lasting manner. Six years after publication, we continue to receive notes from readers about our coverage of this tragedy.

On a lighter note, our summer 2003 issue, “24 Hours: A Day at Holy Cross,” proved true the chestnut that a single photo is worth a multitude of words. With the help of six terrific and tireless photographers, we attempted to chronicle one day in the life of the College. The day began with a surprise, late April snow squall, but by its end, we had accumulated a photographic narrative that—according to many of our readers—managed to convey the special ethos of life on The Hill.

Perhaps my favorite issue was our winter 2006 edition, “Myths and Legends of Holy Cross.” Certainly, it was the most fun to compile. Research for this one began a full year before publication and, over the course of production, alumni from across the decades shared with me the “secret history” of the College.

But more than memories of any particular issue, what I take as I depart Holy Cross is an enduring sense of gratitude for the opportunity to be part of this unique and sustaining community. I am utterly indebted to those with whom I have worked, especially Fr. McFarland and Frank Vellaccio—both of whom were endlessly supportive, encouraging and, truly, inspiring.

I also want to thank my friends and colleagues in the Public Affairs department, and, especially, the rest of the staff of HCM—Ellen Ryder, Karen Shilad, Pam Reponen and Joyce O’Connor Davidson.

Lastly, I thank the readers of HCM for your interest in our magazine and the College it serves.
The College’s Board of Trustees has selected P. Kevin Condon ‘67 as the new Chair, succeeding Michael F. Collins, M.D., ‘77, who had served in this capacity since 2002.

Condon has been Vice Chair since 2007, and a Board member since 2001; he most recently served on the Trustees’ executive and finance committees and chaired the buildings and grounds committee. During a previous term as Trustee (1992-2000), Condon led important initiatives, including a 1996 athletics study and the 1998-2000 presidential search.

“Through his outstanding record of leadership, Kevin Condon has consistently demonstrated his commitment to and love of Holy Cross,” says Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of the College. “He is a wonderful embodiment of the values Holy Cross holds most dear, devoted to family, church and community, while striving for excellence professionally and in everything else...”

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News from the Hill

Condon ’67 named chair of College Board

Seven new Trustees begin service
he does. The Trustees and I are most grateful for his longtime service and look forward to working with him as we further the College’s mission and implement our strategic initiatives."

In addition to his work at Holy Cross, Condron is a director of The Hanover Insurance Group and TD Banknorth, Inc., a financial services company. He formerly served as chair of the Worcester Redevelopment Authority, Worcester Area Chamber of Commerce, Safety Fund National Bank, and the Worcester Business Development Corporation, a non-profit business organization that is a leading force in the economic development of the city of Worcester. He is a board member of Catholic Charities of Worcester and a former board member of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

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P. Kevin Condron ’67

New Board President

Condon lives in Worcester with his wife, Clare.

Trustees of Holy Cross serve two consecutive four-year terms. In addition to Collins, other members completing their tenure on the Board this year are: Rev. Gerald F. Cavanagh, S.J., Paula Marie Kane ’80 and John J. Murphy Jr. ’73. Erin B. Robert ’06 also completed her two-year term as a representative of a recent graduating class.

Eight professors promoted

The following faculty members have been promoted to the rank of full professor:

Donald R. Brand, of the political science department, received his bachelor of arts degree from Williams College; he was an instructor at Holy Cross from 1981-83, before earning his master of arts degree and Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. Returning to Holy Cross in 1995, Brand was chair of the political science department from 2001-06. He specializes in American politics, government and the presidency, and has provided expert commentary to numerous media outlets. Brand is the author of *Corporatism and the Rule of Law: A Study of the National Recovery Administration* (Cornell University Press, 1988) as well as numerous articles in journals such as *Political Science Quarterly* and *Political Science Reviewer*. Faculty adviser to the Holy Cross College Republicans, he is currently working on a book titled *Constitutionalizing the American Administrative State*.

M. Estrella Cibeiro-Couce, of the modern languages and literatures department, received her early university education in Spain and earned her master of arts degree and Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1991, she specializes in contemporary women’s writing; 20th-century Spanish theater, film and cultural studies; and feminism and literature. Cibeiro-Couce developed two new courses for Holy Cross’ First-Year Program and the College Honors Program. She was recently appointed the global society cluster director for Montserrat, the College’s new universal program for first-year students designed to integrate more effectively academic, co-curricular and residential experiences. Cibeiro-Couce is the author of *Palabra de mujer: Hacia la reivindicación y contextualización del discurso feminista español* (A Woman’s Word: Towards the Vindication and Contextualization of Spanish Feminist Discourse) (Madrid: Fundamentos, 2007); her work has been published as well in numerous scholarly journals.

Francisco Gago-Jover, of the department of modern languages and literatures, received his bachelor of arts degree from the Universidad de Valladolid in Spain, and both his master of arts degree and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A member of the Holy Cross community since 1996, Gago-Jover has been chair of the department of modern languages and literatures since 2004. He has received two Hewlett-Mellon grants to develop course materials at Holy Cross. Gago-Jover is author of *Arte de bien morir y Breve confesionario* (1999) and *Vocabulario militar castellano, siglos XIII-XV* (2002) — and co-author of *Lexical Studies of Medieval Spanish Texts* (2004) and *Diccionario militar de Raimundo Sanz* (2007). Since 2002 he has been one of the editors of the *Dictionary of the Old Spanish Language*.

Edward Isser, of the theatre department, has worked on Broadway, off Broadway and in regional theatre as an actor, stage manager and production manager prior to earning a joint Ph.D. in drama and humanities at Stanford University. After teaching two years in the English department at the University of Pennsylvania as a lecturer in theatre arts, Isser joined the Holy Cross faculty in 1995 and has served as chair of the theatre department since 2004. Author of *Stages of Annihilation: Theatrical Representations of the Holocaust* (Fairleigh Dickinson, UP, 1997), he has published articles and reviews in numerous...
journals, including *Modern Drama; Theatre Journal; Essays in Theater; The Shakespeare Bulletin;* and *The Bernard Shaw Annual*. Last year, Isser directed the Redfeather Theatre Company’s production of Shakespeare’s *Richard III*, which featured professional actors, members of the Worcester community and Holy Cross students and alumni. This past summer, he directed *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* for Redfeather as part of the 2008 Worcester Shakespeare Festival.

**Sarah Stanbury**, of the English department, earned her bachelor of arts degree at Bennington College and her Ph.D. at Duke University. Joining the Holy Cross faculty in 1992, she served as chair of the English department from 1997-99. A recipient of the Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Award, Stanbury is the author of *The Visual Object of Desire in Late Medieval England* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008) and co-editor, with Virginia Raguin, professor of visual arts at Holy Cross, of *Women’s Space: Patronage, Place and Gender in the Medieval Church* (SUNY Press, 2005). Stanbury developed a Web site with Raguin, titled *Mapping Margery Kempe: A Guide to Late Medieval and Spiritual Life*, which was supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

**Helen M. Whall**, of the English department, received her bachelor of arts degree from Emmanuel College and her master of philosophy degree and Ph.D. from Yale University. A member of the College faculty since 1982, she was the director of Holy Cross’ First-Year Program from 1997-99; director of the College Honors Program from 1987-89; and speaker of the faculty from 2000-02. A recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award in 1997, Whall is the author of *To Instruct and Delight: Didactic Method in Five Tudor Dramas* (Garland, 1988) and editor of *Shakespeare Envisioned: Interfaces* Vol. 25, 2006-07; her work has also been published in numerous scholarly journals. An expert in Shakespeare, Renaissance drama, modern drama and comic theory, Whall lectures extensively throughout the New England Library System.

**Karsten R. Stueber**, of the philosophy department, earned his master of arts degree and Ph.D. at the University of Tübingen in Germany. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1990, he has served as chair of the philosophy department since 2007. Stueber, whose research interests include the philosophy of mind, the philosophy of social science, and the philosophy of language, is a well-known scholar exploring the philosophical and psychological foundations of interpersonal understanding and empathy. He is the author of two books: *Rediscovering Empathy: Agency, Folk-Psychology and the Human Sciences* (MIT Press, 2006) and *Donald Davidson’s Theorie Sprachlichen Verstehens* (Anton Hain, 1993); Stueber is also co-editor of two anthologies: *Philosophie der Skepsis* (utb, 1996) and *Empathy and Agency: the Problem of Understanding in the Human Sciences* (Westview, 2000).

**De-Ping Yang**, of the physics department, earned his bachelor of science degree at Nanjing University in China and his master of science degree and Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1994, he served as chair of the physics department from 2004-07. Yang is currently an adjunct associate professor for the Graduate School at the University of Connecticut and, also, for the Center for Drug Discovery, Bouvé College of Health Sciences at Northeastern University. Co-author of *Mössbauer Effect in Lattice Dynamics* (Wiley-VCH 2007), he has written several book chapters—and has also been published in numerous scholarly journals, including *Journal of Physics, Journal of Applied Physics* and *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. 
Michael C. Perry has been appointed the College’s new vice president for development and alumni relations.

“We are delighted to have Michael Perry joining the executive team at Holy Cross,” says Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of Holy Cross. “In addition to his solid management and administrative experience in premier educational environments, he has a good understanding of our strong and distinctive identity as a Jesuit liberal arts college. He also has the proven ability to lead a hard-working and committed team, to work effectively with major donors, and to appreciate and advance the mission of Holy Cross.”

Perry, who will report directly to Fr. McFarland and oversee a 45-member team, will be responsible for all aspects of the College’s fundraising efforts as well as donor and alumni relations.

He succeeds Paul E. Sheff, who left the College earlier this year after a 10-year tenure to become the first lay president of Catholic Memorial School in West Roxbury, Mass.

Perry has had a 23-year career in the field of advancement. For the past five years, he served as vice president for institutional advancement at The Westminster School in Atlanta, one of the nation’s leading independent schools. There, he successfully launched and managed a $100 million comprehensive campaign and oversaw alumni relations, marketing and communications. Prior to that, he spent 18 years at Deerfield (Mass.) Academy, including nearly 10 years as director of development.

He earned his bachelor of arts degree at Tufts University and his master of arts degree in history at Trinity College.

Holy Cross alumni giving rate among top 10 in nation

More than 55 percent of Holy Cross alumni made a gift to the College this year, exceeding the goal and surpassing last year’s total of 53 percent. The increase—achieved in response to a challenge by Worcester native J.D. “Dave” Power III ’53, founder of the global marketing information firm J.D. Power and Associates—advances Holy Cross’ alumni giving rate to among the top 10 in the country. Critical to the success of the J.D. Power Challenge was the participation of young alumni (1998-2007) who gave at a rate of 52 percent—a figure that eclipses the national high for graduates of the last decade which normally hovers in the mid-40s. By the end of the fiscal year, a total of $26.6 million had been donated to the College by alumni, parents and friends.
Statue honoring Cousy ’50 unveiled on campus

On June 7, the College honored one of its best-known former student athletes, Bob Cousy ’50, with the unveiling of a life-size bronze statue in front of the Hart Recreation Center.

The highly anticipated event drew a crowd of more than 400, including Cousy’s family and friends; alumni and former teammates (such as Tom Heinsohn ’56 and Togo Palazzi ’54); Celtics and NBA staff; and media. Ron Perry ’54, former athletic director at Holy Cross, served as the emcee of the unveiling ceremony, at which Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, president emeritus, and Cousy’s daughter, Marie, spoke about the personal and professional accomplishments of “Mr. Basketball” and the importance of the statue.

Cousy called the experience “surreal.” Reflecting on the College’s impressive athletic tradition, he said: “I’m also very proud to be so acknowledged at a school that not only enjoys international acclaim and respect for its academic curriculum, but also for its commitment to social justice and truth.”

Commissioned by a group of alumni and friends of the College, and created by New Jersey sculptor Brian Hanlon, the statue recognizes Cousy not only for his extraordinary basketball career at Holy Cross and with the Celtics, but also for his generous and long-term commitment to the citizenry of Worcester and for his efforts to integrate the NBA racially during its early years.

*Turn to Page 41 for John Gearan’s column about the Cousy statue.*
Call for Sanctae Crucis nominations

Nominations for the 12th Annual Sanctae Crucis Awards are now being accepted. The Holy Cross Mission Statement is the foundation for the awards, which are presented to recognize:

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

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

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

Nominations must be submitted to the Office of the Senior Vice President by Jan. 1, 2009. In order to be eligible for nomination, individuals must be Holy Cross graduates who have not received an honorary degree from the College. Current Holy Cross Trustees are not eligible while in service on the Board.

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

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

The Awards ceremony will be held at the annual spring dinner meeting of the Board of Trustees.
Assistant professor of biology Leon Claessens has been awarded a $497,735 grant from the National Science Foundation. Claessens will work with Scott V. Edwards, professor of biology at Harvard University, to create a 3-D online database of digital scans of the different bones in the skeleton of living, recently extinct, and fossil birds. “The grant will create opportunities for students at Holy Cross to be involved in cutting-edge research,” Claessens says, and to work with state-of-the-art 3-D scanning equipment and 3-D imaging software.

The Office of the College Chaplains announced two new staff appointments, effective August 1. Rev. Gregory Lynch, S.J., most recently a U.S. and world history teacher and an assistant swim coach at Creighton Preparatory School in Omaha, has assumed the position of assistant chaplain. Virginia Coakley, previously site director of the Ruggles Assisted Living Program in Roxbury, Mass., has been named assistant chaplain and director of Protestant and ALANA Ministries. Involved in ministry for many years, Coakley is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church; she is currently seeking ordination as a minister of word and sacrament, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Paul Melley, assistant chaplain and director of liturgical music, performed compositions from his recently released CD, Humbled, at World Youth Day 2008, hosted by Pope Benedict XVI in Sydney, Australia, in July. Director of the Chapel Choir as well as the Contemporary Ensemble, Melley was one of 275 musicians invited to participate in this event. Humbled is a collection of contemporary sounds blended with Catholic tradition.

A Commentaty on the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (Liturgical Press, 2007), edited by Edward Foley, Nathan D. Mitchell and Joanne Pierce, associate professor of religious studies, recently received two 2008 book awards from the Catholic Press Association—first place in the liturgy category and an honorable mention in the category of professional books. Two dozen liturgical specialists contributed to the volume which was created for bishops and others charged with implementing the new text of the General Instruction promulgated in 2002.
New Seelos Theater in Kimball dedicated

The venerable Kimball Theater now boasts a state-of-the-art renovation—and a new name.

Francis Xavier Seelos Theater was officially introduced to the College community at a dedication and blessing on Friday, Sept 5.

The new theater is named in honor of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R. (1819-1867), the Redemptorist priest and missionary, known for his tireless work with the poor and immigrant communities in the United States. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

Located on the north side of Kimball Dining Hall, the former bowling alley-turned-movie theater (built in 1932) had been a long, dark space, suffering from less-than-ideal sight lines and substandard lighting and sound. Because of those constraints, the College was severely limited in the kinds of programs that could be presented.

After a year of planning and construction, the 360-seat theater is open for business, complete with a new lobby and reception area.

“Seelos Theater is an important new space for our campus,” says College president, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., noting that it now serves as the College’s largest academic hall. “With the launch of Montserrat, first-year students have a location to gather together for common events such as films, lectures and panel discussions. We are also honored to have a permanent memorial on campus for Fr. Seelos, who dedicated his life to serving the poor and marginalized.”

The renovated theater has more steeply raked seating, and there is a new projection booth with a full suite of audio-visual support, Dolby Digital surround sound, acoustic ceiling, and flexible lighting. In addition, the stage now features locations for three lecterns, which will allow for a greater range of events.

Other academic areas will also be able to take advantage of the theater. The space will accommodate department events and meetings; and on-campus groups can utilize it for concerts, dance performances and other entertainment. The College’s popular film series, which is open free to the public, will continue to be held there.

At the dedication, the space and a bronze statue of Fr. Seelos were blessed by Fr. McFarland, assisted by Very Rev. Thomas D. Picton, C.Ss.R., provincial superior of the Redemptorists of the Denver Province, and Rev. Byron Miller, C.Ss.R., director of the National Seelos Shrine and Seelos Center in New Orleans. Also in attendance was the Seelos statue sculptor, Franco Alessandrini.

The College worked in consultation with Lamoureux Pagano Architects, Worcester, on the renovation and design of the new space.
Calendar of Events

October

9  Lecture by Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Edward P. Jones ’72
   SEELOS THEATER • 8 PM

17  Panel on Globalization with U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern, Xiangming Chen, dean and director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies at Trinity College, and antitrust attorney George Cary
   SEELOS THEATER • 3:30 PM

18  Women in Business Conference, for alumnae and students. Keynote address by Anne Fink ’85, senior vice president and general manager, PepsiCo Inc., followed by six alumnae panel presentations
   HOGAN CAMPUS CENTER

19  Concert: Shubha Mudgal & Ensemble. Sacred musical traditions of South Asia
   BROOKS CONCERT HALL • 8 PM

28  Thomas More Lecture: Paul La Camera ’64, general manager of The WBUR Group in Boston
   REHM LIBRARY • 7:30 PM
   For a complete listing of events sponsored by the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, visit www.holycross.edu/academics/crec/

28- DEC. 13

29  Deitchman Family Lectures in Religion and Modernity: “Who’s Afraid of American Religion?”—by Alan Wolfe, director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College
   REHM LIBRARY • 4:30 PM

November

1  President’s Council Dinner

3  Deitchman Family Lectures in Religion and Modernity: “Modern Cosmology and Life’s Meaning”—by Rev. George Coyne, S.J., president of the Vatican Observatory Foundation
   REHM LIBRARY • 7:30 PM

6-8 & 13-15

6-8 & 13-15

13-15

FENWICK THEATRE • 8 PM

December

“Musical Visions of Jesus and Eternity: Olivier Messiaen and his Quartet for the End of Time”—in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the composer’s birth:

Concerts: Quartet for the End of Time, performed by The Holy Cross Chamber Players,

2  BROOKS CONCERT HALL • 8 PM

7  WORCESTER ART MUSEUM • 3 PM

Scholarly Conference: “Olivier Messiaen, his life as a Catholic, as a composer, and as a prisoner-of-war”

5  REHM LIBRARY • 3 PM

For further information, e-mail associate professor of music, Carol Lieberman, at clieberm@holycross.edu

4-7  The Alternate College Theatre presents: A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens
   FENWICK THEATRE • DEC. 4-6, 8 PM; DEC. 6 & 7, 2 PM

5  Concert: Gamelan Gita Sari
   BROOKS CONCERT HALL • 8 PM

11  Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols
   ST. JOSEPH MEMORIAL CHAPEL • 8 PM

13-20  Final Examinations

For more news and up-to-date information about upcoming events, visit www.holycross.edu
When Bartlett Sher arrived at Holy Cross in 1977, a tall, angular, long-haired young man from California, he planned to study philosophy. He had already had four years of Jesuit education at St. Ignatius Prep in San Francisco.

“I was interested in being a priest at one point in high school,” he remembers. By the time he came to Worcester, he was ready to spend his life with thinkers like Plato and Wittgenstein.

More than three decades later, Sher (pronounced “Sheer” and almost always called “Bart”) is still angular and long-haired—and he still has a philosophical bent. But now he reads and interprets people like Clifford Odets, Gioachino Rossini and Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. His recent work has brought him accolades and growing international renown, including last year’s Tony Award for “Best Director of a Musical” for the Broadway revival of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s South Pacific—which is running to sold-out houses at the Vivian Beaumont Theater in Lincoln Center.

That staging, the first in New York since the original Broadway run more than 60 years ago, was described by The New York Times theater critic Ben Brantley as “rapturous.” The Times was just one voice in a large chorus of praise for Sher’s interpretation of the classic musical. “I know we’re not supposed to expect perfection in this imperfect world,” Brantley wrote, “but I’m darned if I can find one serious flaw in this production.”

Such universal praise and quick success come roughly 37 years to the day of Bart Sher’s first major production—a play he wrote as his senior thesis (by then he’d become an English major), which was staged in Fenwick Theatre. Titled Fish Every Day, it was, in the playwright’s words, “a crazy, upside-down play about Catholic school, with its own language and weird rituals—the kind of thing you do in college. Now I would recoil if I read it.”

Professor of English Helen Whall first taught Sher in her Shakespeare class and still sometimes discusses the Bard with him when he is preparing a production. “Bart was an intense young man,” she remembers,
and “a wonderful, wonderful student. He had commitment and a dry sense of humor. Fish Every Day was an allegory of the College. It provoked confusion and some arched eyebrows when it was produced, but it was Bart being Bart. He was committed to Holy Cross, but he could also be critical. From the beginning, he believed theater could make a difference.”

Sher also tried to make a difference outside the theater.

“Socially I was completely backward,” he says of himself. “I didn’t have a social life, but I spent a lot of time collecting food to deliver to the Catholic Worker office in Worcester. And going around and trying to get arrested at peaceful protests. Also, I would take as many classes as they would let me—way more than the usual load.”

His classmate Valerie Curtis-Newton says, “It’s true that Bart wasn’t the center of any big social circle. He liked being a little bit of an outsider. He definitely wasn’t the equivalent of a prom king. But his brain was always going and he was personally kind of hyperactive. No moss was going to grow on Bart Sher.”

Tom Parenty ’81, who shared an off-campus apartment with Sher during their third and fourth years,

“I do think the Jesuits were incredibly good teachers. Those great humanist lessons had a deep impact on me. They bring a good story into people’s lives. And a theater houses all the stories of our culture. So running a theater is a little like running a parish.”
remembers being awakened late one night by the sound of the Grateful Dead—a band that Sher had become enamored of while growing up in San Francisco.

“Bart and some friends were painting posters for some protest,” Parenty recalls. “I think it might have been against the registration for the draft. What I thought was funny was that Bart was able to get ROTC classmates to help.”

It may have been the first indication that, while Sher may have lacked some social graces, he possessed the kind of people skills required to be a theater director.

“I don’t remember exactly when I decided to become a director,” Sher says. “At first I wanted to be a writer, but I couldn’t think of anything to write about.”

After graduation, he returned to San Francisco, took a teaching job at his former high school, and started staging plays at the school.

“I moved more from a creative instinct to an interpretive one,” Sher says. “Directing theater opened up a whole different series of impulses for me.”

In 1983, his former Holy Cross teacher, Robyn Hunt, convinced Sher to move to San Diego and work with her to start an experimental theater company they called the San Diego Public Theater.

“Bart was crucial to the thing,” Hunt says. “He did everything. He really held things together. He had a willingness as a director to push people in order to make things happen. And he had a vision for what you had to do to have an impact on the community.”

Sher’s stint in San Diego began a period of 27 years of continuous work and study in the theater. The high profile awards he has achieved in New York recently may seem to make him an overnight success, but reaching his current heights took many nights in many theaters.

“He worked his way to where he is,” says Whall. “Bart knew his worth, but he also knew no task in the arts was beneath him. He worked with small companies and did the foundational work. He took the job he needed to learn more and didn’t worry about the other implications.”

Through his 30s and early 40s, Sher served important apprenticeships as assistant to two important figures in regional theater: Garland Wright at the
Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, and Mark Lamos at the Hartford Stage Company. When, in 2000, he was offered the chance to run his own small company, the INTIMAN Theatre in Seattle, Sher was thoroughly prepared.

“I’ve been able to really grow up carefully and be well taught and well looked after by regional theaters and mentors all the way through,” Sher said recently in a radio interview. “I was able to keep focused on the work. The success of it means very little to me.”

In fact, Sher has often compared running a theater company to being a parish priest.

“I do think the Jesuits were incredibly good teachers,” he says. “Those great humanist lessons had a deep impact on me. They bring a good story into people’s lives. And a theater houses all the stories of our culture. So running a theater is a little like running a parish.”

It was one of the stories he had to tell at the INTIMAN that led him to Broadway. Several years ago, playwright Craig Lucas and composer Adam Guettel (who is the grandson of Richard Rodgers) were developing a musical based on a 1953 novel called The Light in the Piazza, about a middle-aged North Carolina woman who takes her challenged, damaged daughter on a trip to Italy, where the daughter falls in love. Although he was not originally supposed to be directly involved in the production, Sher stepped in as director, and the show moved from Seattle to Chicago’s Goodman Theatre and then to New York’s Lincoln Center—where an originally scheduled run of 12 weeks turned into 18 months and earned Sher his first Tony nomination.

Sher retained his position as artistic director at the INTIMAN, which won a Tony Award for best regional...
come roughly 37 years to the day of a play he wrote as his senior thesis, Fenwick Theatre.

theater in 2006. But now, suddenly known in New York, he was booked to direct a new production of The Barber of Seville at the Metropolitan Opera and a revival of Clifford Odets’ Awake and Sing in its original home, the Belasco Theatre on Broadway—which secured him his second Tony nomination. And, he began the long process of reviving South Pacific, where casting alone took 14 months.

“Musicals,” he says, “are the Himalayas of the theater.”

His plate remains quite full. This summer, Sher was invited to the prestigious Salzburg Festival to direct a new production of Gounod’s opera Roméo et Julliette. Speaking on a cell phone after a long day of rehearsals in late July, he said, “Success is the hard part of all this. It’s a great thing to be an enormous success, but your head can get too big, and you can think you’re better than you really are.

“This opera is a highly anticipated show,” Sher added, “and there’s a lot of pressure. I’m trying not to be freaked out.”

In this effort, he has the full support of his family: his wife is actress Kristin Flanders. Sher calls his daughter, Lucia, age 7, “the smartest person I know.”

As it turns out, he needn’t have worried over the opera’s reception. At a packed dress rehearsal performance of Roméo et Julliette, a posh and sophisticated crowd of Europeans—who don’t often give standing ovations—stood and stomped and refused to leave the theater until the director took a curtain call.

After that, Sher called his friend Kelli O’Hara to tell her the good news. O’Hara was in her dressing room between performances as Nellie Forbrush in South Pacific. According to O’Hara, when she first met Sher during rehearsals for The Light in the Piazza she was intimidated by his intensity. Now, she says, “I trust him more than I’ve ever trusted a director.

“When you have success like Bart is having, it’s almost like people are waiting to see you fail,” O’Hara adds. “And Bart feels the pressure. But he’s not going to mess up because he does things right. He really knows this business.”

John Marchese, a writer based in New York City, is the author of two books. The most recent is The Violin Maker: A Search for the Secrets of Craftsmanship, Sound, and Stradivari.
THIRTY YEARS AGO, Mom and Dad pulled up Linden Lane or “Easy Street,” unloaded the station wagon and sent their new freshman off to the start of his or her college career with little more than a kiss and some extra cash.

Well, there were probably a few tears, too, on both sides, and a rush of last minute parental advice. But orientation programs were for students, not for parents. And most families said their goodbyes knowing that, except for letters and occasional telephone calls made from the dorm pay phone, they wouldn’t have much contact until Thanksgiving vacation.

How things have changed.

These days, colleges and universities sponsor orientation programs about all aspects of campus life for new parents as well as students, including presentations that acknowledge the difficulty—for everyone in the family—of weathering the transition between home and school.

No doubt more than a few first-year students call home even before their parents have pulled onto the highway; thanks to cell phones and the Internet, parents and children can have near constant access to one another.

And, though privacy legislation such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) means that access to academic records, including grades, has become the legal provenance of the student alone once he or she turns 18, most students choose not only to share that information but consider their parents valuable advisers as they make key decisions.

This is the “millennial generation,” the children born to baby boomers beginning in the early 1980s. Jacqueline Dansler Peterson, vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Holy Cross, speaks frequently across the country about “the millennials.” Today’s students, says Peterson, are “special; sheltered; very confident; with a high level of
trust and optimism; conventional; comfortable with their parents’ values; and both pressured to achieve as well as high achieving.” They are, moreover, “very team-oriented,” she stresses. “And their first team is their family.”

She is quick to point out the benefits of that relationship.

“College is a time of transition, change, a lot of ambiguities,” Peterson notes. “It is important for students to have multiple support systems. It’s wonderful if you have support among your family.”

Problems arise, however, when boundaries blur and parents offer too much help, standing in the way of the student developing his or her own identity, sense of responsibility, or ability to make independent decisions.

From Time magazine to Oprah, U.S. News & World Report to CNN, the popular press has been rife in recent years with accounts of “helicopter parents” who hover over their children, trying to ensure that their lives run smoothly. When their kids are young, such parents might “help” too much on a school project or complain to the teacher if Johnny gets a bad grade. Once the stakes rise, the hovering only increases. College admissions officers encounter parents who write admissions essays or pick up the phone to complain when their son or daughter is put on the waiting list. Once the student has been admitted, the overactive parent might choose courses, manage a child’s bank account and school e-mail account, or provide personal wake-up calls every morning. And, after graduation! Employers are now reporting that parents actually show up on job interviews and try to negotiate salary and benefits for their children.

Do all parents behave like this? Of course not. But, like many extremes, the concept of helicopter parenting does reflect a certain reality.

“There is no question that parents are more involved in their children’s lives,” says Neal Lipsitz, associate dean for student development at Holy Cross. “I think we are seeing a generation of parents who are high achieving professionals, and they want their kids to achieve just as much, if not more. There is a lot of investment in that.”

These shifting family dynamics have offered both a challenge and an opportunity for colleges. At Holy Cross, notes Peterson, “the Jesuit mission in regard to community and inclusivity allows the whole parent-student-institution relationship to work better than it would at a non-Jesuit institution. We focus on developing the whole student.”

That process begins in the Admissions Office, where Director Ann Bowe McDermott ’79 stresses that “we recognize that family is important. When the student gets an acknowledgment letter after the [College] application arrives [in our office], so does the parent. It’s a reflection of how parents are treated here.”

At the same time, though she recognizes that “most parents are simply trying to do the best for their kids,” her office sets limits by encouraging students themselves to “step up.” July Advisory Days for rising juniors offer workshops in essay writing and interview skills. And, when it comes to interviews and communication, “we keep the student front and center,” she says, and prefer to deal directly with applicants rather than their parents.

Once students have been admitted, the College focuses on “ways to build a productive, useful and healthy relationship with parents,” says Peterson, who asked Kristine Cyr Goodwin, associate dean of student life, to oversee just such an initiative several years ago.

Whereas parents were once urged to “let go,” notes
Goodwin—or “let the kid learn to swim”—the Summer Gateways Orientation for incoming families now embraces the concept of “Your Student’s First Year.” Presentations highlight the common concern of the adults involved—from parents to professors to administrators—to put the student’s best interests first. To that end, parents are encouraged to “be involved but not intrusive, mentor without meddling, prepare the student but not the path.”

For the past several years, current parents Michael and Susan Stuart from Storrs, Conn., have spoken at the Gateways Orientation, providing a wise and seasoned perspective about, as Michael says, “finding ways to stay connected while our kids are asserting their independence. And they are very assertive.”

In that process, says Susan Stuart, “Holy Cross respects what you’ve achieved as a parent. The College considers you partners in helping your child have college be the best possible four years it can be.”

The Stuarts have four children, aged 24 to 20: Katie received her degree from Holy Cross in 2006; Alex is a 2007 graduate of Boston College; Jimmy is in his final year at Holy Cross while sister Julianna is now a third-year student.

Susan Stuart wryly acknowledges that having four children within four-and-a-half years “led to teaching independence really early, partly for my own sanity.” Yet the family dynamic she describes as a “democratic dictatorship” was just as much founded on “giving each space to become who they were meant to be” by encouraging them early “to explore, express themselves.”

“To foster that through high school and then for us to change tacks when they got to college didn’t make sense,” she explains.

The Stuarts offer new parents practical advice about leaving loving notes for their children before they leave campus on move-in day, ordering personal treats for them through the Kimball Sweet Shop and, following Michael’s example, using snail mail to send them articles of interest because “college kids love to find stuff in their mailboxes.”

Though she freely admits to crying “every time I’m on campus,” Susan, and her husband, both believe that too much contact is “intrusive.”

“College is hard enough as it is,” says Michael. “Having to worry about Mom and Dad every single day is adding too much to their burden.”

Most of all, the Stuarts counsel the importance of allowing college-age children the right to establish the parameters of their own lives. They consider that process something of a “trapeze act,” says Susan. “We are the net underneath.”

In Susan’s presentation, her recounting of telephone conversations with her younger daughter underlines the Stuarts’ overall message: “I’ve come to understand my role as mother on the phone is to offer sympathy, compassion and acceptance—not necessarily to give advice or offer a solution; but rather to affirm that they are doing a great job handling whatever the situation is all on their own.”

And sometimes that means letting them make mistakes.

“Good kids make dumb choices,” says Susan. “We talk about ‘choices,’ not ‘failures.’ Everything is a learning experience, and you can build on it from there.”

Such a supportive, yet unobtrusive approach, dovetails perfectly with the College’s own philosophy.

“One of the purposes we have as educators is to develop the leaders of tomorrow,” says Peterson. “It’s not about hand-holding, coddling, taking care of stuff for them. We have to help parents see that the student is a young adult who needs to start gathering the intelligence to make the right decisions. I say to parents, ‘If this wasn’t my philosophy, I’d expect parents to come back to me and say, ‘I want my money back.’”

Turn to Page 62 to read an essay on parenting the college-age student by Holy Cross parents Michael and Susan Stuart.

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Gone are the days when doctors regularly visit the homes of their patients, or attempt to heal without the help of antibiotics, but those were the conditions under which Charles S. Whelan, M.D., ’29, P77, 73, 72, 70, came of age, and in which his professional career blossomed.

As if to illustrate the scope of the dramatic changes taking place during the 20th century, Whelan’s remarkable work experience began most simply—with a job lighting gas lanterns on the streets of Worcester—and ended with the practice of surgical oncology during an era when scientists can analyze the intricate structure of the human genome.

The son of a policeman, Whelan grew up in Worcester and attended Holy Cross when students wore shirts and ties to class, and took no fewer than eight semesters of theology and philosophy. After completing his medical training at Harvard Medical School, Whelan returned to Worcester to work at St. Vincent’s Hospital, where he practiced general surgery and surgical oncology for 40 years and served as chief of surgery from 1964 to 1971.

During this time, Whelan’s abilities as a doctor and scholar, as well as his genial bedside manner, made him the surgeon of choice for the Jesuit community at Holy Cross as well as for many students and alumni in the area. His novel, very conservative approach to treatment of skin tumors, and his aggressive treatment of certain colon cancers, earned him a reputation as a true innovator. Early in his career, Whelan pioneered a minimally invasive alternative to the highly disruptive surgical interventions that were the standard during that era. He was also known for his skill in synthesizing the wisdom and techniques of a wide variety of specialties, and for his ability to address the interplay of various biological systems contributing to a patient’s condition.

When his son-in-law, Peter Deckers, M.D., ’62, P91, 87, wrote Whelan’s obituary for a New England Surgical Society publication, he called Whelan a precise surgeon and “the ultimate patient advocate—a physician committed to multidisciplinary cancer care before the term was coined. His approach was very personally demanding, yet always delicate and … centered in respect for his patients, their circumstances, and their dignity.”

Whelan acquired numerous professional honors in the course of his career. An active member of the New England Surgical Society, Massachusetts Medical Society, and the International Society of Surgery, he also served as president of the New England Cancer Society and Worcester District Medical Society. His practice was
interrupted during World War II, when he volunteered for active duty in the Army and shipped off to the Mediterranean to operate for more than three years in field hospitals in North Africa and Italy. In 1954, for multiple exceptional personal and professional accomplishments, Holy Cross awarded him an honorary degree. He spent the final two years of his career as a Senior Visiting Surgeon at Boston University Medical Center.

Beyond his achievements, what Whelan’s family and friends remember most about the good doctor was his commitment to faith; his joie de vivre; and his dedication to the Jesuit ideal of acting as a “man for others”—a devotion he practiced in his personal and professional relationships. Whelan’s son, Charlie ’70, recalls his father’s deep sense of responsibility to reach out to those in need of medical attention.

“I remember as a teenager going on a house call with him late one very snowy night,” Charlie says. “We entered a dimly lit living room where a grim-faced elderly woman was lying on a makeshift bed. As soon as Dad walked into the light beside her bed, her face lit up; she was all smiles. Dad had that effect on people. All he had to do was be there and people felt better.”

A central influence in his approach to work and life was his wife of 51 years, Maria, who predeceased him. A voracious reader with a head for numbers and a steadfast adherence to her faith, Maria devoted herself to raising 10 children and nourishing their intellectual growth, setting high expectations for their academic achievements. She, too, lived out the ideal of serving others by volunteering extensively at St. Vincent’s hospital and at Notre Dame Academy. In addition to her son, Charles, three other sons are graduates of Holy Cross: Vincent ’72, John ’73 and William ’77.

In honor of their parents’ generous spirit, their lifelong dedication to the pursuit of knowledge, and what would have been, this September, the doctor’s 100th birthday, the Whelan family is making a gift to create a 36-person computer lab in Holy Cross’ integrated science complex. Established with a $200,000 lead gift from Whelan’s son, Charlie, and Whelan’s daughter, Barbara, and her husband, Peter Deckers, the room will be named for Dr. and Mrs. Whelan. This new gift supplements a gift made several years ago by Dr. Whelan’s family and friends to establish The Maria H. and Charles S. Whelan Scholarship endowment fund for premedical students at Holy Cross.

Deckers, who recently completed a 15-year term as dean of the University of Connecticut Medical School, and who led the University’s health center as its executive vice president for almost a decade, credits much of his success as a doctor and teacher to Dr. Whelan’s mentoring, which was at once nurturing and demanding. Deckers remembers the sense of expectation, bordering on a bit of trepidation, that he felt when handing over medical essay drafts for Whelan’s review. Rarely did Whelan, who was meticulous with the written and spoken word, return them without liberal markings defining better word choice and more precise sentence structure. The father-and-son-in-law team later became partners in the production of several articles and films.

While teaching at St. Vincent’s and at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Whelan kept his door open to students seeking guidance, and he kept up to date on medical literature and trends “practically until the day he died,” says his son. “He was really a lifelong student, and he considered the training he received at Classical High in Worcester and Holy Cross the foundation for that.”

His family speculates that Whelan would be “stunned” by the way medicine is practiced today, when an understanding of the human genome and informatics has revolutionized the way doctors treat disease, and further, when new discoveries have raised scores of difficult moral questions. “He was always very interested in professional ethics and how your value system influences how you practice,” Charlie says. “Stem cells, cloning, end-of-life decisions—if he were here today—he’d be very engaged in the public conversation about all of those things.”

Whelan would be thrilled by the state-of-the-art technologies that Holy Cross plans for its science complex, Deckers says. “The man never owned a computer in his life, but as an outstanding photographer of everything he did professionally as well as all of his large family’s multiple achievements, he would be fascinated by this kind of facility, and he would love all the unique technology we use to teach with today.”

In a joint statement, the Whelan family says: “We believe that this integrated science center now being constructed at Holy Cross is another lead example of the College’s commitment to excellence in premedical education which has conditioned the medical and personal foundation of so many outstanding physicians past and present in American medicine.”
From the moment Ann Whalen unpacked her bags in Hanselman Hall in the fall of 2004, she had a sunny outlook and high aspirations. An accomplished track athlete, she threw herself wholeheartedly into the rigorous academic challenges of the First-Year Program and established a quick kinship with her classmates.

She had been drawn to Holy Cross by the sense of community that it radiated—and she wasted no time becoming a lively participant in the wide variety of activities that energized the campus: she loved running track; she served as a lector at St. Joseph Memorial Chapel; she excelled in her studies as a gerontology concentrator; and she devoted much of her free time volunteering at a local senior center.

But the fall of 2005 presented Ann with an unexpected turn of events. Following a misdiagnosis, it was discovered she had adrenal cortical carcinoma—a cancer so rare it strikes only four in 1 million people. As her illness became more acute, Ann was compelled to withdraw from Holy Cross and continue her studies at New York University so that she could be closer to the doctors and hospitals responsible for her treatment.

Despite the difficulties of her illness, friends say, Ann retained her typical positive attitude and strong resolve. “She was one of the kindest and most positive people I’ve ever met,” says fellow First-Year Program classmate Vinny Perito. “She always had a smile on her face and never complained.”

A year after surgeons removed a football-sized cancer from her abdomen, Ann was back on campus and dancing. “Her friends invited her back for the senior ball, and I honestly don’t know how she summoned the strength to make it there. But she was determined!” her mother, Maria Whalen, recalls. “Throughout everything, she always stayed focused and believed that things would unfold as they were meant to. She approached everything with the attitude: ‘I’m just going to do what I can do today.’”

Ann died just before Christmas 2007, and her classmates chose to honor her memory by dedicating this year’s senior gift in her name. The Ann Whalen Scholarship Fund will help future students gain access to the challenging academic environment that Ann enjoyed. “Ann would have loved what this scholarship represents: creating opportunities for the next generation of students,” Perito says. “This is the kind of thing that she definitely would have been involved in.”

Senior gift committee members raised money with a Pub Night in Lower Kimball, publicity tables in the Hogan Campus Center and Williams Hall, and an e-mail campaign. An outpouring of support resulted in one of the most successful gift drives in years, totaling close to $25,000. The fact that it generated a remarkable participation rate (161 seniors donated to the fund, as well as 60 non-seniors), was a testament to students’ affection for Ann and to the efforts of the gift committee.

The scholarship has also provided an answer to the somber question of what to do with Ann’s assets, which Maria Whalen has liquidated and channeled into the fund, along with a generous gift of her own.

Maria is grateful that Ann’s friends were a source of support and happiness for her at Holy Cross and throughout her illness, and says she is touched that her classmates have recognized her in this way. “Ann was very focused on her studies, but she also knew the value of the intangible things—like her relationships, her friendships; and the importance of serving others,” Maria says.

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What she did at Holy Cross: psychology and Spanish double major; four years on the cheerleading squad, senior interviewer, MIX General Assembly representative

Current job: “MTV Networks: Nickelodeon Standards and Practices Coordinator. We review all Nickelodeon Kids and Family TV programs, ads, marketing campaigns, consumer products, and Web sites to ensure that the content is appropriate. We take into account the intellectual and emotional maturity of our audience as well as the channels’ policies and guidelines. I have worked as the Standards person on a variety of shows such as: Fairly OddParents, The Mighty B, Tak and Sponge-Bob Squarepants. Additionally, I review and approve commercials as well as all of Nickelodeon Affiliate Marketing, Nickelodeon Home Videos and Nickelodeon Recreational projects.”

How she stays connected: “I communicate via telephone, e-mail, networking sites and, of course, alumni gatherings and sporting events. It is important to me to keep in touch with my friends and the extended community because the College has left a permanent imprint on my life.”

The working life: “Living in New York and working for MTV Networks: Nickelodeon has been one of the best experiences in my life. Thankfully, during my sophomore year, I was given the opportunity to participate in the New York Leadership Council Summer Internship Program and received an internship with Dora the Explorer. That singular experience inspired me to pursue a career in television. I have worked as a script coordinator and writer’s assistant on television and stage productions such as Dora the Explorer and Go Diego Go, and my current position in S&P allows me to also work on marketing, commercial clearance and other ancillary projects. Additionally, I am a member of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences, where I have served as a judge for the daytime Emmys and participated in events, such as movie screenings and panel discussions.”

Memorable moments at Holy Cross: “I have so many wonderful memories; however, a highlight was attending the Spiritual Exercises.”

Why she gives to Holy Cross: “I support Holy Cross because it has given me so much, and I believe that the College will continue its mission to educate and help others. Not only was my experience more than I could have hoped for, but the benefit of being a member of the College community continues, even after graduation. The professors and staff genuinely cared. I received so much more than an education; I received a lifetime’s supply of guidance, support and faith.”
Huddled around a parchment scroll during a private viewing of Matteo Ricci’s Complete Map of the World, a group of 16 alumni and their families listened attentively as Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of the College, contextualized the map’s symbols. China’s Nanjing Museum was the site of this discourse, just one part of Holy Cross’ most recent travel-study program, In the Footsteps of Matteo Ricci. The two-week tour of eastern China followed the route of 16th-century Italian Jesuit and missionary Matteo Ricci—an accomplished scientist, mathematician and cartographer.

Holy Cross’ self-produced travel-study tours are characterized by their special access to sites and viewings. One part of the new alumni travel program, travel-study grew out of a concept developed in the Office of the Senior Vice President of the College, Frank Vellaccio, in 2004. Administered by the College’s alumni relations office under its new director, Kristyn Dyer ’94, the program has been coordinated throughout by Bob Crimmins ’65, a retired attorney.

The April 2008 China excursion was the fourth travel-study trip since the program’s genesis. Previous trips included Tuscany, Portugal and Austria. A tour of the eastern Mediterranean is in the works for the spring of 2009. Holy Cross’ travel-study trips are designed to provide the opportunity for travel coupled with cultural and historical education—in this case, Ricci’s pilgrimage to a distant land to introduce Christianity.

A pioneer for his time, Ricci overcame nearly insurmountable difficulties, such as on his pilgrimage to Asia, and ultimately gained a foothold in China after decades of dedication and tenacity. Fr. McFarland’s first lecture emphasized adaptability as a Jesuit hallmark—one exemplified by Ricci.

Fr. McFarland explained Ricci’s intricate “memory palace”—Ricci’s way of storing and organizing thousands of facts, details and concepts. This amazing concept was profiled in author Jonathan Spence’s book, The Memory Palace of Matteo Ricci, which was recommended reading for all members of the tour.

The faculty for this trip included Fr. McFarland and Claudia Ross, professor of Chinese and coordinator of Chinese Studies. Ross joined the group in Beijing where she spent the 2007-08 academic year on sabbatical. The ambitious itinerary included seven cities: Hong Kong, Zhaoqing, Guilin, Nanjing, Shanghai, Hangzhou and Beijing.

The educational empha-
sis of the trip elevated the level of discourse among the participants. Dennis Kelly ’65—who, along with his wife, Pam, has participated in all of the travel study trips to date—says, “The theme of each Holy Cross trip adds a meaningful dimension beyond just seeing new vistas and people of different cultures. The scholarly participation of Fr. McFarland and Professor Ross on our trip was like traveling with a knowledgeable friend or family member.”

Additionally, the Chinese tour guides’ contextual contributions included references to Ricci. Ren Li, a Beijing native, was the group’s guide for the duration of the trip. She was joined by regional guides, who worked in conjunction with her to illuminate the cultural nuances as well as explain the history of the places visited.

The travel-study participants learned of the country’s history as well as the nation’s pride in its modern-day industrialization—illustrated by the vivid contrast of rural villagers struggling on farms being overrun by this phenomenon. Newly moneyed “conspicuous consumers” are evident in cities such as Nanjing, Shanghai and Beijing. McDonald’s and Starbucks are ubiquitous (there was even a Starbucks at the base of the Great Wall).

Dan Ryan ’63, an attorney from Middletown, Conn., cites this rampant growth as one of the primary reasons for taking the trip: “China is the superpower of the 21st century the way the United States was for the 20th century.”

A welcome contrast to the extreme urbanization of China’s cities was the relatively rural places on the itinerary, a highlight of which included a boat ride on the Li River in Guilin, which showcased the countryside’s extraordinary karsks, the stunning and severe mountains of dramatic topographic proportions. The group visited West Lake, where Mao met Nixon; a silk factory; an observatory; a tea plantation; farmers in their homes; and numerous outdoor temples—all of which were a proverbial cornucopia for the mind and senses.

Nanjing, a booming city of six and a half million and once the capital of China, was an important destination on the trip, as it offered a dynamism of experiences: the group visited the only Catholic church in the city and met with a deacon who spoke earnestly about China’s lack of separation between church and state. His remarks, though, were monitored by a representative of the People’s Committee on Religious Affairs. After meeting with the director of Nanjing University’s Johns Hopkins Center for Chinese and American Studies, several members of the group stayed on to hear a lecture given by the chief executive officer of Morgan Stanley Asia. The group visited the memorial of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the first leader of modern China, as well as the Museum of the Rape of Nanjing, a sprawling, sobering and significant museum that vividly recalled the Japanese bombings and invasion in the 1930s. The group also enjoyed a private concert in Nanjing performed by the Chinese Traditional Instruments Orchestra.

In Shanghai the travelers were privileged to participate in a private Mass celebrated by Fr. McFarland; this intimate experience seemed to cement further the group’s cohesion. Fr. McFarland’s indefatigable participation during the trip made the experience that much richer—he often arranged morning runs to start the day in addition to his educational lectures on Ricci.

Fr. McFarland conferred his knowledge generously and enthusiastically: “I found it fascinating to study the lives of Matteo Ricci and the other Jesuits who came to China in the late 16th and early 17th centuries. Their extraordinary adventures and accomplishments were engaging enough in themselves … but they were also early embodiments of the Jesuits’ genius for bringing together faith, learning and culture to open up new and creative opportunities for evangelization and interreligious dialogue.”

The group had the opportunity to attend Mass at St. Ignatius Cathedral, which houses a portrait of Ricci and one of his Chinese benefactors. The tour members also visited the Shanghai Museum, and attended a riveting acrobatics
performance by the Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe, the same troupe that performed in the 2008 Olympics’ opening ceremony.

A first-rate, sophisticated metropolis, Beijing offered the travelers arts, culture, history, newness and, of course, pre-Olympic buzz. The group spent time at Tian’an Men Square and the sprawling Forbidden City—once home to 24 Ming and Qing emperors and, now, a repository of precious art and antiques, including an important collection of antique clocks. (Clock making is one of the sciences Ricci brought to China.)

The itinerary also included a visit and private tour of the Pekin Fine Arts gallery by its owner, Meg Maggio ’82, whose expert opinion is that Beijing is the arts and cultural capital of Asia. In a small world twist, tour participants Clark Booth ’61 and his wife, Anne, of Smyrna Beach, Fla., remembered Meg as babysitter for their son Scott ’91. Today, Scott’s work, managing hedge funds, regularly brings him to China—and he was able to join his parents in Shanghai and Beijing.

The time in Beijing was enhanced tremendously by Professor Ross’ participation; her enthusiasm and knowledge were welcomed on the trip to the Great Wall and the Ming Tombs. Ross elaborated on Chinese history’s linkage to the lunar calendar and explained the importance of dates and numbers for the Chinese. Accordingly, as dates ending in six and eight are “lucky” dates, it seems that 8/8/08 was intended as an auspicious start date for the Olympics.

By the end of the tour, the participants attained a vibrant appreciation for the richness of this fascinating culture—and for the impressive achievements of a courageous Jesuit explorer and teacher. “By learning the Chinese language and studying the classics of Confucian thought, and by making Western science and philosophy accessible to the Chinese, Ricci opened many doors in China that had previously been closed,” explained Fr. McFarland. Today, the Chinese have embossed Ricci’s likeness on their Millennium Monument as one of the 100 most important people in their long history.

Following Ricci’s footsteps and gleaning an understanding of the cultural challenges he faced and his ultimate success was an intellectually stimulating experience, nurtured by both striking skylines and primitive farms. It is easy to understand why Dennis and Pam Kelly have participated in every travel study-trip—and why they plan to attend the next trip to the Middle East in the spring of 2009.

Meghan Ryan is the daughter of Dan Ryan ’63. The director of college counseling at The Williams School in Connecticut, Ryan is completing her master’s degree in journalism at Boston University and serves as a regular contributor to the Connecticut College alumni magazine.

The General Alumni Association (GAA) presented the annual In Hoc Signo Awards at the College’s reunion banquet held June 7. This year’s recipients are Robert J. Credle ’65, Thomas E. Ryan ’76 and Marcy M. Vandale ’87. First presented in 1960, the award is an expression of respect and admiration for those alumni who have given generously of their time and talents to the College. Left to right: Credle, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., Vandale, Ryan and GAA President John R. Hayes Jr. ’91
The General Alumni Association’s Committee on Nominations and Elections will convene at the College in October to draft a slate of nominees for the vacant seats on the GAA Board of Directors. The deadline for submitting nominations to Kristyn M. Dyer ’94, executive secretary, is Friday, Oct. 10. Those chosen will assume office on July 1, 2009. Nominations can be e-mailed to kdyer@holycross.edu or mailed to: Office of Alumni Relations, College of the Holy Cross, One College Street, Worcester, MA 01610.

In accordance with the GAA bylaws, the committee members will nominate a president, a president-elect and two vice presidents. They will also nominate 12 directors for three-year terms, with two directors from each of the following: current or past regional club presidents; Classes of 2000-09; Classes of 1990-99; Classes of 1980-89; Classes of 1970-79; Classes of 1969 and earlier. It should be noted that there is no limit to the number of names that can be submitted for consideration.

Each recommendation should be accompanied by the following information:
- a list of offices each nominee has held as a graduate
- a list of outstanding contributions made during his or her term of office
- a list of committees or projects with which the graduate has been involved, specifying significant accomplishments made in connection with his or her own involvement
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CATCHING UP with Crusaders on the MOVE and in the NEWS

BY KATHLEEN S. CARR ’96

GUIDED BY A JESUIT COMPASS: TWO ALUMNI LABOR FOR OTHERS

Thomas M. Reardon ’62

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is a large humanitarian and disaster relief agency with 100 centers around the world. The largest distributor of food and, also, of the anti-viral AIDS drugs, it operates within an annual $600 million budget.

Tom Reardon has recently joined CRS—and, for the last three years, has been working to build support for its endeavors. He previously spent 33 years at Harvard University in a variety of capacities; his most recent position was vice president of alumni and development. As retirement approached, Reardon says, he wanted to build off of what he was doing at Harvard and focus on international relief.

Noting that it’s difficult to get things done in the Third World due to local government corruption, he points out that CRS is successful because it works through local relief agencies and under the radar of government.

Reardon is proud to be affiliated with an organization that serves without regard to race, religion or creed. He says he was told when he joined that: “We serve the people not because they are Catholic, but because we are Catholic.” Reardon credits the influence and values he learned from his Jesuit education for making him more aware of the kind of responsibilities that were expected of him.

Benjamin Zawacki ’97

After receiving his degree from Holy Cross, Benjamin Zawacki spent two years teaching with Jesuit Volunteers International in the Federated States of Micronesia. He then pursued a law degree at the George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C.

Zawacki spent two years as a legal officer with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in Bangkok, Thailand, representing asylum-seekers from regional and non-regional countries before the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. He later took a post in Thailand as a legal protection officer—and was working in Bangkok when crisis struck the region.

Could you tell us about your humanitarian work following the Myanmar cyclone crisis?

Once the cyclone struck, I left immediately. The press was interested in Amnesty International’s position on both the cyclone and the referendum, and I drafted the press releases and took their calls. Meanwhile I began researching the human rights violations taking place in the context of the relief effort. On June 5th, I held a press conference at the Foreign Correspondents’ Club of Thailand and released a briefing paper. Key findings included over 30 confirmed cases of the forcible eviction of cyclone survivors from their places of refuge back to their destroyed villages, and over 40 confirmed cases of the obstruction, diversion, or misuse of aid. The government of Myanmar or their official supporters perpetrated all such violations. At the same press conference, I released my report, “Crimes against humanity in eastern Myanmar.” It detailed crimes perpetrated by the Burmese military against ethnic minority Karen civilians and recommends that the U.N. Security Council take action accordingly.
The conference and the reports received global coverage in both the print and broadcast media. More importantly, it was considered by the U.N. Human Rights Council, and caused the government of Myanmar to issue a formal, public and defensive rebuttal the following day.

Who or what at Holy Cross may have influenced what you've chosen to do with your life?

Looking back at the past 11 years, it would be difficult to overstate the influence Holy Cross has played on my life and work. In particular, the First-Year Program, with its emphasis on how to live, was immeasurably influential. The College program to Mexico was also enormously formative as was the course on liberation theology taught by Jim Nickoloff. I say “was” but, in fact, I still count those programs and courses—and the people behind them—as the beginning of the continuum on which I’ve lived and worked since, and I still count Holy Cross and what I learned there as “north” on my moral and ethical compass.

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Nobody is quite sure when movies were first shown at Holy Cross, but we do know that, sometime in the early 1960s, Rev. Fred Gallagher, S.J., offered a “Great Movies” program that was so popular he had to limit ticket sales. Fr. Gallagher himself could have been the stuff of a movie, an English professor and a drama aficionado who put aside his books after Pearl Harbor to become a Navy chaplain with the Marines. He saw action in the South Pacific and said Mass on beaches, aboard ship, on the back of a reconnaissance car and, once, on an Australian cricket field.

Charles A. Baker, director of the film program and professor emeritus of French, recalls that one of the theater’s old projector bases was dated 1935—and that it had been donated to the College by the campus Navy recruitment program during World War II. Baker himself started at Holy Cross in 1958—which belies the myth propagated by some, he points out, that his first contract was signed by Bishop Fenwick—and remembers those films shown in Kimball Hall by Fr. Gallagher.

As students returned to campus this fall, they discovered a brand-new movie theater to enjoy, located where it has always been, in the former bowling alley in the basement of Kimball. Now known as the Francis Xavier Seelos Theater, the space has undergone a thorough renovation.

Fr. Gallagher retired in 1963, at which point Baker and a group of film-loving professors started a fine-arts movie series.

“This was the heyday of Bergman, Fellini, Antonioni, Kurosawa, Truffaut,” Baker remembers. “We would run the film on Wednesday and would have discussions on Thursday. We ran the films again Thursday evening, and the theater would be packed. The College asked me if I would take over Friday and Saturday as well, and I did.”

As far as academic acceptance of film goes, Baker found it was mostly language teachers who used it for teaching in the 1960s, perhaps to help students with language skills. But as film came to be more and more embraced as an art form that stood on its own, courses on the subject itself started showing up in college catalogs. Baker found philosophy and theology professors using his films in their courses, and, around 1965, some colleagues and he began offering the course “Cinema and Humanism.”

Today, Holy Cross students can take courses in American, British, Chinese, Italian, Latin-American and world film—and can focus on such subjects as film narrative and the use of the medium during wartime.

Baker’s own love of film dates back to his days as a Ph.D. student at the University of Illinois.

“We had an art house in Champaign that had 10-cent shows,” he recalls, “and of course we didn’t have any money, so we’d go.”

A long-told story about the early days of cinema at Holy Cross involves a Jesuit sitting in the center of the last row, who would raise his hand to block the projection whenever a scene of questionable taste was about to come up—and, so, protect the morals and sensibilities of the students. Baker knows of the story, doubts its veracity, but accepts that such a good yarn is hard to kill.

“It’s like the line from John Ford’s The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance,” he says. “When the legend becomes truth, print the legend.”
Bedtime Stories by Chase

BY JOHN R. KILSHEIMER '45

Bedtime Stories by Chase (Authorhouse), by John R. Kilsheimer ’45, is a compilation of stories as told by a miniature schnauzer, Chase, to his master, Good Buddy. Kilsheimer relates 30 “true” stories—one for every night of the month—that teach valuable lessons from his dog’s point of view. While providing smiles, soothing thoughts and pleasant dreams, Kilsheimer’s book also describes moral lessons in a fascinating way for children to appreciate and enjoy. It is a perfect gift from a parent or grandparent to a young child, and it is a welcome gift for dog lovers of any age.

Kilsheimer, who worked in chemical research, is a retired senior vice president of the Scotts Company. He resides with his wife and dog in Edgewater, Fla.

Transcending Self-Interest: Psychological Explorations of the Quiet Ego

EDITED BY HEIDI A. WAYMENT AND JACK J. BAUER ’89

For decades, social scientists have observed that Americans are becoming more selfish, headstrong and callous. Transcending Self-Interest: Psychological Explorations of the Quiet Ego (American Psychological Association Books), edited by Heidi A. Wayment and Jack J. Bauer ’89, provides a framework for understanding both the problems of egocentrism and the ways of transcending the cultural slide toward narcissism. Wayment and Bauer have assembled a group of contributors who are helping to reshape how the field of psychology defines the self in the 21st century—by an ego that balances the needs of self and others in everyday life as well as develops compassion, self-awareness and interdependent self-identity.

Bauer is an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Dayton in Ohio.

CONNECTIONS: Portraits of Asia

BY STEPHEN M. MURPHY ’77

In CONNECTIONS: Portraits of Asia (Lawyers Writing/IMAGO), Stephen M. Murphy ’77 presents an intimate photographic essay of his travels to Asia over a period of four years. As he captures images from Vietnam, Bali, Laos, China, Burma and Thailand, Murphy explores the cultural differences between East and West and invites viewers on a journey to a world very different from our own.

Murphy is a trial lawyer in San Francisco, Calif. He is the author of three books: Alibi; Their Word is Law: Bestselling Lawyer-Novelists Talk About Their Craft; and What if Holden Caulfield Went to Law School?: Selected Legal Fiction and Nonfiction.

The Holy Encounter: Meditations on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

BY REV. ROBERT F. SLEINSKI ’72

Rev. Robert F. Slesinski ’72 reflects on the feast day celebrating the presentation of the Christ child in the temple of Jerusalem 40 days after his nativity in The Holy Encounter: Meditations on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple (Eastern Christian Publications). He examines the theological, spiritual and moral significance of this feast from five different perspectives.

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

First Aid for the COMLEX

BY ZACHARY NYE, JOHN M. LAVELLE ’01, STOCKTON M. MAYER AND RACHEL LAVEN

With First Aid for the COMLEX (McGraw-Hill Medical), Zachary Nye, John M. Lavelle ’01, Stockton M. Mayer and Rachel Laven provide a step-by-step review guide for the COMLEX (Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination). This book contains a database of facts covering the latest osteopathic techniques and considerations for clinical clerkships, a question and answer section at the end of
each chapter for topic mastery and exam day practice, clear illustrations to clarify concepts and anatomy, and a primer for the COMLEX PE exam (Part 1 and Part 2). Written by OMIF fellows who aced their boards, this guide is the secret weapon for acing the COMLEX.

Lavelle is a student at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, a college of Midwestern University in Downers Grove, III. He is completing an undergraduate teaching fellowship in the department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.

The Cambridge Companion to the Jesuits

The Cambridge Companion to the Jesuits (Cambridge University Press) explores the religious and cultural significance of the Society of Jesus, founded by Ignatius of Loyola in 1540. This Companion, edited by Rev. Thomas W. Worcester, S.J., describes the Jesuits’ roles as priests, missionaries and educators in the era after the Reformation until the present day. With essays by international scholars, Worcester’s Companion provides a stimulating and accessible introduction to the history of the Jesuits.

Fr. Worcester is an associate professor of history at the College.

Teaching the Daode Jing

The Daode Jing is a highly enigmatic work rooted in ancient Chinese cosmology, ontology, metaphysics and moral thinking. With it being offered to high school and college students in religion, philosophy, history and literature courses, teachers and faculty confront the question: How should I teach the Daode Jing? Teaching the Daode Jing (Oxford University Press), edited by Gary DeAngelis, provides up-to-date information on classroom strategies that have been successful in a variety of teaching environments. The contributors address questions like: Should we capitalize on popular interest in the Daode Jing in our classrooms? Which of the many translations and scholarly approaches should we use? Is it appropriate to think of the Daode Jing as a religious text?

DeAngelis is associate director of the Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies and lecturer in the department of religious studies at Holy Cross.

Identity, Memory, and Diaspora: Voices of Cuban-American Artists, Writers, and Philosophers

Identity, Memory, and Diaspora (State University of New York Press). The interviewees, including Mario Bencomo, Carlos Eire and Oscar Marti, offer insight into how they see themselves, how they have dealt with the diaspora and their memories and how their work has been influenced by their experiences. Their answers reveal different perspectives on art, literature and philosophy; and they offer a detailed picture of the different challenges they encountered personally and professionally.

Alvarez Borland is a professor of Spanish at the College. She is the author of Cuban-American Literature of Exile: From Person to Persona.
He points up to the name, Execution, emblazoned on the bow of a sleek black carbon-fiber shell cradled in a boat-house rack. Tom Sullivan ’70 smiles, impishly noting that the Holy Cross boat’s moniker has nothing to do with the death penalty.

Well, almost nothing.

“You can’t write this,” Sullivan cautions with a keen appreciation that some folks might be slightly offended by what he is about to confide. “The last minute of a sprint is sometimes called ‘Seeing Jesus.’ That sounds awful, but it describes how you feel sometimes at the end of a grueling 2,000-meter race,” Sullivan explains.

No doubt the combination of utter exhaustion and endorphin euphoria can cause what many an oxygen-deprived crew member has likened to a near-death experience. Indeed, photographers on Lake Quinsigamond’s bridge try to capture in a click the essence of this awful beauty born out of the sheer agony that eight humans rowing with ferocious precision and passionate puissance endure.

Execution is embossed in gold on Holy Cross’ newest high-tech boat—and refers to “the perfect timing and technique needed to maximize power,” clarifies Sullivan.

Conveniently that word nicely sums up Sullivan’s 34-year career coaching Crusader crews from 1974 until his retirement this summer. During dawn patrols and into the evening skies at Lake Quinsigamond, Sullivan would shout urgings, demanding one thing from his student-athletes: execution. For him, that word is loaded with meaning: coordinated effort, determination, guts, teamwork, selflessness, smarts, endurance and, yes, occasionally, “Seeing Jesus.”

Tom Sullivan prefers not to talk about himself. He does not feel the College’s amazing growth and accomplishments in crew should be credited to him alone. He makes it clear that he has been only one of many who have nurtured Holy Cross rowing. He is merely another guy in the boat trying to pull his weight. Sullivan thinks like a creature of crew. One for all, all for one. He believes rowing coaches belong to a loyal, tight-knit social club. Crew folks form a cult of caring for each other.

As we tour the Hart Center with its rowing tanks and its lobby lined with 40 ergometer exercise machines — and later meander through the Lake Quinsigamond boat-
house, Sullivan name-drops, ensuring he shares any possible plaudits that may come his way.

There was Ken Burns, once a Shrewsbury police chief and forever the King Neptune of Lake Quinsigamond rowing. Burns, the long-serving guru of the Eastern Sprints, helped Jay Foley ’60 start a full-fledged rowing program at St. John’s High. In turn, Foley helped Sullivan blossom as a top-rate competitor as a high school senior and co-captain at Holy Cross—where he now resides as the sole rower in the Varsity Club’s Hall of Fame.

After completing Boston College Law School, Sullivan hooked up with Foley as a Holy Cross assistant coach in 1974. The next season, Sullivan assumed his “part-time” head coaching duties. Don’t let the term “part-time” fool you. It only reflected his pay.

“Friendships with other coaches are so important,” Sullivan says. “We’re out in tough weather, practicing year-round. We don’t get a lot of publicity. We travel together, swap duties, anything to make the program better. Naturally we form close relationships. We’re like family.”

There remains a triumvirate of very close friends—Sullivan, Patrick Diggins ’86 and Francis “Bud” Ermilio ’81. Over the years, they have propelled the Crusaders to a membership in the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges (EARC), an elite men’s league that includes the eight Ivies and 10 other colleges. They compete for the league championship each May in the storied Eastern Sprints on Lake Quinsigamond. The Holy Cross women compete at the same venue in the ECAC National Invitational Championship.

Not so long ago, the College would be an invited guest to the Sprints as regular winners of the City Championships. Now Varsity 1, 2, 3 boats and JV and freshmen boat compete. And the men have been chosen to compete in the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) National Championships in eight of the last 10 years.

The stories of Sullivan, Diggins and Ermilio are so intertwined that they seemingly can finish any sentence another one starts. They are all rooted in Worcester’s signature institutions: St. John’s High, Holy Cross and that rowing-paradise, Lake Quinsigamond.

Firstly, their dads all received degrees from Holy Cross: George Sullivan, Class of ’34, and Francis Ermilio and Jim Diggins, both Class of ’50. In addition, they all rowed for St. John’s and Holy Cross. Sullivan coached Ermilio and Diggins. Ermilio coached Diggins when he was a St. John’s captain. Diggins coached at St. John’s as well—and is now the College’s director of rowing and women’s coach. Sullivan—who also has a law practice—and Diggins are partners in Worcester insurance businesses. Ermilio, who retired from coaching in 1998, is a local chiropractor—and known widely as “Dr. Bud,” also the name of a shell dedicated in his honor in 2000.

They have played musical chairs—coaching the men and women, the heavyweights and lightweights, the varsity, jayvees and freshmen—and switching titles from head coach to assistant to fill the College’s needs as, year-round, 100 student-athletes row, row, row their boats so-gently down the stream.

Pictures on the walls—at the boathouse and Hart Center—spur Sullivan’s fond recollections as we stroll down memory lane.

He stares up at a framed black-and-white photo. “That boat was competing when our big race was the Worcester City Championship,” Sullivan notes. “That guy wearing the headband, he’s an orthopedic surgeon at Dartmouth Medical Center. I remember we had to convince him not to compete in the Worcester championships and to go to take his medical boards instead. We’ve come a long way. Now Holy Cross is a provisional member competing in the Eastern Sprints.”

He peers at another boatload of success stories: “That was the 1995 boat … a doctor, an architect with a graduate degree from MIT, another doctor, a teacher, a doctor, a businessman with an MBA from NYU, a lawyer, a Ph.D. …”

It is obvious Sullivan knows every crew member intimately, knows how they did as rowers and what they are doing now.

“That was the Mamie Reilly, our first boat, which we bought with green stamps,” Sullivan says. Quickly he waggles his finger at another picture. “That wooden sectional was a second boat, the Father (Francis) Hart (S.J.). It got damaged when it fell off the roof rack of a car … we still have the bow.”

Looking at the wooden shells and oars highlights the sharp contrast between the onset of Holy Cross rowing and the modern era. The College’s 11 carbon-fiber shells for eight rowers and a coxswain cost $36,000 each. They weigh only 198 pounds soaking wet. They are rigged with all kinds of electronics including a sound system and a coxbox that calculates the rowers’ stroke-rates. The oars cost $285 each and have blades shaped like hatchets rather than spoons.

Sullivan ponders a 1981 boat named Buy an Inch. For him, it is not an empty phrase. “The kids did a lot. They sold the boat by the inch to alums. The boat actually had the names of all the contributing alums all around it.”

Now his heart, not pictures on the wall, prompts Sullivan to speak.

“The kids are the ones who do all the tedious, hard work,” he says. “They train all year long to compete in maybe 10 races a year. They pull double sessions when we go to Florida and Georgia to train and put them through two practices of 2.5 hours—and then, at night, review
Todd Pearson ’98 is the new head coach of the Crusader men’s rowing team. The first full-time coach hired to handle the men’s rowing program, he succeeds Tom Sullivan ’70, a crew coach in several capacities at Holy Cross since 1974. After earning his bachelor’s degree in biology, Pearson went on to earn a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences in 2003 at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He lives in Worcester with his wife, Annie ’01, and their daughter, Tessa. Pearson was a member of the first College crew to row in a varsity event at the Eastern Sprints, finishing 10th in the varsity lightweight-8 in 1998. He earned two bronze medals at the New England Championships as a member of the second varsity-8 in 1996 and the varsity lightweight-8 in 1997. During the 2007-08 season, Pearson served as a volunteer assistant at Holy Cross, a position he had held at Dartmouth College from 2003-05. From 1998-2003 Pearson had been the College’s men’s freshmen coach. In 2002, his second novice-8 boat won the gold medal at the New England Championships, while, in 1999, his Crusaders took home a bronze medal in the second novice-8 race. Pearson was also assistant coach for the men’s varsity from 1998-2003.
explains. “He’s a master. Nobody is neglected. Whether you’re a novice on a ‘dog boat’ who just loves being part of a team or a top rower on the first boat, Tom treats you the same. He knows all their names, all their stories. All get the same shot.”

Sullivan knows exactly how to mix talent, to get people in the perfect position on a boat so they work in harmony. He is the wily baseball manager who fills out the lineup card with everyone in the perfect place in the order.

“Tom knows when to holler, when to back off. It’s a grueling season. He knows how to mediate and how to motivate,” Ermilio adds. “And he has an eye for the perfect stroke.”

Teaching a rowing stroke is not unlike teaching a golfing stroke. It’s more about timing and efficiency, synchronizing all the components of a sweeping motion in order to maximize its power.

“But, most importantly,” Ermilio continues, “Tom taught me and countless others in crew what the possibilities are if you refuse to give in and work hard at your goals. He does it all. I remember him pitching the Lake as a rowing venue when Boston tried to win the Olympics. Tom has been the best ambassador ever for Lake Quinsigamond and the Worcester area.”

Then comes a litany of accomplishments. How Sullivan’s efforts have led Crusader rowing from the dark ages; how his business acumen has spearheaded fundraising amongst rowing alums and others. How endowments now fund the continuing need for high-tech equipment and full-time coaching salaries.

In the process, Sullivan worked himself out of a part-time job by building Holy Cross rowing into a top-flight program which now requires a full-time men’s crew coach. His successor is Todd Pearson ’98, one of Sullivan’s boys and part of the first-ever Holy Cross varsity lightweight crew to compete at the hallowed Eastern Sprints.

“What a wonderful ride it has been,” says Sullivan. “Coaching a sport I love in my hometown, at the lake I love, at my alma mater, surrounded by family and friends, coaching great kids. I feel like I went up to Holy Cross in 1966 and never graduated.”

Sullivan’s legacy of building a respected and self-sustaining rowing program while mentoring and inspiring student-athletes over four decades will reside atop Pakachoag Hill forever.

*John W. Gearan ’65, was an award-winning reporter and columnist at the Worcester Telegram and Gazette for 36 years.*
Give Another Hoiah!

BY JOHN W. GEARAN ’65

A Statue for “Cooz”

These autumnal days, you might find Bob Cousy ’50 with a Beefeaters in hand while engaging in his ritualistic early-evening meditation.

“Frankly, I’m not a ‘yesterday’ person as a rule,” Cousy says. “But I have thought more about that affair than just about anything that has ever happened to me.”

That includes six NBA World Championships on the Celtic teams he captained. That includes the 1947 NCAA Championship which Holy Cross won when an accidental tourist named Cousy and a dozen other guys wandered on campus to play basketball in a barn. And that includes a dizzying array of special events in the remarkable life of Robert Joseph Cousy, who turned 80 in August.

Dwelling on the heroics of his past is completely out of character, say those closest to Cousy. But June 7, 2008, had been “such a special day” that Cousy now reviews it daily and basks in its afterglow.

Amidst a backdrop of gorgeous purple blossoms set in the giant rhododendrons outside the Hart Center, a splendid 7-foot statue of Cousy was unveiled. It depicts Cooz wearing his No. 17 Holy Cross jersey, dribbling with his head up as always and focusing on his fabled future. The amazing creation of gifted sculptor Brian Hanlon, the bronze statue with its green patina seems to have been atop Mount St. James since antiquity.

Huddled by his family, longtime friends and fans from yesteryear— including Crusaders from the Class of ’48 celebrating their 50th reunion—Cousy appeared totally at ease for a man who describes himself as terribly shy.

Privately he had urged some folks not to break plans or travel great distances to be there. Yet they came because they genuinely wanted to share this historic moment with a man they truly love and appreciate. Being there with close friends and with Missy, his beloved wife, and with his cherished daughters, Marie and Ticia, touched Cousy to the core.

Speakers rose and their eloquence befit the occasion. The Rev. Earle L. Markey, S.J., ’53, a Varsity Club Hall of Famer, delivered a heart-felt invocation, calling the Cousy statue “a memorial of the past, a celebration of the present and an inspiration for the future.” He urged today’s students and athletes to learn from Cousy’s life and to sacrifice and work with great intensity to bring their dreams to fruition. Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, president emeritus and esteemed friend of the Cousy family, recalled Cousy’s legendary basketball career, then emphasized that the statue stood to honor Cousy’s “commitment to social justice, racial equality and to the youth of the city of Worcester.”

“The Jesuit education we teach is designed to help students realize that their God-given talents and gifts are to be developed, not for self-satisfaction, not for self-gain, but rather, with the grace of God, for the good of the entire human community. At Holy Cross, Bob Cousy learned that lesson well,” remarked Father Brooks.

The indubitable star orator on her dad’s special day was Marie Cousy speaking for the family. Her words were as resplendent and enlightening as the sunshine that warmed the gallery.

She talked about her dad’s “lifetime of providing benefit to others and to the community,” calling that dedication “dad’s greatest glory.” She quoted Cesar Chavez, saying “we cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about the progress and prosperity of our community … our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own.”

“Dad landed well in Worcester amongst folk who have been such good friends and, perhaps more importantly,
among people who embrace the Jesuit philosophy of working together for the common good,” Marie said.

Now Cousy faced the unenviable task of following his daughter’s graceful grandiloquence. His emotional nature has been public knowledge since his tear-filled Celtic farewell in the Boston Garden on St. Patrick’s Day in 1963. “I was supposed to cry at the end,” he said. “My daughter preceding me hasn’t helped the situation.” Nonetheless, Cooz swung smoothly into his routine, relying on his dry humor to keep the floodgates closed. “Marie was extraordinary, and she read those remarks just the way dear old dad wrote them up for her…” Drum roll, please. “If I had any idea I was going to be eulogized this morning, I’d have done the only decent thing and died for you!” Drum roll, please.

Trying to explain how weird it felt to be a statue and a living human being simultaneously, Cousy painted a hypothetical scene of someone gawking at a statue of some ancient warrior in Rome or Paris. “Then you look at the guy standing next to you and it’s The Guy! Is that spooky or what?” he asked.

Again, he heard the roar of the crowd. Yet Cooz, the ultimate showman, knew when it was time to put the depository-for-pigeons jokes to rest. Now he became as serious as he once was when a championship game against the Lakers was on the line.

“You know, I don’t mean to trivialize this moment because, as you might imagine, it is very meaningful to my family and me. I’m so blown away when I allow myself to think of all the truly great men and women who have lived, studied and graduated from this gem of a school and then went on to accomplish miraculous things in their lives. And, in some cases, have impacted, literally, the world we occupy. So for an old jock, to be so acknowledged in this company and in this manner, leaves me, appropriately for a statue, speechless.”

Cousy lavished praise on the College’s international academic acclaim and its commitment to social justice under the leadership of Fr. Brooks and College president, Rev. Michael McFarland, S.J. He recited a litany of the major accomplishments of Holy Cross’ athletic program. Noting the College’s modest size and limited funding, Cousy enthused, “What Holy Cross has done in sports is singular and unmatched in American college sports history.”

Cousy spoke about his good fortune. “I was fabricated in a small farming community in northeastern France and born six months after the boat landed at Ellis Island,” he said. His rise to fame is a classic example of the American Dream. His immigrant parents’ hard work allowed the family to move out of a shabby New York City tenement and to St. Albans in Queens when Cousy was 12. That is where he was introduced to basketball and his future wife, his two life-changing happenings.

He beamed, speaking with love and pride about his daughters, both educators, and about his socially committed grandchildren, Zachary and Nicole Brand-Cousy. Then Cousy mentioned Missy, his “bride of 58 years.” The emotional dam broke and his tears flowed.

The statue looked down at its likeness, smiled and thought, “The human being is alive and kicking.”

A committee to plan a tribute to Bob Cousy for his athletic achievements and charitable endeavors got rolling in the fall of 2007.

Spearheading the effort was Ken Kaufman, a former Worcester Polytechnic Institute head basketball coach and Cousy’s close friend. Kaufman and Arthur J. Andreoli ’58, a Hall of Famer and former alumni president, reached out to 10 other friends who admire Cousy, forming a committee to erect a statue in his honor.

Joining Kaufman and Andreoli on the committee were the Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49; Anthony A. Froio ’86; Andrew Laska ’50; Donald F.O. Maloney ’52; Rev. Earle L. Markey, S.J., ’53; Ronald S. Perry ’54; Donald E. “Dee” Rowe; and longtime pals of Cousy, Joseph R. Eid, John R. “Jack” Sharry and Edward P. Tonelli.

The Committee engaged Brian P. Hanlon, a renowned New Jersey sculptor, to create a 7-foot bronze statue of Cousy in action. Hanlon had created a small version of the statue for the Bob Cousy trophy presented annually by the Basketball Hall of Fame to the best point guard in college basketball.

“Many in the Holy Cross community and beyond worked fervently on this project. It was a labor of love,” notes Kaufman.
Stories of “the Final Frontier”  
NASA calls on O’Callahan ’60 to narrate a rich history  

By Karen Sharpe

To celebrate its 50 years of discovery and imagination, triumph and loss, NASA has commissioned storyteller Jay O’Callahan ’60 to tell the story of the people who made space exploration possible. O’Callahan has performed his stories at the Olympics, Lincoln Center, on NPR, and with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, but this commission is his most comprehensive yet.

“I’m excited,” O’Callahan says. “I’ve been involved in this work for 30 years and have been commissioned to do a lot of stories, but it is very exciting to be doing one about reaching out to the stars and the universe.”

To craft a story, O’Callahan interviews dozens of individual people, listening to tales of experience and emotion. In this case, he has heard from NASA employees and interns in Houston, the curator of the Smithsonian National Air and Space museum, and ordinary people recalling how they felt during the first moon landing—or where they were when the Challenger Shuttle exploded. The commission is 18 months in the making, with a premiere performance scheduled in the late spring or early summer of 2009.

“In our time, we really don’t live with the stars and the moon in the way people used to,” O’Callahan says. “Now it’s really the scientists who are living with stars and moon and pulling the rest of us outside. I love that they want something living, like a story, to commemorate the anniversary.”

O’Callahan encourages Holy Cross alumni to share their own stories and memories of stars, the moon and space with him at jay@ocallahan.com.
At a White House ceremony on June 19, President Bush awarded the nation’s highest civilian medal to six Americans, including Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., ’62, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

The text of Fauci’s citation reads: “As a physician, medical researcher, author, and public servant, Dr. Anthony Fauci has dedicated his life to expanding the horizons of human knowledge and making progress toward groundbreaking cures for diseases. His efforts to advance our understanding and treatment of HIV/AIDS have brought hope and healing to tens of millions in both developed and developing nations. The United States honors Anthony Fauci for his commitment to enabling men, women, and children to live longer, healthier lives.”

As director of NIAID, Fauci oversees an extensive research portfolio of basic and applied research to prevent, diagnose and treat infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, influenza, tuberculosis, malaria and illness from potential agents of bioterrorism. NIAID also supports research on transplantation and immune-related illnesses, including autoimmune disorders, asthma and allergies.

Fauci serves as one of the key advisers to the White House and Department of Health and Human Services on global AIDS issues, and on initiatives to bolster medical and public health preparedness against emerging infectious disease threats such as pandemic influenza.

A classic major with a premed concentration during his undergraduate years, Fauci has credited Holy Cross with instilling in him a lifelong commitment to social justice.
returned to manage his consulting company, Sea Bright Enterprises, Inc., as president. **Class Co-Chairs David J. Marsel, Thomas F. McCabe Jr.**

**’68** The law firm Butzel Long recently announced that Edward M. Kronk was honored by the Federal Bar Association (FBA)—Eastern District of Michigan Chapter—as the first recipient of the Julian Abele Cook, Jr.-Bernard A. Friedman FBA Civility Award; he was recognized during the chapter’s annual dinner held in June at the Detroit Athletic Club. Kronk is an attorney and a shareholder in the Detroit office of Butzel Long. **Class Co-Chairs Alfred J. Carolan Jr., John T. Collins**

**’69** Rev. Bruce N. Teague writes that he attended the June 2008 Institute on Christian-Muslim Relations held at George-town University in Washington, D.C.; the weeklong conference was offered by The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown and The Duncan Black Macdonald Center at Hartford (Conn.) Seminary, and designed primarily for religious professionals. **Class Co-Chairs David H. Drinan, James W. Igoe, Robert G. Powderly**

**’70** Henry I. Belch Jr. writes that he retired after 28 years as an FBI agent—and adds that, for the past five years, he has worked for Booz Allen Hamilton as a consultant, primarily assigned to the Department of Homeland Security. **Class Co-Chairs Stephen J. Bier, Thomas J. Neagle**

**’71** Gary W. Muller, M.D., writes that he continues to work as an orthopedic surgeon in Philadelphia. According to an article in the May 30 edition of The Washington Times, U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Clarence Thomas, delivered the commencement address on May 29 at the Washington Jesuit Academy, a tuition-free middle school for academically talented boys from low-income families, located in Washington, D.C. **Class Chair Robert T. Bonagura. Class Correspondent Jerome J. Cuna Jr.**

**’72** The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court announced in June that attorney John G. Dugan was one of five recipients of its seventh annual Adams Pro Bono Publico Awards. Dugan, a principal in the law firm Doherty Ciechanowski, Dugan & Cannon, P.C., with offices in Franklin and Medfield—along with attorney Edward Notis-McConarty—was honored for his work “in the development and implementation of three Limited Assistance Representation pilot projects in the Probate and Family Court Department to expand access to justice.” He currently serves as a volunteer in the Lawyer for a Day program at Norfolk Probate and Family Court. Joseph A. McKenzie writes that he has been named chief economist at the Federal Housing Finance Board in Washington, D.C. **Class Co-Chairs Allan F. Kramer II, Richard J. Witry**

**’73** Stephen A. Truhon writes that his article—“Equal opportunity climate in the United States military: Are differences in the eye of the beholder?”—has been published in the March issue of the European Journal of Work and Organizational Psychology. **Class Co-Chairs William F. Bagley Jr., Philip J. Crowley**

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**CLASS NOTES**
Edward J. Ludwig ’73 named research foundation’s Man of the Year

By Rebecca Smith ’99

Edward J. Ludwig ’73

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF) recently named Edward J. Ludwig ’73 its 2008 Man of the Year for his dedicated support and generosity to the Northern New Jersey and Rockland County chapter of JDRF.

The leading charitable funder and advocate of type 1 (juvenile) diabetes research worldwide, JDRF is committed to finding a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

Ludwig serve as chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD), a global medical technology company headquartered in New Jersey. BD manufactures and sells medical devices, instrument systems and reagents; it is dedicated to improving people’s health throughout the world.

Active in philanthropic efforts, Ludwig sits on Aetna’s board of directors and chairs its audit committee. He is a member and past chair of the Health Advisory Board for the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; a trustee of the Hackensack (N.J.) University Medical Center; and chairman of the Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed). A certified public accountant, he earned his M.B.A. in finance at Columbia University in New York.

A member of the Holy Cross Board of Trustees, Ludwig is also active in the College’s Executive Leadership Workshop and Summer Business Program.

Greater Media, Inc., Braintree, Mass., recently announced that Peter H. Smyth, the company’s president and chief executive officer, attained a ninth-place ranking on this year’s “40 Most Powerful People in Radio” list compiled by Radio Ink Magazine and published in July; according to the press release, he has been included on the list for the past seven years. The company also announced that Smyth was honored by the national radio and music industry publication Radio & Records as a finalist for its 35th annual Radio & Records awards, in the category “radio group executive of the year.” Smyth, who began his broadcasting career in 1977, joined Greater Media in 1986 and assumed his current position in March 2002; chairman of the board of directors of the Radio Advertising Bureau, he serves as a member of both the National Association of Broadcasters board of directors and the HD Digital Alliance Oversight Committee. The Boston Globe published Smyth’s op-ed piece, “Make satellite radio keep competing,” in its June 18th edition. Class Co-Chairs Joseph W. Cummings, Joseph A. Sass Jr.

The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, Inc., announced in May the election of Michael L. Brown as chairman of its board of directors; a certified public accountant, an attorney and accredited estate planner in Massachusetts, Brown is the managing director of UHY Advisors N.E., LLC in Boston and a partner with UHY LLP. Mary Gibbons Whipple writes that she was named in New Jersey Monthly Magazine as “one of the top lawyers in New Jersey for white-collar criminal defense.” Class Chair Thomas E. Ryan. Class Correspondent Thomas C. Healey

Mary Lee Griffin Bulat writes that she currently serves as the children’s librarian at the Harwinton (Conn.) Public Library. Class Co-Chairs Brian A. Cashman, Kathleen T. Connolly

Stephen J. Marquis, M.D., writes that he has been selected as one of America’s top pediatricians by the Consumers’ Research Council of America for both 2007 and 2008. Thomas J. Solitaro notes that he joined the corporate development team at Mobile Satellite Ventures in Reston, Va. Class Co-Chairs Marcia Hennelly Moran, Mark T. Murray, Michael H. Shanahan. Class Correspondent Roseann Fitzgerald

The global investment firm Pioneer Investments announced in June the appointment of Joseph D. Kringlon as executive vice president and head of U.S. retail distribution; according to the press release, his responsibilities involve “managing Pioneer’s U.S. sales team, including key distributor relationships with financial advisors and broker dealers.” Class Co-Chairs J. Christopher Collins, Kathleen L. Wiese

Colby-Sawyer College, New London, N.H., recently announced that Elizabeth C. “Beth” Crockford received its Gown Award during May 10 commencement exercises—in recognition of her service to the New London area community.” Currently the academic dean and an associate professor of business administration at Colby-Sawyer, Crockford joined the college staff in 1995 as an adjunct faculty member; appointed to full time in 1997, she was chair of the business administration department from 2005 until 2007, when she became academic dean. According to the press release, highlights of her community involvement include: service to the Kearsarge/Sunapee Area Habitat for Humanity as current treasurer and past member of its Family Selection Committee; former trustee of the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nursing Association’s Community Health Services; and past treasurer of the New London Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club. Owen P. Keenan writes that he has relocated
to California where he teaches math at the Crescenta Valley High School in Glendale and, also, serves as assistant head coach for the girls’ basketball team. Drew E. Werner, M.D., writes that he continues to be associated with the Valley View Hospital, Glenwood Springs, Colo.—and notes that he also writes a Dear Doc column for a local newspaper, the Vail Daily. *Class Co-Chairs Jean Kelly Cummings, Susan L. Sullivan*

'83 Cecil D. Hudson writes that he is vice president of sales effectiveness for CIGNA Healthcare in Connecticut. James Iryzk writes that, effective July 1, he accepted the position of president of Iona Prep School, an independent, Christian Brothers high school for boys located in New Rochelle, N.Y.; Iryzk notes that he had previously completed 20 years as a teacher, coach and administrator at Chooate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Conn. Kathleen E. “Katie” McCarthy and her husband, Jerry Bruni, announce the birth of their son, Luke Enzo Bruni, on Oct. 1, 2007. The Comegno Law Group, with offices in Moorestown and Atlantic City, N.J., announced in August that Richard F. Roy Jr. has joined the firm as a shareholder; his specialties are family law and land use and real estate law. Kenneth P. “Ken” Singleton writes that he currently serves as executive vice president and general counsel for the commercial real estate firm Cushman & Wakefield, directing the company’s global legal, risk management and compliance functions. Elaine B. Steen notes that she serves as an editorial and research consultant for the American Medical Informatics Association. *Class Co-Chairs Patricia G. Haylon, David J. Trasatti*

'84 Cheryl (Couture) Lonardo writes that she is a special education teacher at the Luther Burbank Middle School in Lancaster, Mass. *Class Co-Chairs Susan P. Petelberg, Edward J. Lynch III, Fred J. O’Connor*

'85 Karen E. Baldwin writes that the Baldwin Entertainment Group—which she formed with her husband, Howard, in 2004—has opened a second film office in Connecticut; she mentions three films the company currently has in development: Atlas Shrugged, based on the novel by Ayn Rand; Luna, based on the book *The Legacy of Luna*, by Julia Butterfly Hill; and Teacher Man, written by Frank McCourt and based on his book by the same name. The Midwestern law practice Michael Best & Friedrich LLP announced in June that Scott C. Beightol, a partner in the labor and employment relations group of its Milwaukee office, has been elected chair of the firm’s management committee. David D. Hohman writes that, after 17 years with Sun Chemical, he has joined The Keystone Consulting Group in Chicago as a principal; according to Hohman, the firm specializes in consulting for manufacturing and distribution companies. John L. Rizzo notes that he currently serves as the treasurer of the Berlin (N.Y.) Central School District. *Class Co-Chairs Thomas M. Flynn, Joseph Terranova. Class Correspondent Joanne S. Niland*

'86 Susan M. Siemietkowski writes that she has been named director of communications and governmental affairs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service in Washington, D.C. *Class Co-Chairs Virginia M. Ayers, Patrick L. McCarthy Jr., Edward T. O’Donnell, Kathleen Quinn Powers*

'87 The May 27 Washington Post article “U.S. Medical Research Gets 600 Million From Institute” includes the mention that James J. Collins Jr. was one of 56 scientists in the United States named an investigator by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Chosen from among more than 1,000 applicants, Collins currently serves as a professor of biomedical engineering at Boston University. *Class Chair Mark A. Connolly. Class Correspondent Kathleen E. Moylan*

'88 J. Christopher Boyd writes that, following 12 years in business as a financial adviser, he has started his own Registered Investment Advisor firm—Asset Management Resources, LLC. Pamela (Carr) Burns and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Brendan Michael, on Jan. 5; Burns writes that she is a business consultant in the information technology department at Commerce Insurance in Webster, Mass. Margaret O’Rourke Granados writes that she serves as the head of The Shipley School’s Lower School in Byrn Mawr, Pa.—a coeducational school for students in prekindergarten through fifth grade. William P. “Bill” Kelly notes that he is a partner in the personal injury law firm McCarthy & Kelly LLP, with offices in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Florida. Sean A. Moynihan and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Jane, on April 30. Ann Casey Rose writes that she has launched her own business this year—Botany Bath Works—which manufactures and markets botanical bath and body products that are sold both wholesale to retailers and direct to consumers through the Web site www.botanybath.com. John F. Sweeney notes that he has been working for the past 10 years at Fidelity Investments in Boston, where he is responsible for its investment advisory services. Thomas T. “Tom” Vogel Jr. writes that he is now director of corporate communications at Financial Security Assurance in New York City. *Class Co-Chairs Ellen S. Conte, Paul E. Demit*

'89 The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in Washington, D.C., announced in June that Molly A. Wilkinson, its chief of staff, was the recipient of an Excellence in Government Service Award from the Albany (N.Y.) Law School Government Law Center; according to the press release, the award was presented to 30 alumni “who have significant accomplishments in their field of government, in celebration of the Center’s 30th anniversary.” A 1996 graduate of the school, Wilkinson joined the staff of the SBA in 2008, having previously served as the chief acquisition officer at the General Services Administration. *Class Co-Chairs Christina M. Buckley, Sean T. McHugh*

'90 Jacqueline K. “Kelly” (Abercrombie) Caldwell writes that she has returned from her 15-month deployment in Ramadi, Iraq; Caldwell notes that she is a physician assistant assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team—part of the 3rd Infantry Division—at Fort Stewart, Ga. John D. Curtis and his wife, Josie ‘93, announce the birth of their son, Evan James, on July 5, 2007. Heather (Innes) Dagio writes that her husband, Daniel A. “Dan” Dagio, a commander in the U.S. Navy, was recently mobilized to Iraq for a one-year tour—and that “he is working in Baghdad for a counter-IED task force, where he is in charge of the transition to Iraqi forces.” Marriott International Inc., Bethesda, Md., announced on June 16 the appointment of Stephanie Coleman Linnartz to the post of senior vice president, global sales, for the corporation, effective July 31; according to the press release, her responsibilities in this posi-
McLaughlin ‘89 publishes first novel

By Karen Sharpe

“I don’t get too deeply into the biology of the condition in the novel because I am more interested in the psychological and sociological implications of it,” she says.

McLaughlin’s writing career was mentored by two Holy Cross professors.

“Robert Cording was not only a great teacher but was very nurturing of my writing. Bill Morse taught me two one-on-one tutorials on Milton and Shakespeare. Satan is still my favorite literary character, in part because of my work with Professor Morse.”

An anthropology class with Diane Bell focused McLaughlin on the intricacies of human behavior. But her introduction to physics changed her future.

“It more or less blew my mind and is probably responsible for the fact that I’m primarily a science fiction writer,” she says.

McLaughlin says some early readers of Cycler have seen elements of magic in her plot, though that was not her intention.

“I’ve never written about magic because I’ve always found the subject impenetrable,” she says. “But it’s the nature of fiction that the finishing touches are done by the reader—so if they see magic, then magic it is.”

Poetry, Satan, physics and anthropology: this strange, formative combination of interests at Holy Cross is what helped launch science fiction writer Lauren McLaughlin ‘89.

McLaughlin has worked as a film writer and producer, edited a literary journal and published short fiction. Her first novel, Cycler, a blending of science and young adult fiction, is due out in August.

Cycler is the story of a teenage girl who, once a month, turns into a boy for a few days.

Preserve America. Mitchell was honored at a ceremony and luncheon held in June at the State House. Diana (Walker) Sharpe announces the birth of her son, Charles Henry, on May 17. Stephen D. “Duke” Storen and his wife, Barbara Berry Storen ‘92, announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Lynn, on Feb. 22, 2007. Storen writes that he now works for the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service, “heading up a new office created to fight hunger by increasing participation in the nation’s food assistance programs.” Joanne Brewer Timmons writes that she currently serves as the director of the domestic violence program at Boston Medical Center. Joanne P. Brewer and Glen Timmons, were married on Sept. 22, 2007, at the Martha-Mary Chapel at Longfellow’s Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Mass.

Class Co-Chairs Peter J. Capizzi, Kristin M. Kraeger, Richard A. Squigley

‘92 Jennifer E. Greaney writes that she has been promoted to partner in the Boston law firm Sally & Fitch LLP; Greaney notes that she serves as a civil litigator with a focus on real estate disputes. Courtney R. Herbert, M.D., and her husband, Guy Joubert, announce the birth of their son, Blaise Anthony Joubert, on June 4. Garrett M. Herbert and his wife, Lisa, announce the birth of their son, Japhy Ryder Herbert, on Feb. 4; Herbert writes that he relocated to San Jose, Calif., in June to assume a new position, “leading Deloitte & Touche’s Silicon Valley mergers and acquisitions transaction services practice.” Kristin Reichardt Kirwan and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Maria Katherine, on March 15. Barbara Berry Storen and her husband, Stephen D. “Duke” Storen ‘91, announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Lynn, on Feb. 22, 2007.

Class Co-Chairs Mauro E. McGovern, Timothy D. McGovern, Christopher J. Serb

‘93 Earl A. Bueno, M.D., and his wife, Theresa, announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Elise, on April 11. Jodi (Martinez) Curtin and her husband, John ’90, announce the birth of their son, Evan James, on July 5, 2007. Kimberly (Klaus) Daly writes that she continues to work for ROCPAC International in New Zealand. Mary D’Argenis-Fernandez and her husband, Antonio Fernandez, announce the birth of their daughter, Natalia, on April 25. Alison (Salerno) Donway writes that she

‘91 Ann Marie F. Lizzi writes that she continues to serve as production manager at Time Warner Cable Media Sales in Albany, N.Y.; adding that she is a freelance filmmaker, Lizzi notes that she recently completed co-producing and editing the feature film The Skeptic. David B. “Dave” Mitchell, a social studies teacher at Masconomet Regional High School in Topsfield, Mass., since 1995, was recently named the 2008 Massachusetts Preserve America History Teacher of the Year; the award is sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, under the White House initiative...
lives in Vancouver, Wash., with her family and works as an assistant chief pilot for Horizon Air, the regional arm of Alaska Airlines; Donway adds that, in addition to serving on the management team for the airlines’ 750 pilots, she is a captain of the 76-seat turbo-prop Dash-8-400. Thomas P. Humann writes that, following 12 years of service with the Marines, he relocated to Sacramento, Calif., to accept a position as a chief with Cal Fire, the state’s fire department; Humann notes that he serves as a helicopter pilot and California’s aviation safety officer. Judith A. “Judi” Cannistraro Saint-Amour writes that she continues to work as tax counsel to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board. Christine J. Schaeffer-Pettigrew, M.D., and her husband, Arthur, announce the birth of their daughter, Kathleen Joy, on Jan. 3; the McCormicks write that Ann Marie is an associate director and a compliance manager for UBS Financial Services, Bethesda, Md., and that Joe is now a commercial real estate broker with Transwestern, also in Bethesda. Alexander A. Merati notes that he has started his own business in New York, “doing program planning, grant writing, and budgeting for nonprofit organizations.” James P. “Jim” Mullins and his wife, Jen, announce the birth of their son, Jimmy Mullins, on July 13, 2007; Mullins writes that he was recently promoted to director of sales for Mars Snackfood Inc. Peter J. O’Keefe and his wife, Kerry ’95, announce the birth of their son, Timothy James, on April 18. ‘97

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announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Elizabeth, on Aug. 19, 2007. Sarah Maney Lane and her husband, Sean ’98, announce the birth of their son, Samuel Joseph, on April 3. Stephen J. Leahy Jr. and his wife, Cynthia, announce the birth of their son, Jack Michael, on Sept. 29, 2007. Bridget (Gardner) McDonald and her husband, Randy, announce the birth of their son, Ryan James, on Feb. 8. Brian R. Newkirk and his wife, Mercedes ’98, announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Newkirk, in May. Rebecca Wharton Peil and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their son, Zachary Robert, on Sept. 14, 2007; Peil writes that she is currently working as a nurse practitioner in a general pediatrics office in Phoenix. Kristin (Cook) Praznowski notes that her husband, Charles S. Praznowski, is working in sales for IBM in Chicago; Kristin adds that she serves as a consultant for Multisystemic Therapy Services, also in Chicago. Alison J. Quinn and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of their daughter, Riley Danford, on April 22. Timothy J. “Tim” Sayer and his wife, Fiona ’96, announce the birth of their son, William Rooney, on April 28, 2007. Aimee (Riendeau) Sullivan and her husband, Sean, announce the birth of their son, Brian Patrick, on Nov. 28. Heather N. Sullivan writes that she is currently employed at a public relations/strategic communications firm in Washington, D.C. Susan (Croak) Zahry and her husband, Khalid, announce the birth of their daughter, Noura Virginia, on May 12. Kristin M. Cook and Charles S. Praznowski were married on Feb. 22, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Class Co-Chairs Marnie J. Dardanello, M.D., Kristin M. O’Connor, Julie E. Orioli

‘99 Ariane M. Abcarian, M.D., writes that, after receiving her degree from the Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Va., in May, she was accepted, this past summer, into the general surgery residency program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Karen Miceli Antonetti and her husband, Jay, announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Rose, on July 11, 2007. Kerry A. Hurley and Michael R. Brown announce the birth of their son, Colin Michael Brown, on Aug. 9, 2007. Megan (Nealon) Chevalier writes that she has been working for Google Inc., in its New York office, for the past five years—and notes that she is currently serving in a communications role within the North American advertising sales group. Jill (Kraszewski) Lamson and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their child, Harrison Elliott, on April 23; Lamson notes that she works as a nurse practitioner in ob/gyn at MIT Medical in Cambridge, Mass. Capt. Griffin M. “Griff” Marshall, USMC, writes that he returned last January from a one-year deployment to Al Anbar Province, Iraq, where he was a part of II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward). Alison (DeViva) and Christopher J. McCoy announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Rose, on July 4. Kathleen “Katie” McGurn-Cave and her husband, Colin, announce the birth of their son, Patrick John Cave, on Jan. 11. Jessica C. (Shade) Morrison and her husband, Clarke, announce the birth of their son, James Paige Morrison, on May 17. Dana (Keith) and Robert P. “Rob” O’Brien announce the birth of their son, Conor Patrick O’Brien, on March 17. Ronald G. Passaro writes that he composed the original musical score for Ice Kings—a documentary about the Mount Saint Charles Academy in Woonsocket, R.I., whose high school sports hockey program holds the record of 26 consecutive state championships; the film began airing on regional sports networks last November. Tara (Kelly) and Brian A. Swanson announce the birth of their son, Roman Robert, on April 20. Gina D. and Timothy R. Trachimowicz announce the birth of their son, Joshua Martin, on Oct. 9. Megan E. Nealon and James Chevalier, M.D., were married on June 7, 2008, at Sts. John & Paul Church in Larchmont, N.Y. Class Co-Chairs Margaret E. Devine, Timothy E. Horton, Matthew J. McDonough

‘98 Caroline Drazl Arnedt and her husband, Todd Arnedt, announce the birth of their child, Cooper Brown, on Nov. 9. Rochelle M. Bard writes that she has spent two seasons singing with Opera San José in San José, Calif.—and notes that upcoming performances in 2008 include operas in Virginia, New York, Idaho and California. John P. Calabro and his wife, Jacqueline ’96, announce the birth of their son, Patrick James, on March 17. Sean M. Lane and his wife, Sarah ’97, announce the birth of their son, Samuel Joseph, on April 3. Sara E. and Timothy M. Mulcahy announce the birth of their son, Brendan Peter, on Feb. 15. Mercedes B. Ramirez-Newkirk and her husband, Brian ’97, announce the birth of their son, Ben-
Teachers’ Beliefs about Behavior Management in Beijing, Tokyo and Boston.” Ponte adds that she accepted, for the fall, a postdoctoral fellowship at Tufts University and, also, a position at Holy Cross, teaching classes in the psychology department. Theodore R. “Ted” Rask writes that he has been working, since graduation, at the Oregon Health and Sciences University, Portland, performing clinical research at the Layton Aging and Alzheimer’s Disease Center—and, in June 2007, earned a second bachelor’s degree in biology, with a minor in business, at Portland (Ore.) State University. Rask adds that, in the spring, he was accepted into Oregon Health and Sciences University School of Dentistry, beginning this fall. Christopher T. Sanford notes that he left active duty with the Navy in 2007 and has started his own business, PuroClean Disaster Restoration Services, in Rhode Island. Melissa (Rogers) Soto and her husband, Luis ’02, announce the birth of their son, Anthony Luis, on May 28. Katherine (Lowe) Thome writes that she has recently been promoted to vice president, senior marketing manager, at HSBC North America, in Mettawa, Ill. Theodore R. Rask and Michele Mechling were married on June 17, 2006, at St. Patrick’s Church in Portland, Ore. Allison M. Tencea and Manuel Menchaca were married on July 27, 2007, in Worcester. "01 Brian T. Akashian and his wife, Lauren ’00, announce the birth of their son, Ned Murphy Akashian, on April 7. Lt. Mary Kathryin (Kennedy) Devine writes that she recently completed a tour as operations officer onboard the USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG-81) and is now attending classes in Norfolk prior to taking command of Patrol Coastal Crew Charlie in January 2009. Kimberly Anne J. Hewitt, D.O., writes that, upon graduating from the Lake Erie (Pa.) College of Osteopathic Medicine in June, she accepted an internal medicine residency position, effective July 1, at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Mercy Hospital. Maura (Black) Lamb announces the birth of her son, Owen Nicholas, on Jan. 11; Lamb also notes that she was recently promoted to senior plan administration specialist at Boston Financial Data Services. Nicole (Richards) Rauccio writes that she has been working in a biochemistry laboratory at Pfizer in Groton, Conn., for the past two years. Nicole M. Richards and Kenneth R. Rauccio were married on June 22, 2007, at St. Aedan’s Church in New Haven, Conn. Class Co-Chairs Megan K. Baroni, Catherine G. Bryan, Rusrin Music

'02 Bethany “Beth” (Abbate) Corliss writes that she is pursuing her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Wisconsin and relocating with her husband, Greg, to Atlanta, this past June, for an internship at the Emory School of Medicine. Kylene (Sierkowsk) Lockey and her husband, David ’00, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Siers Lockey, on March 12. Laura (Manzo) Morello writes that she received her degree from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in May—and notes that she has been accepted into an anesthesiology residency program in Arizona, beginning this past summer. Regina M. “Gina” (King) Nelson writes that she received her master of arts degree in health communications in May 2007 from Emerson College, Boston, and that she is now working as a communications consultant for the United Health Group in Minneapolis. Kristin M. O’Sullivan, M.D., notes that, upon receiving her degree from June in Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, N.H., she was accepted into the pediatric residency program the following week, at the Children’s Hospital of Orange County in California. Marriana B. “Annie” Rubino writes that she recently completed her first year at the University of Houston, where she is pursuing her master of fine arts degree in acting—and notes that her plans included training with the SITI Company in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., at its annual summer intensive program. Luis M. Soto and his wife, Melissa ’02, announce the birth of their son, Anthony Luis, on May 28. Bethany D. Abbate and Greg Corliss were married on June 16, 2007. Regina M. King and Bryan Nelson were married on June 23, 2007, in Cohasset, Mass. Laura R. Manzo and Lawrence Morello were married on April 12, in Ridgefield, Conn. "03 Capt. Michael J. Beltran, M.D., USA, writes that he was presented in April with the Army Achievement Medal, for his outstanding performance on the Orthopaedic-In-Training Exam. Amanda C. Corbett notes that she is currently pursuing her M.B.A. at the University of California-Irvine, Paul Merage School of Business, and working full time as a senior shareholder account representative for the American Funds. Garrett T. Eucalitto writes that he has been promoted to foreign policy aide in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman. John T. “Tom” Giblin Jr. notes that, upon receiving his Ph.D. in physics last May from Yale University, New Haven, Conn., he accepted a position as a visiting assistant professor at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine—and, also, a postdoctoral associate position at the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics at North Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Daniel P. “Dan” Hoedeman writes that he oversees strategic planning at the ad agency Circle One. Kurt J. Hofmann and his wife, Mary, announce the birth of their daughter, Maeve Frances, on May 10 in Rochester, N.Y.; Hofmann writes that he has transferred to Tufts University in Boston to finish medical school and has relocated to Norwood, Mass., with his family, this past July. Emily R. Hunter notes that, after receiving her master of arts degree in teaching, birth-kindergarten concentration, this past May, from Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C., she accepted an infant teacher position at the Canterbury School in Atlanta. Jean Saleby McCrossan, D.M.D., writes that, after receiving her degree this past spring from the New Jersey Dental School in Newark, she was accepted into the dental residency program at the Newark (N.J.) Beth Israel Medical Center. Matthew J. McGier notes that, after three deployments with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, he has been promoted to captain; he adds that he is currently an instructor at the special operations training branch at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Patricia A. Milner writes that she is currently working in corporate financial planning and analysis at Avid Technology in Tewksbury, Mass.—and adds that she is a member of the Lowell (Mass.) Philharmonic Orchestra and the Indian Hill Clarinet Choir. Jennie L. Murack and Richard L. Carey were married on Aug. 11, 2007, in Great Barrington, Mass. Class Co-Chairs Elizabeth L. Maloy, Inez C. McGowan

'04 Lauren A. Christy writes that she is currently working in global marketing at AstraZeneca, a pharmaceutical company in Delaware—and adds that she has
received her M.B.A. from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Michael D. Meehan notes that he has recently been promoted to associate at Goldman, Sachs & Company in New York. Timothy D. Quinn writes that he received his degree last May from the Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C.; he adds that he is continuing at Georgetown for his internship year in medicine prior to undertaking training in anesthesia, critical care, and pain medicine at Harvard’s teaching affiliate Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. Bryan K. Sparks notes that he recently accepted a position with the downtown brokerage team in the Boston office of the commercial real estate firm Jones Lang LaSalle.

‘05 Emily A. Cura writes that she has been accepted into the master of theological studies program at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. Timothy M. Warren notes that he is a business reporter for The Washington Times. Brittany F. Burns and Ryan M. Beliveau were married on May 17, 2008, at the Mount Washington Resort in Bretton Woods, N.H. Class Co-Chairs Kathryn Meyers Gilbert, Kathryn C. Leader, John M. O’Donnell

‘06 Daniel J. Perez writes that, for the past two years, he has been the director of the graduate support program at the Nativity Mission Center in New York City. Solight Sou notes that she has recently been promoted to communications coordinator at the United Way of Greater Fall River, in Fall River, Mass.; her responsibilities include oversight of marketing, publications, and the planning of special events.

‘07 Elizabeth E. Bloomer writes that she currently teaches eighth-grade English language arts at the Silver Lake Regional Middle School in Kingston, Mass. Ashley E. Codianni notes that she is now working at NBC Universal in Washington, D.C. Dimas C. Espinola writes that he has been accepted into the public service master’s degree program at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, effective this fall. Brian E. Jackson notes that he works for the accounting firm Deloitte & Touche LLP in Philadelphia.

Markian P. Kolinsky writes that he is working as a computer desktop support specialist at Argosy Publishing in Newton, Mass. Shane F. Lavin notes that he is working at the International YMCA in New York as a program coordinator in the international exchange services department. Lindsey K. MacNeil writes that she is a research assistant at the Kennedy Krieger Institute, Baltimore, in the developmental cognitive neurology department. James L. Maliszewski notes that he has been working for the last year as a technician in the emergency room at the University of Nebraska Medical Center—and, in August, was accepted into the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. Kellie A. O’Connor writes that she is working at Media Contacts in Boston as a media planner/buyer. John B. Ortolani notes that he is a second-year student at the University at Buffalo (N.Y.) School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. Jacqueline M. Ramalho writes that she is working in advertising for Chanel and Colgate in New York City.

Michael J. Galbo, Kaitlin M. Padgett, Kara M. Pipoli

‘08 William J. “Billy” McCrystal writes that he is teaching history and sociology at his alma mater Oratory Preparatory School, in Summit, N.J., and also serving as the assistant cross-country coach; McCrystal adds that he is pursuing teacher certification and his master of arts degree in education at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J.

Class Co-Chairs Jonathan H. Andersen, Kathryn T. Dearing and Helen M. Murphy

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**STRAUSS ’02 AND COVINGTON**

Charles Strauss ’02 and Elizabeth Covington were married on Oct. 14, 2006, in Asheville, N.C. *First row, left to right:* Kelly Sweeney ’02, Kaitlyn Lyons Kent ’02, Rebecca Smith ’02, Matthew Dooley ’02, Cara Winters ’02, Lauren Buonome ’02. *Second row, left to right:* Meaghan Johnson ’02, Daniel Kaiser ’02, Gregory McNamee ’02, Rev. Edward Vodoklys, S.J., ’72. *Third row, left to right:* Sean Zierak ’02, Michelle Tangredi ’02, Daniel Ennis ’02, Stephanie Nist ’02. *Standing:* Charles Strauss ’02 and Elizabeth Covington

**GOLDEN ’02 AND DIPALMA ’02**

Marie Golden ’02 and Jared DiPalma ’02 were married on Oct. 6, 2007, in the St. Joseph Memorial Chapel at Holy Cross. *First row, left to right:* Christine Giambone ’02, Cassandra Clark ’02, Lauren Buonome ’02, Amanda Wall ’02, Rebecca Smith ’02, Kristen Diggins ’90. *Second row, left to right:* Julia Post ’07, Sarah Dalton Quinn ’02, Erin McAleer ’02, Megan Kostoulakos ’02, Joan Golden ’04, Marie Golden ’02, Jared DiPalma ’02, Allison Welch ’02, Beth Pugliao ’02, Charles Post ’04, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., Lawrence DiPalma ’72, Margaret Post P’04, P’07, Patrick Diggins ’86. *Third row, left to right:* Charlie Gouris ’06, Kathleen Murray ’02, Rev. Edward Vodoklys, S.J., ’72, John Murphy ’02 and Gregory McNamee ’02

**MEYERS ’04 AND GILBERT ’04**

Kate Meyers ’04 and Evan Gilbert ’04 were married on July 21, 2007, in Paramus, N.J. *First row, left to right:* Elizabeth Strahle ’04, Nicole Arseneault ’04, Kate Meyers ’04, Elizabeth Howard Small ’04, Maranda Compton ’04. *Second row, left to right:* Liam McReil ’04, Nichole Senkowski ’04, Jessica Maturo ’04, Robert G. Martin ’73, Edward P. Meyers ’73, Edward A. Meyers, M.D., ’46, Evan Gilbert ’04, John Gilbert ’71, Jon Small ’04, Anna Harmon ’04, Mike Maxwell ’04, Matt Pieraldi ’04 and Sarah Jones ’04

**CRAWFORD ’89 AND CHILDS**

Kathleen Crawford ’89 and Thomas Childs were married on Dec. 1, 2007, in Boston. *First row, left to right:* Mary Seraly Cropp ’89, Raul Davila ’89, Ann Marie Meade Davila ’89, Kerri Keough ’89. *Second row, left to right:* Joe Poggenburg ’87, Laura Poggenburg Kuhn ’89, Kathleen Crawford Childs ’89, Thomas Childs, Nancy Connolly Kimble ’89, Kimberly Fandel Connolly ’89. *Third row, left to right:* Frank Forbes ’87, William Carroll ’87, Jane Toole Casanta ’89, Susan Trasatti Sullivan ’89 and Jean Mello ’86
ESSIG ‘01 AND SWIATKOWSKI ‘01
Lindsay Essig ‘01 and John Swiatkowski ‘01 were married on June 23, 2007, in Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J. First row, left to right: Michael Swiatkowski ‘99, Thomas Beer ‘01, Walter Mello ‘01, Christopher Patrona ‘01, James Swiatkowski ‘05, David Dykeman ‘01. Second row, left to right: Susan Traks Mello ‘01, Jane Lawrence ’78, Kim DeVoursney ‘01, Kathleen Pessolano ‘01, Catherine Bryan ‘01, Lindsay Essig ‘01, John Swiatkowski ‘01, Susan Lawrence Hartigan ’79 and Hugh Turk ’70

TEBBETTS ‘04 AND HEDRICK ‘04

BRUDERLE ‘99 AND MURRAY

DONAHOE ’01 AND GARRITY
Andrea F. Donahoe ’01 and Christopher Patrick Garrity were married on July 28, 2007, in Washington D.C. Left to right: Roland Baroni ’99, Megan Kezew Baroni ’01, Jim Donahoe ’71, Maura Black Lamb ’01, John Burkhardt ’71, Andrea Donahoe Garrity ’01, Stacey Robbins ’01, Rob Mariani ’01, Katie Brescia ’01, Jessica Kieliszak ’01 and Shauna McLoughlin Stecker ’01
In Memoriam

1936
JOHN H. BROWE, M.D.
John Browe, M.D., died April 8, 2008, at his home in Troy, N.Y., at 92. Active in the medical field, Dr. Browe had held the post of director of the bureau of nutrition, division of epidemiology and preventive health services, with the New York State Department of Health, from 1950-77; taking part, during this time, in nutrition surveys in Iran, Chile and Venezuela, he focused his attention on the subject of nutrition as it relates to children. Dr. Browe had been a lector at his parish, Sacred Heart Church, in Troy. During World War II, he had served as a lieutenant with the Army Medical Corps in the Philippines. A Japanese prisoner of war on Bataan from 1942-45, Dr. Browe had attended to the medical needs of American, Filipino and Australian prisoners held at various locations there; he was later active in prisoner of war activities, including the Northeast chapter of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. Dr. Browe is survived by a son; a daughter; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

JOSEPH E. GALLAGHER
Joseph Gallagher, a longtime resident of Wellesley and Dover, Mass., died March 22, 2008, at 93. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Gallagher had been the chief executive officer of Thayer Advertising in New York; previously, he had held the post of vice president of the First Bank Marketing Group in Boston. Mr. Gallagher began his career in publishing at Prentice Hall where he became its national sales manager. An Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Gallagher served in the 711th Tank Battalion under Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Pacific theater; he was the recipient of the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, two Purple Hearts, The Philippine Liberation Medal, and the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal. Mr. Gallagher is survived by his wife, Genevieve; a son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1939
JAMES T. TAAFFE JR.
James Taaffe died on March 5, 2008, at his home in McLean, Va., at 91. Mr. Taaffe had worked his entire career for the Veterans Administration, most recently serving as the director of compensation, pension and education, from 1968 until his retirement in 1975; joining the agency following World War II as a claims adjudicator, he had assisted with the computerization of operations in the Chicago office in the mid-1960s. A bomber pilot with the Army Air Forces during World War II, Mr. Taaffe was held 13 months by the Germans as a prisoner of war; he had been a recipient of the Purple Heart. Following retirement, Mr. Taaffe assisted with the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees in Northern Virginia—and took part in fundraising for his parish, St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, in McLean, where he had been a member of the choir and a Eucharistic Minister. Mr. Taaffe and his wife had also started and operated a meals program for Christ House in Arlington, Va., for 11 years. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; three sons; four daughters; two sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law; two sisters; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1941
BROTHE BRUTUS J. CLAY, S.J.
Brother Brutus Clay, S.J., died April 2, 2008, in Genesys Hospital, Grand Blanc, Mich., at 90. Prior to his retirement, Brother Clay had served the Loyola University Chicago Jesuit Community as an assistant in the rector’s office, house sacristan, and library assistant. His previous assignment was the Canisius Secondary School in Chikuni, Zambia, where he had held the positions of bursar for the school and sacristan, from 1980-87. Entering the Society of Jesus at the Milford, Ohio, novitiate in 1949, Brother Clay had worked in the house library at West Baden (Ind.) College for three years, beginning in 1953; he was then assigned to serve in the Society’s General Curia in Rome, assuming the post of brother secretary for the American Assistance, from 1956-69. Brother sister for the Chicago Province staff in Oak Park, Ill., from 1969-74, Brother Clay subsequently joined the Xavier University Jesuit Community in Cincinnati as guest master, secretary, and health insurance agent, from 1974-80. Following his retirement in 2003, he had lived with the Colombiere Jesuit Community in Clarkston, Mich., fulfilling the duties of sacristan there. A veteran, Brother Clay served with the Army Air Corps as a mechanic from 1942-45. Upon the completion of military service, he worked in farming for three years before entering the novitiate. Born in Atlanta, Brother Clay spent his early years in Kentucky and Maryland; prior to beginning his studies at Holy Cross, he had attended Georgetown Prep in Garrett Park, Md. Brother Clay is survived by a brother; a sister-in-law; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

1942
WILLIAM G. CONNERS
William Conners died March 23, 2008, in Elliot Hospital, Manchester, N.H., at 89. Prior to his retirement in 1983, Mr. Conners had been chief of the social services department for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Manchester; previously, he had been a social worker with the Canandaigua (New York) Veterans Hospital. At the start of his career, Mr. Conners had worked for the Connecticut Probation Department in New Britain, Conn.; the Massachusetts Mental Health Clinic, Taunton, Mass.; and the Institute for Juvenile Research in Chicago. He had been an active volunteer with the Manchester Nurses Association for many years and a longtime parishioner of Saint Catherine Church in Manchester. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Conners had served with the Third and Fifth Marine Division, Amphibious Tractor Battalion; attaining the rank of captain, he had taken part in several campaigns, including Bougainville, Iwo Jima and Guam. Mr. Conners is survived by four daughters; three sons-in-law; a brother, J. Edward ‘43; and six grandchildren.

FREDERICK C. KIDD
Frederick Kidd died March 3, 2008, in Jacksonville, Fla., at 88. During his career, Mr. Kidd had served almost 30 years in the military, retiring as a commander. A naval aviator, he completed three tours in World War II and one in the Korean War; remaining in the service during the Vietnam War, Mr. Kidd attended War College and undertook several tours in Washington, D.C. Active in several...
IN MEMORIAM

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LOUIS L. BATTEY, M.D.

Louis Battey, M.D., died April 21, 2008, at his home in Augusta, Ga., at 84. A physician in Augusta for more than 50 years, Dr. Battey opened a private practice at the start of his career, founding Cardiovascular Associates of Augusta. An innovator in the field of cardiology, he had published research on cerebral blood flow early in his career; opened the city’s first high blood pressure clinic in cooperation with his alma mater the Medical College of Georgia, where he had served many years as a clinical professor of medicine; assisted in the establishment of the region’s first coronary care unit at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Augusta; and, in 1977, established the first office-based echocardiography laboratory in the state of Georgia—extending the program as well to include mobile echocardiogram units that served the surrounding communities. Past president of the Georgia Heart Association, Dr. Battey was the recipient of numerous honors for his work in the fields of medicine and cardiology: In 1993, the American Heart Association presented him with its “Heart of Gold” award, for his contributions to research and education and, in 1996, the Georgia chapter of the American College of Physicians recognized him with its highest professional honor, the Laureate Award. Active in civic affairs, he had been a founding member of Augusta Tomorrow, a group of local officials committed to revitalizing the city’s historic riverfront district. Dr. Battey had also been a member of the board of the Morris Museum of Art; the National Science Center; the Georgia Railroad Bank & Trust; Augusta High School; and the Augusta Federal Savings and Loan Association. Interested in science and history, he had been a member of the Southeastern National Sciences Academy, the Georgia Conservancy, Central Savannah River Land Trust, and several historical societies. A Navy veteran, Dr. Battey had been stationed in Guam during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Mary; five children; a son-in-law; three daughters-in-law; a sister; a sister-in-law and her husband; 10 grandchildren; and 12 nephews and nieces.

G. LAWRENCE MURPHY JR.

G. Lawrence Murphy, of Florida, died April 20, 2008, at 86. During his career, Mr. Murphy had employed 24 years by the General Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio; he had joined the manufacturer in 1961 as the manager of national sales accounts, after having worked a brief time for Oneida Ltd. in Bethesda, Md. Following retirement, Mr. Murphy relocated to Florida, where he established Cellular One of Jacksonville. A World War II veteran, Mr. Murphy completed 42 months of active duty on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans as a lieutenant aboard the USS West Point; he saw combat in the battles of Midway and Okinawa. An avid golfer, Mr. Murphy had been the winner of the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association Championship in 1941, as a student at Holy Cross. He is survived by two sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and 11 grandchildren. His father was the late George L. ’18.

WILLIAM F. NAYLOR

William Naylor, of Hyannis, Mass., died on March 23, 2008, at 86. During his career, Mr. Naylor had taught 32 years in the Barnstable public school system, retiring in 1981 as an English teacher; he had also been a longtime coach of the boys’ tennis team and an assistant coach of Barnstable’s inaugural varsity hockey team. Following retirement, Mr. Naylor had worked 25 years for The Cape Cod Times newspaper. During summers in the 1950s, he operated the Clam Shack Restaurant with his wife in Hyannis. Mr. Naylor had been a parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Church, Hyannis, and a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He had also been a member of the Holy Cross Club of Cape Cod. A lieutenant in the Navy during World War II, Mr. Naylor was the recipient of the Bronze Star with a Combat “V,” for successfully landing Army and Navy demolition troops under enemy fire during the June 6, 1944 D-Day invasion of Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. He is survived by his wife, Helen; two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and three grandchildren.

GEORGE J. SHEA

George Shea, of Berwyn, Pa., died on April 3, 2008, in Paoli (Pa.) Hospital, at 86. During his career, Mr. Shea had worked many years as an FBI agent. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Shea is survived by his wife, Joanne; a son; four daughters; a sister; and nine grandchildren.

ANTHONY N. TOMASIELLO SR.

Anthony Tomasiello died April 21, 2008, in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, at 87. Prior to his retirement in 1991, Mr. Tomasiello had served as the justice for the Nantucket (Mass.) District Court, beginning in 1982; he was appointed the presiding justice in 1986. Previously, Mr. Tomasiello had been the clerk magistrate in the Milford (Mass.) District Court, from 1978-82. Beginning his law career in private practice in 1951, he became the assistant clerk of the Worcester Superior Court in 1969 and continued in this position until 1978. A member of numerous community and fraternal organizations, Mr. Tomasiello had been a lifelong member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Ann Church in Worcester. He was a recipient of the St. Thomas More Award and the Sons of Italy Achievement Award. Mr. Tomasiello had been a Holy Cross class agent and a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; two brothers-in-law; three sisters-in-law; a grandson; and many nephews and nieces.

1944

JOSEPH C. CONDRON

Joseph Condon, of Kingston, Pa., died April 13, 2008, at 85. During his career, Mr. Condon had been an official, for many years, with the Beig Brothers, Inc., Industrial and Commercial Builders, Dalton, Pa.; he had also been an instructor at Penn State University, Dunmore. Following retirement, Mr. Condon had been a construction consultant and an appointed member and vice chairman of the Pennsylvania State General Services Department Selections Committee. He had been a parishioner of St. Ignatius Church, Kingston. A veteran, Mr. Condon attended the U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipman’s School at Northwestern University in Chicago, where he was commissioned as an ensign. Taking part in the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa islands during World War II, he was commanding officer of Landing Craft Infantry 771; Mr. Condon was the recipient of five campaign medals. The commanding officer of the Naval Reserve Surface Division 4-53, Dunmore, he retired as a lieutenant commander following 26 years of service. Mr. Condon later served as president of the Scranton chap-
ter of the U.S. Naval Reserve Officers Association. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Condron is survived by his wife, Betsy; two sons; two daughters, including Deborah Condron Hoffman ’76; two sons-in-law, including H. John Hoffman Jr. ’76; two daughters-in-law; two stepdaughters and their husbands; 14 grandchildren, including Gretchen E. Keisling ’04; nephews, including P. Kevin Condron ’67; and nieces. His brother was the late Philip R. ’41.

1945

THOMAS A. HICKEY

Thomas Hickey died April 8, 2008, in the Jewish Healthcare Center, Worcester, at 84. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Hickey had been a supervisor of auditors for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. During his career, he had also served many years as the treasurer of Hickey’s Package Store; he had begun working at Hickey’s Market in Worcester at 7 years old. A lieutenant junior grade in the Navy, Mr. Hickey had been a plank holder and a communications officer aboard the USS Springfield of the Pacific Fleet; he retired as a commander of the U.S. Naval Reserve. A parishioner of the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester for more than 60 years, Mr. Hickey had been a lector and a Eucharistic Minister there as well as the chairman of numerous committees, including the Bishop’s Fund and the building fund for the Father Connors Center. Active in the Diocese of Worcester, he was a past member of the bishop’s committee on parish finances as well as the bishop’s Military Advisory Committee—and a former president of the Diocesan Lay Senate. In October 1986, Mr. Hickey was inducted into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. His community service included involvement for many years in the United Way. Mr. Hickey had been a past director and treasurer of the Holy Cross Club of Worcester and a member of its scholarship committee. He is survived by his wife, Bernadette; a son, Thomas A. III ’73; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; a brother-in-law; former U.S. Rep. Joseph D. Early ’55; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

1946

LEO H. LARKIN JR.

Leo Larkin died March 20, 2008, at his home in Windsor City, Calif., at 83. A longtime resident of the Philippines, Mr. Larkin had most recently lived in Subic Bay Freeport where he was a co-founder, in 1995, of the Subic Bay Chamber of Commerce and its first president. Instrumental in the development of the Brent Subic International School in the early 1990s, he held the post of board chairman from 1998-2003. Having returned to the Philippines following his marriage to Leila Tabib in California in 1979, Mr. Larkin was the country director of the International Executive Service Corps in the 1980s. A former Jesuit, he had entered the Society of Jesus in 1946, after completing two years of service in the Navy. Undertaking studies and teaching assignments in the United States and the Philippines, Mr. Larkin was ordained to the priesthood in 1957. During his ministry, he taught at the Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines, where he was instrumental in establishing Educational Television on campus and in Metro Manila; Mr. Larkin oversaw ETV until leaving the Society in 1974. He is survived by his wife, Leila; four stepchildren; a sister-in-law; and a stepgrandson. His brother was the late James J. ’50.

EDMUND F. ZIEGLER, M.D.

Edmund Ziegler, M.D., a lifelong resident of New Britain, Conn., died April 18, 2008, at 83. During his career, Dr. Ziegler had practiced medicine for 40 years, serving as a pediatrician; an emergency room doctor at Middlesex Memorial Hospital, Middletown, Conn.; and a school physician for the New Britain school system. He had been a member of St. Maurice Church in New Britain. Dr. Ziegler is survived by his wife, Lorraine; five sons; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; two brothers-in-law; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1947

RICHARD J. MONAHAN SR.

Richard Monahan, of Naples, Fla., died April 11, 2008, at 85. During his career, Mr. Monahan had been a sales executive for many years in the cosmetics industry. An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he had served in the European theater as a B-17 navigator. Mr. Monahan is survived by his wife, Claire; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; John F. ’53; a sister-in-law; and four grandchildren. His father was the late Francis A. ’16.

1948

LEON G. BARTHOLOMIEW JR.

Leon Bartholomiew died March 22, 2008, at UMass Memorial Healthcare-Memorial Campus, Worcester, at 82. During his career, Mr. Bartholomiew had worked 32 years for the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of America—now Hanover Insurance; he retired in 1981 as vice president, group insurance administration services. Following retirement, Mr. Bartholomiew had been a consultant with the Arthur D. Little Company and a self-employed consultant for the insurance industry. A longtime resident of Boylston, Mass., he had served as town meeting moderator and member of the Finance Committee; an active parishioner of St. Mary of the Hills Church in Boylston, Mr. Bartholomiew had been a member of the Parish Council as well as the finance and building committees. He was also a past president of the New England Dental Collaborative, a volunteer at the Service Corps of Retired Executives (S.C.O.R.E.) and the Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging. Mr. Bartholomiew is survived by three sons; three daughters-in-law; five brothers, including David J. ’60; a sister; a brother-in-law; five sisters-in-law; eight grandchildren; a great-grandson; and many nephews and nieces.

RICHARD A. HOWARD JR.

Richard Howard, of Roswell, Ga., and formerly, of Wethersfield, Conn., died March 10, 2008, at 84. During his career, Mr. Howard worked more than 25 years at the Hartford (Conn.) Insurance Group. An Air Force veteran, he served in the Pacific theater during World War II. Mr. Howard had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by a son; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and three grandsons.

OWEN P. KEENAN JR.

Owen Keenan Jr. died April 27, 2008, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation in Milford, Mass., at 83. Prior to his retirement in 1982, Mr. Keenan had taught Latin, French and music in the Natick (Mass.) public school system for more than 30 years. He had also worked part time and full time at the former Jordan Marsh Company in Framingham, Mass., for 40 years. An Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Keenan took part in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns and battles; he was a charter member of the Worcester chapter of the Battle of the Bulge organization. A lifelong parishioner of
St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Milford, Mr. Keenan had been a member of the board of directors of the Friends of the Old St. Mary Cemetery. In addition, he had been a member of the Boston Steinway Society; the Cultural Center of Bass River; and the Airedale Club of Massachusetts—as well as a volunteer at the Milford Senior Center. Mr. Keenan had been a member of the Holy Cross clubs of Worcester and Cape Cod and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Irene; three sons, including Owen P. III ’82; three daughters-in-law; a brother; a sister; eight grandchildren; several nephews and nieces; and a cousin, Bernard V. Jr. ’70.

1949

CHARLES E. KELLEY JR.
Charles Kelley died March 2, 2008, at his home in Seminole, Fla., at 81. During his career, Mr. Kelley had worked in sales in the packaging industry. He had served as a Navy lieutenant in the Korean War. A graduate of Marblehead (Mass.) High School, Mr. Kelley was later inducted into the Marblehead Football Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Mary Catherine “Babe”; a son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a sister; a brother-in-law; a cousin, Bernard V. Jr. ’70.

1950

WILLIAM A. BRIMMER
William Brimmer died March 4, 2008, in Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, Conn., at 82. During his career, Mr. Brimmer had worked many years at the Pratt & Whitney Division, United Technologies Corp., in East Hartford; prior to his retirement in 1987, he had held the position of financial analyst. Mr. Brimmer had been an active parishioner of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford, where he had served in several capacities—with the Financial Committee, Right to Life Group, funeral ministry and senior outreach program; Mr. Brimmer had also been a Eucharistic Minister and a greeter. A veteran, he served in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Brimmer is survived by his wife, Margaret “Peg”; eight sons, including Bradford M. ’77; three daughters; a son-in-law; seven daughters-in-law, including Annemarie Murphy Brimmer ’79; a brother and his wife; 28 grandchildren, including Sean J. ’10; and 20 great-grandchildren.

JOHN G. FALVEY
John Falvey died April 27, 2008, at his home in Hingham, Mass., at 83. During his career, Mr. Falvey had been employed by Swift and Co., serving as a meat buyer and sales person in Brooklyn, N.Y., Ogden, Utah, and Boston; he later worked for T.A. Spatala & Co. until his retirement in 1989. A second lieutenant in the Army Air Force during World War II, Mr. Falvey continued military service in the Air Force Reserve until his discharge in 1962 as a first lieutenant. He is survived by his wife, Doris; four sons; two daughters; eight grandchildren; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

JOHN P. KENNEDY JR.
John Kennedy died April 6, 2008, in the Odd Fellows Home, Worcester, at 79. During his career, Mr. Kennedy had been a head teller at the former Worcester County National Bank. A veteran, he had served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Mr. Kennedy had been a member of St. Joan of Arc Church in Worcester. He is survived by a sister and her husband; a sister-in-law; and several nephews and nieces.

J. PHILIP NEILAN SR.
J. Philip Neilan, a longtime resident of Holden, Mass., died on March 17, 2008, in UMass Memorial Health Care, Worcester, at 79. During his career, Mr. Neilan had been an investment broker and a vice president at the Morgan Stanley Investment Co. where he had worked for 25 years; he retired in 1995. A founding member of St. George’s Church in Worcester, Mr. Neilan was a former chairman of the parish’s Bishop Fund drive—and, also, a member of the First Friday Club in Worcester. He had served as a member of the Holden Zoning Board and as a member and past president of the Holden Exchange Club. Mr. Neilan was a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; two daughters; two sons-in-law, including Peter J. O’Neill ’70; a daughter-in-law; a sister; nine grandchildren; and 36 nephews and nieces.

JOSEPH F. O’NEIL
Joseph O’Neil, of Hingham and Gray Gables, Mass., died on April 4, 2008. An attorney for more than 50 years, Mr. O’Neil opened his own practice in Boston in 1971—Joseph F. O’Neil, P.C.—specializing in immigration and international business law. During his career, he was also an adjunct professor for more than 18 years at his alma mater Boston College Law School. Former chairman of the Massachusetts Bar Association’s Committee on Immigration Law, Mr. O’Neil was past chairman of the New England chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association; in addition, he had published extensively on the subject of immigration law. Mr. O’Neil’s civic involvement included serving as a founder and director of the Lincoln Trust Company for more than 25 years; providing legal guidance in the company’s successful merger with Quincy Savings Bank, he continued to hold the position of director. Mr. O’Neil had served in the Army from 1954-56. An accomplished athlete in baseball and football at Dedham (Mass.) High School, he had played on the College varsity baseball team. Mr. O’Neil had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Elinor; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a brother, William E. ’49; three sisters; and two grandchildren.

HENRY W. PARK III
Henry Park, of Auburn, Maine, died March 2008, at 84. During his career, Mr. Park had worked many years for the Oxford Paper Company. Joining the company in Rumford, Maine, following his discharge from the military after World War II, he subsequently transferred to its corporate headquarters in New York City and later assumed the position of Northeast distributor sales manager in Boston. During the war, Mr. Park had served for two years with the U.S. Army Air Corps of Engineers in the South Pacific. He had been an active member of the Medway (Mass.) Historical Society and chair of the Medway Auto Festival for 12 years. Mr. Park is survived by his wife, Methyl; two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; and six grandchildren.

EUGENE R. POSTON
Eugene Poston, a longtime resident of Maine, died on April 3, 2008, at 82. During his career, Mr. Poston had been the director of industrial relations for the Gannett Publishing Co. in Portland, from 1973 until his retirement in 1994; he had previously served many years as the personnel director for Sanborn’s Motor Express. Following retirement, Mr. Poston pursued his interest in horses, volunteering his time in therapeutic riding activities. A veteran, he had served in the Navy. Mr. Poston had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by two sons; two daughters-in-law; a son-in-law; a sister; and nine grandchildren.
JOHN F. REID JR.
John Reid, of Hingham, Mass., died March 18, 2008, at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth, Mass., at 80. A longtime advertising executive, Mr. Reid had worked 38 years for The Boston Globe; beginning his career with the newspaper in the automotive ad sales department, he retired in 1992 as the executive vice president of marketing. Mr. Reid’s professional affiliations included serving as director of the Boston Downtown Crossing Association and the South Shore Cooperative Bank—and as a member of the New England Newspaper Association; National Retail Merchants Association; and International Newspaper Advertising and Marketing Executives. He was a two-year veteran of the Navy. Mr. Reid is survived by his wife, Nancy; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a brother; a sister; and five grandchildren.

1951
REV. HENRY T. RONAN
Rev. Henry T. Ronan died on April 21, 2008, at St. Patrick Manor, Framingham, Mass., at 81. A longtime priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, Fr. Ronan had most recently served 15 years as the pastor at St. Theresa of Lisieux Church in Billerica, from 1978 until his appointment as senior priest at the Immaculate Conception Church in Malden; he had previously been the associate, for four years, at Most Precious Blood Parish, Hyde Park. Ordained to the priesthood in 1955, Fr. Ronan began his ministry as an assistant at Holy Ghost Church, Whitman, from 1955-58, and, at St. Agnes Parish, Reading, from 1958-64; from 1964-74, he had been the assistant at St. Joseph Church in Lynn. A 1944 graduate of Lawrence Academy in Groton, Mass., Fr. Ronan served as a midshipman at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy prior to his commissioning as an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve; upon his release, he attended Holy Cross for one year before beginning his studies at St. John’s Seminary in Brighton, Mass. Fr. Ronan is survived by his brother, John T. ’51; a sister; nephews, including James J. ’83; and nieces.

1952
RAYMOND W. BERGAN
Raymond Bergan, of McLean, Va., died May 2, 2008, at the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington County, at 77. An attorney for 50 years, Mr. Bergan had been associated with the Washington, D.C., law practice Williams & Connolly LLP, where he served as a longtime partner and, beginning in 1996, as of counsel to the firm. At the start of his career, Mr. Bergan had joined the Law Offices of Edward Bennett Williams ’41, which later became Williams & Connolly; his practice areas included antitrust matters, commercial litigation and general civil litigation. Receiving his law degree from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., in 1954, Mr. Bergan subsequently completed three years of military service in the Army, based in Texas and Washington, D.C. A member of numerous professional organizations, he had been a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers—as well as a member of the board of trustees of Marymount University, Arlington, Va., from 1988-97, and the board of directors of the Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia, from 1999-2000. Mr. Bergan had been a parishioner for many years at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church in McLean. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. McLean is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth; a son; three daughters; a brother, Philip J. ’60; and six grandchildren.

1953
HARRY A. BOYLE JR.
Harry Boyle, a native of Worcester and longtime resident of Atlanta, died on April 5, 2008, at 77. After teaching for a short time, Mr. Boyle relocated to Atlanta in 1962 where he pursued a sales career in educational systems for many years. Mr. Boyle is survived by his partner, David LaFave; three sisters; two brothers-in-law; nephews; and nieces.

1955
RICHARD D. VADNAIS
Richard Vadnais, a longtime resident of Springfield, Mass., died March 17, 2008, at 75. During his career, Mr. Vadnais had been an attorney in Springfield for more than 20 years; he had previously worked with his father in the operation of the Vadnais Lumber Company in Springfield. Mr. Vadnais had been a founding member and the first president of Le Festival Franco-Américain; a member of the former Laurier Club in Chicopee Falls, Mass.; and a past regional governor of the Richelieu Club of Springfield. A longtime parishioner of Saint Thomas Aquinas Church in Springfield, he had been the organist there from 1948 until its closing in 1998; Mr. Vadnais subsequently played the organ at Saint Anne Church, Chicopee, Saint George Church, Chicopee Falls, and, most recently, at Saint Patrick’s Church, Chicopee Falls, from 1999 until the time of his death. A veteran, he served in the Army following the Korean War, attaining the rank of specialist 4th class. Mr. Vadnais is survived by his wife, Audrée; three sons; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; and many nephews and nieces.

1956
JAY KEVIN DOUGHERTY SR.
Jay Kevin Dougherty Sr. died March 15, 2008, at The Nathaniel Witherell Home in Green- wich, Conn., at 73. During his career, Mr. Dougherty had been a public school and college educator in Connecticut and New York. A past member and an officer of the Exchange Club of Danbury, Conn., and the Rotary Club of Byram/Cos Cob, Conn., he had served, in retirement, as president of the Daytona Beach chapter of the (New York) Teacher Retirees in Florida. Mr. Dougherty is survived by three sons; a brother; and four grandchildren.

1958
DANIEL M. DUNN
Daniel Dunn died April 4, 2008, at his home in Oronoque Village, Stratford, Conn., at 73. During his career, Mr. Dunn had worked more than 20 years for the U.S. Treasury Department, serving as a criminal agent prior to his retirement. A veteran, he completed seven years of military service with the Navy. Mr. Dunn had been a Holy Cross class agent for more than 30 years and a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Past president of the Oronoque Village Tax District Board, he had also served on the board of the Village Men’s Club. Mr. Dunn is survived by his wife, Karen; three sons, including Daniel M. Jr. ’85; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law, including Adriana Belanger Dunn ’85; a brother and his wife; a sister; eight grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

J. DAVID JANICK
J. David Janick died March 15, 2008, at Cape Cod Hospital, Hyannis, Mass., at 74. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Janick had worked for MicroEdge in New York City—and, previously, for the Fischbach Corp., also in Manhattan. He began his career with the T.H. Green Electric Co. in Rochester, N.Y., where he had been employed for 24 years. Relocating to Cape Cod, Mass., in 1999, Mr. Janick had been an active member of the First Congrega-
J. Barth Healey died March 29, 2008, in Melville, N.Y., at 68. During his career, Mr. Healey had been associated with The New York Times newspaper for 30 years, serving as an editor on the business, news and foreign desks; from 1988-93, he also wrote the paper’s stamp column. Beginning his career with The New York Times in 1957 as a clerk, Mr. Healey worked for the Catholic Relief Services in the 1960s, traveling to Africa and Asia as a teacher and an aid worker. Upon returning to the United States, he joined the staff of The Wall Street Journal, and, subsequently, served as the Rome bureau chief for the Associated Press-Dow Jones News Services, from 1969-78. Mr. Healey had been a member of several stamp associations, including the American Philatelic Society—and was an accredited judge of philatelic literature. He is survived by his partner, Jane Thomas; two sons; two sisters; and a grandson.

JAMES J. LANDERS
James Landers died March 26, 2008, at his home in Rapid City, S.D., at 69. During his career, Mr. Landers had served 20 years in the Air Force, retiring in 1980 with the rank of major; he had most recently been assigned to the missile crew at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota. Entering military service after receiving his degree from Holy Cross, Mr. Landers was first stationed in Texas where he graduated from Basic Training, Officer Training School and Navigator Training School; he then completed assignments in California, Illinois and New York and attended War College in Alabama. Mr. Landers subsequently served a year of unaccompanied duty in Vietnam from 1965-66 and a three-year assignment with the 7th Air Commando Unit in the European theater before returning to the United States to continue his work with the Commandos at Pope Air Force Base in Fayetteville, N.C. Completing a year of unaccompanied duty in Korea in 1972, he then returned to the United States; upon graduating from a school at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, Mr. Landers undertook his final assignment at Ellsworth Air Force Base. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; four sons; two daughters; a son-in-law; four daughters-in-law; and nine grandchildren.

JOSEPH I. MULLIGAN JR.
Joseph Mulligan, of Brighton, Mass., died April 2, 2008, in Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, at 68. A longtime attorney, Mr. Mulligan had been a partner in the

1958
REV. ROBERT E. BARRETT
Rev. Robert Barrett died March 28, 2008, in St. Patrick’s Manor, Framingham, Mass., at 71. A longtime priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, Fr. Barrett had served in various parishes during his ministry, including St. George, St. Adelaide, St. Mary, St. Ann, Immaculate Conception, St. Anthony, and St. John the Evangelist. In addition to working on an independent study at Fordham University in New York City, he had been a chaplain at Framingham Union Hospital, the Kathleen Daniel Nursing Home and Middlesex Manor Nursing Home—as well as a technical assistant in residence at St. Stephen Parish, also in Framingham. Fr. Barrett was ordained to the priesthood on Feb. 1, 1963. A member of the College Band and the Glee Club as a student at Holy Cross, he had been involved with the St. Mary’s Cardinals Drum Corps since its founding in 1947, serving as the first drum major. Fr. Barrett is survived by a brother; a sister-in-law; three nephews; a grandnephew; and two grandnieces.

1960
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1961
DANIEL J. DOHERTY JR.
Daniel Doherty died April 7, 2008 in Georgia, at 68. During his career, Mr. Doherty had worked 30 years for the federal government in various capacities, most recently serving as a criminal investigator with the Surveys and Investigations staff of the House Appropriations Committee, from 1988 until his retirement in 1998; he had previously completed a six-year assignment as assistant inspector general for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Mr. Doherty began his career as a special agent and foreign language specialist with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, from 1964-72; he attended the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., in 1967. The executive director of criminal justice for the Montgomery County government in Maryland from 1972-75, Mr. Doherty then completed a one-year appointment as an inspector with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; from 1976-82, he was the foreign assistance inspector for the U.S. Department of State Office of Inspector General and a program analyst with the U.S. Department of Energy. Following his retirement, Mr. Doherty continued to work as a background investigation specialist for the FBI, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Customs and U.S. Border Patrol. He had been a member of Stella Maris Catholic Church, Sullivan’s Island, S.C. Mr. Doherty is survived by his wife, Gail; three sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and five grandchildren.
Boston law firm Reed & Mulligan for many years. During his career, he had also served 12 years as the licensing commissioner for the city of Boston; corporation counsel for the city under former Mayor Raymond Flynn, from 1984-91; a Suffolk County assistant district attorney; and a member of the State Ethics Commission. Past president of both the International Institute of Municipal Law Officers and the Charitable Irish Society, Mr. Mulligan had been a former trustee of the Roxbury (Mass.) Latin School and the former St. Margaret’s Hospital in Dorchester, Mass., as well as a member of the Catholic Lawyers Guild. In addition, he had been a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. A veteran, Mr. Mulligan had served as a lieutenant in the Navy during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Mulligan is survived by his wife, Ann Marie; three daughters; a sister; and several nieces.

1980

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Rev. Peter Arabia, S.J., died on March 4, 2008. A member of the Society of Jesus for many years, Fr. Arabia had most recently taught theology at Xavier High School in New York City. He is survived by his parents; a brother; a sister-in-law; a nephew; and three nieces.

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Francis Walsh, of Huntersville, N.C., died on March 29, 2008. During his career, Mr. Walsh had been an entrepreneur and a corporate consultant, working many years on Wall Street; he also wrote the biweekly column, “Darn Yankee,” that appeared in the Huntersville Herald newspaper. In addition to his professional endeavors, Mr. Walsh had been actively involved in fundraising for various charities and in organizing junior sports programs for his local community. He had been a member of MENSAA. Mr. Walsh is survived by his wife, Patricia; a son; two daughters; his father, Francis X. Sr., M.D., ’63; his mother; a brother; two sisters; a brother-in-law; three nieces; two nephews; and 25 cousins. His grandfather was the late William J. Sr. ’34.

1990

HARRY W. KEUPER JR.
Harry Keuper, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., died April 17, 2008, at 65. A longtime educator, Mr. Keuper had taught English for 30 years in the Bronx, N.Y., and served as an adjunct professor at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. At the start of his career, he had been a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya for two years. Mr. Keuper is survived by his wife, Svetlana; two daughters; a sister; and several nieces.

1975

ROBERT A. SCHREINER, M.D.
Robert Schreiner, M.D., died April 24, 2008, at his home in Holden, Mass., at 54. Dr. Schreiner had most recently served 17 years as a primary care physician with the Fallon Clinic in Auburn, Mass.; he had previously practiced at Ware (Mass.) Hospital and Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester. His interests included fly fishing, golf, wood working, and vacationing with his family on Cape Cod, Mass. Dr. Schreiner is survived by his wife, Janet; two daughters; his father; a brother; a sister; a brother-in-law; and several nephews and nieces.

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These days it is a rare occasion when a college presentation for parents does not mention the phenomenon of the “helicopter parent.” With an endless umbilical cord in cyberspace, parents can devote just as much time and energy to their children’s lives while they are away at college as they did when their children were still at home. Perhaps there will soon be “Parents Anonymous” groups with moms and dads standing up announcing, “Hi. My name is Jane (or Joe) and I’m a helicopter parent.”

Several images come to mind when considering the various styles of parenting college-age children: Possibly an umbrella or a safety net—parenting from above or parenting from below. Or, alternatively, a shield or a backstop—parenting in front of or parenting from behind. All of these images connote a parenting style with the goal of providing support, protection and authority—it is just a matter of positioning.

Throughout the development of our children, we have moved through all four styles of parenting, but always with the goal of arriving at a position of parenting from below—imagining our children as trapeze artists and ourselves as the safety net. This was not a purely philosophical choice. It was simply the best approach for maintaining sanity given four children born in four and a half years. Our greatest challenge was not maintaining conformity and compliance. Our goals were to build independence and foster individuality. On a daily basis, we operated with a model of democratic dictatorship. There were many non-negotiables and a long list of demanded behaviors, standards and expectations. We always declared room for collective decision-making. We also provided a preferential option for someone needing a little extra attention or comforting.

Many environmental factors contributed to our freedom of parenting from below. We live in a small rural town in northeast Connecticut where the playground was our big backyard and going over to a friend’s house meant walking the path through the woods to the neighbor’s house. Bruised shins and scraped elbows were not a sign of parental neglect. These were symbols of a childhood of free exploration. In addition, our town has a public education system ranked among the best in the state. Thus, we never had to worry about getting our children into the “right” school. There were never questions about “making” the team, taking lessons from the best instructor or getting the right teacher. We never felt like we were competing against the other children in our town. Early on as parents, we acknowledged the fact that we did not have all the answers. We often sought guidance and insight from other parents, principals, teachers and members of our parish. We encouraged our children to do the same.

So, what does any of this have to do with parenting college-age children? We learned long ago that the behavior we model is far more important than what we actually say to our children. This does not change after the first 18 years of their lives. In fact, practicing patience, being reasonable, persevering and demonstrating thoughtful discernment are even more relevant models of adult behavior when children leave home for college.

I remember an incident during Katie’s move-in day in August 2002. Time was getting close to the start of the Mass of the Holy Spirit and Katie had been unable to get her computer logged onto the Holy Cross network. Her eyes started
to fill with tears of frustration—ours too, because we would soon be leaving her with this problem unresolved. I wanted more to leave her not with a solution but a strategy. So I smiled and calmly said, “I bet you are not the only person having this problem. Maybe later you can find someone on your floor who figured it out and they can help you.” Katie rolled her eyes at me and smirked sarcastically. That was our first glimpse into the reality that we would no longer be present to help her with all the minor and major frustrations that would be coming her way.

Fast forward nine months when we began to realize that not all college students successfully complete their freshman year. When we asked Katie why she thought this was so, she immediately replied, “Some of them haven’t figured out that you have to get out of your dorm room and do what needs to be done. They don’t realize that their parents are not around to do everything for them anymore.”

For more reasons than she knew, we just smiled.

With Katie leading the way, we began to trust that our kids really had been paying attention, listening and watching for the past 18 years! When we step back and reflect on their college experiences, we see many examples of patience, perseverance and discernment; of learning from their mistakes and dealing with stress and adversity in a thoughtful and reason-

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more to leave her not with a solution but a strategy. So I smiled and calmly said, “I bet you are not the only person having this problem. Maybe later you can find someone on your floor who figured it out and they can help you.” Katie rolled her eyes at me and smirked sarcastically. That was our first glimpse into the reality that we would no longer be present to help her with all the minor and major frustrations that would be coming her way.

Fast forward nine months when we began to realize that not all college students successfully complete their freshman year. When we asked Katie why she thought this was so, she immediately replied, “Some of them haven’t figured out that you have to get out of your dorm room and do what needs to be done. They don’t realize that their parents are not around to do everything for them anymore.”

For more reasons than she knew, we just smiled.

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“Our essential belief is this: we have always been aware of and trusted in the presence of God in our family life. When our children were very young, we often felt overwhelmed by the responsibility of raising four children to become adults with purpose and meaning in their lives. However, we also knew that we had been blessed with four images of God’s perfection. Our job, as parents, has always been simply to get our own agendas out of God’s way. Our job is to nurture, not to hinder, the gifts that God has placed in each of them.

As of this writing, Katie ’06 is a case manager for Crittenton Women’s Union in Brighton, Mass., Alex (Boston College ’07) is an investment analyst with Prudential Capital Group in New York City, Jimmy ’09 is recently returned from a year in Florence, Italy, and is gearing up for his final year on The Hill, while Julianna ’10 is preparing to leave for Galway, Ireland, for her junior year abroad. We have much to be grateful for and to smile about.
The Profile

Henry J. Blommer Jr. ’55

BY MICHAEL REARDON

Q & A

Do you have a favorite chocolate?

I used to like milk chocolate the best. The longer I was in the company, the more I liked dark chocolate. It’s very rich. There are different beans, different blends.

What makes Blommer chocolate the best?

I’m not sure we’re the best at everything. But, we sell to some of the best companies in the country—Hershey, Lindt, Mars, Nestlé, Häagen-Dazs, Nabisco. We give our customers the best we can make.

Is Blommer Chocolate still located in its original building in Chicago?

Yes. It was about an eighth of the size it is now. Originally, it was a two-story steel warehouse. It was down the street from an old Al Capone beer storage warehouse.

Why do we love chocolate so much?

Researchers are finding health reasons for eating chocolate, but I don’t think you can make health claims for something as caloric as chocolate! It’s just a wonderful treat. I love it.

Henry “Hank” Blommer wondered why anyone would be interested in reading a profile of “a little old chocolate maker.”

But, if you bite into an Oreo or a Mrs. Fields cookie, or sample a scoop of Häagen-Dazs ice cream, or savor a Lindt chocolate, you taste Blommer’s product. The whole world loves chocolate, so why wouldn’t they want to know about the man who puts much of the flavor into this delectable treat?

Since 1995, Blommer has been the chairman and chief executive officer of the Blommer Chocolate Company, a privately held company founded in Chicago by his father, Henry J. Blommer Sr., and his brothers, Al and Bernard. The company is the largest cocoa bean processor in North America, processing 5 percent of the world’s cocoa crop.

The Blommer family actually had to fight to reacquire the company after a hostile takeover by Cargill in 1992 following the death of Henry Blommer Sr.

In all, the company has three plants in the United States and two in Canada. In every sense, the Blommer Chocolate Company is once again a family operation. Blommer’s son, Peter, runs the company, while daughter, Tori, operates the Union City, Calif., plant. His son, Steve, is in charge of the East Greenville, Pa., plant. Daughter Katie is in the company accounting department.

Although his father and a number of family members attended Georgetown University, Blommer settled on Holy Cross. He wanted a Jesuit education, but Georgetown did not have a ROTC program, which—given the geopolitical tenor of the time—he felt was essential to his future.

“During the Korean War I thought it was important to be in ROTC,” Blommer says. “I also liked that Holy Cross was a small school.”

Blommer majored in math but switched to liberal arts after taking a summer course in Latin at Marquette University in Milwaukee. He admits he was “ambivalent” about joining the family business while a student and thought he might become an architect.

“My grandfather, who was a successful architect, convinced me to go into Blommer Chocolate,” he says. “He admired my father.”

The choice of Holy Cross was a good one, it turns out. Blommer made a number of friends with whom he keeps in touch—including classmate B.J. Cassin ’55. Because of their friendship, Blommer is a generous contributor to the Cassin Educational Initiative Foundation (CEIF), which helps to establish private, faith-based college-preparatory middle schools and high schools in urban, economically challenged areas across the United States.

Blommer and his wife, Judy, also contribute to Holy Cross and have two scholarships named after them.

According to Blommer, his career at Holy Cross started him on a “search for my whole belief system.”

“Holy Cross started me on the quest for a way to live my life,” Blommer says. “I’m still on that road. I’ve enjoyed the journey. It has been very interesting.”

STATS

• Birthplace: Milwaukee
• Date of Birth: March 3, 1932
• Current Residence: splits time between homes in Atherton, Calif., and Lake Tahoe.
• Spends a good portion of the winter at The Reserve, a golf community in Indian Wells, Calif.
• Family: wife, Judith; children, Janet, Joe, Tori, Mary, Peter, Steve and Katie; 11 grandchildren

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