Holy Cross

Mr. Basketball
Bob Cousy ’50
Statue of St. Thérèse of Lisieux in Memorial Plaza
Photograph by John Buckingham
16 The Legacy of Bob Cousy ’50

From the moment Bob Cousy arrived on Mount St. James in 1946, the sport of basketball at Holy Cross—and far beyond—would never be the same. We take a look back on the extraordinary 80-year life of the iconic Cousy through a personal reminiscence by Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Dave Anderson ’51; an in-depth interview with Cousy by acclaimed sports journalist Clark Booth ’61; and a colorful and informative timeline of the “Houdini of the Hardwood” by award-winning writer John Gearan ’65. President emeritus Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49 also shares his thoughts on what Cousy means to Holy Cross. Plus, unforgettable moments, facts, figures and statistics from Cousy’s sensational career reveal what he has meant to the world of sports—and to Holy Cross.
Readers Write

“The BSU Anniversary”
While I salute the anniversary of the Black Student Union, your article might leave a wrong impression for readers without benefit of the facts and experience regarding the demonstration against GE. Specifically, to say only that “four black students were singled out for suspension…” without further elaboration might imply they were the only students suspended.

My recollection, supported in Thy Honored Name by Rev. Anthony Kuzniewski, S.J., states that there were a total of 54 protesters—49 white and five black. Twelve white and four black students were identified and suspended from the College.

This situation, in my mind, was a shining moment—a “profile in courage,” if you will—for the president of the college, Rev. Raymond Swords, S.J., who found himself under intense pressure from alumni, local and national press and others to maintain the suspensions.

Father Swords granted amnesty to all the suspended students and his statement at the time was that if only white students were involved, he would not have granted that amnesty. But the “de facto mathematical disproportion of the Blacks who were identified” left him no choice but to grant the black students amnesty and doing that, to all the students, lest there be charges of reverse discrimination.

It was a turbulent time to be on any college campus in those years and that included being on Mount St. James. Father Swords’ decision brought a fractious campus together.

As a member of the Class of 1970, we had the distinct honor and privilege of having Father Swords, the outgoing president, as our Commencement speaker. Again, from Thy Honored Name, Father Swords needed reassurance that our Class still wanted him to be our speaker and he was told, “It is our desire now, more than ever [J] in light of your courageous decision of December 14, that you address us at graduation.” At our graduation, “When he finished speaking, he received a prolonged, ‘thunderous’ standing ovation.”

Thomas J. Neagle ’70
Cranston, R.I.

“Give Another Hoiah”
In a recent issue of HCM, John Gearan recognized the following outstanding Holy Cross athletes who hailed from the Worcester area: Jack “The Shot” Foley ’62, Bobby Curran ’48, Bobby Foley ’63, John Tivnan ’48, Phil O’Neill ’69 and Leominster’s Ronnie Cahill ’40.

To this illustrious group, I would like to add OWEN COOGAN ’53.

Together with his siblings (Dan and Mary), Owen was raised by his mother as a single parent on Kilby Street in the heart of the working-class Worcester neighborhood, known as “Main South.” Kilby Street is a block from St. Peter’s High School and a short walk, via Southbridge Street, to College Square.

As a standout guard on the St. Peter’s football team, Coogan excelled in the classroom as well as on the gridiron and was awarded a football scholarship to Holy Cross.

Converted to defensive end, Coogan starred on several great Crusader teams. His teammate, Vic Rimkus, noted that he was only 175 pounds, but he was a “tremendously hard hitter.” On Nov. 22, 1952, Fitton Field was the scene for “Owen Coogan Appreciation Day,” attended by a large number of his fans from Worcester and beyond.

It was most appropriate that Owen was inducted in the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame on May 7, 2000.

The epitome of a student-athlete, Worcester’s Own, Owen Coogan, is retired as the director of development for the Diocese of Worcester.

Joseph F. Sawyer ’53

Attention: Holy Cross couples
You will notice that you have received one copy of Holy Cross Magazine. Beginning with this issue, in an effort to conserve costs and environmental resources, we have worked with our printer and re-programmed the magazine’s mailing list to deliver one copy per household to alumni/ae couples. Many of you had requested this, recognizing the savings in printing and postage can be better used to benefit College operations. If you have any questions or concerns about receiving the magazine, please call our offices at 508-793-2419 or e-mail hcmag@holycross.edu.
Past glory, future promise

Stuck in the line of cars inching up and down College Street on an otherwise ordinary Sunday afternoon in November, I imagined other drivers scratching their heads, checking their mental calendars and puzzling about the unexpected traffic.

_Hmmmm. It's not reunion time. Or Commencement. Or move-in day. Must be big, though. Maybe someone important visiting campus?_

It was big, all right. And, yes, many very important people were on campus Sunday, Nov. 16—ranging in age from mid-to-late teens to their 80s.

There was our cover subject, a member of the Class of 1950, along with three other all-time great Crusader basketball players. They were being honored that day, during halftime of the men’s game against St. Joseph’s in a sold-out Hart Center.

The visit to campus by Cousy, Heinsohn, Kaftan and Palazzi also coincided with a record-setting Open House for prospective students. An estimated 500 of them—many traveling to Worcester with their families for a first visit to Mount St. James—met with faculty and professional staff, were briefed on financial aid and admissions guidelines, and were introduced to the College’s highly personalized academic and cocurricular offerings.

The storied, wonderful past of Crusader basketball was intersecting with the future—the Holy Cross Class of 2013.

It was an amazing and memorable day. As jerseys of those four extraordinary athletes were raised to the rafters, spotlights and cameras flashed through the darkened Hart Center, and the crowd roared with pride and gratitude for four men who have given so much to Holy Cross and, through the years, to their families, communities and the world.

Then, an electric 73-69 overtime win by May, Vander Baan, Meister and company—a fitting salute to their predecessors, another great Holy Cross story to savor.

Driving back down College Street that evening, I imagined the conversations future artists, civic leaders, entrepreneurs, doctors and scholars were having as they traveled home. I imagined how they were reflecting on this particular college visit.

_I really liked what I saw today at Holy Cross._

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_A note about this issue_

People from across the Holy Cross Community contributed to the special features in this edition of Holy Cross Magazine exploring the life and career of Bob Cousy.

Our thanks, first of all, to Mr. Basketball himself for the wide-ranging conversation with Clark Booth ’61 and for opening his home to us for photography and archival research. This issue would not have been possible without the inspiration and contributions of Booth, Dave Anderson ’51, John Gearan ’65, Jack O’Connell ’81, assistant editor Pam Reponen and our friends and colleagues in Holy Cross Athletics and Holy Cross Archives. Interim editor Rebecca Smith ’99 was a master conductor, calmly and adroitly overseeing concepts, details and deadlines. Designer Karen Shilad beautifully shepherded these features into print, managing complex photo research, collaborating with consultant Hans Teensma and learning a lot more about basketball along the way!

Executive Editor
Dear Members of the Holy Cross Community,

One of the most difficult elements of the current financial crisis is the great uncertainty about how long and how deep the downturn will be, both in the economy and in the financial markets, and how great an impact it will have on individuals and institutions.

I can assure you that because of conservative budgeting and planning and careful financial management, Holy Cross remains in a healthy position and is well situated to deal with the current economic challenges.

Nevertheless it will be necessary to make some adjustments. Although we do not currently see the need to institute a freeze on hiring or capital projects, as some institutions have, it is likely that we will have to delay some planned major construction and hold off on filling some vacant positions. It is also evident that there will not be room in next year’s budget for new programs and initiatives that would require additional funding; and most operating budgets are likely to be held at current levels.

We can come through this as strong as ever if we focus even more intently on the College’s fundamental mission, our strategic priorities, and our commitment to provide the highest quality education for our students and support their integral development, while keeping Holy Cross affordable and accessible for qualified students from every background.

I am pleased to tell you that there is a new resource on the Web site of the President’s Office (holycross.edu/president/economic_conditions) with frequently asked questions about the College’s response to current economic conditions. We will update this resource regularly.

Michael C. McFarland, S.J.
President
Thomas ’78 speaks at President’s Council dinner

On Nov. 1, Harry K. Thomas Jr. ’78 was the guest speaker at the President’s Council dinner, held in Kimball Hall. The executive secretary of the U.S. Department of State, Thomas previously served as ambassador to Bangladesh. In his speech, he discussed his personal journey, his experiences with the State Department and the Foreign Service, and key foreign policy issues.

Established in 1967, President’s Council is Holy Cross’ premier giving society. Each fall, members are invited to the College for a black-tie event honoring the president of Holy Cross. This year marked the 165th anniversary of the College’s founding.

Naval ROTC students raise funds in support of wounded Marines and sailors

Seventeen students in the naval science program at Holy Cross ran in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 26, raising $16,764 for the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, a nonprofit organization that assists wounded Marines, sailors and their families. Under the direction of Sea Thomas, Marine officer instructor in the department of naval science at Holy Cross, the team of midshipmen—future Navy and Marine Corps officers—raised more funds than any other in the nation.

Led by Timothy Pellegrino ’10, the marathon team was composed of 11 students from Holy Cross, three from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and three from Worcester State College.
Faculty Awards presented at annual Fall Convocation

Distinguished Teacher and Swords Medal recipients honored

Noel D. Cary, associate professor of history and member of the Holy Cross community since 1989, received the College’s 2008 Distinguished Teaching Award at the annual Fall Convocation on Oct. 2.

The Holy Cross Distinguished Teaching Award recognizes and honors the teaching excellence of the College’s faculty. Each year a selection committee of students, faculty and administrators selects the honoree after careful review of nominations from individuals and groups on campus. Recipients demonstrate the College’s commitment to teaching and personalized instruction by making ideas come alive for students both in and out of the classroom. The Distinguished Teacher is invited to give an address to the faculty during the Convocation and is awarded a $1,000 honorarium.

“Students and colleagues praise Noel for his command of the material he teaches, for his clear and engaging lectures, for his passionate engagement with the events of history, and for his ability to ‘make even the most mundane subject come to life,’” said Timothy Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. “Noel is attentive to his students and colleagues, whether in class time, in office hours or around the campus … above all, Noel is inspiring.”

Cary received his Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Berkeley. In addition to his regular teaching responsibilities, he served as director of the College Honors Program from 2001-03. Cary has received numerous fellowships and scholarships, including the Fulbright German Studies Award in 2000. The author of _The Path to Christian Democracy: German Catholics and the Party System from Windthorst to Adenauer_ (1996), he has published several major articles in scholarly journals. His most recent research involves the Munich Olympics in 1972, during which Israeli athletes were held hostage by Palestinians and later killed.

Also honored at the Fall Convocation were faculty members Lynn Kremer, professor of theatre, and Frederick J. Murphy, The Class of 1956 Professor and professor of religious studies. Both received the Rev. Raymond J. Swords, S.J., Faculty Medal, presented to members of the faculty who have served the College for 25 years or more.
Ashcroft delivers Hanify-Howland Lecture

Former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft delivered the 43rd annual Hanify-Howland Memorial Lecture on Sept. 16 in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom.

The lecture, titled “Securing Freedom in Perilous Times,” was followed by a question and answer session. As part of his visit to campus, Ashcroft also taught two seminars to Holy Cross students.

Ashcroft earned his bachelor’s degree at Yale University and his juris doctor at the University of Chicago. Beginning his career in public service in 1973 as Missouri auditor, he was later elected to two terms as the state’s attorney general. Ashcroft served as governor of Missouri from 1985-93; he was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1994.

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

Since 1965, the series has brought to Holy Cross numerous distinguished speakers on public affairs who have exemplified in their own work the spirit of public service that the series was established to encourage. They include Linda Chavez, president of the Center for Equal Opportunity; Robert M. Hayes, founder of the National Coalition for the Homeless; Leon R. Kass, former chairman of the President’s Council on Bioethics; Christopher J. Matthews ’67, MSNBC “Hardball” anchor; and the Honorable Clarence Thomas ’71, associate justice of the Supreme Court.

College radio station marks six decades of broadcast

Holy Cross celebrated the birthday of WCHC 88.1, one of the oldest college radio stations in the nation, with a re-blessing of the station by the College president (via webcast), special events, and a series of live broadcasts, including a 24-hour marathon.

WCHC first crackled to life on Dec. 6, 1948, broadcasting from a renovated attic storeroom in Fenwick with equipment consisting of Navy surplus gear.

Today, 70 student deejays work in studios in Hogan Campus Center, and WCHC broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The deejays occupy air time during the school year between 8 a.m. and 2 a.m. Live Web streaming was instituted in 2005, so listeners are able to tune into WCHC, including student-run music and talk radio shows and a number of Crusader Division I basketball and hockey games, outside the 15-mile radius broadcast coverage area.
Four members of the Holy Cross faculty have been honored with the Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Award. These $10,000 honoraria are given each year by Senior Vice President Frank Vellaccio to senior faculty members who make a special contribution to Holy Cross through their teaching, scholarship and/or service. The O’Leary Awards are intended to honor the recipients, to advance their work and to encourage other members of the faculty to attain a high level of professional achievement—and to be a positive influence in the lives of students.

Following are the 2008 recipients:

Patricia Bizzell, professor of English, earned her Ph.D. in English literature from Rutgers University. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1978, she is a nationally recognized authority on the teaching of composition—and has lectured and conducted workshops at other institutions and at scholarly meetings. Her book, *The Rhetorical Tradition: Readings from Classical Times to the Present*, which she co-authored with Bruce Herzberg, received the National Council of Teachers of English Outstanding Book Award in 1992. A member of the advisory board for the Voices of Democracy Project, Bizzell worked to help create a Web site of important speeches in American history with scholarly and teaching apparatus attached, which was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. She was recently awarded the 2008 Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC) Exemplar Award by the National Council of Teachers of English—and served as president of the Rhetoric Society of America from 2006-08. Bizzell plans to use the award toward a master of arts degree in the Jewish Liberal Studies Program at Hebrew College in Newton, Mass. She is currently a graduate student in the program—and is getting ready to teach courses in Jewish literature at Holy Cross in the spring. Bizzell resides in Worcester.

Francisco Gago-Jover, professor and chair of the modern languages and literatures department, received his Ph.D. and master of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his bachelor of arts degree from the Universidad de Valladolid in Spain. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1996, Gago-Jover has been chair of the department 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*. Gago-Jover plans to use the award to work on the edition and study of two 19th-century manuscript dictionaries—one is about the vocabulary of the
Asturian language, and the second is a military dictionary. He will travel to the Hispanic Society of America in New York City and the Real Academia de la Historia in Madrid, Spain, to examine the manuscripts and acquire digital copies. Gago-Jover lives in Worcester.

Lynn Kremer, professor of theatre, earned her master of fine arts degree at Brandeis University and her bachelor of fine arts degree at the University of Minnesota. A Holy Cross faculty member since 1983, she has written and directed for theatre, opera and video. Her work has been performed at the Miller Theatre Sonic Boom Festival in New York City; the Walker Art Center and Fringe Festival in Minneapolis; the Tsai Performance Center and Boston Center for the Arts in Boston; the Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center; the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.; and in venues in Fort Worth, Chicago and Ireland.

Her visual pieces are informed by the theatre and dance traditions of India and Indonesia. While living in Micronesia, she produced and directed a video program on the chant/dance traditions of Palau through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts/Dance program. Kremer has been the recipient of numerous grants, including ones from the National Endowment for the Arts/Opera Program, the New England Foundation for the Arts and the Massachusetts Cultural Commission. The New England Theatre Conference gave her a special award for Outstanding Achievement on a National Level. Kremer will use her O’Leary grant to research, travel, develop and mount three new theatrical works. She lives in Princeton, Mass.

Todd Lewis, professor of religious studies, received his Ph.D. and master of arts degree from Columbia University and his bachelor of arts degree from Rutgers University. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1990, Lewis is one of the world’s leading authorities on the religions of the mid-montaine Himalayan region and the social history of Buddhism. In addition to scholarly books and articles published in leading academic journals, he has shot, directed and produced films for classroom use and co-authored a textbook, *World Religions Today* (Oxford University Press, 2005), which is widely used in college classes. Lewis is the chair of the Holy Cross Japanese Garden Campus Initiative, a program to build a tea house, multipurpose room and several gardens on campus. Over the past 10 years, he has become one of the leading academics involved nationwide in the continuing education of K-12 teachers on the cultures and religions of Asia. In this area, Lewis has co-directed three summer institutes at Holy Cross funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, conducted workshops across New England on myriad subjects, and served as lecturer for study tours to Asia. He resides in Holden, Mass.

The Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Awards have been made possible by an endowed gift to the College from Thomas H. O’Leary ’54, former president, chief executive officer and chairman of Burlington Resources, in memory of his father, Arthur J. O’Leary ’20.
Holy Cross among nation’s top producers of student Fulbright Awards

Seven members of the Class of 2008 are currently studying and living abroad

This fall, The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that Holy Cross is among the top producers of Fulbright Awards for U.S. students in the past year. Holy Cross is tied for eighth place among the nation’s colleges offering bachelor’s degrees with seven 2008 graduates receiving the grant to study abroad for a year. A total of 24 Holy Cross students applied for Fulbrights last year.

“The Fulbright Program is a competition that emphasizes both scholarship and cultural/diplomatic exchange,” says Anthony Cashman, director of Holy Cross’ Office of Distinguished Fellowships and Graduate Studies. “Holy Cross’ liberal arts education emphasizes language training, a very strong study abroad program and a high level of participation in community service—three factors that make our students well suited for the Fulbright.”

Started in 1946, the international academic-exchange program offers grants that are awarded by binational Fulbright commissions and financed by the U.S. government and the government of each country in which the awards are available. This year the United States contributed nearly $221 million to the fellowships. About 1,500 students and 1,300 scholars from the United States and abroad are studying and working on Fulbrights this academic year.

Following are the seven 2008 Holy Cross Fulbright winners:

Justin Brooks, a history major from Enfield, Conn., is conducting research on young Australian Aboriginal peoples living in urban centers in Melbourne, Australia. He is looking at the ways in which indigenous Australian youth express themselves through aspects of African-American and Afro-Caribbean culture, such as music, movies and art. He also hopes to initiate or work for a social justice program in the city of Melbourne.

Alison Casserly, a native of Pepperell, Mass., is conducting research in Zurich, Switzerland. A biology major and biochemistry concentrator in the premedical program, she is studying under Steven Brown, Ph.D., at the
University of Zurich, Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology. Casserly and Brown developed a project that investigates the expression of circadian or rhythm genes in human cells of depressed and non-depressed individuals to determine if there is any difference between the groups.

James Corbett, a sociology major and German minor from Winchester, Mass., is serving as a teaching assistant at a German high school, where he teaches English and American studies. A huge sports fan, he also plans to involve his students in an after-school program that will teach them about American sports, including football and baseball.

Robert Dudley, a native of Canton, Mass., is assisting in teaching English as a second language in Germany. A classics major and German minor, Dudley has received a full fellowship to study for his Ph.D. in classics at Duke University when he returns to the United States; he is interested in studying epic and archaic Greek poetry.

Thomas Gaffney, a political science major from Yonkers, N.Y., is conducting research in Macau, a small, autonomous region of China. Gaffney is researching the government regulation of the casino industry to see whether it is controlled more by the Communist Party in Beijing or the Macanese government.

Anne Schroeder, an anthropology major from Spokane, Wash., is teaching English in Yilan County, Taiwan. An anthropology major with an Asian studies concentration, Schroeder hopes to improve her Chinese skills; she has been taking classes since her second year at the College—and studied abroad her third year in Beijing.

Holy Cross in the news

“Is Your Student Loan Safe?”
ABCNews.com, July 30: Lynne Myers, director of financial aid, and Kaitlin Sullivan ’11 comment on the decision by the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority to stop offering student loans.

Premed Education and the Liberal Arts
Inside Higher Ed, July 31: In an op-ed, Timothy R. Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, defends undergraduate pre-medical education in response to a New England Journal of Medicine article.

Modern Marvels
The History Channel, Aug. 14: Jude Kelley, assistant professor of chemistry, performs experiments and provides commentary during an episode of Modern Marvels; Richard Herrick, professor and chemistry department chair, serves as a special consultant.

“China hopes to attract more US college students”

Evolve: Flight
The History Channel, Sept. 2: Assistant Professor of biology Leon Claessens is featured in the new series Evolve: Flight.

Addressing Tuition Costs
Time.com, Sept. 4: In an article titled “Financial Aid: Keeping up with Harvard,” Holy Cross’ new financial aid initiative for Worcester residents is referenced.

“Surviving Without the SAT”
Chronicle of Higher Education, Sept. 25: In a commentary, Admissions Director Ann McDermott ’79 explains how the decision to eliminate standardized testing requirements from the admissions process benefits students and institutions.

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The President’s Office invites all members of the Holy Cross Community—faculty, staff, alumni and friends—to participate in the process of selecting honorary degree recipients and speakers at Commencement. The honorees for the 2009 Commencement will be announced in January. The process for 2010 will begin soon thereafter. If you have suggestions of men and women who deserve to be honored by Holy Cross—and who, in turn, would bring honor to the College—please send a proposal in writing to the President’s Office, College of the Holy Cross, 1 College Street, Worcester, Mass. 01610.

Call for Honorary Degree Nominations

As Holy Cross Magazine was going to press with this issue, we learned of the death of Rev. Francis X. Miller, S.J., ’46, the College’s vice president emeritus of development, on Nov. 25, 2008, at the Campion Center in Weston, Mass. In his long career at Holy Cross, Fr. Miller made many important contributions that helped shape today’s College Community. Read about his life and work at holycross.edu. A complete obituary will appear in the spring 2009 issue.
Internships, campus life shaped by Election 2008

On Mount St. James the evening of Nov. 4, hundreds of students gathered around a projection screen in Crossroads in the Hogan Campus Center to watch Barack Obama become the next president of the United States.

A few hundred miles south, in Washington, D.C., their fellow Holy Cross students in the Washington Semester Program were in the heat of the action, in newsrooms and government offices.

Kelly Doherty ’10, an intern at OMB Watch, a nonprofit government watchdog organization, began her Election Day at 6 a.m., working at the polls in Arlington, Va. Casey Lee ’10, who works for MSNBC’s *Hardball* with Chris Matthews ’67, was at the NBC studio throughout the night, monitoring exit polls, conducting research and poring over wire reports. Christopher Hayden ’10, who works for *Meet the Press*, was on the set with presidential historian Michael Beschloss, who was speaking with Brian Williams.

Throughout the campaign, Holy Cross students were involved in getting out the vote. A total of 776 students registered to vote in drives hosted by the College this year and last—this number does not include students who registered on their own.

College students also worked to increase voter awareness on and off campus, by phone banking, canvassing and holding signs at the bottom of College Hill for both presidential candidates. A faculty roundtable discussion, titled “The Most Important Election of Our Lifetime?” and a student debate just days before the election drew big crowds.

After the election, on Nov. 10, students and faculty gathered for a panel discussion in the Hogan Campus Center, led by Donald Brand, professor of political science, and B. Jeffrey Reno, associate professor of political science. The political science department holds a similar panel every two years after major elections, but this year’s event held particular importance because of heightened student interest.

Participants analyzed the popular vote and the Electoral College and compared the electoral maps of past elections, noting the dramatic “flip” of nine states in 2008 that decided the margin of victory for Obama. Other topics discussed included the role of race, the economic crisis, Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin and the issue of a presidential mandate. Questions from the audience ranged from speculation about the influence of the Latino vote to the influence of *Saturday Night Live*.

From the discussion, political science major Ryan Hickey ’09 gained a deeper understanding of the election and its consequences.

“Overall, I thought the talk provided some good insight into how the election unfolded and what the Republican minority will do to rebuild between now and 2012,” he says. “Personally, I’m very optimistic about President-elect Obama and I’m looking forward to seeing how he will address our economy and the war in Iraq.”
Novelist Jones ’72 gives reading

Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Edward P. Jones ’72 gave a reading on Oct. 9 in the Seelos Theater at Holy Cross. Part of the College’s Visiting Writers Lecture Series and sponsored by the Creative Writing Program, the reading was free and open to the public.

Jones, a New York Times bestselling author, received the Pulitzer Prize in fiction for his 2003 novel, The Known World, a sprawling saga that examines the antebellum world of free blacks who owned slaves. The novel also received the National Book Critics Circle Award, the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award and the Lannan Literary Award.

Jones’ debut collection of short stories, Lost in the City (1992), won the PEN/Hemingway Award—and was nominated for the National Book Award. His second collection, All Aunt Hagar’s Children (2006), was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award. Both works deal with the experiences of African Americans in Washington, D.C.

In 2004, Jones received a MacArthur Fellowship in recognition of his work and contribution to society. This past April, he was elected into the 2008 class of fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, one of the nation’s oldest and most prestigious honorary societies and independent policy research centers.

An English major at Holy Cross, Jones went on to earn his master of fine arts degree at the University of Virginia. He taught fiction at Princeton University, George Mason University, the University of Maryland and the University of Virginia.

In October, Jones was appointed the inaugural Wang Visiting Professor in Contemporary English Literature at George Washington University in his native Washington, D.C., effective this spring. In this capacity, he will teach an advanced creative writing course, lead a literary reading group for undergraduates and give public readings.
# Calendar of Events

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| 19   | Martin Luther King Social Justice Panel Discussion  
      | **HOGAN CAMPUS CENTER • 4 PM** |
| 21-23| Shelter: Unique Visions of a Universal Subject Through Artist’s Books  
      | **IRIS & B. GERALD CANTOR ART GALLERY • HOURS: WEEKDAYS, 10 AM-5 PM; SATURDAY, 2-5 PM** |
| 23   | Montserrat Global Society Cluster—Co-curricular Event:  
      | Talk by Caribbean author Maryse Condé, about exile and cultural identity  
      | **SEELOS THEATER • 3:30 PM** |
| VARIOUS DATES | Film series sponsored by the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture:  
                | 27 | Pier Paolo Pasolini’s *The Gospel According to St. Matthew* |
| 29   | Denys Arcand’s *Jesus of Montreal*  
      | **REHM LIBRARY • 7 PM** |
| 29-31| The Alternate College Theatre presents *Urinetown*, by Greg Kotis and Mark Hollmann  
      | **FENWICK THEATRE • JAN. 29-31, 8 PM; JAN. 31, 2 PM** |

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| VARIOUS DATES | Film series and lecture sponsored by the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture:  
                | 2 | Valerio Zurlini’s *Black Jesus*  
                | 4 | Mark Dornford-May’s *Son of Man*  
                | **REHM LIBRARY • 7 PM** |
| 5    | “The African Face of Jesus in Film”: Lecture by Fr. Baugh  
      | **REHM LIBRARY • 4 PM** |
| VARIOUS DATES | “Moral Responsibility for the Legacies of War: Vietnam to Iraq,” sponsored by the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture  
                | **REHM LIBRARY • 7:30 PM** |
| 10   | Lecture: “Agent Orange: Consciousness and Conscience,” by Diane Fox of Holy Cross  
      | **REHM LIBRARY • 4 PM** |
| 17   | Panel Discussion: “U.S. veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan”  
      | **REHM LIBRARY • 3:30 PM** |
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| 19   | The inaugural Alexander F. Carson Lecture in American History: Leslie Harris of Emory University, on the topic of New Orleans, from Hurricane Betsy to Katrina  
      | **SEELOS THEATER • 3:30 PM** |
| 23   | Last Lecture by Karen Ober, assistant professor of entomology and evolutionary biology at Holy Cross  
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Defining “The Cooz”

A personal essay

BY DAVE ANDERSON ’51

The barn was demolished decades ago, but when Holy Cross won the 1947 NCAA Basketball Tournament, this scruffy, little wooden structure on the grassy slope beyond the chapel was the site of the team practices. The varnished court barely fit in it. At each end, there was about 10 feet of floor behind the basket. The sidelines were inches from the wall. The barn wasn’t much to look at or talk about, but it produced a national championship team, and when I was a freshman in the fall of 1947, the barn was where I first watched Bob Cousy play basketball.

In the afternoons before the formal practices began that November, the varsity players and the better intramural players split up into three-on-three games at each end. Make a basket and you kept the ball. Ten baskets won, and your threesome kept the court. If Cousy’s team fell behind, he would make five, six or seven consecutive baskets—whatever it took for his threesome to win and keep the court. His two teammates might change, but he often kept playing all afternoon until it was time to go to Kimball Hall for dinner.

As a freshman the season before, Cousy had been on Coach Doggie Julian’s second platoon when George Kaftan earned the most valuable player award in the eight-team NCAA tournament at Madison Square Garden to complete a 27-3 record, but now he would be a starter and a shooter. When the varsity had to prepare for an opposing zone defense, Julian had Joe Mullaney whip passes to Kaftan, Bob Curran and Dermie O’Connell on the overloaded left side, as Cousy leaned against the wall on the right side. Suddenly, as the ball was passed to him, he would straighten up, catch it and shoot. Swish.

Growing up in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and having gone to Xavier High School in Manhattan (two years behind George

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They came marching back to campus in the fall of 1945 to a different place in a very different world. Having left as boys, they returned as men.

Among them was Sergeant John Brooks. A 19-year-old freshman when he was called to the Army in the winter of ’42, he wound up dashing across Europe with the Signal Corps, attached to the near mythical George Patton’s crack Third Army.

The returning G.I.’s who dominated Holy Cross in those post-war years were a highly mature and motivated lot. Nothing appealed more to their heightened sense of competitive drama than the astounding rise of their basketball team, climaxing in the 1947 national championship.

Along the way John Brooks, now a budding scholar, met Bob Cousy, already dazzling the sportsworld with his artistry. Over the next 60 years, the friendship of the undergrads deepened into a brotherly bond as Cousy wove a legend with his brilliant skills, while Brooks joined the Jesuits and became the longest serving, most influential president in the history of Holy Cross.

It’s a towering mutual respect that sustains their friendship. Of his old pal, Father Brooks says, “Bob is an immensely loyal person. He’s got an element of kindness worked in with that too. I don’t think I’ve ever heard Bob criticize anyone. He’s very, very positive about people, and I think that’s why he has so many dear friends.”

But there’s also, in Father’s view, an even deeper explanation for the respect Bob commands.

“Saint Ignatius had a word for the Jesuits,” he says. “The Latin for it is ‘magis,’ (meaning) ’the more.’ You do the more! You see it in the motto of the Society of Jesus. Ad maiorem Dei gloriam …To the greater glory of God! The Jesuit is expected to live his life based on that ‘greater glory.’ Ignatius said, ‘No, don’t do just the good thing. But do the greater thing.’ And it strikes me that Cous has a bit of that in him. He always seems to be striving for ‘the greater.’ It’s always, ‘How can I take the further step, the better step?’ Not a lot of people have that in them.”

In such ways, Father Brooks believes Cousy has affirmed his allegiance to the principles of a Jesuit education, demonstrating it again and again with tireless commitments to civic works, charitable causes and resolute support of Holy Cross, especially in times of controversy and change. Cousy is, Father Brooks says, always accountable, adding: “Bob learned his lessons well. He’s got the remarkable sense of social justice that a lot of people don’t have and he tries to live it.”

It is this sincerity and authenticity that most moves the priest and scholar when he speaks of his dear friend, the star athlete and public icon. And he says:

“It’s clear that his character and his public posture is a great benefit to Holy Cross. This college can be nothing but proud of what Bob has achieved. Not just with the athletic ability. In a way, that’s the minor part. It’s the character of the man that we appreciate.”
Kaftan, by the way), I often had sat in the balcony at Madison Square Garden to see the best college players, George Mikan and Bob Kurland, but they were big, lumbering centers. They couldn’t do what Bob Cousy, out of Andrew Jackson High School in Queens, could do. Neither could any other player in college or in the National Basketball Association. I would major in English literature with an emphasis on Shakespeare, but looking back over my four years on Mount St. James, I confess that I mostly majored in Bob Cousy.

As the sports editor of the student newspaper, The Tomahawk, I think I was the first to call him “Cooz” in print. Some of the Boston sportswriters referred to him as “Cous,” but that didn’t have the same ring as the phonetic “Cooz” or “The Cooz,” a nickname as silky as his gifts: long arms, big hands and darting eyes that often seemed to be in the back of his head. “The things I do,” he would say years later, “are easy for a freak like me.”

As the Cross went 26-4 in his sophomore year—losing to Kentucky, the eventual national champions, 60-52, in the NCAA tournament at the Garden—he was “Cooz” to everybody on campus. His junior year, when the team practices moved from the barn to the new Quonset hut fieldhouse on College Street, the record was a spotty 19-8, but it featured an electrifying moment on Jan. 11, 1949, in a game with Loyola of Chicago at Boston Garden—a moment that would brand him a basketball magician.

During a timeout with about one minute remaining and the score 57-57, as I would write years later in Sports Illustrated magazine, Coach Buster Sheary ordered a play set up for Cooz off the high post. At a time before even the NBA had a shot clock, the Crusaders went into their outside weave as the seconds ticked off ... 50 ... 40 ... 30 ... 20 ... 15 ... he had the ball at midcourt ... 14 ... 13 ... he looked for Kaftan near the foul line, but Kaftan was tightly covered ... 12 ... he dribbled toward the foul line ... 11 ... but with Loyola guard Gerry Nagel jamming him to his right, he twisted the ball behind his back, bounced it into his left hand, then cut to his left ... 10 ... another one-bounce dribble ... 9 ... he flipped a left-handed hook shot off his left ear from 20 feet that banked off the glass backboard through the net.

In the final seconds, Loyola added a foul shot, but Cooz’s left-handed hook shot on his behind-the-back dribble had won the game, 59-58.

“When I saw Nagel all over me on the right side, it was the only thing I could do,” he told reporters after the game. “I didn’t think about doing it. I just did it.” He had never practiced it. “No. I’ve practiced the hook shot many times, of course, but not the behind-the-back dribble.” Several teammates claimed he had practiced the behind-the-back dribble, but Frank Oftring, who would be his co-captain their senior year, said, “He’s done something like it in practice, but I’ve never seen him make this precise play in practice.”

That’s my favorite Cousy moment on a basketball court at Holy Cross, but not my all-time favorite Cousy moment. That occurred his senior year in Beaven Hall in the hours after a 57-53 victory over mighty Kansas (and its legendary coach, Phog Allen) at the Boston Garden. When the team returned to the campus closed for Christmas vacation in an era when alcohol was forbidden in the dorms under penalty of expulsion, somebody smuggled a case or two or three of beer into Beaven to celebrate the triumph that sparked a 26-game winning streak and the No. 1 ranking in the weekly Associated Press poll. After all, with the campus closed, Jesuit logic decreed that the no-beer rule surely would not be enforced.

Can by can, the beer disappeared. Having been invited along with our Tomahawk photographer Jim Kehoe to join the party, we wandered into a dorm room where Cooz was sprawled on his back in the top bunk, holding an empty can and wondering what to do with it. Not finding a wastebasket nearby, he glanced toward the far end of the room where the window was open about 12 inches from the top. As smoothly as if he were shooting a free throw, he tossed the can end over end the length of the room and through the opening into the cold night air and the snow below.

“Hey, Cooz, throw mine,” somebody said. “Yeah, throw mine,” another said.
One by one, without moving anything except his right arm, he tossed four or five other empty cans into the snow below. Ever since, I’ve always wondered what the Rev. Eugene D. McCarthy, S.J., the assistant dean of men—better known as Midnight Mac—thought when the snow eventually melted from those empty beer cans. But watching those cans sail, one by one, through a narrow open window at the far end of a dorm room into the cold night air is my all-time favorite Bob Cousy moment—even better than any of his best moments with the Celtics that only he could create, beginning in his rookie season when he was named to the East squad for the first NBA All-Star Game, held at Boston Garden.

Having wangled a Tomahawk press credential for that All-Star Game, I was sitting at the press table at courtside when Cooz suddenly raced for a loose ball along the sideline. From the other direction, Ralph Beard, who had been an All-America guard at the University of Kentucky, raced for it too, but Cousy snatched the ball, dribbled behind his back and hurried upcourt on a fast break as Beard, to avert crashing into the press table, leaped over it. In that split second, the message was clear: If Cousy could fake out Ralph Beard, the fastest player of that era, he could fake out anybody else in the NBA who dared to challenge him for the basketball that he always considered his.

Over his 13 seasons, Cousy guided the Celtics to their first seven NBA championships as a 10-time first-team NBA All-Star who would glide into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., while defining the position of point guard. Some people wonder if, at 6 feet 1½ inches, he could play in today’s NBA populated by so many taller players. Of course he could. He would play as well as he did half a century ago. His stature endures. Nearly three decades after Cousy retired, Red Auerbach, his legendary Celtics coach, was asked to assess the best fast-break point guards in basketball history.

“Cooz and Magic Johnson,” he said. “They’re the best ever. No one else is even close.”

Off the court, Bob Cousy’s stature also endures because he’s always had a sense of who he is and where he is. Late in his Celtics career I remember visiting him in the old Paramount Hotel in midtown Manhattan before a game against the Knicks. He had a sore leg that was limiting his playing time, and as we walked to the Garden that evening, several men huddled in Eighth Avenue doorways recognized him and asked, “How you feeling, Cooz?” or “You gonna play, Cooz?” He never even looked at them, much less answered them.

“Don’t you say hello to your fans?” I asked.

“They’re not fans,” he said. “They’re bettors.”

The Cooz wasn’t about to tip street-corner bettors to how his leg felt, good or bad. His ethics professors at Holy Cross would have been proud. Another reason why there’s a glorious statue of him outside the Hart Center.

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**Cooz by the Numbers**

- **6** The Boston Celtics won a half-dozen NBA championships with Captain Cousy at the helm.
- **8** For eight seasons in a row (1953-60), Cousy led the NBA in assists. He had 6,955 in his career.
- **13** Hardly unlucky for the Cooz, who was selected to the NBA All-Star team in each of his 13 seasons.
- **14** His Celtic uniform number became world-famous.
- **17** His Holy Cross uniform number, sculpted on the bronze statue honoring him at the Hart Center entrance.
- **109** Mr. Basketball played in that number of NBA playoff games, averaging 18.5 points and 8.6 assists a game and hitting .801 from the foul line.
- **117** Oddly Cousy played in 117 games at Holy Cross (99 wins) and coached rival Boston College to 117 wins (only 38 losses).
- **16,960** Cooz scored that many points in his career. He ranked in the top 10 during his first eight NBA seasons and among the top three from 1951-55.

— John Gearan
On Oct. 27, Bob Cousy ’50 sat down with sports journalist Clark V. Booth ’61 to discuss Bob’s extraordinary life and career and to reflect upon his legacy in the world of basketball—and beyond.

One on one with Bob Cousy

BY CLARK BOOTH

CLARK BOOTH: Bob, I want to start by referencing the great sportswriter Red Smith, who, referring to you, once said, “the portrait of the artist as a point guard is a complex tale.” In fact, people tend to forget that you did not come out of the traditional All-American Boy background. Isn’t that correct?

BOB COUSY: It is. Every jock gets up and tells the world how lucky he is. But I feel that I may be the luckiest one of all in terms of timing and being at the right place at the right moment—even though, for the last 30 years, I was told I was born 20 years too soon, for obvious reasons.

I was literally fabricated over in France and born about six months after the boat landed at Ellis Island. This was the heart of the Depression. For the first 12 years of my life we lived in a terrible ghetto on the East River. But I was unaware of our poverty. I played in the streets and had a ball. We had a dysfunctional family situation. I didn’t have much of a relationship with my father, unfortunately. He was a nice man, but he worked constantly—two jobs, night and day. But he managed to move us to Long Island, where there was some fresh air, and I started playing hoops. And, by the age of 17, almost 18, I wind up here at Holy Cross through a series of events that, in retrospect, seem miraculous to me.

I only played a year and a half of basketball in high school. I went out for my high school team twice and got turned down twice. But throughout that period I was playing on every team I could find at the local community center. Eventually one night, the high school coach saw me play and called me over and actually asked, “Hey, son, you go to school here?” Of course, if I’d been a wise guy I would have said, “I really made an impression on you, didn’t I, coach? I’ve tried out twice for your team!” Instead, I said, “Yes, sir.” And he said, “Well, you want to come out for the JV? I need a lefty on the team.” I said, “But I’m a righty.” He said, “No, you’re a lefty.” You see, I had fallen out of a tree when I was 11 or 12 and had broken my right arm. And while I had a cast on it, I continued to play basket-
ball. And this led to me being ambidextrous.

So I began playing high school ball and made All-City. Now these days, if you make All-City in New York, 500 coaches will be sitting on your doorstep the next morning. But I was deluged by two college offers. I had a letter from the Boston College coach, “The General” McLellan. A real character. A huge man. He invited me to visit BC. And I had a letter from Coach Alvin “Doggie” Julian here at Holy Cross. Now Doggie didn’t know anything about me. But Ken Haggerty, the captain of the 1945 team, had played at my high school. Haggerty said to Julian, “Hey, Dog, you know, there’s some hot-shot at my old high school. Send him a letter and offer him a scholarship.”

I received a very brief note: “Hey, kid, I hear you’re pretty good. If you want to come to Holy Cross on a scholarship fill out this application and send it in.” Needless to say, Doggie didn’t overwhelm me with his interest, so I kind of filed his letter away. But then I made my visit to Boston College and McLellan was showing me around and I asked, “Coach, where’s the gym?” He answered, “Oh, it’s on the drawing boards. We’re going to have it soon.” After a few more steps, I asked, “Coach, where are the dorms?” He answered, “Well, this is a day-hop school. You don’t live on campus. You’ll live with a family, off the grounds.” Well, I was the original socially awkward, tentative, insecure kid. And the thought of living with a family of strangers for four years, that was just a deal-breaker. I shook his hand, got back on the train, went home and ferreted out Doggie’s letter. And I looked at it closely, because he had sent me a brochure. And on the brochure, I saw dorms. I said to myself, “That’s it,” filled out the application and sent it back to Worcester.

BOOTH: To think you came that close to going to Boston College! Rather unthinkable, in retrospect.

COUSY: Oh, exactly. And then to think that I eventually returned to Boston College for six years as a coach. But in actuality, there was a little more to the story. I wanted a Catholic school and I wanted to get away from home. The local coaches, the biggies in New York—Lapchick, Coleman, Bee—they all knew the good local kids. I could have gone to one of those schools—St. John’s, LIU or City. But, as I say, I wanted to get away from home. So Holy Cross worked out beautifully.

But you have to recall that the College had eliminated basketball during the war years. They brought it back in ’45. Knowing he had a basketball background, they said to Doggie, “We’re going to start up the basketball program. Do you want to be coach? We’ll give you 500 bucks.” And Doggie took it. So when I arrived, this was his second year. And they had done quite well that first year with Haggerty and Kaftan and O’Connell. But the next year, 10 of us gravitated to the Hill, almost by mistake. Many of them were GIs, getting a college education on the GI Bill. We wander in relatively unknown and we win the NCAA championship! I mean, the program is just restarting, and we’ve been practicing in a barn, and we win the NCAA! I recall riding down Main Street in a victory parade, wondering, “What did we just do? How did this happen?” But it’s something that we’re very proud of, those of us left from that era.

And that championship, I would argue, ignited the spark of basketball activity not only in Worcester, I think, but in New England. Basketball wasn’t even played in some high schools at the time. There was no interest whatsoever. And from those humble beginnings, basketball became terrifically popular in New England.

BOOTH: You were once called “a jazz musician of a point guard.” That’s a beautiful and apt description, I think. There was something so distinct and unique about your playing style. How did that develop? What is this something that you thought about?
COUSY: Obviously, I was born with certain God-given skills to play this child’s game. But I also was given the imagination and creativity to play that particular position. Then I played for coaches—both Buster Sheary, who took over for Doggie in 1948, and Celtics legend Arnold “Red” Auerbach—who gave me full rein to develop this talent.

So my playing style was a combination of creativity and imagination and certain physical characteristics—long arms and extraordinary peripheral vision. I mean, I can see a color far on the periphery. Opponents would say to me, “You have eyes in back of your head.” I couldn’t tell who was over there, but I could see movement, I could see color. As opposed to the guy who has tunnel vision, who is always getting caught by surprise. They often used to say about me, “He sees the floor well.”

Again, these are all God-given assets. And then I was put down at the right place at the right time to play this particular game. So I was fortunate to have these talents and to encounter these particular coaches who allowed me free rein. Because in those days, Clark, most coaches were rigid, very strict about playing by-the-numbers. They wouldn’t let somebody take a hook shot, you know? So to play for two enlightened coaches like Buster and Arnold, I was able to utilize those talents to their utmost. I think that if I’d had more conservative, traditional coaches, we wouldn’t be sitting here today. You would never have heard of me.

BOOTH: Isn’t it correct that Red didn’t want you in the beginning of your professional career? Did that bother you?

COUSY: Frankly, I don’t remember giving it that much thought. As I say, I was an insecure kid. But not when it came to basketball. In my mind I always thought that the minute I was able to do my thing, Arnold and I would co-exist very effectively. And it pretty much worked out that way. But it was complicated.

You remember the original Celtics owner, Walter Brown? He was a wonderful man with a big heart. Completely candid in everything he said. Now, Arnold’s ego was bigger than the Hogan Campus Center. And the three of us would constantly have to go to these press conference luncheons. And Walter continued to be embarrassed about the fact that he hadn’t chosen me in the draft. So he would stand up at these affairs and say, “I’ll tell you how smart this guy,” pointing to Auerbach, “and I was: We didn’t want that guy.” And I’d have my head down because I’d say, “Oh, God, this is going to start things up again with Arnold.”

But Arnold, if anything, was pragmatic. You know, the minute he knew he had a pretty good point guard nothing else really mattered. The minute that I demonstrated that to him, not drafting me from Holy Cross went by the boards.

BOOTH: While you were waiting for your professional career to get started, how did you pass the time—and pay the bills?

COUSY: By this time, I had gotten married. My classmate and teammate Frank Oftring and I decided to open up a gas station in Worcester, “Cousy & Oftring.” But we didn’t know much about fixing cars and pretty soon word got out—“Don’t go to these guys for anything but a fill-it-up.” So out of the station we also ran a driving school. Within the first summer we had three cars going around the clock. Jimmy O’Connell, another classmate, came in with us on that. My thought was that, eventually, we would open up a string of Cousy & Oftring Driving Schools.

So here I am teaching ladies to drive while I’m waiting to see what’s going to happen with the NBA. Honestly not really giving it a lot of thought. And then somebody called me and said, “Hey, you’re the number one pick of the Tri-Cities Blackhawks.” And I said, “I was a pretty good student, but I must have been asleep in geography. What the hell is a Tri-City Blackhawk?” Now I’m told they used that as the headline in the Tri-Cities Bugle: “Cousy says, ‘What the hell is a Tri-City Blackhawk?’”

Anyway, I met with the team owner, Mr. Kerner, but he wasn’t able to give me the $10,000 salary I needed. You know, the average salary at that time was $2,500. So I flew...
home and continued to teach ladies to drive. But pretty soon, they called me again and said, “You’ve been traded to the Chicago Stags.” I said, “Beautiful, I’m not going to play in Chicago either.”

And then comes the hat story. You know the hat story, Clark? When they disbursed the Chicago Stags, there were three guys left to be traded, and they put the three names in a hat: Andy Phillip, Max Zaslofsky and myself. There were three teams that hadn’t picked—Philadelphia, New York and Boston. Arnold sent Walter down and said, “Just bring home anyone but Cousy.”

When it came Walter’s turn, mine was the only name left in the hat after the other two picks. So I met with him—we sat in the men’s room, I remember, because there were people in his office. He said, “What do you need, Cooz?” I said, “Mr. Brown, I need $10,000.” He said, “Well, I can’t do that. How about nine?” And I said, “Fine.”

So, yes, again, my career was the result of this whole series of unlikely events. I mean, if Kerner didn’t trade me, if Chicago didn’t go down the drain, if Walter Brown hadn’t been left with my name in a hat, I wouldn’t be sitting here talking to you today.

BOOTH: It’s extraordinary.

COUSY: It’s fairy-tale stuff, you know!

BOOTH: Let me focus for a second, Bob, on two issues regarding your professional career. First, I don’t think people fully appreciate your role as the Pee Wee Reese, so to speak, of basketball. Reese was famous for having paved the way for Jackie Robinson’s acceptance by the Dodgers and for having played a very important role in the very sensitive desegregation of the game of baseball. You played a comparable role, as I see it, in basketball with the way you came to support Chuck Cooper, the first black player drafted by a national basketball team, the Celtics, in 1951.

COUSY: I lived with Chuck that first year, and he and I were close friends until he died in 1984. I’d love to take credit for that—and I was sensitive to it at the time—but, in fairness, the truth is that the baseball situation was ugly and got worldwide attention. And Jackie, as I’m sure you know, suffered through all of this greatly. Chuck did not. Nobody really noticed it, and I think one of the reasons for that was that the game itself was so Mickey Mouse that no one was paying attention to us. So Arnold drafting the first black player was significant, but, honestly, Clark, I don’t even remember reading anything in the paper about it. I really don’t. The only negative thing I remember was going to places like St. Louis, where they’d scream a few things from the stands. There were a few isolated ugly things. We couldn’t eat in St. Louis in the dirty spoon across from the hotel when we got back after the game. They wouldn’t serve us because we were with black players. That type of thing. We couldn’t stay in the same hotel—you know that story about North Carolina, when Chuck and I got on the train—

BOOTH: A very important story.

COUSY: Yes, it is. Chuck wasn’t allowed to stay at the hotel with us, so he decided to take the sleeper train out of town. And I decided that I had to go with him. I’ll be honest with you, I just didn’t understand that kind of mass hatred. I understood specific hatred quite well. But I just have never understood mass hatred. I didn’t understand it 50 years ago, and I still can’t explain it today. And yet we’re killing each other all around the globe for some nonsensical reason of color, or culture, or religion. At 80 years old, the only explanation I find is the basic insecurity of the beast, you know? Someone is a little different and, therefore, they’re going to take something we’ve got. That type of primal fear. I understand prejudice in the ignorant, in the person who doesn’t know any better. But for an educated person, it’s incomprehensible.

BOOTH: I want to read something that Chuck Cooper said about you: “Bob Cousy is the highest kind of individual. Bob is
COUSY: But, honestly, Clark, all we did was treat Chuck normally. That’s it. And I give Arnold the credit for handling that integration over those years so smoothly and so effectively. But all he did was treat everyone the same.

BOOTH: Wasn’t your senior thesis at Holy Cross on the persecution of minorities?

COUSY: Yes. In my mind it’s the most basic principle, and yet we see it violated every day all over the place. I mean, we just can’t get along in this country. I know we’ve made strides but I don’t know that we’re anywhere near where we should be for an educated, civilized nation. As I say, I think it’s just the insecurity of the beast. People who study this, I suppose, have more profound explanations for racism. But to look at Darfur, you know, that’s incredible. All the things that have gone on. I don’t think we’ve scratched the intellectual surface of knowing simply how to get along with each other.

BOOTH: And 50 years later you remain active, I believe, trying to get adequate pensions and adequate services for the NBA players who played in your era and after who didn’t make 15 million dollars a year. Here you are 80 years old and you’re still tossing bombs, so maybe you are a Bolshevik at heart.

COUSY: (Laughing) Maybe I am. I suppose that the way I grew up, in a place where I had to fight for everything, just created certain values, fostered certain principles that have played out throughout the rest of my life.

BOOTH: You and your wife, Missie, have certainly maintained a very stable life. Unlike most athletes, you were not drawn to the fast lane. You camped out here in Worcester.

COUSY: The stage coach still only comes through twice a week. (Laughing) Over the years, people have said to me, “Why didn’t you leave?” But I see the Michael Jordans of the world living behind walls with barbed wire and monitors. Every time they go out, they need the chauffeured limo to take them here and there. But if it prevents your children from having a normal life … I don’t know what I would have done with a hundred million and that kind of fame. I wouldn’t have enjoyed it. For me, for my sensibility, Worcester fit the bill. It has been a good home. I’ve been part of a community.
Can we talk about your feelings regarding college athletics in this country?

Cousy: I was fortunate. I had other options that allowed me to walk away from coaching. At some point it became a dehumanizing process. Now, I must say, I enjoyed my six years at Boston College, truly. And I maintain relationships with my players. We had good kids at BC, and we won. I’d like to think we established the basketball program at that school—because we were near the bottom when I came in. More importantly, every young man that we recruited in that six-year period got his diploma. And if you say that to a sophisticated audience, “What’s the big deal? Don’t all kids graduate?” Well, I’m sorry, in fact, they do not. So we have nothing but warm memories about that association.

But anything goes in recruiting today. I researched this for one of the books I wrote. We interviewed a well-known guy in Pittsburgh, and he said, “You know, I’ve been doing this game for 20 years and I can tell you unequivocally—and I’ll say it on tape—that every young man that has played in this game has been on the take. Every single one.”

Listen, I can tell you, by 1969, 40 years ago, these kids were already getting agent-types to represent them, because even then they knew the score. The pot has only grown since then. It’s anything goes at that level. As I say, I was fortunate that I was able to step away from it, because I don’t see how you can maintain a relationship with these kids once you get them in if you’ve prostituted yourself on the other end.

Booth: Well, let’s bring this discussion back to Holy Cross, because you have had strong feelings about the direction that Holy Cross athletics has taken during this period of time, the last 40 years, and you’ve been generally pleased with that. What are your views on today’s Holy Cross, Bob? Are you happy with where it’s at?

Cousy: Look, this is absolutely a gem of a school. There is a level of teacher-student interaction here that is extraordinary. Our students are taught by professors in an intimate setting. They’re not dealing with graduate students and teaching assistants.

Now, obviously, when I was here, we had almost all Jesuit professors. And, in addition, there was the discipline of daily Mass. I think back on those things and I appreciate them. As a college student, you’re at a time in your life when—whether you realize it or not—you need to establish a sense of self-discipline, which will serve you very well, I think, throughout the rest of your life. And academically, you can go as far as your own will and your skills will allow you to go at a school like this. In any event, Holy Cross was absolutely perfect for me.

Booth: When you look back on your career as player, coach, commentator, author—indeed, as “Mr. Basketball”—from the vantage of your 80th year, what is your perspective?

Cousy: Well, Clark, it’s interesting. A few years ago, we sold a lot of my career memorabilia. And some people felt that I shouldn’t have done that. But it actually worked out quite well. Both of our daughters are school teachers, and our granddaughter was just getting into college. We gave them all the proceeds from that sale. But, you know, over the years, I never was one to go down into the cellar and mull over the artifacts—the photos and plaques and trophies and such. I’m a today and tomorrow person. And, so, when I review my athletic career, it’s all fine. I’ve been fortunate and I’m grateful for my life in sports.

But honestly, when I’m in the privacy of my own thoughts, here at the age of 80, it isn’t really the athletic background that I cherish, per se, but it’s a series of opportunities, moments in my life that were created by my athletic career. I’ve been invited to the White House by six sitting presidents. I’ve had a private audience with the Pope. When I worked on the movie Blue Chips, I was able to create the largest fundraiser in the history of my city of Worcester. I’ve been able to be of service. We built a playground at Great Brook Valley. And we established scholarships at Becker College to be focused entirely on kids from Great Brook Valley. I think about my experiences with the Big Brother organization. Those are the things I find most meaningful. I mean, at some point you grow up and you put your toys away to a degree. Having played a child’s game very effectively and having been part of NCAA history here at Holy Cross and at Boston College as well as six championships with the Celtics was wonderful. But at this point in my life, it’s the other things—the chance to offer service, to appreciate my family and friends and my community—that provide the greatest meaning and joy.

Booth: Bob, as always, this has been a delight. Thank you, sir, for your thoughts.

Cousy: Thank you, Clark.

Clark V. Booth ’61 has been an iconic presence in the world of sports journalism for decades. For 34 years, he was a sports columnist for The Pilot. He has regularly written for such publications as The Boston Globe, Boston Magazine and New England Magazine. He has been a reporter and writer on 30 sports documentaries. For 35 years, he has been associated with WCVB-TV in Boston as a correspondent specializing in sports, religion, politics and international affairs.
Seven Unforgettable Moments

The last loud roar
On April 24, 1963, Cousy ended his fabled NBA career with typical drama and élan. Out in La-La Land, the Lakers, trailing by 12, caught a break when Cousy sprained his ankle. With him getting taped, L.A. pared the Celtics’ lead down to one. Cousy went back in, and, though he didn’t score a point, his inspiration and playmaking gave Boston a huge boost as the Celtics held on for a 112-109 championship victory. As the clock ran down, a celebrating Cooz slung the ball into the rafters to place an exclamation point on his final Celtic game.

The birth of a dynasty
On April 13, 1957, the Celtics squared off in Game 7 of the NBA Finals against the St. Louis Hawks. In this double-overtime thriller, basketball’s best backcourt—Cousy and Bill Sharman—shot a woeful five for 40 combined from the floor. Tommy Heinsohn ’56 had been the leading man for Boston. Yet for captain Cousy, the victory was a thrill of a lifetime, ending a seven-season struggle to the top of the NBA; it marked the birth of an unrivaled athletic dynasty.

A superstar is born
On March 22, 1953, Boston faced the Syracuse Nationals in the first round of the NBA playoffs. Cousy put on a show for the ages. His two free throws sent the game into overtime. His free throw with a second left hurtled the game into a second overtime. His driving layup forced a third OT. And his shocking 25-foot buzzer beater sent the game into a fourth overtime, where Cousy scored nine points to knock out the Nationals, earning the Celtics their first play-off series victory. He played 64 of the game’s 68 minutes, scored an amazing 50 points and hit 30 of 32 from the free-throw line.

Out of Doggie’s house
No excuses allowed when Coach Doggie Julian ran the show. Never mind that Cousy missed a Saturday practice due to a minor auto accident. That following Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1948, Cousy, a sophomore star, would not start against formidable Loyola of Chicago. Crusader fans at the Boston Arena began to chant, “Cousy, Cousy.” With eight minutes left and Holy Cross up, 42-38, Cousy trotted onto the floor. He dazzled the Chicagoans with his ball-handling and scored 12 points in the last five-and-a-half minutes, sparking the Crusaders to a 62-46 triumph.

“Houdini of the Hardwood”
Under new coach Buster Sheary, Cousy found a surrogate father for life. He knew how to inspire. “When are you going to show that left-handed hook of yours?” Buster growled at his junior sensation. On Jan. 11, 1949, against Loyola of Chicago at Boston Garden, Cousy gave Coach his answer. With the score tied at 57 and nine seconds left, Cousy drove down the middle. According to Worcester Telegram and Gazette sportswriter Paul N. Johnson, “at the free-throw line he dribbled behind his back with the finesse of a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat. He picked up the ball with his left hand and in one synchronized motion let fly his running left hooker.” The ball banked off the board, lifting Holy Cross to victory.

High school hero
A younger, scrawnier Cousy had struggled to make the varsity after being cut as a freshman and sophomore by Lew Grummond, coach of Andrew Jackson High School in St. Albans, N.Y. To make matters worse, Cousy failed a civics class—and was declared ineligible for first semester his junior year. When he got his chance, Cousy wowed them with a 28-point debut. In the last game of his senior year, he tallied 26 points to win the New York City scoring title—and was named captain of the Journal-American All-Scholastic team.

Home sweet home
Cousy came home to play the Worcester Auditorium, leading his Celtics against the Baltimore Bullets on Feb. 22, 1954, in a game that would benefit Catholic Charities of the Worcester Diocese. For more than three hours and through three overtimes, Cousy’s magic dazzled the crowd of more than 3,000 fans as he scored 42 points. He played 60 of the game’s 63 minutes as the Celtics won, 111-110. At halftime, Mayor James D. O’Brien declared March 14, 1954, “Bob Cousy Day” in Worcester.
Cousy’s Bookshelf

**Basketball is my Life: Bob Cousy’s Dramatic Life Story**
By Cousy with Al Hirshberg
This 1957 book provides an excellent primer on Cousy’s childhood as the only offspring of French immigrants who came to New York City during the Great Depression. Hirshberg artfully tells the compelling story of Cousy’s struggle to success as he develops his mastery of the game in high school, at Holy Cross and with the Boston Celtics.

**The Last Loud Roar**
By Cousy with Edward Linn
While telling the stirring story of his sixth and last championship game with the Boston Celtics, Cousy reveals that fear and his ferocity are his constant companions as he travels the rocky road of stardom. Writes journalist Red Smith in the forward, “Cousy … has powerful convictions about people and living, human rights, the rigging of games and the recruiting of college athletes, officials and coaches, and the individuals he has played against … may the saints preserve him and the game he dignifies.”

**Basketball Concepts and Techniques**
By Cousy and Frank G. Power Jr.
Said Red Auerbach, “Together (Cousy and Power) they have written a definitive and highly informative book on the techniques of playing and coaching basketball. It should rank among the classic books on the game.” It certainly does. With illustrations and photographs, Cousy and Power explain in detail the proper way to handle, pass and shoot the ball and how to devise effective offensive and defensive strategies.

**The Killer Instinct**
By Cousy with John Devaney
In perhaps his most significant book, Cousy examines his struggles within the context of the hypocrisy of big-time collegiate basketball. While coaching at Boston College, Cousy recognizes that his killer instinct to win torments him as he is tempted to cross NCAA recruiting rules in order to make his team a national power. In the end, Cousy refuses to compromise his ethics and walks away from college coaching.

**Cousy on the Celtic Mystique**
By Cousy and Bob Ryan
Vividly written by Bob Ryan—who has covered the Celtics for four decades as a Boston Globe reporter—game action is described in delicious detail, and Cousy dishes out his special insights on other hoop icons such as Bill Russell, Larry Bird and Red Auerbach. He also explains how the notion of the Celtic Mystique developed and how it survived.

**Cousy: His Life, Career, and the Birth of Big-Time Basketball**
By Bill Reynolds
A gifted writer, a longtime columnist with The Providence Journal and a basketball historian par excellence, Reynolds tells Cousy’s life story in an elegant prose that is worthy of Cousy’s athletic artistry. Reynolds demonstrates how Cousy’s creativity affected the early growth of the NBA and caused the flowering of the game on the international stage.

— John Gearan
New VP Michael C. Perry looks at philanthropy through the eyes of a grateful recipient

BY JOYCE O’CONNOR DAVIDSON

There is a lot of basketball in Mike Perry’s background. Perry’s father, Al, and his two uncles, Walter and Ron ’54 (Holy Cross’ director of athletics for 26 years), were standout athletes at Somerville High School in Somerville, Mass., where they were raised.

“My father and uncles were part of a basketball renaissance in Boston in the ’40s and ’50s. All three of them went to college on basketball scholarships, and, as a result, my Portuguese-immigrant grandmother thought college was free,” Perry laughs. “The opportunities that came to my father and his brothers came through athletics,” he says.

That’s the family history: athletics and hard work.

“I grew up in that background,” Perry says. “My father is my inspiration, and I wanted to follow in his footsteps.”

Al taught his son, by example, about hard work, doing the right thing, valuing family and the importance of integrity. He also served as the model for what Perry would do with his career.

After playing basketball at Tufts, Al became a high school teacher and basketball referee. Young Mike joined his dad on the road whenever he could, as his father traveled at night to work high school and college basketball games throughout New England and New York.

“Consequently, I grew to love being on college campuses, and I grew to love the whole basketball environment,” Perry says. “It was my growing up. I saw Holy Cross play at the Worcester Auditorium and—when I got old enough—I worked the boys’ and girls’ basketball camps at Holy Cross in the summers. I revered the teacher-coach model and wanted to follow in my father’s footsteps.”

THE PERRY FILE

Family: Wife, Beth, estate and trust probate paralegal
Children: Joy, 26, a Wellesley College alumna who rowed in the NCAA championships in 2003 and captained Wellesley’s crew team in 2005; Matthew, 19, first-year student at High Point University in North Carolina, assistant manager to the basketball team and walking sports encyclopedia

Education: Bachelor of arts degree from Tufts University, 1976; master of arts degree in history from Trinity College, 1983

Passions: Family, basketball and golf
When Perry graduated from Reading (Mass.) High School, his father, “who knew what was best for me,” told him he wasn’t quite ready for college and strongly encouraged his son to apply to private schools for a postgraduate year. Perry wanted to mature as a basketball player and student, and with a scholarship and financial aid to support him, he headed off to Deerfield (Mass.) Academy.

“As a middle-class kid with five siblings, I knew I was lucky to go to Deerfield,” Perry says. “When I got to that environment, I realized what a big place the world is … my horizons broadened.”

From Deerfield, Perry, like his father, attended Tufts University on a basketball scholarship, where he came to understand for the first time that there was a real person behind the scholarship that he was receiving. Having spent hours caddying as a teen, he was also a beneficiary of the Ouimet Scholarship Fund.

“I began to realize how many people had played a role in my receiving financial support for an education,” Perry says. “It was the beginning of my understanding of philanthropy.”

Fresh out of Tufts and motivated by great admiration for his father, Perry set off to make his own mark as a high school history teacher and basketball coach. He took a position teaching U.S. history at Avon (Conn.) Old Farms School, an all-boys school of 360 students. He taught and coached, and, over time, Perry took on more administrative responsibilities. When Deerfield Academy was looking for a director for its annual fund, Perry applied. He moved his family to Deerfield and spent 18 years there, 10 as the director of development.

This past summer, he was appointed the new vice president for development and alumni relations at Holy Cross. Perry looks at his role in advancement philosophically: “If I can repay people for the wonderful benefits I received—by working to ensure that enough financial aid is available and that faculty are properly compensated—then I will feel that I have contributed in an important way to the accessibility and affordability of higher education.”

The Fitton, Fenwick and Cornerstone Societies were established to recognize and thank the College’s leadership donors, whose extraordinary generosity has advanced the life and mission of Holy Cross in immeasurable ways. Members gathered for dinner on Sept. 19 at The Pierre Hotel in New York City. Left to right: P. Kevin Condron ’67, P00, chair of the Holy Cross Board of Trustees; Holy Cross president, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J.; and Fenwick Society members Barbara and Ed ’78 McLaughlin P11, 10, of Darien, Conn.
Tennis Everyone

Thanks to generous alumni contributions, the courts undergo a complete renovation

BY ELIZABETH WALKER

John “Jack” Sinnott ’61, Marcia Hennelly Moran ’78 and Jay DeSanto ’09 followed in each other’s footsteps at Holy Cross. They tripped over the same cracks, slid through the same wet spots and regularly chased errant tennis balls down College Hill. As varsity tennis players who captained their teams, Sinnott, Hennelly Moran and DeSanto practiced and competed decades apart down slope from Linden Lane on courts with rough surfaces, nonexistent fencing and tennis ball trajectories that seemed to defy the laws of physics, while confounding the most accomplished players. In recent years, the suboptimal condition of those courts precluded any official Patriot League play, leaving the men’s and women’s tennis teams—like the balls they lobbed in practice—traveling everywhere.

“I played on those courts 45 years ago and they weren’t in good shape back then,” says Sinnott, the Crusaders’ number one singles player during his three years of varsity play. Back then, first-year students were not allowed to play on varsity teams.

Sinnott, who followed his two older brothers to Holy Cross, retired as the chairman and chief executive officer of Marsh Inc. in 2003. He was subsequently called back to serve another 18 months as vice chairman of Marsh and McLennan Companies in 2005-06. A longtime President’s Council member, he joined the Holy Cross Board of Trustees in 2003. As he reviewed the master plan for the College, Sinnott thought that the renovation of the tennis facilities on campus needed to move forward on the timeline. Through his great generosity, he enabled that project to go to the top of the list.

“There are the big sports, and then there are the other sports,” he says. “We couldn’t wait another 10 years to build a new facility for the men’s and women’s (tennis) teams. I have a strong connection to tennis at Holy Cross. I wanted to help to provide our tennis players, both varsity and recreational, with the best facilities and environment for practice, competition or enjoyment. The courts are not just for the tennis team. They’re for everyone.”

Sinnott’s personal and financial investment in moving the tennis renovation project forward was bolstered by strong support and a generous gift from Marcia Hennelly Moran ’78 and husband Douglas Moran ’76. The Morans’ five children
include three varsity tennis players — Tom '07, a team tri-captain; Meg '08, captain of the women's team; and first-year student Rosemary. Rosemary is the first in the tennis-playing Moran family to benefit from Sinnott's and her parents' commitment to the best in tennis for Holy Cross. In September, the College completed a half-million-plus renovation of the worst-for-wear venue, transforming it into a state-of-the-art eight-court tennis facility. Now the outdoor tennis courts on the Hill have moved from last place in the Patriot League to top of the line in any league.

“Three of our children played on the same courts I played on 30 years ago,” Hennelly Moran says. “The courts were slippery back then and they didn’t drain well. We owed it to our varsity athletes to provide better facilities and to the other students on campus. We talk about educating the whole person. That should include providing students with new experiences in top facilities, whether it’s playing tennis, another sport or working out. We hope that more students will make use of the courts, now that they’re more inviting.”

“The facility is fantastic,” says Mike Lucas, coach of the men’s and women’s tennis teams. “It’s everything we hoped for. We are so grateful. By the end of last year, we had only four playable courts. It was one of the worst facilities there was. It has been a long haul on substandard surfaces that were last painted 30 years ago. Now we’re among the top Patriot League facilities. Also, the new courts have a great viewing area.”

Doubles captain Jay DeSanto and his teammates noticed immediately that the ball plays so much better on the new surface.

“It’s also great to have a fence around the courts,” DeSanto says. “It has made a world of difference. Practices are more enjoyable, and everyone seems more intent. We’re able to do more things and do them better now that we have state-of-the-art courts. They’re really something to be proud of. The new courts will help our teams improve. Also, Coach Lucas will be able to recruit stronger players who will want to play for Holy Cross.”

A boost in the teams’ morale and a boon for recruiting are just two of the many benefits women’s team captain Kristen Meahl ‘10 believes the new tennis facility has already brought to campus. The teams are excited to play in front of their families and friends.

“As soon as we started playing on the new courts, everyone’s spirits and levels of play were lifted,” says Meahl. “We’re all so thankful to everyone who made this happen. The balls no longer go flying up and down the hill. We no longer have to travel to all of our matches. Having Patriot matches here brings new excitement to the teams and to everyone on campus.”

“I wanted to help to provide our tennis players, both varsity and recreational, with the best facilities and environment for practice, competition or enjoyment. The courts are not just for the tennis team. They’re for everyone.” — Jack Sinnott ‘61

A strong athletic team is built from three components in addition to good athletes, Hennelly Moran believes—good facilities, good coaching and a good team culture. Now the Holy Cross tennis program has it all.

“Mike Lucas is a devoted coach of the men’s and women’s teams,” she says. “The new facility legitimizes the Holy Cross tennis program. Now Coach Lucas can go out and recruit players with pride because he knows his college can host Patriot League events. We supported this project because it’s in keeping with upgrading the baseball field and other athletic facilities on campus.”

Directing his gift to the tennis courts project was a “fairly simple” decision for Sinnott to make after looking at the old courts when he was on campus for a Board meeting. In addition to trusting the College to make wise use of his donation, his personal connection to the tennis program figured into his decision as well.

“I always made my annual gift,” Sinnott says. “This was an opportunity for me to provide tennis players with the best facilities so they could compete at the highest level. I also trust the College to know how best to use my contribution. Besides, there is a kind of symmetry in my gift. I played on the old courts.”

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New fund honors James Paul Menza ’01 supports international immersion programs

Kathleen Paul remembers vividly the way her son’s face looked when he got off the plane from Mexico in the summer of 1999.

“He had a certain energy about him,” Paul says of her son, James “Jamie” Paul Menza ’01. “He was glowing.”

Having spent two weeks engaged in an immersion program in Cuernavaca, Mexico, Menza returned invigorated by the spirituality and tenacity of the people he encountered.

“He connected in a very positive way with them,” his mother recalls. “It inspired him and reaffirmed his own faith. His words to me were, ‘Mom, they did more for me than I did for them.’”

Menza’s assessment exemplifies the point of Holy Cross’ international immersion programs, wherein travel to destinations in the United States and abroad—from Appalachia and the Gulf Coast to Mexico, Kenya, Tanzania and Jamaica—is about visiting and talking with people in the host community. By interacting directly with the poor, students have something to offer and, at the same time, undergo powerful personal and intellectual growth and gain a deeper understanding of the societies of the world.

“We encounter people as equals, and we learn about their culture, faith, struggles and joys,” says Martin Kelly, assistant chaplain. “We seek to find how God is made present in that community and in those people.”

Ultimately these experiences provide a foundation for the students’ future contributions to community service and inspire them to view faith as the underpinning of social justice.

For Menza, the trip to Mexico was part of a continuum of outreach experiences that began in high school, when he traveled to Boston to tutor young students and, on occasion, assisted his mother in teaching middle-school English. He also logged many hours aiding patients in a local nursing home, where the staff remembers him as an exceptionally dedicated volunteer whose patience and warmth helped draw out some of the more severely troubled patients.

At Holy Cross, Menza’s work in Student Programs for Urban Development dovetailed with his study of philosophy and fed a growing appreciation of the role of service in an educated person’s life. In an essay, he reflected on a frustrating day teaching multiplication to unreceptive third-graders. “My instinctive response was anger toward their level of apathy,” Menza wrote. But, as the day went on, he took the more successful tack of engaging the students in basketball games and in conversation about the things that interested them.

“On the bus home that day,” Menza continued, “I thought about these issues in relation to myself. ‘Why was
my liberal arts education valuable? Why should I even go to school?’ It was at this moment that Socrates’ words ‘The unexamined life is not worth living’ became a reality for me.”

By forging bonds with students whose values differed from his own, “I was able to free myself from my own world-view, and examine the worth that I place on education from a very different perspective,” Menza wrote. “It became apparent to me that the only way to become liberated is through self-examination, and true examination of self will come with a better understanding of the world.”

Not long thereafter, while traveling in Europe following his graduation from Holy Cross, Menza became suddenly ill as a result of an existing heart condition. He died immediately after his return to the United States.

His mother describes Jamie as a “regular kid,” the kind who liked playing lacrosse and going to parties as much as he enjoyed learning and helping others. It was this combination of attributes that enabled him to relate to people of all backgrounds.

“During his short lifetime, he has done a lot of great things and had a positive influence on a lot of people, and I’m very grateful that he has left such a wonderful legacy,” Paul says.

In honor of Menza’s spirit, and, in the hope that it will inspire future generations of students to engage in the kind of outreach programs that he valued so highly, Kathleen Paul and her brother, Jay Paul, have committed $280,000 to establish a fund to support students engaged in the international immersion programs and other activities organized by the Chaplains’ Office.

The James “Jamie” Paul Menza Fund for the Promotion of Service and Justice will help defray the cost of participating in the immersion programs, which last year amounted to $1,600 per student per trip. The gift will be a significant boost to individual students and to the mission of the Chaplains’ Office, which aims to ensure that all interested students will have an opportunity to participate, regardless of their financial circumstances.

“On campus, there is a great demand for these trips, and this gift will benefit not only those students who may have trouble affording it, but will also help encourage students who may not have even considered applying,” Kelly says.

Kathleen Paul says she admires Holy Cross for its outreach and appreciates the dedicated staff of the Chaplains’ Office, especially Director Kim McElaney ’76, whom she describes as her “shining star.”

“When you experience a tragedy like this, there are so many negative paths you can go down,” she says. “It is a long, difficult journey, but I feel very fortunate to be able to take this positive step by honoring Jamie in this way.”

Laura Freeman ’96 is a freelance writer from Wilbraham, Mass.
There’s something about that Holy Cross connection. You know how it is—you’re wearing a Holy Cross T-shirt, and a stranger comes up to say “hi” and ask what year you graduated. Or perhaps you find yourself checking to see if you recognize the driver of a car with a Holy Cross decal. (And if you live in the Boston area, sometimes you do!) But the fabric of our alumni body has a more substantive weave than just friendly camaraderie. So many of us have realized the return on investment received via our thriving alumni network.

Bob Wally ’68 is assistant director, alumni relations, students/alumni career networking at Holy Cross. He runs formal events such as the September 2008 program for alumnae, “Restarting or Redirecting Your Career.” And, on a daily basis, he provides guidance to those seeking advice or referrals to other alumni who work in their industry or live in their region.

“Holy Cross men and women have traditionally provided an alumni career network second to none,” says Wally. “This is a valuable service in today’s competitive and rapidly changing job market.

“One can expect multiple career paths over a lifetime,” he adds. “I have seen not only the anxiety of a grad seeking that first job, but also the uncertainty of an alum making a cross-country move and the concern of someone whose job was lost due to merger or downsizing. I have also witnessed alumni assisting one another in any way they can and how important this is to someone in need. This Crusader connection is always evolving and is characterized by a desire to give back, reciprocate and, once helped, ‘pay it forward.’”

In a recent issue of Holy Cross Magazine, we asked for testimonials about how alumni have experienced this phenomenon; following are some of the responses to this request:

“My career as a cinematographer started on the Hill. Freshman year, I had signed up for a career mentorship program through the College and then forgot about it. After being denied internships later in my freshman year and during my sophomore year, I was becoming discouraged. I sent out letters, and one response included the suggestion that I contact Brian Heller, a successful cinematographer and businessman in the motion picture industry and owner of Boston Camera and High Output. When I first learned about Brian, I had no idea he was an HC grad (Class of ‘68) and that coincidentally he had signed up to be an alumni mentor. We discovered our HC ties, and he presented internship opportunities to me, which I took. Now I am shooting studio films for Sony Pictures, Spike Lee and countless other producers in Hollywood. I thank God every day for Holy Cross and my mentor of 10 years.”
–Tommy Maddox Upshaw ’00

Upon graduating from HC I headed to New York City to pursue a career in advertising. I used the Career Planning Center extensively, and, through the alumni network, I met with 20 to 30 alumni. I ended up at the office of Jack Rehm ’54, who, at the time, was publisher of Better Homes and Gardens. He gave me good advice and (names of) other alums to follow up with. A month...
I have been with Collages.net, founded by Kevin Casey '84 and Norm Racine '84, since January 2006. Kevin contacted Maura Collins Matthews '97, who was, at the time, the President of the HC Club of Philly, and gave her the job description for a position at Collages.net. Maura and I worked together at the time, in addition to knowing each other through the Club, and she passed the job description to me. I contacted Kevin, and he responded within an hour. We set up an interview, and the rest is history.

–Deirdre Gillin Ruttle '02

At the end of my senior year, I visited the Career Planning Center and saw a job posting from Madison Publishing in Boston—a company started by Terry Driscoll '69. I called a couple of graduates from the Class of '93 who were working there, and they helped me learn about the company. After the formal part of my interview, Terry called me into his office and said that it was my cover letter that got me in the door (I owed a big thank you to HC for solid preparation). I got the position and joined the dynamic, quickly growing company. I worked alongside several other Crusaders from the Classes of '93, '94 and '95, and I got a great foundation of business skills and ethics, had superb mentorship, and a chance to grow professionally in that first job out of college. (Fifteen years later, I still work on
freelance projects through connections I made at Madison.)

After several years, I moved on to a position in marketing
and public relations with Caritas Christi Health Care System,
which, at the time, was run by Michael Collins, M.D., ’77.
During my first week, I got a friendly e-mail from pediatrician
Jane DeSisto Harrity, M.D., ’84, welcoming me and making
the HC connection. Today my husband (Gene Fredey ’93) and
I own a business, and HC continues to help fuel my professional
learning and relationship building. There are so many ways to
meet other alumni and stay connected to Holy Cross, and I try
to take advantage of programs such as the GAA’s continuing
education day in the spring, the women in business conference,
and the technology group for alumni in the Boston area.

—Maura Kelly Fredey ’94

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holycross.edu/alumni/events/GAA/

Career Planning Center
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rwally@holycross.edu or 508-793-3758.

Online networks
Holy Cross Web site’s Alumni Online Community:
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information.
The General Alumni Association recently awarded the Patrick L. McCarthy ’63 Alumni Scholarships to members of the Class of 2009 at its fall homecoming meeting. The awards were presented by GAA President-elect Mark Powers ’85. Front row, left to right: Christina E. Collins, daughter of Barry ’77 and Carol Collins; Grace A. Campion, daughter of Daniel ’83 and Katherine Campion; Stefanie A. Moynihan, daughter of John ’67 and Hildegard Moynihan; Caitlin M. Paluilis, daughter of John Paluilis ’66; Jill T. Anderson, daughter of Rick and Renee ’80 Anderson; Kelly M. DiMascio, daughter of Nicholas and Regina ’78 DiMascio; Elizabeth M. Collins, daughter of Michael ’77 and Maryellen Collins; Julia G. Amrhein, daughter of J. Christopher ’71 and Mary Amrhein; Amanda L. McLaughlin, daughter of Thomas ’79 and Leslie McLaughlin. Back row, left to right: Andrew V. Moczula, son of Boris Moczula and Maureen Varley ’76; Cara M. O’Connor, daughter of James ’76 and Anne Marie O’Connor; Ann K. Schufreider, daughter of Thomas ’80 and Mary Schufreider; Sean Michael Kiely, son of Kevin ’80 and Sylvia Kiely. Missing from photo: Matthew M. Cain, son of Richard and Jane ’80 Cain; and Michael F. Pabian, son of John and Clare ’80 Pabian.
CATCHING UP with Crusaders on the MOVE and in the NEWS

By Kathleen S. Carr ’96

INES CABARRUS ’01: SPIRITED INSTRUCTION

After receiving her degree from Holy Cross, Ines Cabarrus worked as a Jesuit alumni volunteer in Chicago. She taught English as a second language to Latin American immigrants and taught theater at St. Ignatius College Prep.

It was in Chicago that she began her wine education. Cabarrus attended tastings, read literature and went to bartending school. She soon decided to pursue a formal education in the wine and hospitality industry and, in 2004, headed to the William Blue College of Hospitality and Tourism in Sydney, Australia.

“In Sydney, I had the opportunity to work in the prestigious Wildfire Restaurant on the Circular Quay as a trainee sommelier. I worked with some of the best sommeliers in the city and a wine list of more than 500 wines from all over the world. My job was to taste, serve and talk about wine. Who could complain?” she asks.

Cabarrus then got involved in the opening of Enderun College in the Philippines, helping to establish its training restaurant and the curriculum for one of its classes.

In her free time, Cabarrus published a book with Elian Habayeb—Manila’s Best Kept Restaurant Secrets; she also became the chief executive officer of her own corporation, Manila’s Best Kept Secrets, Inc.—and was named one of MEGA magazine’s “10 Women to Watch for 2008.”

Cabarrus credits her involvement in the theatre program at Holy Cross with teaching her how to engage her students in the learning process: “Apart from imparting knowledge, a teacher, in a sense, has to be a great entertainer. To get my students ready for the service industry, I use a lot of theater-style warm-ups and role-plays, which help them gain confidence and enhance their communication skills.”

BILL FARLEY ‘58: A JOURNEY HOME

Two years ago, Bill Farley received a telephone call from Hartford, Conn., Mayor Eddie Perez, asking him to chair Journey Home, a commission charged with ending homelessness in the Greater Hartford region.

His first response was, “I can’t do this.”
At that point, Farley had been in a Bible study group—and, while on his way to one of the meetings, he heard the voice of singer Anne Murray come over the radio. Farley had heard the song's lyrics “you needed me” dozens of times before, but, at that moment, they struck him in a new way.

“I called the mayor back and said I’d do it,” he recalls.

Noting that the initial group of 18 expanded to 150 community activists, Farley points out that the participants came from the business community as well as faith-based and social service organizations.

“We invested 3,000 hours of pro bono work to get this plan together,” he says.

With the long-term goal of eliminating shelters in the city, the plan starts with providing supportive housing.

“It’s a spiritual event for the person getting the key to a home. It helps people change without you demanding it of them,” Farley observes.

He emphasizes that it is not necessary to make service one’s career in order to bring about significant change.

“You don’t have to choose between social service and a career in business—it’s all about integrating what we are faced with and called to with what we do in our everyday work,” Farley says. “Use the platform you have and integrate it all back into your faith. When you’re involved and helping others, a lot of it comes back to you.”

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On-Campus

SYLLABUS

Magic Lessons
Professor: Jonathan Mulrooney
Department: English
Description: An examination of the significance of literary—and some filmic—magic in the Anglo-American tradition, from the Renais-
sance to the present day, focusing on the study of its varied ap-
pearances as a literary device within changing historical contexts.
Content: Arrangement into six “Magic Lessons”: “Lesson One: Witches and Warlocks” focuses on Shakespeare’s Macbeth and The Tempest.
Selected Texts: Northanger Abbey, by Jane Austen; Mosses from an Old Manse, by Nathaniel Hawthorne; and The Once and Future King, by T.H. White
Requirements: Two essays, mid-term and final exams; and in-class and online participation
Class Topic: Considering a segment from the film Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban—and, also, selections from works by C.S. Lewis, and William Wordsworth—students explored magic’s capacity to elucidate the human experience by moving readers from the ordinary to the extraordinary. In these works, the magical child reconnects audiences with lost and forgotten experiences of childhood, history and time.
Professor quote: “Far from being an escape from the real, I see magic, and literary magic especially, as a way that authors re-engage the historical and social world in which they are writing. I want the students to consider the various narrative and stylistic techniques by which writers invite them—via “magic”—to encounter the real.”
Professor’s bio: Receiving his Ph.D. in 2001 from Boston University, Mulrooney joined the College faculty in 2004; his teaching interests include British Romantic literature, 19th-century British and American literature, poetry, and film and theatrical performance. The author of numerous articles for academic journals, Mulrooney recently completed a book manuscript, titled Romanticism and Theatrical Experience.
Student quote: “Before I took Magic Lessons, I thought magic was a way to escape the sad realities of the world around me,” says Brynn Olson ’10. “Now, after closely reading books and poems that I used to think of as an escape, I realize that the authors and poets were using the desire to escape in order to put me in closer contact with reality. In this way, magic becomes a way to look at our world through a different lens, using events beyond our understanding to shape the way we see reality.”

BY PAM REPONEN
The Cross and Scroll Society is now just part of the Campus Activities Board, but once it was a powerful intellectual force on campus. Its mission was “advancement through the exchange and, at times, the collision of ideas.” Its main means of achieving this was a lecture series that, over the years, attracted many notables, including the likes of historian Henry Steele Commager; economist John Kenneth Galbraith; former U.S. senator and 1964 Republican presidential candidate, Barry Goldwater; and British statesman Earl Clement Attlee.

The academic year of 1962-63, however, was something of an annus mirabilis for the society, bringing to Mount St. James two poets who were living classics; the rocket scientist who spearheaded the program that resulted in landing men on the moon; and the century’s leading black political leader.

Robert Frost opened the series in October to a standing-room-only crowd in Kimball auditorium, sharing anecdotes, reciting poems and talking about his recent trip to Russia and meeting with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev. He was followed in November by Martin Luther King Jr., who said African-Americans had “broken the chains of slavery, gone through the wilderness of segregation, and are on the border of the promised land of integration.” In early February, Wernher von Braun, who built the German V-2 rockets that attacked Britain in World War II and the American rockets that pushed satellites into orbit in the early 1960s, talked about the future of rocketry. Later that month British expatriate poet W.H. Auden spoke.

Former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins ’63 recalls seeing three of the speakers. He missed the King speech (“I don’t know why”), saw von Braun as “a big cheese in the
scientific world ... very powerful,” and—at the time, was “puzzled” by Auden’s work. He has, to this day, however, “a very strong visual memory of Frost, a palpable one.”

“As undergrads I don’t know if we were as impressed as we should have been,” he says. “When you’re growing up you think your parents are normal, and we thought that was the way college was.”

Collins was writing poems at the time and serving as editor of the literary magazine The Purple, the staff of which was invited to have dinner with Frost, along with some faculty members.

“I can say with some authority that I’ve dined with Frost,” Collins says. “However, I’m quick to add that our comments as students were not solicited or welcomed. This was the medieval Holy Cross of the early ’60s, and it was made quite clear to us, ‘Don’t open your mouth and make a fool of the school.’”

Frost spoke with the faculty members, while Collins and his classmates “were afraid to lift our eyes from our soup.” Nor did Frost show interest in drawing out the students.

And, yet, today, Collins finds himself in some ways more understanding of the Jesuits of old.

“Wilfred Sheed said of his Catholic education that there was a name for low self-esteem; it was called humility and was not a psychological impairment,” he says. “Higher education in America has turned into a self-esteem business. I sympathize more with the old Jesuits. These kinds of hand-holding sessions in which students build self-esteem can be an erosion of rigor.”

Frost was not an influence on Collins at the time. “I was under the sway of the Beats—Ginsberg, Ferlinghetti, Kerouac,” he explains. “Frost would die the next year. He was old and looked it, an eminence. When I became a little more mature I recognized the incredible craft of his writing, and he became an influence and model for craftsmanship and a model of how to start a poem very simply with every reader on board—and then, 15 or 26 lines later, the poem has expanded to confront profound considerations.”

Auden was not so much an influence. “I found Frost’s poetry comprehensible, but I was young and quite puzzled by Auden,” Collins says. “Again, I was fired up with the iconoclastic Beats. A lot of it was wasted on me.

“Now, in my teaching of creative writing,” he continues, “I am always trying to do matchmaking of young poets with mentors. The student has to be ready for the poet. I don’t think I was ready for Frost or Auden. I was ready for them years later.”

James Dempsey was a columnist for The Evening Gazette and The Telegram & Gazette for 18 years. The winner of awards from the Associated Press and United Press International, he now teaches writing, journalism and literature at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Clark University.
Moon Handbooks: Maine
BY HILARY NANGLE ‘80
From the restaurants and grills of Portland to the historic towns and villages of the Acadia region, Hilary Nangle ‘80 provides an insider’s view of the Pine Tree State in Maine (Avalon Travel Publishing, Moon Handbooks). As a Maine native, Nangle is the perfect tour guide, providing essential information on local dining, transportation and accommodations. With details on white-water rafting on the Kennebec River, sailing near Camden and camping in Baxter State Park, this guidebook gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

Nangle is a freelance writer and editor. A resident of Maine, she edits the state’s tourism magazine and has contributed to numerous publications, newspapers and guidebooks. She is also a travel expert for a local television show.

The Essential HBO Reader
EDITED BY GARY R. EDGERTON ’74 AND JEFFREY P. JONES
The Essential HBO Reader (University Press of Kentucky), edited by Gary R. Edgerton ’74 and Jeffrey P. Jones, is a comprehensive and compelling examination of one of cable television’s most innovative and popular networks. Edgerton and Jones have assembled a group of contributors to discuss how HBO transformed the world of cable television, and how it continues to shape popular culture and the television industry today. They explore the network’s diverse repertoire of programming that includes landmark shows such as The Sopranos and Sex and the City as well as dramatic series like Six Feet Under; miniseries such as Band of Brothers; comedies like Curb Your Enthusiasm; and sports shows such as Inside the NFL.

Edgerton is professor and chair of the communication and theatre arts department at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. He is the author of The Columbia History of American Television.

To See the Earth
BY PHILIP METRES ’92
In To See the Earth (Cleveland State University Poetry Center Imagination Series)—his first full-length collection of poetry—Philip Metres ’92 navigates the increasingly turbulent waters of a globalized world. From Moscow to Chicago, from Cleveland to Hiroshima, from Philadelphia to Ramallah, Metres’ poems speak of ordinary people and their attempts to articulate a response to the violent and destructive world around them.

Metres teaches literature and creative writing at John Carroll University in Cleveland.

Peace Operations: Trends, Progress, and Prospects
EDITED BY DONALD C.F. DANIEL ’66, PATRICIA TAFT AND SHARON WIHARTA
Since 2000, the trends in the number and scope of peace operations indicate heightened international appreciation for their value in crisis-response and regional stabilization. Peace Operations: Trends, Progress, and Prospects (Georgetown University Press), edited by Donald C.F. Daniel ’66, Patricia Taft and Sharon Wiharta, addresses national and institutional capacities to undertake such operations. It is a groundbreaking volume aimed at helping policymakers and academics better understand the regional and national factors influencing peace operations into the next decade.

Daniel is a professor in the Security Studies Program and a fellow in the Center for Peace and Security Studies in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.
Modernism, Drama, and the Audience for Irish Spectacle

BY PAIGE REYNOLDS

By employing previously unexamined archival material, Paige Reynolds reconstructs five large-scale public events staged in Ireland, starting with the riotous premiere of J. M. Synge’s *The Playboy of the Western World* in 1907 and concluding with the organized protests accompanying the premiere of Sean O’Casey’s *The Plough and the Stars* in 1926. Reynolds’ book, *Modernism, Drama, and the Audience for Irish Spectacle* (Cambridge University Press), provides a detailed study of the literature and theater famously produced in tandem with these events as well as revises pessimistic explanations of 20th-century mass politics and crowd dynamics by introducing a more sympathetic account of national communities and national sentiment.

Reynolds is associate professor of English at the College.

Homesteading Space: The Skylab Story

BY DAVID HITT, OWEN K. GARRIOTT AND JOSEPH P. KERWIN ’53

Homesteading Space: The Skylab Story (University of Nebraska Press), by David Hitt, Owen K. Garriott and Joseph P. Kerwin ’53, tells the dramatic story of America’s first space station from beginning to fiery end. Told by two of Skylab’s own astronauts and a NASA journalist, *Homesteading Space* is more than just a story of technological and scientific success; it is also an absorbing, sometimes humorous, and often inspiring account of the determined, hard-working individuals who shepherded the program through a near-disastrous launch, a heroic rescue, an exhausting study of the Comet Kohoutek, and the lab’s ultimate descent into the Indian Ocean.

Kerwin, a former NASA astronaut, flew on the first Skylab mission in 1973. He has most recently served as senior vice president of Wyle Laboratories.

Saints off the Pedestal: Real Saints for Real People

BY AMANDA ROBERTS ’94

In *Saints off the Pedestal: Real Saints for Real People* (Saint Anthony Messenger Press), Amanda Roberts ’94 takes an in-depth look at the lives of 10 well-known saints of the Catholic Church, including Peter, Francis of Assisi and Teresa of Avila. By revealing their struggles of faith and everyday life, Roberts makes their stories accessible and inspires the reader to follow their examples of holiness. She includes interesting facts about the life and times of each saint as well as questions for individual or group reflection.

Roberts is director of faith formation at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Andover, Mass.

Defense of the Hudson Highlands, From 1775 to 1783

BY ERIC T. RIPPERT ’64, THOMAS J. ORBACZ ’64, BUZZ SOLOMON, EDWARD WINSER AND CARL TREUTER ’63

Early in the American Revolution, both sides recognized that control of the Hudson River was a key strategic factor. If the British forces were to invade and gain control of the Hudson River, the fledgling nation would be virtually divided in half. In order to block an inland incursion of British forces, it was only logical to fortify the region known as the Hudson Highlands. In *Defense of the Hudson Highlands, From 1775 to 1783* (Fidler Doubleday Press), Eric T. Rippert ’64, Thomas J. Orbacz ’64, Buzz Solomon, Edward Winser and Carl Treuter ’63 discuss the early exploration of the Hudson River as well as provide insight into the initial causes of the American rebellion and the evolution of the colonial forces’ defenses.

Rippert is a retired U.S. Navy officer; Orbacz is a retired insurance executive; and Treuter is a retired mathematics teacher, department chair and computer center coordinator at the William T. Rogers Middle School in Kings Park, N.Y.
She may not have been born with a basketball in her hands, but Briana McFadden did snuggle her blanket courtside as a baby in a bucket, listening to the comforting sounds of a bouncing Spalding.

“When Briana was about six months, my wife made it very clear to me she had to get out of the house, to get to the gym and work out,” James McFadden recalls vividly.

This posed a scheduling problem. He had some pressing evening commitments: pickup games, league games. As a former point guard at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., he could not just baby-sit at home when some hoop action pulsed nearby. So he would pack up Briana in an infant carrier and tote her to his games.

“The wives and girlfriends of other players would watch over Briana as we played,” explains James.

Thus Briana became his bouncing baby girl, content with the squeaking of sneakers, the swishing of nets and the shouts of successful shots.

By age 4, Briana was running along the sidelines, rolling and bouncing a ball, watching her dad grunt, groan and sweat. Not long after, James would take time out to start teaching his only daughter the rudiments of the game. “We’d fool around, doing basic drills,” he recalls.

Her mom, Julia, a dynamic force in Briana’s life, noticed her daughter’s love for sports. As Briana approached age 7, Julia asked her if she might be interested in cheerleading for the church team. “Cheerleading?” Briana asked quizzically. “I want to play basketball.”

Thus began Briana’s brilliant career, as the only girl on the New Life Baptist Church boys’ team in Germantown, Md.

Today, Briana, a returning junior and the Patriot League’s 2008 Player of the Year, should be a bundle of joy to watch.

She is the Queen of Cool. When you watch her play, you notice Briana McFadden’s composure before her quickness, her agility, her ball-handling and shooting skills. Her coach, Bill Gibbons, describes it as poise. “She does not rattle. Not at all,” he says. Her mother calls her “The Ice Princess.”

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“That’s just her nature,” explains her dad. “Always has been. Her overall demeanor about everything is calmness.”

To this observer, she is a 5-foot-10 version of former Celtic great Dennis Johnson. She runs, but does not ever seem in a rush. She penetrates quickly—stabbing into the heart of a defense—yet backpedals when she hits congestion. She looks to pass to an open teammate or drive for a
better shot, but will calmly toss in three-pointers from the perimeter to keep the defense honest.

This quality was never so evident than in the 2007 Patriot League Championship game against American University at the Hart Center. While her freshman sidekick Bethany O’Dell—the tourney’s MVP—scorched the nets for 20 points, McFadden scored 14 and dished out six assists. More importantly, she controlled the game’s tempo amid the competitive fury. The Lady Crusaders were off to The Big Dance. The Queen of Cool had ruled.

*Briana McFadden’s amazing focus and intelligence are not confined to the basketball court. Though the reigning Patriot League Player of the Year, she does not entertain pipe dreams of playing in the professional WNBA. With a searing desire and an abiding humility, Briana someday wants to be called “Doctor McFadden.”

“For me, the biggest thing about Holy Cross is that Briana is on the right career path. She wants to be an orthopedic surgeon. That is her main goal,” says her mother.

“She has wanted to be a doctor since she was a kid,” adds her dad. “Her strong bond with her mother gave her guidance as she developed her academic talents.”

James and Julia McFadden, now living in Wheaton, Md., have provided their two children a strong faith-based foundation for life. James, a former student-athlete at Oakwood, a Seventh-day Adventist university, is an accountant for Imagine Schools, a nonprofit that operates 73 public charter schools in 12 states and the District of Columbia. Julia, a psychology major at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, holds a master’s degree in marketing from Johns Hopkins University. She is an executive with The Wellness Company, which coordinates corporate health screenings.

While her parents encouraged Briana’s aspirations to play basketball, academics and church always came first.

“Her mom spent a lot of time with Briana. She sought out book clubs for kids. In the seventh and eighth grades, her mom had her taking summer workshops at Montgomery College. That bond with her mom helped her self-confidence quietly grow,” recalls her dad.

“Briana’s talent in math and science comes naturally. We knew that early on. But her sense of social responsibility is due to her upbringing. She has been taught to use her gifts to help others,” comments her mom.

“You’re not The Show,” her mom would caution her. That is a message Briana hears often. Even when the Queen of Cool is pulling down a 3.2 grade point average as a math/premed major and wearing a Player of the Year tiara.

*“Oh baby, what a steal,” gasped Coach Bill Gibbons after first seeing McFadden play.

Gibbons still gets giddy thinking about how he happened to find Briana.

“Geno Auriemma had scouted Kaili McLaren at Our Lady of Good Counsel High,” Gibbons says. “I was telling Geno I needed one more guard and it was very late in the recruiting game. He mentioned how impressed he was with a teammate of McLaren’s, a girl named Briana McFadden.”

Now “a tip from Geno” is something special. After all, Auriemma’s University of Connecticut women are a dynasty-in-action. “I jumped on a plane to D.C. the next day,” says Gibbons.

Gibbons noticed McFadden’s trademark trait. “When the pressure was on, Briana didn’t blink, she didn’t flinch. She had nerves of steel,” Gibbons recollects. “All I can say is ‘thank you, Geno!’”

Briana played in the premier Washington Catholic Athletic Conference alongside two stars, McLaren and Meredith Monroe, who plays at Penn State. That’s pretty fast company. “Not only is she a terrific player, but she is telling me she’s interested in premed. I knew I had something to pitch, given Holy Cross’ reputation for producing
Basketball superiority comes with a high price tag.

Her mom's co-workers had spotted a newspaper ad for Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) team tryouts within a nonprofit program called Maryland Sports X-treme. At age 11, Briana entered the world of the basketball gypsies. She would play AAU ball through her junior year. This meant tons of travel during the spring and summer months, two practices a week, games on the weekends and tough competition in showcase tournaments where college scouts arrived in droves.

Briana and other students like her, who dream of winning college scholarships, play high school and AAU basketball year-round. "Basketball was intense. Burnout definitely can happen. And we had to play while carrying a heavy school load at Good Counsel," says Briana.

She started as a freshman point guard for Coach Tom Splaine. As a junior and senior, she made all-star teams galore as the Good Counsel Lady Falcons won back-to-back conference championships.

Briana's brother, Jerry, 14, is a blossoming player for St. John's College High in the same basketball-haven conference.

Naturally, Jerry enjoys watching his big sister play as the family travels to games in the D.C. area, some in Worcester and others against league foes in Pennsylvania. But Jerry isn't in total awe, challenging Briana to one-on-one battles.

"I'm a bit taller so I beat him while I still can," says Briana, a broad smile breaking up her composure … briefly.

As if premed and varsity basketball were not enough, Briana is now an author on campus: A star blogger on the Holy Cross Web site, she gives readers an insight into college life.

Briana lives in Loyola Hall with junior roommates Samantha Surface—a "killer" volleyball standout—and teammate Bethany O'Dell.

She studies and practices hard, supports other campus activities, volunteers to help area charities, takes endless road trips on buses to places like Bucknell University and, sometimes, just hangs out.

"She has her strict schedule, for sure, but always finds time to chat about stuff," explains Surface. "Bri' is a very compassionate person. I remember coming back to the room freshman year and finding a birthday cake on my bed. Homemade by Bri. She and Bethany are always at my home (volleyball) games to cheer us on."

In her September blog, Briana writes, "This coming Friday will be a nice break … we are driving to Harvard to cheer our football team on to victory over the Crimson!" The Crusaders lost a cliffhanger, 25-24.

Hopefully the Lady Crusaders will have better luck.

This season, Briana and her teammates are on a mission. They would like to gift-wrap a 12th trip to the NCAA for their coach, Bill Gibbons. They don't want to make a one-and-done, wasn't-that-nice NCAA appearance either.

"We'd like to make our mark and win some tournament games," Briana says.

Fresh in her mind still is the heartache of getting drilled against powerful Duke in Raleigh, N.C., in March 2007. So, she and her teammates are determined to improve while adopting a more up-tempo style of play.

This summer Briana and company served as counselors at Coach Gibbons' Holy Cross hoop camp. She helped out at a couple of high school camps back home. For six weekends, she competed in summer league basketball. Back at Holy Cross, Briana is hauling a four-course load: Physics, Algebraic Structures, Introduction to Islam and Classical America. She also has a steady stream of practices, weight room workouts and—starting on Nov. 15—games, games, games.

"We're total opposites. She's so composed, and I'm overly emotional," says her swing sister O'Dell. "I look up to her, especially when games get close. She's the one."

The Queen of Cool, it seems, has everything under control. On and off the court.
Give Another Hoiah!

BY JOHN W. GEARAN ’65

Legends of the Hart

Holy Cross honors four of its all-time basketball greats

We could call them The Children of the Great Depression and perhaps describe how they stewed in caldrons of seething despair, their desire to succeed slowly coming to a roil. We could detail how they survived hard times in ethnic enclaves teeming with struggling immigrants.

Yet George Kaftan ’49, Bob Cousy ’50, Togo Palazzi ’54 and Tommy Heinsohn ’56 have never viewed themselves quite that way. They embrace their cultural backgrounds while understanding the sacrifices their parents made. Indeed, they consider themselves lucky. Damn lucky for the chances that America has provided them.

None had it easy, mind you. All understood hard work long before it became referred to as an ethic. And all found their path to daylight playing the kid’s game of basketball.

Angelo Kaftan had a little trouble with his second language, English, but no trouble with hard work. He ran his own restaurant in downtown New York at 14th Street and 9th Avenue.

“He worked seven days a week,” recalls his son, George. “My mom stayed home with me and my two sisters, Esta and Evelyn. She was a peasant woman from the old country with a lot of foresight, a lot of wisdom.”

George’s mom was impressed with a young man who lived in their tenement at 189th Street in Washington Heights.

“She’d see him wearing a school uniform every day and thought he was something special,” George explains. Upon inquiry, she found out the young man was a student at Xavier, a Jesuit high school in downtown Manhattan.

“That’s the school my George is going to go to,” she would vow.

George thought he would be going with his pals to George Washington High three blocks away at 191st Street. That’s where Alan Greenspan and Henry Kissinger and Harry Belafonte and, much later, Manny Ramirez would go. But Esther Kaftan insisted that George go to Xavier.

So George took the A train with his pal Andy Nordby.

“An hour each way, from door to door,” Kaftan recalls. One fall day, in his junior year, he and Andy seemed headed for the train back home. But Andy told George he had signed up to play basketball.

“I played stickball, boxball and a little playground basketball,” says George. What the heck … George decided he didn’t want to take the train alone, so he tagged along...
with Andy to basketball tryouts.

George, over 6 feet and growing, made the varsity with Andy. He did very well—and was noticed by Gerry Clark, a Holy Cross alum who worked as a Manhattan assistant district attorney and volunteered as a Crusader scout. In 1945, Clark told new Holy Cross coach Alvin “Doggie” Julian about this rugged athlete at Xavier. Julian offered George a scholarship, sight unseen.

As a sophomore, Kaftan, a center, almost 6-foot-3, led the Crusaders to the 1947 NCAA crown at Madison Square Garden. His father and mother and two sisters were there to cheer him on. George was named the Most Outstanding Player. Later that year he was named an All-American. His family was very proud. He was the toast of the town, a kid the newspapers called “The Golden Greek.”

Bob Cousy spoke only French until he began school at age 5 and struggled with English and isolation. In the Yorkville neighborhood of Manhattan, kids mocked him, calling him “Flenchy,” in imitation of his inability to pronounce the letter “r.”

He was born in a cold-water tenement flat on East 83rd Street near the corner of East End Avenue.

Joseph and Juliet Cousy arrived at Ellis Island in 1928, just months before their only son’s birth on Aug. 9. Joseph, a taciturn, poker-faced man, drove a taxi day and night and moonlighted at several odd jobs to support his wife, his son and his mother-in-law, Marie Corlet. By 1940 the family had scraped together $500 so they could move to a better life in St. Albans in Queens, where Cousy discovered basketball at nearby O’Connell Park.

Adults such as playground director Morty Arkin and high school coach Lew Grummond recognized Cousy’s unusual talents and shaped his future. He didn’t start playing varsity until midway into his junior year. The special features in this issue of Holy Cross Magazine highlight Cousy’s life, including his meteoric rise from Andrew Jackson High to Holy Cross and a NCAA Championship and beyond.

Togo Palazzi shared an apartment in a six-unit tenement in Union City, N.J., with his sister, Thelma, and his mother, Mary, who supported the family working in a factory around the corner.

During World War II, the plant turned out ammunition. Togo and Thelma would meet their mother for a sandwich at a nearby drugstore during her night-shift supper break.

“One night my mother comes in with her nose broken and her face cut and bandaged. She had gotten her hair caught in a metal press, and her head had been slammed into the machine,” Togo recalls. “We told her she was hurt and couldn’t go back to work.”

“If I don’t work, there will be an empty bench and less ammunition will be made. I can’t do that to our troops fighting for our country,” she told her children. “I’m not going to let them down.”

Togo’s parents emigrated from Italy. His father, Francesco Palazzi, had been a decorated soldier in the Italian army during World War I. Francesco admired the celebrated Japanese Admiral Togo Heihachiro, acclaimed for his upset victory over Russian fleets in 1904 and 1905. So he named his only son, born Aug. 8, 1932, Togo Anthony Palazzi.

Togo speaks with reverence of his mother: “She is my guiding light. She had a strong will and could read people. She was tough and she was wise.”

His own toughness and endurance made Togo’s athletic gifts all the more overwhelming. At Union Hill High he became an All-American. At Holy Cross he became an All-American.

In 1954, the Crusaders advanced to the semifinals of the NIT against Western Kentucky. Togo stood with his mom outside Madison Square Garden, telling her he was nervous, jittery. His mother told him, “Togo, it is better to live one day as a lion than 100 years as a lamb.” Togo had his best game ever, hitting nine shots in a row and scoring 32 points as Holy Cross beat Western Kentucky. The Crusaders beat Duquesne in the final. Palazzi was named the NIT tournament’s Most Valuable Player.

Togo was highly recruited in high school. His teammate

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“MOUNT RUSHMORE … PERFECT,” exclaims Holy Cross Coach Ralph Willard ’67 upon hearing the apt analogy. “They are our Mount Rushmore. Kaftan and Cousy, Palazzi and Heinsohn. They are the ones who epitomize our great basketball tradition.”

Short of sledge-hammering their images into the slopes of Mount St. James, Willard pushed for some less-than-monumental recognition for these Crusaders who were trailblazers of Holy Cross’ path to athletic glory.

Willard learned to love basketball at the knees of his elders in the same New York-New Jersey breeding grounds that produced Kaftan, Cousy, Palazzi and Heinsohn. He appreciates hoop history and basketball traditions such as those his alma mater enjoys.

What he has wondered, since his return to coach at Holy Cross in 1999, was why the College doesn’t celebrate its athletic achievements more. During his career, Willard brought teams to play at colleges such as Duke and North Carolina and witnessed ostentatious displays of their successes and their stars. Yet, at Holy Cross, it seemed that such boasting had been deemed a mortal sin. One might think one could find signs in the gymnasium that would read: “No chest-thumping allowed.”

Humility should be an admired virtue in all collegiate competition, Willard agrees. But he and other allies thought that should not result in abandoning a sense of pride and maybe a modest display of hoopla. He thought Holy Cross could do better than sticking tarnished trophies in glass cases scattered throughout the Fieldhouse and Hart Center.

Willard had a simple and time-honored idea to honor Holy Cross’ hoop tradition. He wanted to raise the jerseys of Holy Cross greats to the rafters for everyone, including recruits, to see and admire. He knew exactly who should be selected for the inaugural jersey lofting. Through an annual golf tourney to benefit the basketball program, he raised enough money for his cause. At a Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York dinner honoring Cousy in May, Willard let it be known that the Big Four—The Cooz, The Golden Greek, Togo and Tommy Gun—would be so recognized.

“At that dinner, coincidently, I spoke about Holy Cross’ impressive athletic record,” says Cousy, the guest of honor at the banquet hosted by Rosanne Onorato Anderson ’76; her husband, Steve Anderson ’76; and his dad, Dave Anderson ’51. Cousy praised Holy Cross again, glowingly, at the unveiling of his bronze statue in June.

“What Holy Cross has achieved is truly remarkable,” he said, noting the College’s limited recruiting budget, its minimal media exposure and the academic prowess of its athletes.

So, on Nov. 16, tears shimmering with marvelous memories, the jerseys were raised before a cheering full house at the Hart Center, and Kaftan’s No. 12, Cooz’s No. 17, Togo’s No. 22 and Tommy’s No. 24 were lifted on high.

-J.G.
Fred Shabel tried to convince Duke University to award a scholarship package deal to him, Togo and two other teammates. All four players made a visit to Duke. Togo was the key to the deal. Upon his return home, Togo approached his mom. “I’m going to Duke,” he proclaimed.

“No you’re not,” his mom replied firmly. “That nice Mr. Sheary was just here, and you ARE going to Holy Cross.”

Soon chants of “Let’s Go Togo” would echo throughout arenas where Palazzi would be leading Holy Cross to victory.

As a youngster, Tommy Heinsohn resided in a hardscrabble Irish and Italian neighborhood in Jersey City, N.J. Because of his German heritage, he was taunted constantly with slurs such as “Nazi” during the war years.

His father, a big man, worked as a foreman at National Biscuit Co. and had to endure layoffs during the Depression. His mom worked at Woolworth’s to help support Tommy and his younger sister, Marion.

His father was “old school,” Tommy recalls in an autobiography. He encouraged Tommy to stand up to his neighborhood tormentors. Once, his father lined up six bullies and made Tommy fight them one at a time. There were fisticuffs with a little biting and kicking thrown in, but the bouts were all conducted under his father’s supervision. He learned to handle himself. He also developed a terrible temper.

When Tommy was 11, the Heinsohn family moved to Union City, still the most densely populated city in the United States. In the sixth grade at St. Joseph’s parish school, he was introduced to basketball and fell in love. In the eighth grade Tommy was the team’s leading scorer—and he was being recruited. At St. Michael’s High he averaged 28 points a game and made All-America. Tommy had more than 40 college scholarship offers.

Tommy chose Holy Cross for several reasons. He was interested in premed, and Coach Buster Sheary told him flat out that he could never succeed in premed at Holy Cross while competing in its top-level basketball program. Heinsohn liked Buster’s brutal honesty. He also knew that Jersey guys such as Palazzi and Earle Markey ’53 found success at Holy Cross.

So, he followed their path. Heinsohn, too, made All-America, winning the MVP trophy at the Sugar Bowl Basketball Tournament as a junior. He set a single-season Crusader record scoring 740 as a senior while averaging 27.4 points, fourth in the nation. He had amazing games, like a 42-rebound, 51-point performance against Boston College.

Heinsohn ended his college career in typical flamboyant style. In the NCAA opening round against Temple, Heinsohn made a would-be game-tying shot at the buzzer. The referees discounted his shot as “too late.” A furious Heinsohn ranted and tipped over the scorers’ table. He went out like a lion.

From humble beginnings, the greatness of a Greek, a Frenchman, an Italian and a German flourished at a small college described back then as “wall-to-wall Irish.”

All became first team All-Americans at Holy Cross. All played for the NBA Celtics. All coached the game that had opened doors for them, a game that they love.

Kaftan, after his NBA years, became a practicing dentist and a college professor at Long Island University, where he served as a successful coach.

Cousy became a winning coach at Boston College, an NBA coach, a masterful TV commentator, a point man for many charities and a legend known as “Mr. Basketball.”

Heinsohn is an accomplished artist, a superb insurance man, a national celebrity as a pitchman and a charismatic TV color man. And color that green. A Hall of Famer, Heinsohn has 10 NBA Championship rings, two awarded for coaching the Celtics to titles.

Palazzi, a highly regarded coach at Holy Cross and elsewhere, remains a marvel as an inspirational speaker, a basketball clinician and a full-time disciple of the Gospel of Buster Sheary.

“Once I asked Mr. Sheary what I could do to repay him for all he’d done for me,” Togo says. “He said, ‘Togo, go out and do it for somebody else. That’s all the thanks I need.’”

Buster got his payback from Kaftan, Cousy, Palazzi and Heinsohn.

“When our jerseys were raised at the Hart Center on Nov. 16,” says Togo, “Buster was looking down at all four of us and smiling.”

John W. Gearan ’65 was an award-winning reporter and columnist at the Worcester Telegram and Gazette for 36 years. He resides in Woonsocket, R.I., with his wife, Karen Maguire, and their daughter, Molly.
Leonard F. “Len” Gribbons ’57 recently submitted a news clip from the May 29, 2008 edition of The Orange County Register about a posthumous honor bestowed upon Monsignor John F. Sammon: On May 27, he was recognized with the seventh star on the Anaheim/Orange County (Calif.) Walk of Stars. A priest of the Diocese of Orange County since its inception in 1976, Monsignor Sammon had held the post of vicar, pastoral and community affairs, for 30 years; during this time, he had also served as chaplain to the local police and fire departments. According to the article, members of Monsignor Sammon’s and the firefighters’ families attended the ceremony, with four fire trucks nearby, including “Big John 2,” named in his honor; his niece, Donna Ryan, accepted the star on the family’s behalf. Monsignor Sammon died Nov. 24, 2006, at 90; his obituary appeared in the spring ’07 issue of HCM.

Howard W. Clarke, professor emeritus of classics, University of California, Santa Barbara, writes that he recently completed his 15th year and 45th cruise, lecturing on cruise ships that visit ports on the Mediterranean Sea.

Robert E. “Bob” Horgan, D.D.S., notes that he has been practicing dentistry since 1954—and that his office is located in Falls Church, Va.

The law firm Pierce Atwood LLP announced in November that Ralph I. Lancaster Jr., who serves as of counsel in its Portland, Maine, office, has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2009 edition, based on a peer-review survey; according to the press release, Lancaster has been listed in every guide since the publication’s inception in 1983.

Joseph P. Kerwin is a co-author of the recently released Homesteading Space: The Skylab Story (University of Nebraska Press)—a history of America’s first space station. A physician, retired captain of the Navy Medical Corps and an astronaut on the first Skylab mission in 1973, Kerwin, during his career, served as director of Space and Life Sciences at the Johnson Space Center and, most recently, as senior vice president of Wyle Laboratories, Inc.

Victor M. “Vic” Rimkus writes that he was the principal speaker at the Hudson (Mass.) High School 2008 graduation; social studies teacher, head football
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coach and varsity tennis coach at the school prior to his retirement in 1993, he currently serves as the jayvee tennis coach. Class Chair Rev. Earle L. Markey, S.J.

Rev. Berard J. “Chip” Hanlon, O.F.M., writes that his novitiate class scheduled a celebration of its golden jubilee of first profession this past June at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in New York City, which he planned to attend; Fr. Hanlon notes that he lives in Brazil. Robert G. “Bob” Pelletier notes that he continues to work part time for Aubuchon Hardware in Naples, Maine. Class Chair Robert J. Fox

Rev. Richard J. Butler writes that he is now a senior priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, in residence at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Brookline. Fr. Butler notes that his ministry includes continued outreach to the poor of Haiti; he currently serves as a member of the board of directors of Hospice St. Joseph in Port-au-Prince. Class Chair Braden A. Mechley, Class Correspondent Arthur J. Andreoli

Arthur J. “Art” Wallingford Jr., M.D., writes that he is now semi-retired, serving as a senior consulting gynecologist. Class Chair William P. Maloney, Class Co-Correspondents Thomas M. O’Brien, John J. Ormond

This summer, Peter H. Baker received a letter from Barbara Hayward, executive director of The Priory in the United States of America of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, informing him that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II approved his admission as a serving brother of the order effective July 24, with the investiture ceremony taking place this past November at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. A chivalric order chartered in 1888 by Queen Victoria, according to Baker, the Order of St. John operates in the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Nations and the United States, and has as its motto “Pro fide et Pro utilitate hominum” (“For the faith and in service of humanity”); the primary mission of the American priory is to support the St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital. Baker currently serves as vice president for institutional research and planning and as an associate professor of philosophy at Marymount Manhattan College in New York City. John M. Carroll, M.D., who continues to practice medicine full time, writes that he was recently recertified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Class Co-Chairs George M. Ford, George F. Sullivan Jr.

Robert G. Weiss writes that he continues to practice law in Wayne, N.J., with his nephew Peter ’86. Class Chair C. Clark Hodgson Jr.

William J. “Bill” Butler Jr. writes that he has been elected as a ward representative for the Lake Forest Caucus—the governing body for the city of Lake Forest, Ill. Rev. George H. Hill Jr. writes that he currently serves as chaplain at Manhattan College, Riverdale, N.Y.—and notes that he also
serves as a New York state-licensed mental health counselor in a small private practice. Robert N. “Bob” Meals writes that he continues to practice law and, also, co-own with his wife the Dove House bed and breakfast, located in Langley, Wash., on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound. **Class Chair Ronald T. Mahews.** **Class Correspondent William S. Richards**

‘65 James T. “Jim” Beale Jr. writes that he currently serves as president of the Rhode Island Statewide Coalition, whose “mission is to address quality of life issues affecting Rhode Island residents”—and adds that he is also involved in various activities, including the Watch Hill (R.I.) Fire District, chairman of the Finance Committee and member of the Council; board member of the Ocean Community YMCA; chair of the stewardship ministry at St. Clare’s Church, Misquamicut, R.I.; and member of the town of Westerly, R.I., Charter Revision Commission. The Yale-New Haven (Conn.) Hospital (YNHH) announced in November that Leo M. Cooney Jr., M.D., has been elected president of its medical staff board. The Humana Foundation Professor of Geriatric Medicine at the Yale School of Medicine (YSM) and chief of geriatric medicine at YSM, Cooney is also, according to the press release: “director of utilization review at YNHH; medical director of the hospital’s acute care for the elderly unit, medical director at Yale-New Haven’s geriatric services practice and an attending physician at the hospital’s Dorothy Adler Geriatric Assessment Center.” Michael J. Scollins, M.D., writes that he recently retired as professor of medicine and pharmacology at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. **Class Co-Chairs David J. Martel, Thomas F. McCabe Jr.**

‘66 Michael A. Bowser, M.D., writes that he retired from the practice of cardiology and currently serves as head basketball coach at Cazenovia (N.Y.) College; he notes that the team won the 2007-08 North Eastern Athletic Conference regular season title—and that he was named NEAC Men’s Basketball Coach of the Year. Bowser adds that he also won a bronze medal as assistant coach for the Central Region in the New York state Empire Games. **Class Co-Chairs Kenneth M. Padgett, Rev. John A. Worthley**

‘69 Arthur A. Patane writes that he recently retired from the New York state attorney general’s office, claims and litigation bureau—and adds that he has been appointed a U.S. administrative law judge, serving in Albany, N.Y. **Class Co-Chairs David H. Drinan, James W. Igoe, Robert G. Powderly**

‘70 The law firm Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., headquartered in Pittsburgh, announced in October that Joseph S.D. Christof II has been included in the 2009 edition of The Best Lawyers in America; selection is based on a peer-review survey. A shareholder in the firm’s Pittsburgh office, Christof specializes in civil litigation and serves as co-chair of the commercial law and litigation practice group. Shawn M. Donovan writes that he was recently elected president of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission—a state chartered, not-for-profit association of 27 municipalities in western New Hampshire, “providing member communities since 1963 with professional services in the areas of comprehensive land use, transportation, infrastructure and environmental planning.” Donovan notes that he has represented the city of Lebanon on the commission’s board of directors for the past three years. David Kolick notes that he has relocated his law firm from downtown Strongsville, Ohio. Roger R. Lacoste, D.M.D., writes that he continues to serve as a practicing endodontist at Southcoast Endodontics in New Bedford, Mass., specializing in root canal therapy and root canal microsurgery. **Class Co-Chairs Stephen J. Bier, Thomas J. Neagle**

‘71 Edward P. “Ed” Mascari announces the opening, in October, of his second piano studio—located in Hudson, Mass. According to an article in the Oct. 1 edition of the Metrowest Daily News, Mascari also owns a studio in Natick, Mass., where he has been teaching piano to adults and children for more than 30 years; in addition, he serves as the musical director at the Hartford Street Presbyterian Church in Natick. **Class Chair Robert T. Bonaguro. Class Correspondent Jerome J. Curia Jr.**

‘72 Frederick S. “Fred” Brand writes that he has recently been appointed as the president and chief executive officer of the New Jersey Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. Dennis J. Sullivan, M.D., notes that he served as team physician for USA Hockey at the 2008 International Ice Hockey Men’s World Championships in Halifax, Nova Scotia. **Class Co-Chairs Allan F. Kramer II, Richard J. Witry**

‘73 Rev. John J. Heffernan, O.F.M., writes that he returned in mid-May from Peru where he served two and one-half years as a Franciscan missionary, performing pastoral work and offering dental care in both the barrios in the outskirts of Lima and in remote areas of the central jungle, using a mobile dental-operatory unit; he is currently associate pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Triangle, Va. Stephen T. Johnson notes that he has been appointed deputy commissioner, Homeland Security and Domestic Preparedness, with the Philadelphia Police Department. Christopher B. McDermott writes that he completed his first year as the director of the U.S. Agency for International Development’s health office in Liberia. McDermott notes that he oversaw “a new, expanding U.S. government assistance program aimed at developing health service providers for the millions of Liberians without access to essential medicines and care through the 1990-2003 civil wars.” **Class Co-Chairs William F. Bagley Jr., Philip J. Crowley**

‘74 James J. Fox, M.D., writes that he is listed in Castle Connolly’s America’s Top Doctors 2008—with selection based on peer nomination by the medical leadership of leading hospitals in the nation, followed by the careful screening of the nominees’ educational and professional experience by Castle Connolly’s
physician-led team of researchers; Fox notes that he was also selected for this honor in 2005 and 2007. A board certified interventional cardiologist, Fox adds that he currently serves as president of Florida Cardiac Consultants—and that he has been practicing cardiology in Sarasota since 1992. Boston CatholicTV recently announced the scheduled appearance, via military satellite, of Navy chaplain, Rev. Paul Shaughnessy, S.J., on the Oct. 3rd edition of its program This is the Day—with the subject of the interview focused on his work as a member of Combat Team 5 at Camp Ripper in Al Asad, Iraq. Class Co-Chairs Brian R. Forts, Edward J. Sullivan.

'75 Greater Media, Inc., headquartered in Braintree, Mass., announced in October that its president and chief executive officer, Peter H. Smyth, has been appointed chairman of the board. Class Co-Chairs Joseph W. Cummings, Joseph A. Sasso Jr.

'76 Michael L. Brown writes that he serves as a tax partner and director of business development in the Boston office of the international accounting firm UHY LLP. Stern + Associates announced in October the promotion of Thomas C. Healey to the position of vice president of the public relations and marketing communications agency—with headquarters in Cranford, N.J., and offices in Cambridge, Mass., and Nashville, Tenn. Class Chair Thomas E. Ryan. Class Correspondent Thomas C. Healey

'77 Jonathan M. Kruk writes that Hudson Valley Magazine selected him as the 2008 “Best Storyteller of the Hudson Valley”; Kruk also notes that he has released a CD with his dramatic reading of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Craig A. Velozo writes that he has been promoted to professor at the University of Florida—and adds that he also works as a research health scientist at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Gainesville, Fla. Class Co-Chairs Brian A. Cashman, Kathleen T. Connolly.

'79 Brian R. Cook writes that he has accepted a position as legal counsel and head of the legal services division at Daley and Associates, an executive search firm in Boston focusing on professional financial services and legal talent. Class Co-Chairs Glennon L. Paredes, Deborah A. Pelles.

'80 Pioneer Investments announced in October that Joseph D. Kringdon, its executive vice president and head of U.S. retail distribution, has been named a finalist in the first Boston Business Journal/El Planeta “20 on the Move”—in recognition of his business leadership and, also, for his leadership and service with the Boston-based nonprofit agency Bridge Over Troubled Waters. According to the press release, this tribute involved recognition at an event held recently at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel and inclusion in a special newspaper supplement honoring 20 Hispanic executives making a difference in the city; El Planeta is a regional Hispanic newspaper based in Boston. Hilary McComb Nangle writes that, in spring 2008, Avalon Travel published the third edition of her guidebook Moon Coastal Maine, as well as a completely reformatted edition of her book Moon Maine. Class Co-Chairs J. Christopher Collins, Kathleen L. Wiese.

'82 Rhode Island Hospital in Providence announced in August the appointment of Timothy J. Babineau, M.D., as the president and chief executive officer of the hospital, effective Oct. 1; Babineau had most recently served as senior vice president and chief medical officer at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore and associate professor of surgery at the University of Maryland Medical School. Carol (Oppelt) Bedrosian writes that she has been the publisher and editor of the New England holistic magazine Spirit of Change (www.spiritofchange.org) for more than 20 years. Bedrosian adds that she is also a board member of ACAM, the U.S. affiliate supporting the Mayan Midwife Center of Concepcion, Guatemala. John P. McNally notes that he has recently been appointed vice president-residential mortgage sales at Boston Private Bank in Boston. David M. Murphy writes that he has been promoted by MetLife to serve as the managing director of the MetLife Financial Group of Massachusetts. Class Co-Chairs Jean Kelly Cummings, Susan L. Sullivan.

'84 Kevin G. Kenneally writes that he has been included in the 2009 edition of The Best Lawyers in America, in the specialty of mass tort litigation; selection is based on a peer-review survey. Kenneally currently serves as a partner in the law firm LeClairRyan, in charge of its Boston office. Class Co-Chairs Susan F. Feitelberg, Edward J. Lynch III, Fred J. O’Connor.

'85 Brian P. Kane writes that he continues to work as a landscape architect with his firm The Kane Group in Alexandria, Va.—noting that his projects focus on making campus landscapes more sustainable, as well as on the restoration of historic landscapes in the mid-Atlantic region”. Kane adds that he also lectures at area colleges. Class Co-Chairs Thomas M. Flynn, Joseph Terranova. Class Correspondent Joanne S. Niland.

'86 Alane (Sullivan) De Luca writes that she is working at Suffolk University Law School in Boston as the assistant director of graduate and international programs and the director of international internships. Loretta Di Bianca Fois notes that, in 2008, she premiered a new solo dance work in New York City and then showcased the piece in New Jersey and Connecticut. Recently promoted to assistant professor at Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch, N.J., Fois adds that she is also completing a two-year term as president of Dance New Jersey. Rev. Michael F. X. Hinkley writes that, in 2005, he became pastor/rector of The Shrine of Saint Anne for Mothers in Waterbury, Conn., in addition to his pastorate of Blessed Sacrament Church, also in Waterbury; Fr. Hinkley adds that, for the past two years, he has been involved in founding the Loyola Development Corp., a community development company “which has an $80 million revitalization plan for the South End of Waterbury.” Ernest J. “Ernie” Kapopoulos Jr. notes that he currently serves as the plant general.
Tim V. Youd ’89 produces film

By Karen Sharpe

Tim Youd ’89 was introduced to the business side of the entertainment and movie industry via Wall Street, where he headed after receiving his degree in economics from Holy Cross.

After a few short years, he knew he wanted to be in the business himself and left for the West Coast—Los Angeles, to be exact—to “make it.”

More than 15 years later, Youd has revisited stories of people like himself with his recent indie production Garden Party.

The film tells the story of three young adults trying to make it in Los Angeles. Each of the wannabe actors gets caught up in the seedy underside of the business—and is forced to deal with the repercussions of their decisions.

“The fringes of Hollywood are filled with fascinating characters and desperate stories,” Youd says. “And for all the variety, everyone seems to be here for the remarkably similar reason of trying to ‘make it’ in almost a clichéd way.”

Youd is also a painter, and both he and his work have cameo appearances in the film.

“I make my cameo as an art gallerist in a late scene in the movie in which I inspect my own work and indicate I’d like it for a show,” Youd says.

Garden Party, which was picked up by Roadside Attractions earlier this year, opened to favorable reviews in a limited theater release this past summer. Lionsgate, one of the country’s leading distributors of independent films, released Garden Party on DVD this fall.
Christina Boyle Cush ‘92 writes a book on raising twins

By Karen Sharpe

When Christina Boyle Cush, husband Michael and 7-year-old daughter Piper welcomed twins Thomas and Remy into their family on April Fools’ Day four years ago, the 1992 Holy Cross graduate knew that their life would never be the same. Her experience was so much different from that of mothers of “singleton,” and Cush found herself short of support. When her friend Cathy Stahl, wife of Rick Stahl ’92, had twin boys a year later, the duo teamed up to write Twin Set: Moms of Multiples Share Survive and Thrive Secrets, published in July 2008 by Three Rivers Press.

“We were so very lucky to have each other as friends to get through this challenging and unique parenting experience,” Cush says. “For us, the best source of information and twin advice was the other twin moms we met and knew.”

The mothers realized there was an unmet need for advice, tips and support for new moms of twins, so Cush and Stahl launched a national online survey seeking stories, tips and more from moms of multiples. The response was overwhelming. “The responses were passionate; the moms were in agreement that our book was something the twin community desperately needed,” says Cush. “It’s practical and truthful and funny, and hopefully something that will endure the test of time and continue to help other moms of twins for years to come.”

Since the book’s release, Cush and Stahl have done numerous press interviews. Their advice was featured on Access Hollywood shortly after the birth of the twins of Hollywood actors Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. The authors’ Web site, www.twinsetmoms.com, features an interactive blog documenting the daily dilemmas and joys of raising twins.

No image provided.

Class Co-Chairs Patrick J. Comerford, Eileen Kasprzak Read

‘94

Christian F. Archambault, M.D., and his wife, Stephanie Bormann ’91, announce the birth of their son, Colin Conrad Archambault, on July 23. Michael P. Carbone and his wife, Karen ’96, announce the birth of their son, Michael Edward, on Oct. 7. Elizabeth “Liz” Walsh Giblin and her husband, Ted, announce the birth of their daughter, Fiona, on Aug. 19. Beth (Hughes) Mittelman announces the birth of her daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, on June 11.

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

‘95

Keiran S. “Kier” Byrnes writes that the U.S. Armed Forces invited his band, Three Day Threshold, to do a tour of U.S. military bases in the Caribbean this past summer. Kathleen “Kate” DiGangi Condon and her husband, Joe, announce the birth of their son, James Luke, on March 1. Condon writes that she is completing her master of science degree in nursing this December at Columbia University in New York City, “preparing her for practice as an adult nurse practitioner, with a subspecialty in palliative care.” Laurie (Colarusso) DeRosa and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their son, Domenic Christopher, on April 7. Robert M. “Bob” Frost Jr. and his wife, Jennie, announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Elizabeth, on May 21; Frost writes that he is now a partner in the Fairfield (Conn.) County law firm Zeldes, Needle & Cooper, P.C. The plaintiffs’ litigation firm Motley Rice LLC, headquartered in Mount Pleasant, S.C., announced in October the promotion of Vincent L. Greene IV to member status; Greene practices in the firm’s Providence, R.I., office. Kathleen (Korb) and Nicholas F. Praznowski announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Margaret, on Jan. 17, 2008. Jennifer “Jen” (Schwarting) and Jeffrey A. “Jeff” Putt announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Margaret, on Oct. 17, 2007. Christine E. Radice writes that she recently accepted the position of web and marketing coordinator with the law firm Riemer & Braunstein, in Boston.

Class Co-Chairs Christopher J. Caslin, B. Timothy Keller, Shelagh Foley O’Brien

‘96

Michelle J. Beaufre, M.D., and her husband, George Archambault, announce the birth of their daughter, Sadie Michelle, on March 29; Beaufre writes that she works part time at Compass Medical, P.C., a large, multispecialty group practice in East Bridgewater, Mass. Karen M. Carbone and her husband, Michael ’94, announce the birth of their son, Michael Edward, on Oct. 7. Steven E. Gagne and his wife, Katherine ’00, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Steven Moloney Gagne, on Jan. 29, 2008. Douglas W. Laidlaw, M.D., writes that he completed a fellowship in cardiology and cardiac electrophysiology last June at the Tufts Medical Center in Boston—and adds that he has joined the cardiology staff at the Fallon Clinic and St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. Andrew P. Lannon notes that he is now the deputy city attorney for Palm Bay, Fla. Kristyn Kusek Lewis and her husband, Jay, announce the birth of their daughter, Virginia Hardeman Lewis, on July 10. Kristin (Berta) Moetzinger and her husband, Steven, announce the birth of their son, James William, on Feb. 12. Keri (Minichielo) Morales and her husband, Ed, announce the birth of their son, Edgar Alfred “Trey” Morales III, on April 9. Jill A. Chmielewski and Robert E. Coyle were married on June 28, in South Carolina.

Class Co-Chairs Jennifer E. Burns, Holly R. Khachadourian-Elia, M.D., Christopher L. Sears

‘97

Mathieu J. “Mat” Aubuchon writes that he is in his sixth year as principal of Early Childhood Education in Westminster, Colo. James G. Barrett and his wife, Valeria, announce the birth of their son, Jason, on June 26. Nicholas P. Chiara and his wife, Kerri, announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Antionette, on April 18. Craig M. Cookson and his wife, Elizabeth ’98, announce the birth of their twins, John “Jack” Frederick and Brady Maurice, on May 21. M. Kate Crowley and Massimo Scarfone announce the birth of their daughter, Fiore Crowley Scarfone, on Feb. 19. Meredith (Ellavsky) Crowther and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of their son, Matthew “Wade” Jr., on Feb. 26. Michelle (Martin) Gunn writes that she is working as an actor in Los Angeles, with her most recent role in the film Changeling, directed by Clint Eastwood. Elizabeth (Bowman) Hantman and her husband, Aaron, announce the birth of their son, Harrison Reid Hantman, on July 22. Sharon Karg Holbrook and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Catherine, on Aug. 21, 2007. Christine (Rogers) Johnson and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, on June 8. Robert G. Marasco writes that he was sworn in last July as an assistant U.S. attorney, joining the U.S. Department of Justice as a federal prosecutor in New Jersey. Jennifer Blume Matelis, D.D.S., and her husband, John, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Valentine, on May 22. Matelis notes that she continues to maintain a private dental practice in Gaithersburg, Md. Thomas S. Monahan III, M.D., writes that he completed his general surgery residency at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and accepted the vascular surgery fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco. Andrew J. Nolan and his wife, Janna, announce the birth of their daughter, Valerie Rose, on Feb. 7. Noting that she continues to serve in the Army, Meagan (Bacharach) Rizzo writes that she completed her fellowship in nephrology last June and has since relocated to El Paso, Texas, to practice this branch of medicine. Melissa (Richard) Sullivan and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Caelyn, on June 7; Sullivan notes that she currently serves as a human resources business partner at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Mary (Miller) and Christopher M. Valentino announce the birth of their son, Alexander Jackson, on March 17. Thomas L. “Tom” Weber and his wife, Sarah, announce the birth of their daughter, Leah Emery, on June 11. Alison (Bozzi) Zaya and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Grace, on June 3. Meagan M. Bacharach and Christopher Rizzo were married on Jan. 5, 2008. Michelle Martin and Matt Gunn
were married on June 2, 2007, in Boston.

**Class Co-Chairs Marrie J. Dardanello, M.D., Kristin M. O’Connor, Julie E. Oriol**

‘98 Dominic L. Blue and his wife, Marcela ’00, announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Beatriz, on April 17. Stephanie Babinski Brewer and her husband, Joe, announce the birth of their daughter, Corinne Elise. Eleanor A. Bueno, D.O., writes that she has joined a practice in Hudson, Mass., as a family physician. Elizabeth (Sullivan) Cookson and her husband, Craig ’97, announce the birth of their twins, John “Jack” Frederick and Brady Maurice, on May 21. Margaret “Megan” Dowling Grindle and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their son, Thomas Christopher, on July 12.

Robert J. Hume and his wife, Shannon, announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Ann, on Dec. 4, 2007. Hume writes that he continues to serve as an assistant professor of political science at Fordham University in New York City—and adds that, last July, his book, How Courts Influence Federal Administrative Behavior, was accepted for publication by Routledge Press. John A. Miller writes that he is the director of product management at a software company founded in 2004, serving the first responder and law enforcement communities; the company has offices in 20 states—and has been working, since 2002, at the Loyola Medical Center in Maywood, Ill. William C. “Bill” Werner and his wife, Jill, announce the birth of their sons, Jack Brendan and Charles Patrick, on July 25. Lisa (Andeen) Whitman and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of their son, William G. Whitman V, on March 15. Meghan T. Lamb and Ben Macaux were married on April 12, in Old St. Patrick’s Church in Chicago. Class Co-Chairs Margaret E. Devine, Timothy E. Horton, Matthew J. McDonough

‘00 Marcela (Ramirez) Blue and her husband, Dominic ’98, announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Beatriz, on April 17. Emily Espindle Danis and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Grace, on Oct. 14. Katherine L. Moloney and her husband, Steven ’96, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Steven Moloney Gagne, on Jan. 29, 2008. Emily (McEnery) and T. Ryan Moriarty announce the birth of their son, Finnegan Timothy-Thomas Moriarty, on June 5. Jason R. Roberts writes that he received his M.B.A. from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst Isenberg School of Management. Brian C. Scollard and his wife, Kathleen, announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Ann, on June 16. Emily A. Williamson writes that she is working at MTV as a production manager for a new series. Jason R. Roberts and Aimee Wilson were married on June 24, 2006, at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Ogdensburg, N.Y. Class Co-Chairs Kathryn Remmes Martin, Lauren Bylinski McCarthy, Elizabeth S. Rapuano

‘01 Kimberly Bosworth writes that she is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Michigan. Michael J. Mitkus notes that he currently serves as a marketing and sales manager with Drakontas LLC, a communications software company founded in 2004, serving the first responder and law enforcement communities; the company has offices in Camden, N.J., and Glenside, Pa. Kimberly Bosworth and Daniel Phalen were married on July 25, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Class Co-Chairs Megan K. Baroni, Catherine G. Bryan, Russmir Music

‘02 Melissa Lin Monte, D.O., writes that she received her degree last June from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Maine—and that she accepted a residency in emergency medicine, effective this past July, at Kent Hospital in Warwick, R.I. Class Co-Chairs Lauren M. Buonomo, Thomas M. Cadigan, Peter D. McLean

‘03 Bryan M. Abramoske writes that he recently received his degree from Suffolk University Law School in Boston—and adds that he accepted a position, effective this past September, in the Boston office of the law firm Edwards, Angell, Palmer & Dodge. Michael J. Emmons notes that, after four years in the insurance field, he recently accepted a position as a financial adviser with Wachovia Securities in Norwell, Mass. Patricia A. Milner writes that she is working in corporate financial planning and analysis at Avid Technology in Tewksbury, Mass.; Milner adds that she is also a musician and member of the board of the Lowell (Mass.) Philharmonic Orchestra, “a not-for-profit organization that provides free performances to the Greater Lowell Community.” Alexa K. Simeone notes that she received her master of education degree last May from Clemson (S.C.) University and that she is now serving as the assistant director of student activities and orientation at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa.

Class Co-Chairs Elizabeth L. Maloy, Inez C. McGowan

‘04 Kristin (Popovics) and Greg Kealey announce the birth of their son, Parker Alexander, on Aug. 22. Brett B. McLaughlin, S.J., writes that he has finished the novitiate and taken first vows in the Society of Jesus—with his next assignment, pursuing a master of arts degree in philosophical resources at Fordham University in New York City. The Paralyzed Veterans of America announced in June that Rory Riley was the first-place winner of its fifth annual legal writing competition, on the topic: “Should Congress Maintain, Modify or Completely Redesign the Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits Adjudication Process, and How Would the Result Improve the Current System?” Riley, who serves as an attorney in the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C., submitted the paper, “The Current State of the Department of Veterans Affairs Disability Benefits Adjudication Process and Why Congress Should Modify, Rather than Maintain or Completely Redesign the Current System.” Jennifer A. Scala writes that she teaches middle school in Ludlow, Mass. Carolyn A. Tschummi notes that she is a nurse, working in the cardiac intensive care unit at Hartford (Conn.) Hospital.

Class Co-Chairs Kathryn Meyers Gilbert, Kathryn C. Leader, John M. O’Donnell
'05 Sarah N. Spence announces the birth of her daughter, Audrey, on Nov. 28, 2007; Spence writes that she is living in Worcester and working as a social worker for the Department of Social Services. Class Co-Chairs Luz M. Colon-Rodriguez, Elizabeth B. Corridan, Jennifer L. Marcotte

'06 Julie A. Barry writes that, effective this past fall, she has been accepted into the master of arts degree program in art history and museum studies at Tufts University in Medford, Mass. Anne C. Bruckman notes that she completed Navy Flight School and received her Wings of Gold in June—and adds that she is now flying the SH-60B Seahawk helicopter in Mayport, Fla., until March 2009 when she relocates to San Diego to join her fleet squadron. Caitlin Howard writes that, effective this past August, she has been accepted to the Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans. Kristin (Heimsath) Marker notes that she has been accepted to Southwestern University Law School in Los Angeles, effective this past fall. Fleet Hometown News, headquartered in Norfolk, Va., announced in July that Patrick T. McCurdy, an ensign in the Navy, recently returned from a five-month deployment to Iraq while assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Unit 6, home-based at Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, S.C. Meghan J. Pintavalle writes that she recently earned her master's degree in social work at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Elizabeth A. Puleio notes that, effective this past fall, she has been accepted into the master of arts degree program in higher/postsecondary education administration at Teachers College, Columbia University, in New York City. Nora R. Smaldore writes that she is teaching Latin at Cherry Hill (N.J.) High School East and pursuing her master's degree in business administration at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Anne V. “Annie” Wallace notes that she is attending the University of Georgia School of Law. Megan M. Lally and Keith Sanders were married on July 11, 2008. Class Co-Chairs Lisa M. Litterio, Glenn R. McGovin, Ashley B. Scibelli

'07 Jack F. Donahue writes that he is currently deployed to the Arabian Gulf, serving aboard the USS Benfold (DDG-65), as the anti-submarine warfare officer. Colleen M. Germain notes that, after completing her first year in the master of arts degree program at the Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design, and Culture, she pursued an internship this past summer at Cora Ginsburg LLC, a gallery in New York City dealing in antique fabrics. Lindsey R. Konkel writes that she is currently pursuing her master's degree in journalism at New York University, with a concentration in science, health and environmental reporting. Shannon M. McKernan notes that she spent one year at St. George’s University of London in the United Kingdom, researching aspects of the early mechanism of HIV/AIDS transmission—and that she is currently continuing similar research at the Harvard University Center for AIDS Research in Boston. Effective this past fall, Kevin F. Mullaney has been named an athletic media relations and compliance assistant at Holy Cross; he had previously served one year as a teaching fellow at the Nativity School of Worcester and as an intern in the College athletic department. Sarah E. Schufreider writes that she was accepted into the master’s degree in social work program at Boston University, effective this past September; she had previously served a year with the JVC, working at a day shelter for the homeless in Mobile, Ala. Mathias B. Weiden writes that he is working as an analyst at Cowen & Company, a boutique investment bank in New York City. Class Co-Chairs Michael J. Galbo, Caitlin M. Padgett, Kara M. Pipoli

'08 Brendan W. Akashian writes that he is playing professional baseball for the Southern Illinois Miners of the Frontier League. Amy M. Archambault notes that she is a studio art fifth-year fellow at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., and head coach of the Northern Stars Lacrosse girls’ lacrosse program. Siobhan A. Breen writes that she is a student at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich. Noting that she is a New York City-licensed teaching fellow, Natasha J. Brown writes that she is currently teaching seventh- and eighth-grade students with disabilities in a high-needs school in Brooklyn, N.Y., and also, pursuing her master's degree in special education. Dana A. Buglione writes that he is teaching sixth-grade students at the Jumoke Academy in Hartford, Conn., through the Teach for America program. Ashley A. Carlino notes that she is attending graduate school at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. Mallory A. Centone writes that she is currently employed by the Crestwood Children's Center in Rochester, N.Y., serving as a one-on-one aide in the Early Childhood Center, a day-treatment school for behaviorally and emotionally challenged children. Meghan E. Cox notes that she is working in the New York City office of the public relations agency Burson-Marsteller, in its healthcare practice. Thomas H. Gordon writes that he is teaching sixth- and seventh-grade social studies and English language arts at Troost Elementary School in Kansas City, Mo., through the Teach for America program. Mary Kathryn Maher notes that she is teaching English at her alma mater North Attleborough (Mass.) High School. Sarah A. Rendon writes that she is working as an English teaching assistant at the Lycée du Golfe de St. Tropes in France. Stephanie A. Samborowski notes that she is teaching high school mathematics at the Landmark School in Beverly, Mass., and pursuing her master's degree in special education at Simmons. Michael P. Shaw writes that he has been accepted into the one-year master of science degree in international relations program at the London (England) School of Economics. Catherine J. Wauters notes that she is serving as a volunteer for the Peace Corps in Benin, West Africa, as a rural health care counselor, “teaching hygiene, monitoring growth and development of infants and HIV/AIDS Awareness/Prevention.” Class Co-Chairs Jonathan H. Andersen, Kathryn T. Deering, Helen M. Murphy

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for these upcoming
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Saturday, Feb. 14
Warm up with a full day of
family activities!

Continuing Education Day
Saturday, April 4
Spend some time back in the classroom
and learn from Holy Cross' top faculty!

Class of 2009 Senior Reception
Wednesday, April 22
Help us congratulate the newest
members of the Holy Cross
General Alumni Association!

Attention Snowbirds!
Planning to stay warm this winter by heading to
Florida? Don’t forget to update your address with
the Alumni Office so that you will receive an invitation
to one of the President's Receptions scheduled
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of photo submissions.
Liam O. Toomey ’03 and Anne Schmidt were married on Nov. 3, 2007, in Boca Grande, Fla.
Back row, left to right: Roy Bjorlin ’03, Eddie Kendall ’03, Mollie Toomey ’10, Paul Burke ’03. Middle row: Courtney (Paquette) Bjorlin ’03, Rusty Giudici ’03, Derek Towle ’03, Lauren Marshall ’03, Steven Harutunian ’03. Front row: Anne Toomey and Liam Toomey ’03

Maureen E. Haugh ’94 and Michael Powers were married on Oct. 27, 2007, in Chicago.
Left to right: Katie (Feeley) Aseltyne ’92, Denise (Gaudet) Kopchick ’94, Liz (Treanor) Oesterle ’94, Annie (Long) Sullivan ’94, Jenni McEnery ’94, Michael Powers, Maureen (Haugh) Powers ’94, Dennis Haugh ’63, Kerry (McGivney) Connolly ’94; Molly (Freeman) Daudelin ’94, Courtney (Robshaw) Raio ’94 and David Connolly ’94

Anna P. Lucey ’01 and Brian Neely were married on Oct. 21, 2006, in Milton, Mass.
First row, left to right: Thomas Fulham ’72, Liz Lynch ’01, Chris Markunas ’05, Nick Fulham ’76. Second row, left to right: Rosemary Walsh Fulham ’76, Debbie Fulham-Winston ’74, Morgan Montgomery ‘06, Sam Mullin ’73, Kathy Bentubo Sanchez ’01, Anna Lucey ’01, Marina Moriarty Sousa ’03, Gregory Fulham ’77 and Jessica Massey ’00

Devon H. Broderick ’01 and Thomas W. Carroll were married on Sept. 22, 2007, in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.
Left to right: Kate (Brennan) Laporte ’01, Beth Dale ’01, Miranda (Roehlk) Hotarek ’01, Rob Hotarek ’02, Jen (Amendola) Marschner ’01, Devon Broderick ’01, Thomas Worthley Carroll, Jane (Gillard) Gardner ’01, Matt Gardner ’01, Katie (Carolan) Vanderweil ’01 and Jamie Loftus ’01

Meagan A. Cassista ’03 and Michael J. Fedigan ’03 were married on Aug. 18, 2007, in the Mary Chapel at Holy Cross. First row, left to right: Brendan Ratchford ’03, Peter Keenan Jr. ’71, Michael Fedigan ’03, Meagan Cassista ’03, James Fedigan ’05, Julia Crowley ’03, and Michael Evanowski ’03. Second row, left to right: Maura Malone ’02, Timothy Holahan ’03, Scott Brancato ’03, Daniel Meade ’03, Michael Reichard ’04, Jill Conroy ’03, Justin Gilmartin ’04, Ruby Liu ’03, Timothy Polefko ’03, Alexandra (Winkler) Poelfko ’03, and Kristina (Sacovitch) Evanowski ’04.

Deirdre E. Gillin ’02 and Daniel Ruttle were married on March 15, 2008, at Old St. Joseph’s Church in Philadelphia. First row, left to right: Deirdre E. Gillin ’02, Daniel Ruttle and Kayla Gillin ’09; Second row, left to right: Eugene Gillin ’70, Shauna Kilcoyne Rue ’02, Emily DiCenso ’02, Gina King Nelson ’02, Allison Walsh ’02; Third row, left to right: Norm Racine Jr. ’84, Beth Racine ’85, Sarah Spain ’02, and Tricia Paruti ’02; Fourth row, left to right: Joseph McManus Jr. ’68, Elizabeth McManus ’01, Kevin Casey ’84, Richard Johnsen ’68, and Katherine Johnsen ’05.

Rebecca A. Guerin ’04 and Joseph Sosinski were married on July 8, 2007, in North Andover, Mass. Left to right: Daniel Fink ’03, Katie (Guillard) Fink ’04, Jessica Hoseason ’04, Jennifer LaRusso ’04, Deanna de Arango ’04, Rebecca Guerin ’04, Joseph Sosinski, Melissa Irving Christensen ’04 and Steven Christensen ’02.
1935
PATRICK F. DEANE
Patrick Deane died May 24, 2008, in the Holyoke (Mass.) Medical Center, at 96. Prior to his retirement in 1982, Mr. Deane had worked many years as a sales representative for Liberty Liquors in Springfield, Mass. An Army veteran, he served with the 14th Armored Division during World War II; Mr. Deane had been the recipient of a Bronze Star. He is survived by four daughters; four sons-in-law; a brother; and six grandchildren.

WILLIAM E. FENTON SR.
William Fenton, of Silver Spring, Md., died May 28, 2008. Mr. Fenton is survived by a son; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and four grandchildren. His brother was the late Monsignor Joseph C. ’26.

1936
THOMAS B. CARROLL
Thomas Carroll died May 29, 2008, at The Pavilion in Hyannis, Mass., at 93. During his career, Mr. Carroll established The Carroll Co. in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1963, representing packaging and plastic manufacturing mills in the Eastern United States; he retired in 1977. Mr. Carroll had also been a past president of the Holy Name Society in Buffalo and the Osterville (Mass.) Men’s Club, as well as a member of the board of directors of the American Red Cross in Hyannis. A veteran, he had been stationed at Randolph Field in San Antonio during World War II. Mr. Carroll was a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by two daughters; a son-in-law; a brother; a sister; seven grandchildren, including Daniel G. Hettrich ’89; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

1937
MICHAEL J. CARNEY
Michael Carney died May 12, 2008, in Connecticut, at 94. During his career, Mr. Carney had managed several automobile businesses, including Springfield (Mass.) Buick and Beaulieu Chevrolet. He was a graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield where he had been a star athlete. Mr. Carney is survived by two sons; four daughters; three sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a brother and his wife; two sisters; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

MICHAEL C. SULLIVAN
Michael Sullivan died June 18, 2008, at Crossings West in New London, Conn., at 91. Prior to his retirement in 1976, Mr. Sullivan had taught mathematics and social studies for many years at the former New London Junior High School; at the start of his career, he had joined his father in business at the Sullivan Printing Co. Following retirement, Mr. Sullivan had held various part-time positions, including selling cars and serving as a beach supervisor for three years at the Pequot Point Beach Club; from 1985-2007, he had been the resident manager at the Twin Haven Housing Complex in Waterford, Conn. Mr. Sullivan is survived by three sons; a daughter; a sister; six grandchildren; two nephews; and three nieces.

1939
JOHN P. SHEEHAN JR.
John Sheehan died July 2, 2008, at his home in Chicopee, Mass., at 90. During his career, Mr. Sheehan had worked as a salesman for various firms, most recently AA Equipment in Holyoke, Mass.; he had also been a former member of the Chicopee Planning Board and a longtime advocate for senior citizens. Mr. Sheehan was a member of St. Patrick’s Church in Chicopee. A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he served at Tarawa, Guadalcanal and Saipan, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. Mr. Sheehan is survived by his wife, Eleanor; four sons, including John J. ’68 and Michael O. ’69; four daughters; three sons-in-law; four daughters-in-law; a sister; a sister-in-law; 21 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. His father was the late John P. ’10.

1940
MICHAEL J. CIMINO
Michael Cimino died May 17, 2008, at the New Britain (Conn.) General Hospital, at 91. Active in the insurance industry during his career, Mr. Cimino was the co-owner for many years of the independent agency Schultz, Costello, Cimino & Grace in New Britain. Elected chairman of the city’s insurance commission in 1957, he had been a director of the Burritt Mutual Savings Bank and a corporator of New Britain General Hospital and the YMCA; his community involvement also included serving as president of the Boys Club of New Britain, from 1968 until his retirement in 1985. An accomplished athlete, Mr. Cimino had been a standout end on the Huskies football team at UConn, where he earned his undergraduate degree in economics in 1940. A 1936 graduate of New Britain High School, he was named All-State end on the school’s 1934 and 1935 state championship football teams; in addition, Mr. Cimino had been a member of the New Britain Emeralds softball team that competed for the first national championship in Chicago in 1935. The recipient of the UConn Club’s Red O’Neill Award in 1971—presented to former athletes in recognition of their contributions to community affairs—he was inducted into the VFW Walter J. Smith Post 511 Sports Hall of Fame in 1972 and the New Britain Sports Hall of Fame in 1996. Mr. Cimino is survived by his wife, Martha; four children; a daughter-in-law; a brother; two grandsons; and several nephews and nieces.

ROBERT A. MAHEU
Robert Maheu died Aug. 4, 2008, at Desert Springs Hospital in Las Vegas, at 90. During his career, Mr. Maheu had been a chief aide to billionaire businessman Howard Hughes, overseeing his real estate transactions in Las Vegas in the late 1960s; Mr. Maheu wrote a memoir about his experiences with Richard Hack, titled Next to Hughes. Joining the FBI as an agent following graduation, he had been involved in counterintelligence during World War II. Mr. Maheu left the bureau in 1947 and joined the Small Business Administration, working there until 1954 when he founded the investigative agency, Robert A. Maheu and Associates and, also, began his 16-year association with Hughes. Following the termination of his employment with Hughes in 1970, Mr. Maheu resumed management of his consultant business. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Maheu is survived by three sons; two daughters-in-law; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

1941
THOMAS F. TROY
Thomas Troy died July 30, 2008, at his home in Bethesda, Md., at 89. During his career, Mr. Troy had been a longtime officer with the CIA; joining the agency in
1951, he had been an analyst of Middle Eastern affairs, traveling extensively to countries in the Middle East and the surrounding region. Prior to working for the CIA, Mr. Troy had been a radio newscaster, freelance writer and college professor. During World War II, he had served in the Middle East with the Army Airways Communications Systems; Mr. Troy had studied the Arabic language in 1941 at Princeton University through an Army program. He was the author of Donovan and the CIA: a History of the Establishment of the Central Intelligence Agency, which earned an award from the National Intelligence Study Center for the best book in 1981 on American intelligence. In 1996, Yale University Press published his second book, Wild Bill and Intrepid: Donovan, Stephenson, and the Origin of the CIA. In addition, Mr. Troy had been the founding editor of the “Foreign Intelligence Literary Scene” newsletter; a contributor of articles and book reviews to the popular press and intelligence publications; and a founding editor of the Foreign Intelligence Book Series company. A member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Garrett Park, Md., he was a past president of the Washington chapter of the Catholic League for Civil and Religious Rights. Mr. Troy is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two sons; six daughters; sons-in-law and daughters-in-law; a brother; four sisters; 23 grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

1942

THOMAS H. SULLIVAN

Thomas Sullivan died Aug. 8, 2008, at The Meadows nursing facility in North Andover, Mass., at 88. Prior to his retirement in 1984, Mr. Sullivan had been the first director of security for the Seiler's Food Corporation in Waltham, Mass. From 1948-71, he was a special agent for the FBI in various locations; during his career, Mr. Sullivan handled espionage activities of the Communist Party in San Francisco; foreign political operatives in the United States in New York City; and organized crime, racketeering and bank robberies in Boston. He subsequently held the post of special investigator for the New England Organized Crime Intelligence System. An Army veteran, Mr. Sullivan served in England, France and Germany from 1942-45. He had been a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Catherine Parish in Pelham, N.Y.; a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Michael Parish in North Andover; and an organist and a pianist for 11 years at the Mary Immaculate Nursing / Restorative Center in Lawrence, Mass. At Holy Cross, Mr. Sullivan had been a running back on the varsity football team; early in his career, he had served as an assistant football coach at Niagara University in New York. A member of the General Alumni Association, Mr. Sullivan had been a Holy Cross class agent for many years. He is survived by three sons, including Monsignor Thomas J. ’71 and Peter J. ’75; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a brother; a sister; a brother-in-law, Urville J. Beaumont ’53; a sister-in-law, Urvilla J. Beaumont ’53; five grandchildren; and 12 nephews and nieces, including John J. Beaumont ’87.

1943

RYAN A. CUNEO

Ryan Cuneo died June 6, 2008, at his home in Garrison, N.Y., at 87. Prior to his retirement in 1989, Mr. Cuneo had served many years as a vice president for Prentice-Hall Publishers in Paramus, N.J. A longtime resident of Garrison, he had been a member of its volunteer Fire Company for 58 years; holding the post of chief for four years in the 1960s, Mr. Cuneo was subsequently elected president of the board on which he had served as a member for many years. In addition, he had been a member of the Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps and a former member of the Garrison Union Free School Board. Mr. Cuneo was a veteran of World War II. He is survived by two sons; a daughter; a brother; a sister; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

JOHN E. LAWLOR

John Lawlor died July 23, 2008, at the Hyder Family Hospice House in Dover, N.H., at 87. Involved in the investment field for more than 35 years, Mr. Lawlor had been associated with the Boston firms Putnam, Coffin & Burr, and H.C. Wainright & Co.; following his retirement, he had worked part time for the Stafford Guidance Center. Elected to the Rollinsford (N.H.) School Board in 1957, Mr. Lawlor had been a member of the committee for almost 10 years, as well as its long-term chairman. Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps during World War II, he had served aboard the USS Drew as the supply officer for a reinforced Marine battalion and saw action in the Pacific theater, including the battle of Okinawa; Mr. Lawlor was discharged from active duty in 1945 with the rank of first lieutenant. Subsequently joining the Marine Corps Reserve, he was assigned to an active unit in New Castle, N.H.; Mr. Lawlor retired from the service in 1962 with the rank of major. He included sailing among his interests. Mr. Lawlor is survived by three sons, including David M. ’75; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; two brothers; six grandchildren; nephews; nieces; grandnieces; and grandnephews. His father was the late John C. ’11.

JOSEPH P. LOVERING

Joseph Lovering died July 3, 2008, at his home in Tonawanda, N.Y., at 87. Professor emeritus at Canisius College in Buffalo, Mr. Lovering had been a member of the faculty there for 36 years; he retired in 1991. At the start of his career, Mr. Lovering had taught at St. Anselm’s College in Manchester, N.H., and St. Michael’s College in Winooski, Vt. The author of three books on literary figures, he had most recently published The Well-Made Historical Novels of American Regionalist Charles A. Brady, 1912-1995. A Navy veteran, Mr. Lovering had served in the Philippines during World War II. His interests included music and sports; a violinist with the Amherst and Orchard Park symphonies, Mr. Lovering had been the official scorekeeper at Canisius College basketball games for 18 years and a former Little League baseball and basketball coach. He is survived by his wife, Eileen; four sons; two daughters; and two sisters.

CHARLES E. SHEEHAN JR.

Charles Sheehan died June 30, 2008, in Health Alliance-Leominster (Mass.) Hospital, at 86. A longtime accountant, Mr. Sheehan had worked at the former E.I. Du Pont Co. in Leominster for more than 25 years and, subsequently, operated his own accounting business in the city. A veteran, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Mr. Sheehan is survived by his wife, Maureen; three sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law; a brother; 10 granddaughters; and two great-granddaughters.
1944
MATTHEW J. BROWNE
Matthew Browne died June 18, 2008, at 85. Prior to his retirement in 2000, Mr. Browne had served as general counsel for Esperanza Oil and Gas; having moved to Texas in the early 1950s as an oil scout for the Humble Oil and Refining Company, he worked in this industry throughout his career. A veteran, Mr. Browne had served in the Marines during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Anita; two sons; a daughter-in-law; and three brothers.

RAYMOND E. COONEY
Raymond Cooney died April 22, 2008, at the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care in Scotch Plains, N.J., at 86. A longtime resident of Cranford, N.J., Mr. Cooney had worked, during his career, as an industrial hardware salesman for several commercial vendors. He was a veteran of World War II. An active member of the Knights of Columbus, Mr. Cooney had served the organization for many years in various leadership capacities. He is survived by 26 nephews and nieces.

OLIVER E. O’MARA JR.
Oliver O’Mara died July 1, 2008, in Santa Fe, N.M., at 86. An Air Force veteran, Mr. O’Mara had served as a pilot in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Upon graduating in 1943 as a flight officer fighter pilot in the Army Air Corps, he flew P-51 Mustangs, Curtiss P-40 Tomahawks and P-47 Thunderbolts on Saipan and Iwo Jima; completing 32 missions during World War II, Mr. O’Mara was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, and two Battle Stars—one for Air Offensive Japan and the other for the Battle of Iwo Jima. Following graduation from the U.S. Air Force Helicopter School at Ellington Air Force Base, Texas, in 1953, he served as a rescue pilot over Korea, flying the Sikorsky H-19 helicopter; he was a recipient of the Sikorsky Flying "S" Rescue Award in 1955. Mr. O’Mara subsequently flew helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft at bases in Texas, Nevada, California, Florida and Japan, before volunteering for duty in Vietnam in 1965; during his military career there, he flew 128 missions—and, in 1969, was awarded the Air Force Cross. Mr. O’Mara completed his final assignment at the Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, N.M.; retiring from the military in 1970 as a lieutenant colonel, he continued working at the base for 15 years, serving as the airfield manager, through Civil Service. Mr. O’Mara had been a member of the Legion of Valor. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; two daughters; two brothers; a sister; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

WILLIS L. PALMER JR.
Willis Palmer died July 27, 2008, in the Holden (Mass.) Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, at 86. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Willis had been the general manager of Warts Security Systems Inc. in Worcester for 20 years. A veteran, he had served in the Marines during World War II and the Korean War, attaining the rank of captain. Mr. Palmer was an active volunteer at St. Joseph’s Abbey in Spencer, Mass., as well as a parishioner of St. Patrick’s Church in Rutland, Mass., where he had been a member of its St. Vincent de Paul Society. Mr. Palmer is survived by his wife, Marguerite; three sons; four daughters; two sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law; two brothers; four sisters; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1945
WALTER J. EGAN
Walter Egan, a longtime resident of Hingham, Mass., died June 22, 2008, at 84. During his career, Mr. Egan had worked for many years as a teacher, principal and the dean of students at The Newman School in Boston. His involvement in community affairs included serving as a scout leader, Little League assistant and commissioner of the Hingham Girls Basketball Association. An active parishioner at the Church of the Resurrection, Mr. Egan had also been a driver for the Senior Shuttle, a reader at the Hingham Public Library and a volunteer at Meals on Wheels. He is survived by his wife, Ines; two sons; three daughters; three sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a half-brother; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

REV. FRANCIS C. O’HARE
Rev. Francis O’Hare died May 9, 2008, in Andover, Mass., at 82. A longtime priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, Fr. O’Hare had served 10 years as pastor of St. Athanasius Parish in Reading, until his retirement in 1997; he had previously been the pastor, for 12 years, of St. Ann’s Church in Somerville, where he established a teaching parish for the formation of Jesuit and diocesan priests. Ordained to the priesthood in 1951, Fr. O’Hare began his ministry as an assistant at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Revere, from 1952-55—and, briefly, at Sacred Heart Parish, Cambridge, in 1955; he subsequently assumed the post of assistant superior of the Casa Santa Maria in Rome—a residence for American priests pursuing graduate studies there. Upon his return to the United States in 1959, Fr. O’Hare was
named an assistant at St. Mary's Parish in Dedham; in 1960, he was assigned to the faculty of St. John's Seminary in Brighton, where he served 15 years as a teacher of moral theology and, later, as the first director of field education. Following his retirement from active ministry, Fr. O'Hare had been the senior priest at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Andover. A World War II Navy veteran serving aboard the USS Davison, he was the recipient of several military service decorations, including the American Theatre Ribbon; the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon; and the World War II Victory Ribbon. Fr. O'Hare had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by a sister; two brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law; many nephews and nieces; and grandnephews and grandnieces. His brother was the late James M., M.D., '41.

1948
ALBERT F. BONOFIGLIO SR.
Albert Bonofiglio died Aug. 7, 2008, in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, at 82. During his career, Mr. Bonofiglio had been a self-employed certified public accountant for various companies and individuals in the Worcester area. He was a member of Our Lady of Loreto Church and a founding member and former treasurer of the Brown Square Civic Association. Mr. Bonofiglio is survived by his wife, Antoinette; two sons; a daughter-in-law; two brothers, including Richard A. Jr.; two sisters-in-law; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; nephews; and nieces.

WILLIAM A. CONNELL JR.
William Connell, of South Weymouth and Falmouth, Mass., died May 12, 2008, at 85. During his career, Mr. Connell had been the owner and operator of the William A. Connell Insurance Agency in South Weymouth since 1968; he had also been a Massachusetts state representative from 1956-76. A Navy veteran, Mr. Connell had served as a commander in both World War II and the Korean War. His professional affiliations included membership in the Massachusetts Legislators Association; Massachusetts Bankers Association; Savings Bank Life Insurance Co. of Massachusetts; and the Military Officers Association of America. Mr. Connell is survived by his wife, Joan; a son; three daughters; three brothers; and six grandchildren.

ROBERT T. MULCAHY
Robert Mulcahy died July 21, 2008, at his home in Pocasset, Mass., at 82. During his career, Mr. Mulcahy had been the founding executive of the Casualty, Life and Surety Companies Claims Bureau in Walpole, Mass. He was a longtime resident of Pocasset, where he had been a member of St. John the Evangelist Church. Mr. Mulcahy was a Navy veteran of World War II. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Mulcahy is survived by four sons; two daughters; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; two brothers; two sisters; 17 grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

REV. HENRY J. MURPHY, S.J.
Rev. Henry Murphy, S.J., died June 21, 2008, in Weston Mass. A member of the faculty and administrative staff of Fairfield (Conn.) University during his tenure from 1959-2000, Fr. Murphy had most recently served as a professor of religious studies and as the dean of freshmen. He is survived by a sister; many nephews and nieces; and grandnephews and grandnieces.

1949
FRANCIS J. DAIGLE
Francis Daigle died June 7, 2008, at the Tufts Medical Center in Boston, at 79. During his career, Mr. Daigle had worked for GenRad, Inc., in Concord, Mass., as a director of management information systems. A veteran, he had served as a corporal in the Army during the Korean War. Mr. Daigle is survived by his wife, Joan; a son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a sister; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

ROBERT A. MCAULIFFE
Robert McAuliffe died June 21, 2008, at his home in Lowell, Mass., at 88. During his career, Mr. McAuliffe had been employed many years by the Internal Revenue Service in Boston; he retired as the branch chief of audit. Following retirement, Mr. McAuliffe worked for the Ward Commission and the State Ethics Commission; he had also been a volunteer with the American Cancer Society, serving 15 years as a driver for cancer patients. During World War II, Mr. McAuliffe had been a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps; he was a prisoner of war in Germany for 13 months until his liberation by Gen. George Patton. Mr. McAuliffe is survived by three sons; five daughters; a sister-in-law; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

EMILE F. ST. ONGE
Emile St. Onge died Aug. 7, 2008, at the Evergreen Health Care Center in Stafford, Conn., at 82. Prior to his retirement in 1984, Mr. St. Onge had worked 18 years for the Dunham Bush Co. in West Hartford, Conn., as a production control manager; he had previously been employed for many years at the Honeywell Corp. in Philadelphia. Mr. St. Onge was an Army veteran of World War II. An outdoorsman and photography enthusiast, he had been a longtime member of the Northern Connecticut Photographic Society. Mr. St. Onges is survived by a son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

1950
FRANCIS G. ERMILIO
Francis Ermilio died May 8, 2008, in UMass-Memorial Medical Center, Worcester, at 89. A longtime attorney, Mr. Ermilio had served many years as a senior partner in the Worcester law firm Fusaro, Altomare & Ermilio. Working at the former Italian Finance Co. in Worcester with his father at the start of his career, Mr. Ermilio subsequently joined the Worcester firm Fusaro & Fusaro as a trial attorney; the practice was renamed Fusaro, Altomare & Ermilio when he became a partner there. Mr. Ermilio had been an active member of the Worcester County Bar Association and a trustee of the Bay State Savings Bank. During World War II, he had served with the U.S. Army Air Corps. Mr. Ermilio is survived by three sons, including Francis P., D.C., '81 and John J. '89; three daughters; two sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law; a sister; 11 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

JOHN E. HICKEY SR.
John Hickey, of Voorheesville, N.Y., died July 3, 2008, in Natick, Mass., at 79. During his career, Mr. Hickey had been employed by Rose & Kiernan, Inc., in New York; he retired in 1992 as the vice president of personal lines. Mr. Hickey had previously worked at the City and County Savings Bank. A veteran, he had served in
the Army as a sergeant first class during the Korean War. Mr. Hickey was the former president of the Capital District Insurance Agents and the former state director of the Independent Insurance Agents of New York. He had been a member of St. Matthew’s Church in Voorheesville. Mr. Hickey is survived by two sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a sister; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

JOHN T. HICKEY

John Hickey died May 13, 2008, at his home in Holyoke, Mass. During his career, Mr. Hickey had worked many years as a manager with the Holyoke Water Power Co. (Northeast Utilities). Active as well in community affairs, he had assumed a leadership role with numerous groups and organizations, including the Holyoke Arts Council; Holyoke Hospital; TV Channel 57; Holyoke Street School; the city’s public works department and Industrial Finance Authority; the Holyoke and Chicopee Chambers of Commerce; Holyoke Community College; and the Public Affairs Action Committee, Associated Industries of Massachusetts. A corporator of Sunshine Village, the Hampshire College Community Advisory Board, and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee, Mr. Hickey had also been a member of the Holyoke Centennial Steering Committee and the mayor’s Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee. He was the recipient of numerous honors, including the Holyoke Centennial Grand Award in 1973; the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce’s 1979 Business Person of the Year Award; the 1980 Holyoke Community College Distinguished Service Award; the William G. Dwight Distinguished Service Award, in 1981; and the Council of Human Understanding Award, in 1990. Mr. Hickey served as marshal of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in 1983; in addition, he had assisted with fundraising efforts to enable Holyoke to purchase the merry-go-round of the former Mountain Park, for placement in the city’s Heritage State Park. At the start of his career, Mr. Hickey had worked for the Holyoke Transcript Telegram; the Vautrain Advertising Agency; and the J. T. Hickey Advertising Agency. A veteran, he had served two years with the Army in the intelligence section during the Korean War. Mr. Hickey is survived by a daughter; two sisters; several grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and several nephews and nieces.

HARRY S. HOULIHAN JR.

Harry Houlihan died July 10, 2008, at the Hospice Care Center in Lexington, Ky., at 80. During his career, Mr. Houlihan had managed the family business, the Houlihan Insurance Agency in Lexington, from 1949—following his father’s death—until his retirement in 2003. Active in the Independent Insurance Agents of Kentucky, he was named the association’s Insurer of the Year in 1963—and served as state president in 1965. Mr. Houlihan had also been involved in the formation of the Kentucky Invitational Band contest—and a lifelong member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Lexington. A veteran, he had served in the Army counterintelligence during the Korean War. Mr. Houlihan is survived by his wife, Helen; two sons; three daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; a sister; three grandchildren; several nephews and nieces; and cousins.

RAYMOND T. MAHON

Raymond Mahon died May 23, 2008, in Holden (Mass.) Nursing Home, at 79. A longtime attorney, Mr. Mahon had worked 44 years for the Worcester law firm Bowditch & Dewey, retiring in 2006 as a senior partner; at the start of his career, he had been a tax attorney for the Internal Revenue Service in Boston. Mr. Mahon had also served on the Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts—and, for more than six years, as co-chair of the Worcester County Bar Association Committee on Legal Services to the Poor and Homeless, during which time he oversaw the Harry T. Zarrow Homeless Advocacy Project. Mr. Mahon was a graduate of the Boston University School of Law, where he earned his master’s degree in tax law and subsequently taught for many years. An active parishioner of St. Mary’s Church in Jefferson, Mass., Mr. Mahon was a former director of the religious education program and a Eucharistic Minister. A veteran, he served in the Navy and the Navy Reserve as a lieutenant junior grade during the Korean War. Mr. Mahon was a recipient of the St. Thomas More Society Distinguished Service Award in 1995 and the Massachusetts Bar Association Pro-Bono Publico Award in 2000. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; a son, R. Thomas Jr.; two daughters; two sons-in-law; two sisters; six grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. His father was the late Raymond T. ’16.

1952

REV. JOHN M. DOOLAN, S.J.

Rev. John Doolan, S.J., died May 15, 2008, at St. Barnabas Hospital in New York City, at 76. During his ministry, Fr. Doolan had served for many years at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, N.Y. A high school teacher in Truk, the Caroline Islands, from 1957-60, he performed pastoral work there from 1963-73; from 1974-76, he had been associated with St. Thomas Parish in New York City. Entering the Society of Jesus in 1952, Fr. Doolan studied theology at Weston (Mass.) College, where he was ordained in 1963. Fr. Doolan is survived by a sister; a nephew; and a niece.

MICHAEL F. FADDEN

Michael Fadden died June 2, 2008, at the Stuart F. Meyer Hospice House, Palm Coast, Fla., at 77. Mr. Fadden had been a veteran of the Navy. He is survived by his wife, Joan; three sons; a daughter; and 11 grandchildren.

FRANCIS L. KING

Francis King, a longtime resident of Needham and Humarock, Mass., died May 23, 2008, at 79. During his career, Mr. King had worked for more than 40 years in the transportation industry; he had been a past president of the North Shore Traffic Club as well as a member of the Boston Traffic Association, the Traffic Club of New England and the Delta Nu Alpha Transportation Fraternity. A veteran, Mr. King had served in the Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; two sisters; a brother-in-law; two grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. His brothers were the late John E. ’49 and Thomas H. ’53.

1953

PETER E. KELLY

Peter Kelly died July 1, 2008, in Orlando, Fla., at 78. A longtime executive in the
textile industry, Mr. Kelly had worked for various companies, including Canon Mills, Baltic Lines and Leshner Mills, prior to his retirement. He had been a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Orlando. Mr. Kelly is survived by his wife, Joan; four sons; three daughters; a brother, Arthur B. ’50; two sisters; and 17 grandchildren.

STANLEY E. SAWICKI JR.
Stanley Sawicki died May 22, 2008, at his home in Waterford, Maine, at 76. A longtime employee of the Veterans Administration in Togus, Maine, Mr. Sawicki had retired as a supervisor following more than 30 years of service. During his career, he had also worked for the Maine Probate Courts, taken part in the Maine Literacy Program and served as a Head Start volunteer. He was a parishioner of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Norway, Maine. Mr. Sawicki had been a Holy Cross class agent. A veteran, he had served in the Navy during the Korean War. Mr. Sawicki is survived by two sons; two daughters; and eight grandchildren.

1954
WALTER A. COYNE
Walter Coyne died Aug. 23, 2008, at the USC University Hospital in Los Angeles, at 75. Prior to his retirement in 1997, Mr. Coyne had worked 24 years for the Atlantic Richfield Co. in Los Angeles as an executive speechwriter, serving the chief executive officers and presidents of the company. Previously, he had been associated for eight years with the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C., as a communications professional; from 1966-67, Mr. Coyne had been a White House speechwriter in the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson. At the start of his career, he had been a reporter with the Bergen Evening Record in Hackensack, N.J., and a writer-editor with the Newspaper Enterprise Association in Cleveland. Mr. Coyne had served in the Army during the Korean War period. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; two sons; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a sister; and 21 grandchildren.

1955
PETER A. LEONARD
Peter Leonard, of Huntington, N.Y., died June 13, 2008. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Leonard had worked as a government bond trader. He is survived by a son; four daughters; four sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a brother, Paul A. ’61; a sister; and 21 grandchildren. His father was the late Edmund J.’22.

1956
WILLIAM G. LYNCH JR.
William Lynch died June 3, 2008, at the VNA Hospice House in Vero Beach, Fla., at 73. Mr. Lynch had worked 29 years for Johnson & Johnson, retiring in 1994; during his career, he had also served six years as vice president of sales for Clairol, Inc. Mr. Lynch had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Lee; two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; two sisters; a brother-in-law; Thomas H. McCourt, D.D.S., ’52; seven grandchildren; nephews; and nieces.

PAUL E. ROUGHAN
Paul Roughan died June 30, 2008, at his home in Worcester, at 73. Active for many years in the semiconductor industry, Mr. Roughan had most recently been employed by the AVX Corp. in Myrtle Beach, S.C., prior to his retirement in 1996. Previously, he had worked for Sprague Electric in North Adams, Mass., and Worcester, and, at the Unitrode Integrated Circuit Co. in Merrimack, N.H. During his career, Mr. Roughan had also been involved in setting up semiconductor manufacturing plants in the Philippines and Saigon. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; five sons; two daughters; a son-in-law; five daughters-in-law; 19 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nephews; and nieces.

in the Shrewsbury school system for many years. A veteran, he served in the Army during the Korean War. Mr. Naumiec had been a parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Worcester. He is survived by two sons; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; four grandchildren; nephews; and nieces.

TED E. WEDEMEYER JR.
Ted Wedemeyer, of Milwaukee, died July 23, 2008, at 75. During his career, Mr. Wedemeyer had been an active judge on the District 1 Wisconsin Court of Appeals and presiding judge of the court; he had previously served as judge of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court and as a Milwaukee municipal judge. Mr. Wedemeyer was a member of the State Judicial Council. Participating in numerous civic and community organizations, he had been involved in the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce on the state and national level—as well as the International Junior Chamber of Commerce, traveling extensively as a vice president. Instrumental in organizing the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club, Mr. Wedemeyer had served as president of the organization in 1972 and board chairman in 1976; he was an inductee of its Hall of Fame. In addition, Mr. Wedemeyer had held the post of president of the German-American cultural organization Goethe House of Wisconsin. He was a veteran of the Air Force. Mr. Wedemeyer is survived by his wife, Susan; a sister; nephews; and nieces.

JOHN D. THORNTON JR.
John Thornton died May 14, 2008, at his home in Columbus, Ohio, at 74. During his career, Mr. Thornton had been a colonel in the Air Force, serving in the Strategic Air Command, and, as a member of the “Wild Weasels.” Following retirement from the military, he had worked many years for the state of Ohio. Mr. Thornton had been a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Manchester, N.H., and the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Columbus. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; two daughters; a sister; and nine grandchildren.

WALTER A. COYNE
Walter Coyne died Aug. 23, 2008, at the USC University Hospital in Los Angeles, at 75. Prior to his retirement in 1997, Mr. Coyne had worked 24 years for the Atlantic Richfield Co. in Los Angeles as an executive speechwriter, serving the chief executive officers and presidents of the company. Previously, he had been associated for eight years with the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C., as a communications professional; from 1966-67, Mr. Coyne had been a White House speechwriter in the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson. At the start of his career, he had been a reporter with the Bergen Evening Record in Hackensack, N.J., and a writer-editor with the Newspaper Enterprise Association in Cleveland. Mr. Coyne had served in the Army during the Korean War period. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; two sons; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a sister; and 21 grandchildren.
RICHARD L. KEEFE, M.D.

Richard Keefe, M.D., died July 6, 2008, at his home in Los Altos, Calif., at 72. During his career, Dr. Keefe had maintained a private dermatology practice in Cupertino, Calif., for many years; he had also been a longtime member of the adjunct clinical faculty at the Stanford (Calif.) School of Medicine. A veteran, Dr. Keefe had served two years in the Navy overseas. He is survived by his wife, Rita; a son; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; two brothers, including Walter G. ‘61; two sisters; nephews; nieces; and a grandson. His father was the later Walter J. ‘27 and his uncle was the late George G. ‘18.

FRANCIS T. LONDREGAN

Francis Londregan died Aug. 9, 2008, at his home in New London, Conn., at 73. A longtime attorney, Mr. Londregan began the practice of law in 1960 with retired Justice Angelo G. Santaniello and the late C. Robert Sarti in New London; in 1963, he formed the partnership of Conway and Londregan with Kevin W. Conway ’54. During his career, Mr. Londregan also served three terms on the New London City Council, beginning in 1963; from 1965-66, he had held the post of mayor. Mr. Londregan was a past president of the Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys and, since 1960, a member of the Connecticut and New London County bar associations. His involvement in community and charitable organizations included serving as president of the New London Lions Club; president of the board of directors of the Garde Arts Center; member of the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital Medical Ethics Committee; past president of
IN MEMORIAM

Peter Parsons, associate professor emeritus, biology, died August 26, 2008, in Worcester Medical Center/St. Vincent Hospital, at 74.

Prior to his retirement in 2001, Mr. Parsons had taught biochemistry and immunology at Holy Cross for 22 years; he had also served for three years as the chairman of the department.

Before joining the College faculty, Mr. Parsons had taught four years at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., and served as an assistant professor of biochemistry at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, from 1968-75. As a faculty research associate at UMass, he presented a paper in 1976 at the International Federation of Biochemists in Hamburg, Germany.

A 1965 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine with a Ph.D. in biochemistry, Mr. Parsons subsequently pursued a one-year postdoctoral fellowship at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., and a two-year fellowship at SUNY-Stony Brook on Long Island.

Receiving his bachelor of arts degree in chemistry at Colby College, Waterville, Maine, in 1955, then he attended the University of Vermont Medical School for one year before entering the Army; upon completion of military service, Mr. Parsons undertook studies in the master’s degree program at the University of Maine, from 1959-60.

An active member of the North Leverett (Mass.) Baptist Church, he had been the organist/pianist there for many years as well as a member of the gospel singing group “The Spokesmen”; Mr. Parsons had also served as a Sunday School teacher, deacon, church clerk, assistant treasurer and member of the music committee. In addition, he was president of the Camp Anderson Foundation (Pine Brook Camp) in Shutesbury, Mass., for 19 years.

His interests included traveling, keeping in touch with many of his former students, and music; Mr. Parsons had played the piano in nursing homes with the Horse Mountain Jazz Band.

He is survived by his wife, Joy; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a brother; several sisters; and two grandsons.

Mr. Parsons was recognized in the “Teacher Who Changed My Life” feature that appeared in the summer 2005 issue of Holy Cross Magazine. To view the article, visit holycross.edu/magazine and search previous issues.

THE FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT; and a member of the board of directors of the former New London Federal Savings and Loan Association. Mr. Londregan was a parishioner of St. Joseph Church in New London and a member of the Knights of Malta. An active member of the General Alumni Association, he had been a Holy Cross class agent and a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Londregan is survived by his wife, Shirley; four sons, including Stephen F ’80; a daughter; a son-in-law; four daughters-in-law; a brother and his wife; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law; and 16 grandchildren.

1959

Peter Archey died June 28, 2008, at his home in Reading, Pa., at 70. Prior to his retirement in 1999, Mr. Archey had been the executive director of the Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging. His previous positions included serving as project director with the state Department of Health; director of administration of the state Health Care Cost Containment Council; and executive director of the Health Systems Council of Eastern Pennsylvania. The first executive director of the Berks County (Pa.) Office of Aging, Mr. Archey had also been an adjunct faculty member at the University of Scranton and the Reading Area Community College. In addition, he had been the host of several programs on BCTV- Berks Community Television in Reading; a community information sessions volunteer about Medicare Part D prescription plans and PACE/PACENET/Part D coordinator for the Berks County Office of Aging and the Berks County APPRISE Program—as well as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. In 2007, Mr. Archey received the Heritage Senior Lifetime Achievement Award. He had been a member of St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church in Reading. Mr. Archey is survived by his wife, Connie; four sons; two daughters-in-law; three brothers; two sisters; and five grandchildren.

Ronald Kersey died Sept. 8, 2008, in The Villages, Fla., at 73. During his career, Mr. Kersey had worked for Fairchild Semiconductor and Sprague Electric. A 1958 graduate of St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., he earned his master’s degree the following year at Holy Cross. Mr. Kersey had been an active member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and of St. Mark’s Church in The Villages. He is survived by his wife, Elaine;
two sons, including Matthew T. ’83; two daughters; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; including Marianne Maxwell Kersey ’83; his stepfather and his wife, Barbara; a brother; a sister and her husband; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and nine grandchildren.

1960
RICHARD R. LAMONTAGNE
Richard Lamontagne, most recently of Plymouth, Mass., died July 22, 2008, at 69. A chief financial officer at the Pilgrim Plantation in Plymouth for the past six years, Mr. Lamontagne had previously served in the same capacity with Ginn & Co. in Lexington, Mass. During his career, Mr. Lamontagne had also been the owner of Collette Manufacturing, a sporting goods company in New York. His community involvement included serving as a former chairman for the Hingham (Mass.) Advisory Committee, treasurer for the nonprofit organization Road to Responsibility, Inc., and member of the Plymouth Finance Committee; in addition, Mr. Lamontagne had been a board member of the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans and a coach of Hingham Youth Baseball. A veteran, he served as a lieutenant in the Navy from 1960-64. Mr. Lamontagne is survived by his wife, Peg; two sons; two daughters-in-law; a brother; a sister; a brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; and a granddaughter.

1972
JOSEPH G. LOEFFLER, M.D.
Joseph Loeffler, M.D., died May 25, 2008, at his home in Millington, N.J., at 75. In private practice for 26 years, Dr. Loeffler had been the chairman of the department of medicine and the chief in the primary care section of internal medicine at Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J. He had also served as an assistant clinical professor of medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and, formerly, at Columbia University. Dr. Loeffler had received board certification from the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1981. He is survived by his wife, Karen; two sons; two daughters, including Kara E. Loeffler La Rocco ’99; a son-in-law; his parents; a brother, Paul H. ’73; two sisters; and a granddaughter.

1973
JOHN F. MCMANARA III
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KEVIN J. BRODERICK
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Finding Yourself

BY JONATHAN A. NICONCHUK ’09

The following is the address given by Jonathan Niconchuk ’09 to the Class of 2012 at Fall Convocation, Sept. 1, 2008.

Three years ago I sat where you are sitting as a sheltered, quiet boy from Topsfield, Mass., a rather typical overachieving premed ready to quadruple major and get involved in every club and committee. On the day of my Convocation the top song on the radio was “Gold Digger” and the top movie in theaters was The 40-Year-Old Virgin. Three years ago nobody had an iPhone, nobody thought the Celtics would ever win again, and nobody knew or cared about Miley Cyrus. Three years from tonight you will have changed a lot, but you will all remember who was in your orientation group. You will remember getting dressed up to come to your Convocation. And one of you will be standing here addressing the Class of 2015, hoping as I am now to find the right words to say.

In order to find those words, I knew I needed some help. I asked my friends—some from Holy Cross and some from other schools—for one-word metaphors to describe college. Naturally I got a few standard answers: “journey,” “adventure,” etc. One person just said, “It is like being a puppy lost in the woods.” I got answers that needed further explanation and then made sense: “whitewater rafting.” (No one knows what to expect beforehand; it can be wild and bumpy at times and calm other times, but you always have people to pull you back in the boat if you fall out. And afterward everyone wants to do it again.) And I also got answers that needed some explana-tion and still didn’t make much sense: “hot tub.” (Because, and I quote, “It is great for a while, but eventually you just have to get out.”) In the end I did not get the same answer from any two people. There is no single metaphor for college, just as there is no single metaphor for life.

Starting tonight and over the next four years, you will likely find yourselves in new—and sometimes uncomfortable—situations. You might find yourself in the library until it closes, while your roommates order Wings over Worcester (for the guys) or pasta from Boomer’s (for the girls). You will find yourself in long lines at Kimball, on the soft couches in Campion, and on the sidewalks of Caro. You will find yourself having long conversations with new—and suddenly very close—friends. And undoubtedly at times you will find yourself missing the comfort of home and the ease of old friendships. But the most important thing, the common bond among all of these situations, is that you will find yourself.

To find yourself; what does that even mean? We live a world more connected than ever, yet a world defined more and more by loneliness and shattered relationships. I saw a commercial the other day for a class that teaches you how to be yourself. Yet yearning so hard for individuality runs the risk of leaving everyone so individual that we all end up alone.

If I have learned one lesson during my time at Holy Cross it is that you can never find yourself until you give up almost everything you thought you knew. Over the past three years, I found myself on the beaches of Costa Rica, talking to landowners who were being bullied by large corporations ready to turn their small plots into eco-resorts. I found myself
in the Wendy's at the bottom of the Hill with a spitball stuck to the side of my face. I fired back at the boy from my SPUD site who shot it. We got kicked out, but then he asked me when he would see me next.

I found myself in a small village in El Salvador, playing soccer with gang members by day, and hearing their gunfire by night. I did not find myself by looking in a mirror; I began to find myself by looking out a window. Holy Cross gives you that window.

Looking out that window made me profoundly uncomfortable and shook my faith to its core. But a 4-year-old boy named Danielito from Zaragoza, El Salvador—a boy who looks just like me but lives surrounded by injustice and violence—asked me if I was ever coming back to help him. And while I can never explain injustice, I can say “yes” to Danielito. Once I gave up the idea that everything was all about me, things began to make much more sense.

As for my quadruple major plan, I ended up as a more sensible premed Spanish major and chemistry minor, running from Professor Farrell’s research lab to seminars on Don Quixote or the Cuban literature of exile. This year I am living with the kicker of the football team, a theater major and actor, and the commander of our ROTC unit. As my room shows, Holy Cross is a place where individuality enhances rather than dilutes the community. It is a place where my class dean (Dean Peace) sent recipes to me and my roommates and even came to visit us when we lived off-campus this summer, participating in the College’s summer research program. It is a place that wants nothing more than to help each one of you find your place and your passion.

I’m sure all of you read this summer about the sometimes painful journey St. Ignatius took toward self-discovery. In the time of Ignatius, finding your literal place in the world was tricky. Subsequently, the prime meridian and the North Star made it possible to know your exact time and place in the world. Holy Cross will become your prime meridian, your North Star. It will give you such a strong sense of community and service that no matter what major or profession you choose, or where you end up in this world, you will unfailingly know where and who you are. In The Motorcycle Diaries, a young doctor named Che Guevara journeys across South America trying to find his true calling and place in the world. I will end with his words, “Let the world change you, and then you can change the world.”

Welcome to the Hill.
Maria Eugenia Ferré Rangel ’89

By Michael Reardon

Q & A

One of your majors at Holy Cross was political science. Did you or do you have any ambition to run for office?

Not really, although our family has been involved in politics for many years. My interest in political science came from a broader perspective of understanding the world we live in.

Were you involved with any clubs, sports or other activities at Holy Cross?

I was involved with the Spanish Club. Also, I was a teaching assistant for Spanish and did some social work with Hispanic children in the Worcester area.

How did you meet your husband?

Believe it or not, we met on a blind date. Mutual friends set up the date.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

That I was very shy and that I love to cook and I’m pretty good at it.

As president and chief executive officer of El Nuevo Día, Puerto Rico’s largest daily newspaper, Maria Eugenia Ferré Rangel ’89 is one of the youngest executives to head up a major circulation newspaper in the United States.

With a daily circulation of 200,000 and a Sunday circulation of 240,000, the newspaper is part of the family business, Grupo Ferré Rangel, which owns eight companies, most of which are media-related.

Ferré Rangel is credited with modernizing El Nuevo Día through the implementation of the latest technology in production and circulation. She also invested $50 million in a new printing press and other equipment, reduced costs and expanded advertising sales.

With the investments in new technology, El Nuevo Día has been able to develop its Web site, elnuevodia.com, and form an alliance with Monster.com for online classified advertising, WebTV and movies.

The tabloid format of El Nuevo Día is based more on British newspapers, but its content is similar to newspapers in the United States. Ferré Rangel believes that, in the future, the newspaper will offer more niche information and services to satisfy the specific needs of its consumers.

“A lot of that will be driven by changes in technology,” she says.

While at Holy Cross, Ferré Rangel spent her summers working at El Nuevo Día. She did not necessarily believe she would join the family business after graduation, but she wanted to go back to Puerto Rico and “give back” to her country.

“Day by day I fell in love with the newspaper and with the ability to create a product every day that can impact society in so many ways, to give voice to those who do not have it, to preserve and educate about our culture and history, to defend the basic rights of every human being and, at the same time, reinforce that with every right comes great responsibility,” Ferré Rangel says. “It’s a passion that continues to drive and inspire me every day.”

Before choosing to attend Holy Cross, she visited several schools around New England. Two major factors influenced her decision to attend the College: The strong liberal arts program and its Jesuit tradition.

A Spanish and political science major, Ferré Rangel was greatly influenced by her Spanish professor Isabel Alvarez Borland.

“She saw more in me than just a student,” she says. “She started a program for me as a teaching assistant that didn’t exist before.”

One of Ferré Rangel’s most profound experiences at Holy Cross was as a social worker in Worcester, where she taught Spanish-speaking children to prepare for their First Communion. She called the experience “very interesting and very rewarding.”

“Holy Cross teaches you to think with a broader perspective,” Ferré Rangel says. “The Jesuit experience was critical in making my faith much stronger.”

Stats

- Birthplace: Ponce, Puerto Rico; grew up in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
- Date of birth: Dec. 28, 1967
- Current residence: Guaynabo, in the same house where she was raised
- Family: husband, Miguel Jose Santaella; children, Miguel Antonio Santaella Ferré (11) and Eugenia Sofia Santaella Ferré (7)
- Additional education: master’s degree in communications from Boston University

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For the rest of the story as well as a Bob Cousy photo gallery, a story about growing up as his daughters, and audio clips of his HCM interview with Clark Booth ‘61, visit holycross.edu/magazine and click on “Web Exclusives.”