Montserrat Welcomes the Class of 2013

“This is a living, learning and doing experience.”

— Montserrat director Nancy Andrews
“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”
—Albert Camus

Photograph by Dan Vaillancourt
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Jenn Marcotte '05
New York, N.Y.
To celebrate the beginning of another academic year, we asked readers to send us their memories of their first days at Holy Cross. Our favorite came from Aline Weiller '87:

**Day One**

In August of '83, I arrived diva-like on the Hill with two cars, every belonging in tow. I wanted Worcester to feel like home. Unpacking was followed by heartfelt goodbyes, but no tears, as I embarked on my college journey. Settling in, vivid images of prior trips to Holy Cross flooded my mind—as an alumni family, we were a fixture at homecomings and the like. I especially recalled that pivotal visit as a high school junior when I, too, felt called to be a Crusader. Memories of my first day remain fond as it was the catalyst to strive for excellence, strengthen my faith, forge lasting friendships, and to become someone “for others.” Incoming first-years take note: Savor your first day too.

Aline (Doino) Weiller '87
Weston, Conn.

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**Let us hear from you!**

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Editor’s Note

**Move-In Day**

Photo by John Buckingham

It’s hard to work at a college and not compare the experiences of current students to one’s own memories of school days. For me, move-in day on my campus was a quiet affair, with nervous students toiling over suitcases while parents buzzed about, finding ways to stay busy in an attempt to keep the tears at bay. Happily, my roommate and I forged an instant bond when we each unpacked an Opus the Penguin doll (of “Bloom County” comic strip fame) as a memento from home.

But that happy memory seems to pale in comparison to what happened here on the Hill a few Saturdays ago. As first-year students and their families arrived, a group of well-wishing, hollering, whistling, waving residence life staff, student helpers and even some local alumni (see page 47) welcomed each car and SUV. (All this in a drenching rain, no less!) And, as the arrivals unloaded boxes of linens and dorm essentials, more folks jumped in to lend a hand with the heavy lifting.

In the years ahead, there will be even more helpers in the form of professors, chaplains and fellow students to guide and inspire the Class of 2013 as they find their place at the table and become nourished on the academic, spiritual and community opportunities at Holy Cross.

Those rich and varied opportunities are immediately apparent to first-year students through Montserrat. Beginning on Page 34, you’ll read about how this unique program (now beginning its second year) is faring on campus. Plus, as part of his annual President’s Report (Page 13), Fr. McFarland eloquently describes what “engaged learning” means at Holy Cross and its importance in Jesuit higher education.

As always, Holy Cross Magazine would like to hear from you, especially as we plan our new look in the coming months. Tell us what you love, or don’t love, about your alumni magazine, and be sure to include story ideas that you’d like to see the HCM staff pursue.

Thank you,

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About Martyrs Plaza

Constructed in 1994, Martyrs Plaza is located in front of St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. A medalion (above) containing the names of six Jesuits, their housekeeper and her daughter who were assassinated on the campus of the University of Central America in El Salvador on Nov. 16, 1989 was placed there and dedicated on Nov. 12, 1995. Rev. John Higgins, S.J., then rector of the Jesuit Community, presided at the Liturgy. Rev. William Reiser, S.J., of the religious studies department, delivered the homily, in which he reflected: “In four centuries of work in education, perhaps no single event has played so dramatic a role in reshaping the way the Society of Jesus regards its mission to teach as the assassination of those six educators.”

Holy Cross Heritage 2009 includes a candlelight prayer service in Martyrs Plaza, marking the 20th anniversary on Nov. 16, by members of the Magis Program and Pax Christi, following the talk by Holy Cross Professor Emeritus James B. Nickoloff.

Holy Cross is hosting a semester-long series of events this fall about Jesuit heritage, revolving around the themes of “Faith, Life, and Sacrifice,” in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the deaths of six Jesuits and two laywomen murdered in El Salvador on Nov. 16, 1989.*

“The plans for Jesuit Heritage 2009 direct our attention to the sacrifice that can be involved in the service of faith and the promotion of justice,” remarks Rev. James Hayes, S.J., associate chaplain and rector of the Holy Cross Jesuit community, on the special significance of this year’s observance. “As we anticipate the 20th anniversary of the murders of the Jesuits of the University of Central America and their collaborators in El Salvador, we reflect on what is worth living for and maybe even worth dying for.”

The program opened with a concelebrated Mass on Sept. 27 in the Mary Chapel, marking the 469th anniversary of the founding of the Society of Jesus, and a student panel, on Sept. 29, addressing the topic, “What my Jesuit education means to me in light of the deaths of the El Salvador martyrs.”

* More than 70,000 died during El Salvador’s civil war in the 1980s and early 1990s, the vast majority of whom were civilians killed by the Salvadoran government’s armed forces and paramilitary death squads. The assassination of the six Jesuits and two laywomen, who were unwavering in their defense of the poor and oppressed, brought international outrage and condemnation upon the Salvadoran government, ultimately pressuring its leaders to end their country’s civil war.
In spring 2007, Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84, associate chaplain at Holy Cross and director of service and social justice programs, accompanied students on an immersion program to El Salvador, which was facilitated by International Partners in Mission and its executive director Joe Cistone ’87. She offers the following reflection about the importance of El Salvador to her life and work.

“I was introduced to El Salvador in Fr. Manning’s Liberation Theology class. We read the stories of contemporary martyrs: Archbishop Oscar Romero, the Maryknoll sisters, and most challenging to me, the story of Jean Donovan, a 29-year-old laywoman. After graduating, I worked as a Jesuit volunteer with Salvadoran refugees and, in 1989, along with classmates at Weston Jesuit School of Theology, called on our elected officials to investigate the assassinations at the University of Central America.

“The people of El Salvador have taught me much about God, the Church, and the significance of Jesuit education. Thus one of the greatest privileges I have had as a chaplain at Holy Cross was to travel with students to El Salvador. I want my students to know that faith matters and that it leads to a commitment to justice. I believe this is at the heart of Jesuit education, and among the best teachers are the Salvadoran people.”

For more photos from the immersion trip to El Salvador (like this snapshot of Salvadoran school children, above), visit holycross.edu/magazine and click on Web Exclusives.
In September, the Worcester Business Journal announced that Holy Cross had been selected to receive the magazine’s annual Central Massachusetts Green Award, given to area businesses and organizations that have shown dedication to creating a healthier planet. The College and other winners were profiled in a recent issue, and will be honored at the 2009 Massachusetts Energy Summit at Worcester’s DCU Center on Oct. 15.

WBJ Managing Editor Matthew L. Brown commented that the award committee was impressed with the “comprehensiveness” of Holy Cross’ environmental efforts, which include going trayless in the dining halls, revising the College’s energy conservation policy and investigating the viability of using wind power on campus. Perhaps most significantly, the new Carbon Neutral Plan, submitted as part of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, which Holy Cross President, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S. J., signed in 2007, calls for a 20 percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2015 and a long-term goal of climate neutrality by or before 2040. The College has already demonstrated a significant drop in greenhouse gas emissions since 2007 with the procurement of a hydro-electric energy source.

Previous Central Massachusetts Green Award winners include Boston Scientific’s Endosurgery Headquarters, which undertook an involved renovation at its facility in Marlborough and received LEED certification in 2008 as a result, and South High School in Worcester, which upgraded a heating/cooling system that will result in 1,380 tons of reduced carbon dioxide emissions over the next 20 years.

For more information about the College’s efforts to go green and stay green, visit holycross.edu/sustainability/
Nominations are being accepted for the 2010 Sanctae Crucis Awards. Established in 1998 with judging criteria based on the College’s mission, the awards honor alumni achievement, and are the highest honor Holy Cross can bestow on a graduate of the College.

“The primary goals of the Sanctae Crucis Awards are to honor outstanding alumni and in so doing recognize and celebrate the distinctive mission of Holy Cross,” says Frank Vellaccio, senior vice president.

The list of previous honorees includes inaugural recipient Mary G. Berner ’81, who was selected for her stellar accomplishments in magazine publishing and her support of St. Pius School for Girls in the South Bronx; and Lisa D. Levine, M.D., ’01, who was honored in 2009 for her work to bring gynecological care to third-world nations. Capt. Robert P. McGovern, U.S.A., ’89, another 2009 recipient, went from the Hill to the NFL to a role as a special narcotics prosecutor for the Manhattan District Attorney’s office and finally to his work as a judge advocate general in the U.S. Army.

There are three categories for the Sanctae Crucis Award:

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

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

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

The deadline for nominations is Jan. 1, 2010. In order to be eligible for nomination, individuals must be Holy Cross graduates who have not received an honorary degree from the College. Current Holy Cross Trustees are not eligible while in service on the Board.

To submit a nomination, visit the senior vice president’s Web site at holycross.edu/senior_vp/. There you will find an online form and a printable form, which can be mailed to Office of the Senior Vice President, PO Box VP, College of the Holy Cross, One College Street, Worcester, MA 01610.

The Awards ceremony will be held at the annual spring dinner meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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**O’Leary Award Honors Two Faculty for Outstanding Work**

In acknowledgment of their outstanding work and to encourage their sustained efforts, two members of the faculty, Associate Professor Ann Marie Leshkowich of sociology and anthropology department and Associate Professor Kenneth Prestwich of the biology department, have been awarded the Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Awards. These $10,000 honoraria are given each year by Senior Vice President Frank Vellacio to senior faculty members who make a special contribution to Holy Cross through their teaching, scholarship and/or service. The O’Leary Awards are intended to honor the recipients, to advance their work and to encourage other members of the faculty to attain a high level of professional achievement and to be a positive influence in the lives of students.

The 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, one of the largest independent oil and gas companies in the United States.
The Jesuit Spirit in Action

Graduation from Holy Cross, where volunteerism runs high, does not mean leaving the Ignatian call to help others behind. Through the Ignatian Volunteer Corps and Jesuit Volunteer Corps, opportunities for lifelong service to the neediest in our communities abound.

Founded 15 years ago by two Jesuit priests, the Ignatian Volunteer Corps is now present in 12 states with more than 270 members. This organization, which welcomes people 55 years and older, is dedicated to helping the materially poor. Working with existing service sites to extend their influence and aid them in helping others, IVC volunteers can be found on the ground at innumerable non-profit service centers, including homeless shelters, food pantries and ESL learning labs. Adhering to the motto “Finding God in All Things,” IVC’s spiritual component is central to the volunteer experience. In order to strive for spiritual development, all of its members take part in journaling, a yearly retreat, individual monthly meetings for spiritual reflection and monthly meetings with fellow corps members.

With an average volunteer age of 68, IVC offers the opportunity for volunteerism in one’s retirement years. Suzanne Geaney ’76, director of IVC, says: “The most important thing someone can do can happen later in life. Giving to others can be the most meaningful time.”

When asked what it takes to thrive as an IVC volunteer, Brother Steve Jubin, director of the New England region, replied simply “You’re not called to be successful, you’re called to be faithful.” Through his experience working with IVC, Brother Jubin says he is able to tap into a pervasive happiness that comes from volunteering with the poor.

For the recently graduated, the Jesuit Volunteer Corps offers an avenue to serve in the Ignatian spirit. Living right alongside the people they are helping, young people dedicate a year or more to striving for social justice.

Having spent two years in Chuuk, Micronesia, A.J. Cabrera ’05 looks back fondly on his time volunteering in Jesuit Volunteer International (JVI), a division of JVC. He offers this advice to any Holy Cross student considering the opportunity: “This is the best time to do something that puts you out of your comfort zone. There is no rush at this point in your life.” Similar to IVC, the JVC also places Jesuit spirituality at the center of its organization. According to Cabrera, there are four core values that the experience revolves around: community, social justice, spirituality and simple living. “No matter what you did, you had to live out these four values, and I want to live them out for the rest of my life,” he says.

When researching different volunteer organizations, Sarah Bernardi ’09 immediately knew that JVC was the right one for her. “Although I could have taken any number of other volunteer positions doing direct service in the community, it was the Ignatian spirituality that drew me to JVC,” she says. “JVC offers me a chance to work directly with marginalized populations and live in a community, while giving me the chance to grow in spirituality and understanding of what it really means to be Catholic.”

The need for IVC and JVC volunteers is now greater than ever as economic woes linger and more people out of work are moving below the poverty line. Brother Jubin gives this advice to any Holy Cross alum thinking about joining one of the Jesuit volunteer groups: “Don’t be afraid, because that’s what holds us back…IVC is the best investment portfolio on the market, because it stays with you for eternity. Invest in your future by giving back to your neighbor.” —Kristen Rooney ’09
AUTHOR TAKES JENKS CHAIR

Noted creative non-fiction writer and novelist Leah Hager Cohen has been appointed to the W.H. Jenks Chair in Contemporary American Letters, succeeding Visiting Professor Bill Roorbach, whose tenure in the position ended in June.

“I have been struck by the warmth of people’s welcome and by their evident openness to collaboration—something I am eager to explore,” Cohen says. “The very title of the position—Jenks Chair of Contemporary American Letters—suggests a spirit of cooperation and interdisciplinary exploration, as ‘Letters’ are, clearly, important to so many kinds of scholarly work and thought.”

Cohen, who holds a bachelor of arts degree in creative writing from Hampshire College and a master of science degree in journalism from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, is the author of several books, including Heat Lightning (Harper Perennial, 1998) and The Stuff of Dreams: Behind the Scenes of an American Community Theater (Penguin, 2002). Her most recent publication is House Lights (W.W. Norton, 2007). Four of Cohen’s works have been awarded Notable Book citations by The New York Times.

The Kennedy Legacy

James David Christie, Distinguished Artist-in-Residence and Holy Cross organist, performed at the funeral Mass for Sen. Ted Kennedy Hon. ‘77 on Aug. 29 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Basilica in Boston. Susan Graham, mezzo soprano, who sang Schubert’s “Ave Maria,” joined him. At the end of the service, Christie played one of the most well-known choral pieces from the “German Requiem” of Johannes Brahms, “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place.”

International known tenor Placido Domingo and cellist Yo-Yo Ma also performed at the Mass.

Edward O’Donnell, associate professor of history at the College, commented about continuing the Kennedy legacy in the Aug. 27 edition of The Boston Globe: “There might be enough goodwill, enough romance and nostalgia and so forth, to carry (a Kennedy) into office,” he said. “But the electorate could decide that this is the time to make a break. Leave the Kennedy phenomenon on a high note.” In the Aug. 30 edition of The Boston Herald, O’Donnell noted that, despite his stand on reproductive issues, which went against the Catholic Church’s teachings, Sen. Kennedy followed the Church’s position on other key issues such as ending the death penalty and the eradication of poverty. “He fashioned himself to think that social justice accompanies many, many issues of life and justice,” O’Donnell said.

Thoughts on the New G.I. Bill

Vice President for Administration and Finance Michael Lochhead, a native of Sandy, Utah, shared his experiences attending college under the previous G.I. Bill with the Salt Lake Tribune, and commented about how the new bill could positively impact campus culture at Holy Cross. “The benefit in having more veterans at a place like Holy Cross is clearly diversity,” he said. “I think it will really enrich the classroom environment.” Lochhead also spoke about the new G.I. Bill’s benefits on National Public Radio’s “All Things Considered,” which reaches more than 11.5 million listeners each week on 650 public radio stations nationwide.

Saskatchewan Style

Jocelyn Kratchmer ’11, a member of the women’s hockey team that boasted an incredible 24-2-1 season last year, was the subject of a feature story on TSN Canada’s Sports Leader.
CLAIRE BURNS AWARD

The Claire B. Burns Awards are presented annually to non-exempt employees of the College, currently working or retired, who, in the fulfillment of their responsibilities, have demonstrated, fostered and promoted the spirit of family which is a treasured characteristic of the Holy Cross Community. This year, the awards went to:

- Mary J. Boucher (public safety dispatcher since 1979)
- Alice E. Swett (development assistant since 1976)
- Christopher M. Booth (physical plant/building services custodian since 1992)

(Donal ’49 and Claire Burns ’80, sponsors of the awards)

Bonnie A. Johnson (controller’s office payroll coordinator since 1978)

Sponsors Donal ’49 and Claire Burns ’80 (fourth and fifth from left) congratulated the 2009 recipients of the Claire Burns Award.

Frances D. Milionis (financial aid administrative assistant since 1986)
John W. Brosnihan (physical plant/grounds foreperson since 1976)
Walter R. LeBlanc (dining services sous chef since 1982)

As part of the awards program, Walter LeBlanc received The Rev. William J. O’Halloran, S.J., Award, which was established in 2008 to honor Fr. O’Halloran’s long years of service to the College (1963–2008) and his contributions to the Claire B. Burns Employee Award Program.

In addition to these honors, 51 employees were recognized for perfect attendance over the past year, including William Breault of the physical plant, who has received the award for the past 25 consecutive years.

Cities of Peace

Sarajevo: Here (right) is part of “Cities of Peace,” an exhibition produced at the Illumination Atelier in East Hampton, N.Y., by interns from across the globe and under the direction of artist and author Ellen Frank. The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery at Holy Cross will host “Cities of Peace” from Oct. 21 to Dec 16. For more information, visit holycross.edu/cantorartgallery/
Incoming Students Connect with the Fourth Estate

Instead of being asked to absorb a classic novel or autobiography for their summer reading assignment, the Class of 2013 was told to read a newspaper each day.

Sounds mundane enough, but this is a demographic for which texts have replaced written letters and even typed e-mails, and instant news flashes are Twittered or blogged into the collective consciousness. The newspaper is all but a relic.

But Class Dean and Associate Professor in economics Nancy Baldiga knows there is value in the daily paper. She launched “The Class of 2013 Paper Project” to help students realize the importance of reading and discussing the news of the day. “My goals for the project were to increase the students’ awareness of current issues, expose them to quality writing and allow them to make connections with members of the Holy Cross community,” Baldiga explains.

Participation in the project was high, with faculty, students and staff reading online posts made to the specially designed Paper Project Web site.

“Throughout the project, I provided links to information about faculty, programs and resources at the College. Members of the class not only got to know each other, they also became acquainted with key people on campus.”

Baldiga says she is most gratified by the conversations that stemmed from the project, reporting that participants “discussed issues that are important for liberal arts students: finding and identifying quality data, developing effective arguments and welcoming opposing viewpoints.”

A FAMILY AFFAIR


Afterwards, Thomas Smith snapped this photo (top right) of little Stephen (left) and Michael on the steps of the Dinand Library.

Fifteen years later, the elder Smith took another photo (bottom right), just after moving his sons into their residence hall rooms on Mount St. James this fall, to “commemorate their journey to Holy Cross.” English major Stephen Smith ’10 spent his junior year abroad at Mansfield College, Oxford, and has now begun his last year on the Hill. Michael Smith ’13 joined his brother this fall.

Their father explained another connection his family shares at their alma mater: “Both Michael and Stephen are midshipmen in the NROTC unit (my influence—I taught Naval science there from 1981 to 1983), and both are members of the College Choir, just like their mother,” he says, continuing, “I couldn’t make up a better Holy Cross story.”

We agree.
Calendar of Events

October

**ONGOING**

Jesuit Heritage 2009

For the complete schedule of events, visit holycross.edu and click on “Features and Events.”

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After the Fall: Capitalism and a Just Way Forward lecture series: “The Middle Class at Risk: The New Economic Security and What Can Be Done About It,” by Jacob Hacker of Yale University. Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

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Montserrat Global Society Cluster Event

“Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing”: talk by James Waller, with the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation. Seelos Theater, 4 PM

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Fall Homecoming

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After the Fall: Capitalism and a Just Way Forward lecture series: “The Challenge of Climate Change,” by William D. Nordhaus of Yale University. Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

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22-23

The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery: “Cities of Peace”

Curated by artist Ellen Frank, the exhibition honors the history and culture of cities that have experienced major conflict and trauma. Hours: Weekdays, 10 AM to 5 PM; Saturdays, 2 to 5 PM

23-25

Family Weekend

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Visit to campus by Cardinal Sean O’Malley, O.F.M. Cap, of the Archdiocese of Boston. Mass at 4:15 PM, St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, followed by a visit to the grave of Bishop Benedict Fenwick, S.J., second bishop of Boston

November

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After the Fall: Capitalism and a Just Way Forward lecture series: Lecture by David A. Spina ’64, retired chairman and chief executive officer of State Street Corporation and a Holy Cross Trustee. Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

5-7 & 12-14

Holy Cross Theatre Department: The Servant of Two Masters, by Carlo Goldoni

Fenwick Theatre, 8 PM

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After the Fall: Capitalism and a Just Way Forward lecture series: “How to Prevent the Next Great Depression: A Jewish Law Perspective,” by Aaron Levine of Yeshiva University. Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

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President’s Council Dinner

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After the Fall: Capitalism and a Just Way Forward lecture series: “Flourishing Economies: Supporting and deepening personal and public awareness,” by Daniel Barbezat of Amherst College. Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

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December

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Concert: Gamelan Gita Sari

Brooks Concert Hall, 8 PM

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Alternate College Theatre: And Then There Were None, by Agatha Christie

Fenwick Theatre, Dec. 3-5, 8 PM; Dec. 5 & 6, 2 PM

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Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 8 PM

12-19

Final Examinations

For more news and up-to-date information about upcoming events, visit holycross.edu
ACH MORNING for 28 days this summer, Casey O’Keeffe ’10 woke to the sounds of life in Nairobi, Kenya. After morning lectures on the political, social or economic realities of life in East Africa and Kiswahili language classes, she went to work at St. Secilia’s Primary School—located in Kibera, the largest slum in sub-Saharan Africa—where her students greeted her with songs and eagerly exchanged vocabulary words with her, Kiswahili to English and back. In the evenings, she spent time reflecting on her day and the lessons she learned, connecting the reality before her with her coursework as a psychology major with a concentration in Peace and Conflict Studies.

O’Keefe is one of a dozen students who participated in an exceptional study abroad program this summer, integrating classroom experiences with community internships. Accompanied by Judith Chubb, professor of political science, and Margaret A. Post ’96, director of the Donelan Office of Community-Based Learning, students immersed themselves in Kenyan culture while focusing on issues of social justice. “The combination of rigorous academic study with grassroots community engagement, unique among the College’s study abroad programs, epitomizes the mission of Holy Cross to promote global citizenship and social justice with special emphasis on the preferential option for the poor,” says Chubb. “These students have begun a long journey of personal transformation.”

“The Importance of Engaged Learning

BY REV. MICHAEL C. MCFARLAND, S.J.

“Students, in the course of their formation, must let the gritty reality of this world into their lives, so they can learn to feel it, think about it critically, respond to its suffering and engage it constructively. They should learn to perceive, think, judge, choose and act for the rights of others, especially the disadvantaged and the oppressed.”

Engaged Learning and Liberal Arts

**LIBERAL ARTS** education strives to provide students a strong foundation for understanding themselves and the world around them, while preparing them to enter that world as critical thinkers, problem solvers and conscientious citizens. Students are seen as more than passive recipients of knowledge and information. Instead, they are encouraged to become active learners, taking ownership of their educational experience and growing as human beings as well. Liberal arts institutions support that growth by offering a wide variety of opportunities—on- and off-campus—to complement their academic work, including outreach and community service programs, internships, research opportunities, athletics and a myriad of other clubs and programs. These give students the chance to grow personally, develop leadership and prepare for a successful and fulfilling future.

An important trend in liberal arts education today is a closer and more structured integration of students’ experiences in and out of the classroom, with the ultimate goal of educating the whole person. “Engaged learning,” as it is commonly called, connects theory and practice. It invites students to bring their real-world experiences into the classroom, thereby enriching the discussion and dialogue, and then challenges students to bring their classroom experience out into the world to be tested, strengthened and enhanced. It also asks that students consider the context—including the social and civic contexts—of the subjects they study. And finally, engaged learning seeks to draw students’ attention to the human condition affected by the content of their studies, and it is in this goal that we see the dovetailing of engaged learning and the ideals of a liberal arts education.

It is a cycle of experience, reflection and action that encourages students to participate in the dynamic interplay between their lived experiences, new knowledge and participation in the world around them.

“The real measure of our Jesuit universities lies in who our students become.” —Fr. Kolvenbach

A Jesuit Tradition

**THIS MODEL**, so popular today in liberal arts education, has deep roots in the Jesuit pedagogical tradition. When St. Ignatius and his companions founded the Society of Jesus in the 16th century and began opening schools, there were two dominant models of education. The medieval tradition focused on preparing students to be doctors, lawyers, scientists, mathematicians, ministers and philosophers, while the humanistic tradition of the Renaissance chose instead to concentrate on the formation of character and leadership. While those early
Jesuits saw strength in both approaches, they adopted the humanistic tradition, choosing the system best suited to promoting civic virtue and a spirit of generous service.

Jesuit education aims to transform students so that they, in turn, can transform the world. It is less about what they know than who they become. Whether students choose to be lawyers, teachers, accountants, doctors, priests or politicians, their education ensures that they will make every attempt to leave the world better off than they found it. This goes back to the very foundation of Jesuit spirituality, which asks that we discern our greatest gifts and decide how best to use them in the world “for the greater glory of God.”

The 34th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus published a decree on Jesuits and University Life (wwwcompanysj.com/ge34/ge34.17.html). It calls all Jesuit colleges and universities to remain true to both the noun “university” and the adjective “Jesuit.” To be a university means to be “a place of serene and open search for and discussion of the truth,” with a “dedication to research, teaching and the various forms of service that correspond to its cultural mission”; while to be Jesuit “requires that the university act in harmony with the demands of the service of faith and promotion of justice.” From the Society's earliest days, our mission has called us to engage with the world, not be cloistered in monasteries. This philosophy carries over into Jesuit education, as students...

As part of the Summer Research Program, two Holy Cross physics majors worked with (some say) baseball-obsessed associate professor of physics Matthew Koss, to measure the spin decay of a baseball (how the ball’s rotation slows over time)—which could have implications for organizations from Major League Baseball to the airline industry. The best part? They did it at zero gravity.

Using a pitching machine and computer models on the ground, Kevin Sullo ’10 of Hamden, Conn., and Tom Booth ’10 of Patchogue, N.Y., devised methods to count a ball’s rotation. The next step was performing calculations in an environment where variables like wind and gravity would not have an effect.

Koss encouraged Hamden and Booth to respond to a call for proposals put out by MIT’s aeronautical/astronautical engineering department to gain access to a zero-gravity flight. Of the 30 researchers chosen, Sullo and Booth were the only undergraduates and the only non-MIT students.

During an interview with Fox 25 Boston, Koss explained that the data the duo collected may someday help teams win games, envisioning a time when “pitching coaches and pitchers can get together with a high-fidelity model and design their approach to certain batters on the computer.”

Describing the zero-g flight as a “blast,” Sullo remarked that “when you work on campus during the summer you definitely develop a much better relationship with your research professor. The best part … is that you get to see the practical applications of the things that you learn in class.”

Booth agrees: “[Professor Koss] lets us figure out a lot of problems on our own … which helped us understand our own project a lot better. So not only can we give you the answers but we can tell you how and why we got them.”
Into the Woods

Last June, Alicia Cianciola ’09 of Cheshire, Conn., and Jenny Ugolino ’09 of West Hurley, N.Y., pitched a tent in Cascades West, the 223 acres of protected woodland along Worcester’s northern edge, bordering the suburbs of Paxton and Holden. It became their home for the next six weeks.

The students were hired by the College to conduct a study for the Greater Worcester Land Trust, which owns the property, through a community work-study program. Cianciola, an environmental science major, and Ugolino, a biology major, studied and catalogued plants and wildlife for the Land Trust. Cianciola told Worcester Magazine, the experience was surreal. “When you’re in there, it feels very rural,” she says, “but even on the edge here you always know in the back of your mind that there are houses not even a mile away.”

Colin Novick, executive director of the Land Trust, helped the students set up their camp, complete with food, a camera—even an outhouse.

Novick told Worcester Magazine that he “hopes the study will show how the land has changed, its interdependence on the surrounding area and the forces at work there. It’s the kind of record that can also be useful when compared to future studies.”

Despite the rainy summer, the students said they enjoyed the peaceful, natural setting of their summer home, and left with a deeper sense of their inner resources.

must be given the opportunity to merge the texts of the classroom with the greater context of the world around them.

This model of engaged education requires a true team effort on the part of faculty, staff and students. It asks that faculty and staff help students to bring what they know into dialogue with the needs and experiences of others, moving the focus from handing on of knowledge to a broader concept of student learning. Instead of compartmentalizing educational activities in the classroom, the laboratory, the campus center, the residence hall and the community, it requires that students and faculty strive to integrate all of these pathways of learning.

The Holy Cross Experience

Today, our students arrive on Mount St. James with a diverse set of interests and experiences, which they bring with them to the classrooms and residence halls. Our goal is to create a bridge between the classroom and those interests and experiences outside the classroom, enriching the level of dialogue and discussion among the members of our community.

While Holy Cross has utilized this method of integrated learning for many years, in the last decade or so there has been an institutional commitment to engaged learning through establishment of structured programs such as the Donelan Office of Community-Based Learning, the Summer Internship Program,

At Holy Cross, engaged learning happens every day,
summer research opportunities, the Arrupe Immersion Program and the Lilly Vocational Discernment Initiative, which has added a reflective component to Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD) and other service programs. It is our hope that in presenting students not only with new knowledge, but with a set of experiences that brings that knowledge to life and gives it a face, we are shaping human beings who will go out into the world with a sense of moral, civic and social responsibility. We hope that they will continue to question their relationship to the world and their responsibility for the well-being of society.

In 2008, Holy Cross received the community engagement classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This recognizes the College as an institution where “teaching, learning and scholarship engage faculty, students and community in mutually beneficial and respectful collaboration,” while focusing on “the application and provision of institutional resources for community use with benefits to both campus and community.” The rigorous application process highlighted the extensive involvement of our students, faculty and staff within the Worcester community. This designation acknowledges Holy Cross for its curricular engagement, outreach and partnerships, and underscores the collective work of many, both on and off campus. One of only 195 colleges and universities across the country to be named for this classification, the College was recognized for its “excellent alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy engagement.” This distinction does not mean our work is done, but it encourages us to move forward with confidence, knowing that we are on the right path.

During their years at Holy Cross, we want students to participate in a cycle of experience, analysis, action, reflection and judgment that is at the heart of Jesuit discernment as it has been employed by the Society of Jesus since its earliest days. It is our hope that in this cycle, our students will find their own truths and their own paths. The journey does not end with Commencement; that is where it begins.

Our dedication to this concept of engaged learning and active participation reflects Fr. Kolvenbach’s assertion that, “when the heart is touched by direct experience, the mind may be challenged to change.” Our success is measured by our alumni who have had their hearts touched and their minds changed by their Holy Cross experience, and who are now using their own gifts and talents to transform their communities and the larger world, ad maioram dei gloriam.
Academics

The Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies saw a significant increase in the number of students interested in designing their own majors. The program garnered 45 applications for self-designed majors in the 2008-09 academic year; in the previous year, they received 26 applications.

The College launched Montserrat, an academically rigorous learning and living program for first-year students, in the 2008 fall semester.

The College received a $900,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to improve science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education in high-needs school districts by attracting undergraduates in these fields to teaching careers. The grant—which will fund the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program at Holy Cross through 2015—will contribute to the national effort to improve STEM teaching by substantially increasing the number of Holy Cross students in STEM disciplines who go on to teach at the middle and high school level.

The Park B. and Linda Smith Laboratories was completed, opening its doors to students for 2009 spring semester classes. The four-story building is linked to the existing science and social science buildings (Beaven, O’Neil and Swords halls). The second part of the new Integrated Science Complex construction project, the renovation of Haberlin Hall, has begun and is set to be completed in January 2010. A group of Holy Cross theatre students and faculty were the only U.S. artists to perform at the Bali Arts Festival which took place in June. They performed the musical Mimpí, an original dance drama created by Lynn Kremer, professor of theatre.

The College was awarded a $77,200 grant from The Beckman Foundation. This highly competitive grant, which significantly advances the education, research training and personal development of students studying chemistry, biochemistry and the biological and medical sciences, will provide four scholarships over the next three years to Holy Cross students. Holy Cross was selected as one of only nine institutions for the 2009-12 grant cycle.

Holy Cross, along with Assumption College and Saint Anselm College, received a three-year $300,000 grant from the Teagle Foundation in New York. This grant follows a planning grant from the Foundation that the three New England Catholic liberal arts colleges received in 2007 and 2008 to work together to examine undergraduate students’ acquisition and refinement of moral, ethical, civic and spiritual values—values that are central to the colleges’ respective mission statements.

The department of theatre was awarded the New England Theatre Conference’s (NETC) Moss Hart Awards.
Award for best college play, for its 2007 production of My Life with Albertine. It is the second year in a row that the department has received the honor.

The College unveiled its newly renovated state-of-the-art Francis Xavier Seelos Theater, located in Kimball Hall. The renovations allow the College to significantly broaden the kinds of programs offered to include large group meetings, lectures, panel discussions and performances, along with a popular film series during the academic year.

Spanish professor Isabel Alvarez-Borland was awarded the Monsignor Edward G. Murray Professorship in the Humanities at Holy Cross. Alvarez-Borland also co-edited the anthology titled Cuban-American Art and Literature: Negotiating Identities, writing an introduction to the volume as well as an essay, “Figures of Identity: Ana Menéndez’s and Guillermo Cabrera Infante’s Photographs.” The book was published by SUNY Press as part of a series in Latin American and Iberian Thought and Culture.

Capt. Sea Thomas, Marine officer instructor in the department of naval science, received the Colonel Leo Codd Award, presented by the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA). Thomas was selected as the top Marine instructor among 62 Marine officers serving at 59 Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) units across the country. As part of this award, he was also recognized as being among the top two instructors in the NROTC program of approximately 275 total Navy and Marine Corps officers.

Thomas Cecil, professor of mathematics, received the 2008-09 Mary Louise Marfuggi Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship, which is

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given to a faculty member with an exemplary record of scholarship and outstanding achievement in the creation of an original work in the arts and sciences. Victoria Swigert, professor of sociology, received the 2008-09 Mary Louise Marfuggi Faculty Award for Academic Advisement, a new award that honors faculty who have demonstrated effective academic advisement and mentorship of students that was extraordinary in quality and sustained at least three years.

Noel D. Cary, associate professor of history, received the College’s 2008 Distinguished Teaching Award at the annual Fall Faculty Convocation and Awards ceremony; 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.

Four members of the faculty were honored with the Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Award. 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 students’ lives. The 2008 recipients included Patricia Bizzell, professor of English; Francisco Gago-Jover, professor and chair of the modern languages and literatures department; Lynn Kremer, professor of theatre and Todd Lewis, professor of religious studies.

The Holy Cross Committee on Fellowships, Research and Publication selected the recipients of the Robert L. Ardizzone ’63 Junior Faculty Research Award and the Junior Faculty Excellence Award. The Junior Faculty Research Award was made to professor Gwenn A. Miller of the history department. The Junior Faculty Excellence Award was made to professor Caroline Johnson Hodge of the religious studies department.

Leon Claessens, assistant professor of biology, was awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the amount of $497,735, for a project titled, “Aves 3D: An Online Database of Three-dimensional Avian Skeletal Morphology (RUI).” The award will be used to create a 3D online database of digital scans of the different bones in the skeleton of living, recently extinct and fossil birds.
The Office of the Dean announced the hiring of three new teaching fellows through an $800,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation: Katherine A. Grandjean, history; Scott Malia, theatre; and Mika Natif, visual arts.

Twenty members of the Holy Cross Class of 2009 joined Teach For America, a program that trains top students to teach in low-income communities. Holy Cross is the second largest contributor to the program among small colleges (fewer than 3,000 students).

This spring, 44 members of the Holy Cross College Choir, with choir director Pamela Mindell, traveled to perform a concert tour in Spain. Their four performances were held at Catedral de Alcalá de Henares in Alcalá de Henares; Iglesia de la Anunciación in Sevilla; Basílica de San Juan de Dios in Granada and Iglesia de San Agustín in Málaga.

Two Holy Cross graduates were awarded Fulbright Grants. Gerald Dickinson ’09, of Pittsburgh, works and studies at the University of Witwatersrand School of Law and the Centre for Applied Legal Studies in Johannesburg, South Africa; and Benjamin Rayder ’09, of Falmouth, Maine, works as a teaching assistant in Germany.

Sarah Bolthrusis ’09 of Nahant, Mass., and Meghan Tighe ’09 of Wilmette, Ill., co-chairs of Eco-Action, a Holy Cross student organization dedicated to the promotion of environmental awareness through education and local action, were joined by 50 Holy Cross student members to initiate a variety of ambitious projects to help lay the groundwork for future environmental efforts at the College.

Owen Fenton ’10 of Longmeadow, Mass., was one of fewer than 300 students nationally to earn a scholarship from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

Elizabeth Morse ’09 of Shelton, Conn., was selected as one of eight 2008 American Cancer Society Alvan T. and Viola Fuller Junior Research Fellows from New England. She was also named an Engel Fellow, an award given to the top fellow in the program. Morse’s research focuses on a method of inhibiting protein production, which may help in the fight against cancer.

Kristen Shaw ’10 of North Reading, Mass., and Patrick Reilly ’09 of Coventry, Conn., were selected by the College’s Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies as the 2008 fall and 2009 spring semester Maurizio Vannicelli Washington Semester Away program award recipients, respectively.

Ten Holy Cross classics majors joined a group of Furman University undergraduate students to help create a digital version of a 10th-century manuscript of the great mathematician, Archimedes, using digital photography and initial transcriptions of the palimpsest developed by classicists at Oxford and Stanford universities. The students created documents structured in XML following the guidelines of the Text Encoding Initiative which can be used to generate print editions and Web pages, or can be queried and manipulated interactively.

Michael C. Perry was appointed vice president for development and alumni relations, succeeding Paul Sheff.

Holy Cross recognized staff members with 2009 Claire Burns Awards. The recipients were Christopher M. Booth, physical plant/grounds; Mary J. Boucher, public safety; John W. Brosnihan, physical plant/grounds; Bonnie A. Johnson, controller’s office; Walter R. LeBlanc, dining services; Frances D. Milionis, financial aid; and Alice E. Swett, development. In addition, 51 employees were recognized for perfect attendance over the past year, including William Breault, physical plant/building services, who has received the award for the past 25 consecutive years.
Rev. Paul Harman, S.J., was named special assistant to the president at the College, responsible for developing mission and identity programs, particularly for faculty and staff. Fr. Harman succeeds the late Rev. William O’Halloran, S.J.

Marty Dudek, assistant director of dining services, was elected the president of the North East Region of the National Association of College & University Food Service (NACUFS). As president, Dudek works with volunteers on the Council to plan educational opportunities, conferences and seminars that get college and university dining professionals together to share information and insight on what is being done across the world of collegiate dining.

Newly appointed director of the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture Thomas M. Landy received the John Henry Newman Medal from Loyola College in Maryland at its 2009 commencement. As director, Landy develops mission-related programming and opportunities for students, faculty and staff and pursues projects that have a greater impact on the intellectual, moral and religious life of the world beyond the campus.

Thirty-four staff members, whose years of service at Holy Cross ranged from 16 to 50, accepted an early-retirement plan offered by the College.

Ralph Willard, Holy Cross’ men’s basketball coach, resigned his position after serving as head coach for the last 10 years. Former Notre Dame assistant coach Sean Kearney succeeded Willard, becoming the 15th head coach in the history of the program.

Eighteen of Holy Cross’ athletic teams achieved a perfect 100 percent graduation rate, announced in the Graduation Success Rate Report, released by the NCAA.

Matthew Perry ’10 was named 2009 Patriot League Baseball Player of the Year, after breaking two school records, and topping the league in many areas.

Women’s ice hockey had a phenomenal record of 24-2-1, marking their most successful season to date. Also earning the title of 2008-09 ECAC Open Champions, the team had the highest scoring line in the league and the best penalty kill percentage in the league; all three goalies had a save percentage of more than 90 percent.

The women’s rugby club won the Division IV National Championship last fall, and both men’s and women’s rugby clubs won the Division IV New England Rugby Football Union Playoffs.

Holy Cross honored four basketball greats, George Kaftan ’49, Bob Cousy ’50, Togo Palazzi ’54 and Tom Heinson ’56, by raising their jerseys to the Hart Center rafters. They are the only four basketball players in the College’s history to earn first team All-American honors twice, and each played on a Holy Cross national championship team.

The Holy Cross Fund set a new high in gifts from alumni, parents and friends, surpassing last year’s record and reaching $7.9 million for current-use priorities. Alumni participation was 51 percent.
The Crusader Athletics Fund raised more than $613,000 from a record 1,937 donors. This growth in donors represents a 1.4 percent increase from the previous year. The Athletics Fund provides budget-enhancing support for 27 varsity athletics programs.

Overall, gifts to Holy Cross totaled $24.3 million, the third highest total ever in a non-campaign year.

Community

Holy Cross was recognized with a Prevention Excellence Award from Outside the Classroom, the nation’s leading alcohol prevention organization, for the College’s work on campus to combat high-risk drinking among students. Outside the Classroom also presented the College with a check for $10,000 to strengthen further alcohol prevention programs on campus. Holy Cross was the only college or university in the country to receive highest honors in the 2008-09 Prevention Excellence Awards.

The Kimball Main Dining Hall went “trayless” this spring, joining hundreds of other college dining halls across the country that have cut trays from dining rooms. Going “trayless” reduces wasted food by 25- to-50 percent and saves Holy Cross 900 gallons of water a day, along with chemicals no longer needed for washing trays.

The Cantor Art Gallery presented five exhibitions: Word/Text/Image, a collection from Joseph Farbrook, Zoey Stites and Anik Vinay, exploring the intersection of word, image...
Members of the Holy Cross and Worcester communities joined together last fall to celebrate the completion of phase one of the Cookson Park restoration project.

In 2000, the College dedicated $20,000 to revitalize the 18-acre park between Kenfig and Boyden streets. The project has been divided into four phases, the first of which was the construction of the Cookson Field playground and the pocket parking area abutting the College Hill Civic Association building.

The College community celebrated the 60th anniversary of WCHC 88.1, one of the oldest college radio stations in the nation. WCHC alumni, current students and staff gathered to commemorate the student-run campus radio station and highlights of its history.

The Alternate College Theatre (ACT) presented two plays this year: A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens—adapted for the stage by Christopher Schario; and Urinetown, music by Mark Hollmann, book by Greg Kotis.

Students and alumni donned Crusader purple for another season on Fitton Field.

Holy Cross’ Redfeather Theatre Company presented the fifth annual Shakespeare Festival at Worcester’s Memorial Grove Amphitheatre in Green Hill Park, with two of Shakespeare’s classic pieces: A Midsummer Night’s Dream and Twelfth Night.

The College’s theatre department presented The Cherry Orchard—the final masterpiece of Anton Chekhov—and the William Shakespeare romance, Pericles, Prince of Tyre.

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Financial Aid

In 2008-2009, the College administered more than $41.1 million in need-based financial assistance to more than 1,657 students.

Alumni & Friends

Two Holy Cross alumni were awarded Fulbright Grants: James Brennan ’08, of North Smithfield, R.I., studies Russian language and conducts research on national identity in Almaty and Astana, Kazakhstan; and Kathryn Zingarelli ’07, of Shrewsbury, Mass., works as a teaching assistant in Italy.

Five alumni returned to Mount St. James to share their postgraduation experiences in the field of deaf studies with the members of the American Sign Language Career Panel and the College community. Those who presented were Melissa Barry ’06, Kathleen Curatolo ’02, Karen Hadlock Putney ’00, Melissa Phair ’99 and Casey Spencer ’06.

Five Holy Cross alumni were hired to teach at the College after earning their Ph.D.s: Daniel DiCenzo ’98, visiting instructor in music; Nicholas Ganson ’98, visiting assistant professor in history; Jennifer Hughes ’97, lecturer in biology; Iris Ponte ’00, lecturer in psychology; and Amy Vashlishan ’02, visiting assistant professor in biology.

Admissions

A total of 7,227 students applied for a place in the Class of 2012. There were 1,237 ALANA applicants, a 7 percent increase from last year. (ALANA students represent 21 percent of the Class of 2012.)

Holy Cross recognized the following alumni for outstanding professional achievements and service with Sanctae Crucis Awards, the highest non-degree recognition bestowed by the College on an alumni or alumn-
Megan Murphy ’08 received a Knowles Science Teaching Fellowship to assist with graduate school and teaching certification in the field of mathematics.

Holy Cross’ Jonathan Favreau ’03 is the chief speechwriter for President Barack Obama, leading a team of half a dozen presidential speechwriters in the White House.

The College conferred honorary degrees on Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr. ’82 (D-Pa.); Rev. George V. Coyne, S.J.; Sister Maureen A. Fay, O.P.; Ogetta McNeil; and Bartlett Sher ’81 at the 2009 Commencement. Casey delivered an address to the graduating class.

Former Holy Cross rower Rebecca Smith ’02 won a bronze medal at the 2008 FISA World Rowing Championship, which took place last July in Linz, Austria. Smith rowed for Team USA in the lightweight women’s quadruple sculls.

### Media

Last October, The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that the College of the Holy Cross was 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.

Lynne Myers, director of financial aid, spoke to several media outlets (including WBZ TV in Boston and ABCNews.com) about a wide range of financial topics, including scholarship opportunities and sending a child to college in a volatile economy.

Jude Kelley, assistant professor of chemistry, and Rick Herrick, professor of chemistry, were interviewed for The History Channel’s Modern Marvels series; Leon Claessens, assistant professor of biology, was featured in The History Channel program Evolve: Flight.

During the summer Olympics, two students shared their experiences studying abroad in China with The Associated Press; the story ran in nearly 100 outlets nationwide.

Ann Mc Dermott, director of admissions, published an article on the decision to eliminate the standardized testing requirement from the admissions process in The Chronicle of Higher Education; Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president, wrote on

Montserrat received extensive media coverage, including feature stories by WBUR, NPR’s Boston affiliate; Catholic News Service; The Boston Globe; America Magazine; and a mention in Time magazine.

Mathew Schmalz, associate professor of religious studies and director of the College Honors Program, was chosen as a regular contributor to On Faith, a Web site on religion produced by The Washington Post and Newsweek.com; he also appeared on ABC’s Good Morning America, for a story about miracles and sainthood in the Catholic Church.

Victor Matheson, associate professor of economics, commented on various topics related to the economy in nearly 50 outlets including Bloomberg Television, CNN.com and MSNBC.com.
The fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2009, will be remembered as one of the most volatile and challenging financial periods on record. It began with the S&P at 1277 and ended with that same index at 919, off some 28 percent. At its low point on March 6, 2009, the S&P was down 48 percent from its July 1, 2008 opening value and down 58 percent from its high on Oct. 11, 2007. Significant events surrounding counterparty risk, liquidity and the impact of government intervention all emerged as major concerns during the year and served to remake the financial landscape. While fiscal 2009 was certainly a difficult financial environment, the College emerged on solid financial footing with its core mission intact. Several steps taken over the course of the crisis will help Holy Cross face an uncertain future. These include:

- The establishment of contingency plans that identified up to $9 million in expense savings that could be used should circumstances dictate their necessity.
- The development and implementation of a voluntary early retirement program for 54 employees who had attained the age of at least 62 on June 30, 2009, and who had completed at least 15 years of full-time service to the College. Of the 54 offers made, approximately 35 people accepted, generating approximately $1 million in annual savings.
- Increased communication with faculty, staff, students and alumni regarding the financial status and outlook for the College, including planned and potential steps that could be taken depending on the length and severity of the recession.

Endowment & Investment Assets (unaudited). Changes in overall asset allocation (see the College’s endowment asset allocation as of June 30, 2009, in Figure 1, opposite page) during the year were a result of several factors, most notably the significant decline in domestic and international equities relative to other asset classes. The endowment returned –19 percent, which compared favorably to the S&P 500 (–28 percent), the Dow Jones Industrial Average (–26 percent) and the Russell 3000 (–28 percent) reflecting the positive effects of diversification. Income from the endowment provided 14 percent support for the College’s operating budget for fiscal 2009.
Endowment Asset Allocation (Unaudited) June 30, 2009

Non-marketable alternatives 18%
Marketable alternatives 22%
Hard assets 8%
Short-term investments 4%
Government and corporate bonds 15%
International Equities 16%
Domestic Equities 17%

Expendable Financial Resources to Debt (x)
Fiscal 2005 through Fiscal 2009 (unaudited)

Expendable Financial Resources to Operations (x)
Fiscal 2005 through Fiscal 2009 (unaudited)

* Fiscal 2009 calculation is based on unaudited financial results.
Financial and Net Assets. The College’s expendable financial resources (those financial resources that would be available to cover the College’s debt requirements or fund operations) relative to its debt declined as of June 30, 2009, to 2.2x coverage from 3.1x coverage as of June 30, 2008 (see Figure 2, preceding page). This decline was principally due to the drop in investment values during the year. As measured against the size of the College’s operating budget, expendable financial resources to operations declined to 2.7x coverage as of June 30, 2009, down from 4.1x coverage as of June 30, 2008 (see Figures 4 and 5).

**Figure 4**
Sources of Funds ($millions)
Fiscal 2009 (unaudited)

- Net tuition and fees: $72.7 (50%)
- Endowment income: $20.9 (14%)
- Auxiliary enterprises: $11.5 (8%)
- Contributions: $6.4 (4%)
- Grants and government assistance: $8.0 (6%)
- Residence hall and dining fees: $24.3 (17%)
- Other income: $0.5 (1%)
- Auxiliary enterprises: $11.5 (8%)
- Endowment income: $20.9 (14%)

**Figure 5**
Uses of Funds ($millions)
Fiscal 2009 (unaudited)

- Instruction: $50.6 (36%)
- Academic support: $11.9 (8%)
- Student services: $23.3 (16%)
- Research: $2.4 (2%)
- Institutional support: $23.5 (16%)
- Auxiliary enterprises: $31.0 (22%)
- Other income: $0.5 (1%)
- Grants and government assistance: $8.0 (6%)
- Contributions: $6.4 (4%)
- Net tuition and fees: $72.7 (50%)
While down from previous years’ coverage ratios, the ratios as of June 30, 2009, remain healthy.

Physical Assets. In January of 2009, the College opened Smith Labs, the first phase of the Integrated Science Complex. Construction on the renovation of Haberlin Hall commenced shortly thereafter and is due to be completed for use during the spring 2010 semester. Fiscal 2009 also saw the renovation of the College’s competition and recreational tennis courts as well as the construction of a competition (lacrosse) and practice (football) turf field. Final design plans were developed for the planned senior apartment residence to be located between Mulledy Hall and the Hart Center. Construction was originally planned for the spring of 2009, however, it has been put on hold until the economy improves and correspondingly the College’s balance sheet and operating budget positions improve.

Operations. The significant downturn in the economy impacted the financial results for 2009 and will undoubtedly have an impact on the College’s operations for the foreseeable future. However, despite the significant challenges, the College did manage to generate a modest surplus, marking the 39th consecutive year in which operating revenues exceeded operating expenses. The unaudited operating margin for the 2009 fiscal year was considerably smaller at 1.1 percent than previous years reflecting the challenges on the revenue side, as short-term investment income and auxiliary revenues declined. It also reflected the one-time costs of the voluntary early retirement program that was offered to administrators and staff. (Refer to Figures 4 and 5, left, to see the key components of the College’s revenues and expenses.)

On average, it costs approximately $38.8 thousand to educate each Holy Cross student. As can be seen in Figure 6, above, tuition and fees, net of any financial aid discounts, provides approximately 65 percent in support with the remainder coming from external sources including endowment (19 percent), contributions, gifts, and grants (11 percent), and other revenues (5 percent) providing the remainder. The educational experience of each and every Holy Cross student is significantly enabled and enriched by the generous support of the College’s alumni, parents and friends.

The audited financial reports will be posted on the President’s Web site at holycross.edu/president/ when completed.
If you live in—or visit—the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you have likely been affected by the work of (from left) Robert Mulligan ’65, David Perini ’59, Rachel Kaprielian ’90, Thomas Kelley ’60 and Daniel Grabauskas ’85.

These five alumni hold (or recently held) the top posts at several Massachusetts government agencies. So whether you have served in the military or on a jury, traveled by car or by subway, or utilized a public building or park in Massachusetts, your experience was shaped by their dedication to improving the quality of life in the Bay State.

Motivated by a passion to serve others, Mulligan, Perini, Kaprielian, Kelley and Grabauskas answered the Jesuit call to devote one’s self to the greater good. And, although each faces unique social, political and financial challenges, all rely on the critical thinking skills acquired through their liberal arts education to overcome hardships and leave a legacy of service.
Robert A. Mulligan ’65

As chief justice for administration and management of the Massachusetts Trial Court, Robert Mulligan works to ensure that justice is delivered throughout the commonwealth.

This self-described “CEO” of the Trial Court directs policy and oversees seven Trial Court departments and more than 7,000 court staff. During his six-year tenure in this role, Mulligan has initiated reforms that focus on the fast and effective delivery of and access to quality, substantiv justice.

In no small way, Mulligan has an impact on the lives of the more than 4,000 people who come to the state’s courthouses in search of equity and legality every day. This influential figure in the legal community points to his experiences on Mount St. James with instilling in him many of his values and principles.

“Holy Cross taught me what’s important and essential and what’s ephemeral and trivial,” Mulligan recalls. “The student body was made up of very high-minded, high-caliber men whose character, integrity and morality rubbed off on me.”

David B. Perini ’59

David Perini attended Holy Cross at a time when 7 a.m. church services were a required element of the curriculum. Looking back, he credits the formality of daily Mass—coupled with his rigorous academic and athletic responsibilities—with teaching him valuable lessons about discipline, responsibility and prioritization.

“Although we grumbled about it at the time, daily Mass built a spiritual base for our lives,” Perini says. “I don't know anyone who was harmed by it.”

As commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management, the state agency responsible for major public building construction and real estate services, Perini handles all the oversight, construction, renovation, sales and leases of public buildings and land in the commonwealth. It is a fitting position for Perini, who spent 27 years as chief executive officer of Perini Corp., his family’s construction and real estate business.

By building facilities such as courthouses and hospitals for public agencies, Perini has realized a level of personal satisfaction that he says was missing in the private sector.

“Our work has a tremendous impact on people's morale,” he explains. “We're fulfilling a social need.”

Rachel Kaprielian ’90

Rachel Kaprielian first demonstrated her commitment to the Jesuit ideal of serving others during her final year at Holy Cross, when she established the College’s chapter of Best Buddies, an organization that pairs people with intellectual disabilities in one-to-one friendships with college students. Twenty years later, the group continues to touch countless lives at Holy Cross and beyond.

After graduation, Kaprielian pursued the path of community involvement as a Massachusetts state representative, serving voters in Watertown and parts of Cambridge, for 14 years. Of her numerous accomplishments in the Statehouse, Kaprielian is most proud of filing two bills: one that bans smoking statewide at indoor workplaces, bars and restaurants, and another that enables cities and towns to join the state’s Group Insurance Commission. The former bill has been credited with saving lives, and the latter, with saving money.
“Holy Cross fosters a spirit to get involved with good works,” she says. “My work in the Legislature was a natural extension of that spirit.”

In her current role as registrar of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, Kaprielian carries on her work for others—four and a half million, that is—by ensuring that Massachusetts drivers receive the service they need in an efficient, just and safe manner.

Thomas G. Kelley ’60

“We looked out for each other,” recalls Thomas Kelley about his relationships with fellow students at the College. “We had genuine concern for others; there were no self-promoters.”

It was this ethos of caring for others—cultivated at Holy Cross—that ultimately earned Kelley the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration awarded by the U.S. government. While serving in Vietnam in 1969, then Lt. Kelley placed himself directly into the line of enemy fire to protect members of his Navy division.

Forty years later, Kelley continues to “look out” for others as secretary of the Department of Veterans’ Services. His agency advocates for the Bay State’s nearly half-million veterans and their families. It offers counseling as well as medical, employment, housing and education services to veterans of wars ranging from World War II to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Kelley recognizes that the dynamics of war have changed and that today’s veterans face unique challenges when coming home and reintegrating into society. His agency therefore focuses on assisting veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries as well as on supporting veterans’ families.

“If I can help one vet or vet’s family every day, I go home thinking it’s been a pretty good day,” Kelley says.

Daniel A. Grabauskas ’85

Like that of many public servants, the career of Daniel Grabauskas has included a mixture of victory and controversy.

As registrar of motor vehicles, he significantly reduced customer waiting periods and earned praise for extensive service and managerial improvements. As general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), he modernized the fare system and expanded access for the disabled and the elderly. In spite of these successes, Grabauskas resigned from the MBTA last summer amid widely publicized conflicts with Gov. Deval Patrick’s administration.

To face the many challenges inherent in public life, Grabauskas relies on the foundation he built at the College.

“At Holy Cross, I established a grounding that enables me to listen to criticism, but not be dissuaded from making a tough call or distracted from the work at hand,” he explains.

Grabauskas also depends on the school’s vast alumni network for trustworthy support and advice. “We alums have an instant bond,” he says. “You’re a Crusader, I’m a Crusader; our blood’s purple.”

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WORTH EVERY STEP

MONTSERRAT

Named for the serrated mountains of Spain, Montserrat welcomes the College’s first-year students into a community of engaged learning.

BY LAURA PORTER

Photos by Rob Carlin

Professors Sarah Luria (kneeling, left) and David Karmon (kneeling, right) pose on campus with students from their Landscape and Memory seminar, one of the first Montserrat courses to be offered.
It’s shortly after 12:30 on a Tuesday afternoon in early spring, and the students drop into the chairs in one of Smith Hall’s smaller rooms.

Backpacks slide to the floor as conversations erupt. From the hubbub, they might well be meeting for dinner in Kimball, rather than waiting for a class to start.

The camaraderie only intensifies as first Sarah Luria and then David Karmon enter the room; the two professors are in their second semester of co-teaching this year-long seminar on Landscape and Memory. It takes little time for the students to jump into a lively discussion.

As they examine poet Mary Fell’s observations of the blend of past and present that marks the Worcester landscape, they return again and again to the defining questions of this course: “Is it important to know what happened where we are standing? Does it change the way we think about where we are?”

Karmon, an architectural historian in the visual arts department, and Luria, who works in 19th-century American literature and American studies, have relied on a range of material to study “how different populations have shaped the land,” says Karmon. “There is a lasting legacy even if it’s hard to read.”

In the fall, students read texts on urban development, focusing on capital cities, including Rome and Washington, D.C. This spring, professors and students together have used what Karmon calls “a telescoping lens” to look broadly at New England, Worcester and, finally, the Holy Cross campus over time. Italo Calvino’s Invisible Cities offered a poetic and allegorical perspective through which to examine the layered landscape.

The course’s capstone project is a student-created Web site, where class members can post their own research, in effect becoming part of a larger community of scholars interested in adding to the history of Worcester.

The intellectual and personal connections made in this particular classroom typify the Holy Cross experience, yet there is also something unusual at work here.

This is a seminar in Montserrat, the brand-new first-year program at Holy Cross. Beginning in the fall of 2008, first-year students arrived on campus to embark upon a “living, learning and doing experience,” says associate professor of classics Nancy Andrews, who directs the program.

Shortly after the members of the class of 2012 were enrolled in their two-semester Montserrat seminars, they were assigned to their Montserrat residences. The seminars are organized into five thematic clusters—Self, Divine, Natural World, Global Society and Core Human Questions. Each cluster is intentionally assigned to a particular residence hall enabling students to continue engaging with other students from their group as they cross the threshold from the classroom into their living space. Each of the clusters provides a flexible platform not only for an eclectic array of thematically related seminars, but also for on- and off-campus trips, performances, lectures and hands-on projects. Co-curricular events enhancing the themes of specific clusters, or even specific seminars, took place in the residence halls, and on and off campus. For example, the Core Human Questions cluster hosted a discussion and Q-and-A session in Wheeler Hall with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Edward P. Jones ’72 about his book, The Known World, while the Self cluster held a Deaf/Blind workshop in Mulledy with visitors from the Perkins School for the Blind.

As a whole, as well as in its component parts, the program has been designed “to embody Jesuit values in a real way,” Andrews says. In 1522, Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order, made a pilgrimage to Montserrat. After keeping a night’s vigil over his arms before the altar of Our Lady of Montserrat, Ignatius
Evan Piercey ’12, who plans to major in classics and perhaps pursue a concentration in Peace and Conflict Studies, has embraced that sense of Ignatian exploration and reflection. He spent the year in Karmon and Luria’s seminar, which falls in the Natural World cluster. Though it was not his first choice, “I’m glad I had the chance to take it,” he says. “I have a new sense now not only of Worcester but also of Washington, D.C., and Boston.” The South Salem, N.Y., native applauds the opportunity to branch out. “I think the randomness of selection is a good thing,” he remarks, adding that it pushes students who may have a very specific college path in mind into other directions.

Montserrat was inspired by the success of the former First-Year Program (FYP), a voluntary program in which approximately 20 percent of each entering class took part. A five-year study on the impact of the FYP revealed that students who participated excelled academically and gained a deeper sense of engagement in the College community. Professor Thomas Gottschang of the economics department, who participated in the early formation of Montserrat and taught Disaster Economics in the program in 2008-09, notes that the FYP provided the model for “small classes where students could develop a close relationship with the professor and with each other.” By encouraging “a lot of reading and writing,” he adds, “students would learn how to read academic papers and write in an academic style.” In response to the clear success of the First-Year Program, the faculty, with the strong support of the College Trustees and the President, began to construct a universal first-year experience with a multidisciplinary, inquiry-based structure to benefit all first-year students.

Much different than a basic “University 101” course or a transitional program from high school to college, Montserrat emerged as an “intensive introduction to all kinds of subjects,” Andrews explains. “We teach methodology and critical skills from a variety of perspectives to help students grapple with ‘The Big Questions’ that are raised in each seminar.” To that end, she explains, each of the five clusters, offering a range of seminars, is multidisciplinary, but cluster integrity and identity are achieved through the shared questions developed by faculty participating in each cluster. Common texts also link the students’ academic experiences with outside events that range from social get-togethers to those that tie in tightly with the curriculum.

In the Global Society cluster, Gottschang notes, activities began with a common reading, Thomas Friedman’s *The World Is Flat*, which was then incorporated by every seminar in the cluster. In October, stu-
dents attended a panel on the globalization of the economy. In March, two events dovetailed with Gottschang’s own seminar on Disaster Economics, which focused in the spring semester on such recent crises as the 2004 tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and the Szechuan earthquake in China: a showing of Spike Lee’s documentary about Katrina, “When the Levees Broke,” and a talk on life in late-20th-century New Orleans by Leslie Harris, professor of family history at Emory University in Atlanta and a New Orleans native.

“The big issue for us,” Gottschang says, “is introducing the students to college life through a really focused intellectual experience that is specifically geared to their level of academic and emotional development.”

For Piercey, that approach has been critical to his introduction to the College. “When I think of Montserrat,” he explains, “I think of the emphasis on critical thinking, writing, analyzing—a lot of the qualities Holy Cross looks for in incoming students.”

At the same time, Piercey says, he also found the living situation a “steppingstone into a group of friends,” an easy association that, for him, carried over into the classroom. “We got to know everyone, and my class flowed pretty well. You can attribute that to our professors and the course materials.”

Danielle Libatique ’12, too, describes Montserrat as “a whole program that we do together.

“I see [my Montserrat classmates] everywhere,” says Libatique, who is from Jersey City, N.J., “in the hallway, doing laundry. We can converse in class about our lives and other subjects, not just academics. It’s like having a core group of people you can always go to and count on.”

A declared music major, Libatique says she “got lucky” to find herself in World Religions: World Music, a Montserrat seminar taught jointly by professors Todd Lewis in religious studies and Shirish Korde, chair of the music department. The course’s focus on diverse rituals and musical traditions, “brought me into a lot of material I’d never thought about,” she continues. In addition, performances by visiting artists were an unexpected privilege. “We not only read about it but experienced it,” Libatique says. “You don’t usually get to see the presence of the artist, the stage presence of the performance.”

Libatique has been struck by the way the Montserrat experience has “broadened my horizons in so many ways.”

For her, a highlight of the year was the interaction between her seminar and another seminar in the Divine cluster on religious art, taught by Professor of visual arts Virginia Raguin. Students in both classes traveled to Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts in February as

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Associate Professor of philosophy Jeffrey Bernstein (second from left) says he engages his Montserrat students with concepts he doesn’t usually cover in introductory courses, and he’s found that “[they] are more than equal to the task.” Lively discussion is a hallmark of Montserrat seminars, along with unique outside-the-classroom experiences (such as learning gestures for a traditional Balinese dance, second from right).
When students visited campus this summer in preparation for their first year on the Hill, Montserrat director and Associate Professor of classics Nancy Andrews talked with dozens of parents who coveted a chance to return to school after hearing about Montserrat’s living, learning and exploring mission. The wide variety of topics covered in the program’s seminars garnered the most praise. Here is a sampling of the Montserrat offerings:

American Heroism
Anthropology of Religion
Cosmopolitan Citizenship
Cuisine, Culture, and Identity
Ethics and the Natural World
Food Ethics
Freedom and the Meaning of Life
Genes and Personal Identity
Global Catholic Cultures
Hearing the Divine
History, War, and Memory
Industry and Empire
Islam and the West: Encounters
Jesuit Spirituality
Monsters, Madmen & Witches
Music and Religious Traditions
Nature Poetry
Roman Ruins, American Designs
Science and Religion
Southeast Asian Lives
Strategies for Cooperation
Suffering and Beauty
The Eve of the Atom
Truth, Vision, and Integrity
U.S. Catholic Identities
Visions of France and America
Witnessing Crime
Writing the Self in Fiction

well as to the Cloisters and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City in March. “We incorporated art in our class and they incorporated music in theirs,” Libatique explains, emphasizing the power of interdisciplinary exchange.

At the end of April, a public concert, “Hearing the Divine: A Concert of World Sacred Music,” celebrated the culmination of the seminar, featuring a few of the guest performers who had appeared over the course of the year, as well as the Holy Cross Chamber Singers and the Holy Cross Orchestra. Moreover, as a final project, the seminar students also performed as the “Balinese Kecak Choir,” building on the religious ritual of a Balinese Monkey Chant.

“We were introduced to it in the fall semester and we enjoyed performing it very much,” says Libatique. “Professor I Made Bandem [visiting fellow in Balinese performing arts] taught us the dance and the gestures.
Everyone in the class had a part in the performance. We were separated into groups of dancers, puppeteers, drummers and narrators.”

Faculty members as well as students have been invigorated by the new culture on campus. Karmon describes the journey that he, Luria and their students have taken together this past year as they all confronted new material. “The students appreciate that we worked it through together,” he says. “There are no final answers. Instead, there is the complexity and richness of appreciating the process of investigation.”

Associate Professor of philosophy Jeffrey Bernstein, who teaches in the Divine cluster, has found that he has pushed his own Montserrat students hard, and they have responded with energy and enthusiasm. His group explored concepts of God during the first term and grappled with the issue of faith in history in the spring semester.

Reading almost all of St. Augustine’s Confessions, Bernstein’s students have asked what it really means to have a relationship with God. “Augustine is very honest about his mistakes,” says Bernstein. “We ask, ‘What does it mean to be good and mess up?’

“I don’t think of philosophy as abstract,” he continues. “Philosophy is supposed to describe the abstract in a way that relates to real life. I’m throwing things at [the students in Montserrat] I don’t usually in intro-type classes. [They] are more than equal to the task.”

Montserrat encourages a cross-disciplinary exchange that extends to the entire Holy Cross community. The Chaplains’ Office has organized Montserrat retreats, plus, two chaplains are assigned to each class to provide spiritual support and insight throughout the students’ four years on the Hill. A representative from the library is assigned to each cluster, holding special sessions tailored to individual seminars. Dining services “plays a huge part,” says Andrews, citing pizza-making, coffee houses and meals tied to cluster themes.

As with any new venture, Andrews says that Montserrat is “like a wine; it will take time for it to mature.” And yet, there is no doubt about the success of its initial year. Students and parents at Gateways 2009 [the summer orientation program for incoming students] repeatedly remarked on the rich smorgasbord of seminars, and many parents wistfully commented that they wished they could return to college and participate in Montserrat. Andrews also notes the “overwhelmingly positive” response of both faculty and students; faculty have devised creative new courses geared specifically for first-year students.

Three weeks into the program’s first semester last year, Andrews went to a coffee house in one of the residence halls and heard students commenting that their Montserrat courses were different from the rest of their classes. “I asked how,” she says. “And they said, ‘Everybody talks.”

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As economic straits squeeze family finances and financial aid budgets at colleges across the country, Susan and Bruce Carusi ’74, P’08, and their family, have created a novel scholarship fund that meets urgent financial aid demands now, while also providing assistance to deserving students for years to come.

Aside from the magnitude of the gift, the Carusi Family Scholarships are distinctive because they provide a clever solution to a dilemma that has college financial aid offices across the country scrambling to shore up funds.

**First Things First**

Traditionally, when a donor makes a gift of an endowed scholarship fund, it is invested as part of the overall College endowment in the market for a year or two before it becomes activated. The year or two gives the fund’s value a chance to appreciate and enables Holy Cross to use a certain portion of the accrued earnings to pay for the scholarship without chipping away at the principal of the fund. This system worked beautifully in the days when the College could reasonably presume that the market would earn at least 4.5 percent per year, and the necessary income would have accrued for the scholarship to be activated and the objective to be funded. These days, however, the market has proven unpredictable.

Responding to the economic circumstances at Holy Cross, and the realities for many students and their families, the Carusis worked with the College and structured their gift in a novel way which includes two components: an outright, current-use portion, that will fund six student grants for the 2010 academic year, plus an endowment that will take effect next year and help the College meet the needs of future students and their families. The dual nature of the gift helps ensure that students will benefit now and in the future.

“It’s clear that endowments everywhere are getting hit pretty hard this year, and families are being hit even harder,” Bruce Carusi says. “My wife and I decided, ‘Let’s do what we can to help these students right away, and then we can move on from there.’”

**Tackling Debt**

The Carusi Scholarships also address another sobering economic reality facing college students nationwide: the rising tide of debt. “These days, especially, we have to think about how much debt students are carrying when they leave here,” says Frank Vellaccio, senior vice president. “In many cases, even if we determine that you can afford to pay $20,000, families are really sacrificing to cover that amount—and taking out significant loans to make it happen.” This is of particular concern as tuition costs rise and a tight job market makes it difficult for recent graduates to find employment.

The Carusi Scholarships throw students a line out of that fiscal whirlpool, too. The scholarships will be awarded in the form of grants that effectively erase part of the “self-help” portion of students’ financial aid packages, which requires students to take out loans and engage in work-study jobs to help meet the costs of tuition, room and board.

**The Only Way Up**

As an early partner and managing director at the New York City-based offices of Babcock & Brown, Ltd., a boutique investment banking firm where he worked for 24 years, Bruce Carusi has a sophisticated under-
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—Bruce Carusi ’74, P08

“We have always admired the Jesuits’ commitment to educate everyone who arrives at the door, regardless of whether they can afford it,” Bruce Carusi says. “What Holy Cross does with its need-based aid is very important from that perspective. For many people, there is no other way up, and throughout our careers we’ve seen financial aid make a big difference to people who didn’t have the financial means, but who did have the intelligence and the drive to succeed.”
The American educational system is far more effective at diagnosing learning disabilities than it was a decade ago and better at helping students address them. As a result, increasing numbers of students with learning disabilities and other learning challenges are succeeding in high school and going to college, but still facing a daunting set of hurdles in the college environment.

In a nationwide survey in 1983, less than one percent of first-year college students across the country reported having a learning disability. Last fall, that number had climbed to 3.3 percent. At Holy Cross, approximately 85 students were connected with the College’s Office of Disability Services this past year—a 53 percent increase from just four years ago.

**Formidable cost**

The costs of managing a disability can be burdensome to students and their families. Federal law mandates that students must acquire extensive formal documentation of the disability before obtaining academic accommodations. That documentation must include a medical diagnosis, a detailed demonstration of how the student’s condition will affect his or her academic performance and lifestyle on a daily basis and a list of suggested accommodations that will help address those problems. This process alone can cost college students and their families anywhere from $1,500 to $5,000.

Based on that information, and a meeting with the Office of Disability Services, Holy Cross can typically provide certain academic accommodations, such as extra time on tests, without significant expense. But if students need other programs, such as off-campus coaching or counseling, they are responsible for those expenses. Coaching can cost approximately $400 a month.

Recognizing the increasing financial demands on the College and on students with disabilities, one member of the Class of 1966 and his wife have created a $250,000 endowment which will assist students with disabilities and other learning issues. The purpose of the endowment is to help these students meet the significant cost of the tools and services they need. The donors wish to remain anonymous but have dedicated the gift to the deceased members of the Class of 1966.

**Removing hurdles**

The process of diagnosing and documenting a disability is both extensive and expensive, but the potential benefits are well worth the trouble, says Neal Lipsitz,
associate dean for student development and coordinator of disability services. Holy Cross can provide students with a wide range of tools and services, such as sign language interpreters and books on CDs or an MP3 player. Downloading textbooks onto an MP3 player can help students with vision impairments, dyslexia, auditory processing problems or attention deficit disorders. The College’s computer network also offers software that translates text to voice recordings. If on-campus resources are not sufficient, the College can link students with independent coaching services or specialized counseling that can help them make the adjustments they need to progress alongside their classmates.

“We try to give them as many modes of sensory input as possible,” Lipsitz says. “It really enhances the learning process, and we’ve seen how students can excel when certain hurdles are taken out of the way.”

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that colleges do everything within reason to provide the adjustments and the services necessary for disabled students to participate in the academic environment. However, faculty members are not required to alter fundamentally the nature of their courses or make any changes that would sacrifice the course’s academic integrity, Lipsitz notes. For example: It would be perfectly feasible to change the location of a course to accommodate a physically impaired student, but allowing a student to work alone in a lab course designed for work in partners would contradict the spirit of the curriculum.

Fortunately, in many cases, small adjustments can yield significant results, particularly in the case of students with attention deficit disorder, or ADD—the most common disability in higher education circles. “For students with ADD, the real challenge is not the complexity or the nature of the reading material, but the volume that the students have to absorb for tests and for papers,” remarks one parent. “These kids are very bright, but they have organizational challenges that can pull them down.” Small tweaks to the environment, or the opportunity to link up with a coach, can help erase those obstacles and give students a new confidence that leads to better academic performance and cultivates continued success.

Looking ahead

The gift comes at a critical time for Holy Cross as it prepares for further increases in the number of students who need aid in the years ahead, Lipsitz says. In January, an amendment to the Americans with Disabilities Act broadened the definition of disability to include a far greater range of impairments than had been previously specified under the original law. In addition to functional obstacles such as vision and hearing impairment or mobility problems, the list of disabilities that qualify for services now includes impairments to overall biological systems such as normal cell growth; the operation of digestive, respiratory, circulatory and immune systems; and brain functions such as difficulty concentrating. As a result, Lipsitz says, Holy Cross can expect to have more students with a wider range of conditions who qualify for services, and who will need to bear the cost of specialized accommodations, support and coaching before they can move forward.

“We’re seen how students can excel when certain hurdles are taken out of the way.”

—Neal Lipsitz, associate dean for student development and coordinator of disability services

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THE POWER OF ONE

Name: Matthew S. Galligan ’04
Hometown: Manchester, Conn.

What he did at Holy Cross: “I rowed for the crew team all four years—and I was a member/co-chair of the Hanify-Howland Memorial Lecture Committee.”

The impression it left: “My four years at Holy Cross covered some tumultuous time periods, including the September 11 terrorist attacks and the death of my mother in November 2001. What amazed me about Holy Cross was the care and concern the College always showed for students. No matter the problem, the College always reacted with student well-being as its first and only priority. The kindness Holy Cross showed the student body makes me feel like I’m visiting family when I come back to campus, and not just one of my former schools.”

Current job: “I work for United Health Group as an underwriter for UnitedHealthcare National Accounts. It was only after joining the company that I learned of the large number of fellow Holy Cross alumni throughout the organization. My company seems to be a hub of Catholic college graduates with employees from Notre Dame, Providence College, Holy Cross and others.”

The working life: “The work I do as an underwriter is rewarding and of great consequence. My main responsibilities revolve around pricing health insurance coverage for some of the nation’s largest employers. I am very active with my local parish, as well as town politics.”

Memorable teachers at Holy Cross: “Professor David L. Schaefer was both a teacher of mine and faculty adviser to the Hanify-Howland Memorial Lecture Committee during my time at the College. I enjoyed his articulate presentations during class, and the enthusiasm he brought to Hanify-Howland as we organized the annual lecture each year. Outside of my political science major, Professor Joanna Ziegler was my favorite teacher. Her architecture courses and seminars stretched the mind and broadened my curiosity on many different levels. Professor Ziegler’s door was always open, and the care with which she taught showed me that this wasn’t simply a job for her, but a passion.”

Why he stays connected: “Staying connected to Holy Cross is about as natural as staying in touch with family.”

Why he believes in Holy Cross: “The College graduates adults who are intensely curious, with strong hearts of faith that are based in the teachings of Jesus Christ. With the combination of the educational and the religious, I know I could not have gotten a better degree anywhere else.”

Why he gives to Holy Cross: “It’s vitally important to support Holy Cross so future students can graduate with similar memories. While on the rowing team, I had the privilege of rowing with great guys. I also had the pleasure of working with Coach Tom Sullivan ’70—a model of professionalism and integrity. If my financial support of Holy Cross can help even one more student attend, or help our sports teams buy one more piece of equipment, then I know I’ve helped continue a great legacy at one of the finest colleges in America.”
Greisch fellowship creates new avenues for student research

BY LAURA FREEMAN ’96

A new fellowship in sociology, created with a $150,000 gift from Richard J. Greisch ’72, P99, will give the College’s most motivated students a chance to conduct scholarly research during the summer months, under the close direction of faculty members.

The gift is a major step forward in Holy Cross’ aggressive campaign to expand summer research opportunities in a wide range of disciplines, as students seek opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom and engage in challenging independent projects using sophisticated research methods.

Beyond enriching and advancing the students’ educational experience, such fellowships serve to develop strong bonds among research students and their professors, which in many instances will continue after the students receive their degrees from Holy Cross.

**A different mindset**

“The idea that for the very best students the traditional two-semester academic year may not provide sufficient training in academic research has been gaining momentum for the past 15 years or so,” says Timothy R. Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. Getting “real-world” experience prepares students to be more effective in their chosen fields, and helps encourage them to visualize careers in research.

By engaging in summer projects, students become accustomed to the ebb and flow of long-term projects. “Students may understand what it means to do an experiment in a lab for four hours—but what about conducting research for four straight months?” Austin remarks. “The dynamics of that are quite different.”

In contrast to lab experiments or term-paper assignments, which usually are designed to produce a certain result, Austin notes, “Long-term research can sometimes be ugly. Sometimes you work on something for two months and you don’t get anywhere. Students have to get used to
that, and to discover that, in many cases, learning to think your way out of that corner is what makes you a great researcher.”

A wider range

Holy Cross has traditionally offered summer projects to students in scientific fields, but as the value of fellowships becomes increasingly apparent, the College seeks to expand summer research activities across the board. In addition to the sociology fellowship, the College also recently began offering summer fellowships in economics. As a result, students have published articles in collaboration with faculty members.

Regardless of whether students plan to pursue careers in industry or academia, Greisch says, summer projects are a valuable enhancement to the curriculum and a constructive prelude to intellectual life after college. Greisch and his daughter Sarah White ’99, both sociology majors at Holy Cross, agree that their study of sociology—and liberal arts education in general—prepared them well for careers in business. “The whole world of social behavior, and how people organize themselves in groups, is an integral part of what people in the business world do every day,” Greisch explains. “Sociology forces you to think creatively and critically; it forces you to write cogently; and, in the true spirit of a liberal arts education, really develop the high-level understanding of a wide range of topics.”

Beyond their appreciation for the subject matter, the Greisch family recognizes the importance of providing students with a wide range of hands-on learning experiences to reinforce and extend what they learn in the classroom. “When it came down to it, the subject matter wasn’t as important to us as creating greater opportunities for enterprising students to engage in independent study and to interact with faculty outside of the traditional academic year,” Greisch says.

Following his graduation from Holy Cross, Greisch earned an M.B.A. in accounting at Rutgers University and went on to work for Arthur Andersen for nearly 30 years, including 17 as a partner, before joining Ernst & Young in 2002. He recently moved to Ernst & Young’s Cleveland office as partner in charge of one of the firm’s large global clients.

LAB NOTE:

Money from The Greisch Family Summer Research Fellowships Fund for Students in Sociology allowed Alexandra Leichthammer ’10 to work with Professor Edward Thompson Jr., of the sociology and anthropology department this summer. Through interviews, the two conducted a study of men suffering from or survivors of breast cancer. “Given the gendered nature of the disease,” Leichthammer says, “we’re hoping that through allowing these men to narrate their experiences, the psychosocial consequences that piggyback the physical disease will be brought to light.” Male breast cancer is an extremely rare form of cancer, the psychology major and Longmeadow, Mass., native explains. “Yet it serves as an intriguing platform for analyzing the way in which multiple masculinities exist and can shift as a personal means of coping.”
SPOTLIGHT ON
Elaine Amodeo Dimase ’84

Personal: husband, Frank; children, Justin (14), John (12) and David (9)

Volunteer experience: president, Holy Cross Club of Eastern New York, 2001-08; board member, Holy Cross General Alumni Association, 2001-present; chair, GAA Regional Clubs Committee, 2006-present; alumni admissions interviewer

How did you become involved with your Holy Cross regional club? My involvement in co-curricular activities at Holy Cross was very rewarding and helped to widen my circle of friends. After graduation, it seemed natural to seek opportunities to stay connected to the College and its alumni. The regional clubs are always looking for alumni to take an active role in planning events. When the president of my alumni club moved out of state, I was asked to replace him. My job was made very easy with the support of Alumni Relations, my club’s board of directors and many alumni volunteers.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering? Without question, it’s interacting with many different types of people. We try to diversify the types of events we sponsor to appeal to different segments of our alumni base. Each event draws out new faces, so it is a great opportunity to meet new people. I also think that volunteering contributes to the quality of life in our communities. I’m hopeful that my sons will follow my example when they grow up.

What advice would you give to a first-year student just starting Holy Cross? I would say to be open-minded and to take advantage of all of the wonderful opportunities that make Holy Cross such a special place to learn. I would also say, take the time to look beyond the classroom and the dorm room to explore opportunities in community service, athletics, campus ministry, and the performing and visual arts, and to attend lectures on subjects that you would like to learn more about. College is one of the few times in life when a person has access to so many opportunities for enrichment.

GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD NOMINATIONS

The GAA Committee on Nominations and Elections will convene at the College this month to draft a slate of nominees for the vacant seats on the GAA board of directors. The deadline for submitting nominations is Oct. 16. Those chosen will assume office on July 1, 2010. The committee members will nominate a president, a president-elect and two vice presidents. They will also nominate 12 directors for three-year terms, with two directors from each of the following: current or past regional club presidents; Classes of 2001-10; Classes of 1991-2000; Classes of 1981-1990; Classes of 1971-1980; Classes of 1970 and earlier. There is no limit to the number of names that can be submitted for consideration. For more information as well as a nomination form, visit holycross.edu/alumni and click on “GAA Board of Directors Nominations” or e-mail gaa@holycross.edu.
GAA gives a hand (and gets soaked!)

In a first-ever event for the General Alumni Association, alumni volunteers joined faculty, staff and students to welcome the newest members of the Holy Cross community during Move-In Day on August 29. Thirty alumni and family members braved torrential rain to greet the Class of 2013 and their parents when they arrived on Mount St. James. Many alums took a trip down memory lane as they moved students’ belongings into Wheeler, Hanselman and Mulledy residence halls.

Kneeling: Tom Cadigan ’02 and Maureen Moran ’89
First row standing (from left): Ryan O’Malley ’09, Brian Bennici ’04, Kaitlyn Mearn ’07, Isaac Tesfay ’04, KeriAnne Travis ’01, Jen Greco ’01
Second row standing (from left): Mark Powers ’85, Annie Fox-Galalis ’04, Judy Nist, Lynne Ticho, Robert Bonner, Quinn Bonner, Jerry Bonner ’72
Back row standing (from left): Kristie Lake ’04, Pete Galalis ’04, Bob Nist ’64, Ben Ticho ’68, Justin DeBenedectis ’02 (Not pictured: Brian Chandley ’73, Ruth Ann Elias ’76, Shannon St. Onge ’94, Alaina George ’03, Tara Barnum ’05, Kyle Soucy ’05, Bryan DiMare ’06, Christine Sweeney ’06, Jane Webster ’06, and Keith C. Dimalanta ’08)

Regional Club Presidential Receptions

Mark your calendar for regional alumni gatherings this fall and winter! Visit holycross.edu/alumni for a complete listing of receptions throughout the year.

- Chicago, Sunday, Oct. 4
- Scranton, Pa., Tuesday, Oct. 6
- Puerto Rico, Wednesday, Oct. 7
- Pittsburgh, Wednesday, Oct. 7
- Philadelphia, Wednesday, Oct. 28
- Washington, D.C., Thursday, Oct. 29
- Miami, Sunday, Jan. 31
- Palm Beach, Fla., Monday, Feb. 1
- Vero Beach, Fla., Tuesday, Feb. 2
- Naples, Fla., Thursday, Feb. 4
- Tampa, Fla., Sunday, Feb. 7
Hall of Fame Nominations

The Varsity Club’s Selection Committee will meet in January 2010 to elect new inductees to the Holy Cross Athletic Hall of Fame. All who have a candidate in mind should submit nominations by Dec. 31, 2009, to James A. Maloney ’69, secretary, Holy Cross Varsity Club, 862 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602.

A candidate should meet the following qualifications:

- His or her class must have been graduated five years, although the nominee need not have graduated.
- The nominee must have been outstanding in one or more sports.
- The nominee must have made an outstanding contribution to Holy Cross athletics.

A brief summary of the candidate’s qualifications is required to support each nomination. The Varsity Club reserves the right to make its own independent inquiry and requests that those placing names in nomination refrain from divulging that fact to their respective candidates.

To be considered, candidates must be nominated for the 2010 selection year, even though they may have been nominated in prior years.

Candidate/Class: __________________________________________

Sport(s): __________________________________________________

Nominated by: ____________________________________________

HOLY CROSS REUNION’10

June 4, 5 & 6
Classes of

June 11, 12 & 13
Classes of
Purple Knights
Treasures of the Archives

*Peek inside the Holy Cross Archive and you’ll find mementos that prove Purple Pride has a long shelf life.*

**BY JAMES DEMPSEY**

Photo by John Buckingham

An archive truly is an institution’s memory. It’s a place where the history and the culture of a community may be stored, preserved and retrieved. It’s a place for not only the exotic and the curious, but also for the ordinary. Here you will find the lowly invoice, the poet’s revised manuscript, the book, the political poster, the personal diary, the learned journal, magazines, scrapbooks, newspapers, financial accounts—the list is endless. These details of daily life in toto make up the history—the romantic might say the soul—of an institution.

Aside from the word, printed or otherwise, archives are also the repository of artifacts: time machines that can transport one back in history. Here is a small selection of items from the College archives. Some tell the story of a time or of a person or of both. Others simply remind us that school spirit, in any form, is a lasting treasure. And all are a part, no matter how large or small, of the long and rich story of the College of the Holy Cross.

**Clockwise from top left:**

**Paperweights**
These two glass paperweights, dated about 1900, show views of the College. One features an elevation showing Holy Cross as seen from South Worcester, suggesting to archivist Mark Savolis that the photo may have been executed from the tower of St. Matthew’s Church at the junction of Southbridge and Cambridge streets.

**Powder compact**
Favors such as this brass powder compact were often given to ladies attending dances at Holy Cross. This one, with its mirror and pink blush still intact inside, was given by Frederick L. O’Neill ’38 to his sister, Helen Chandley, on the occasion of the Senior Prom at the College. Chandley’s daughter, Mary Beth Pappie, periodicals assistant in the Dinand Library, recently donated this item to the archives after finding it among her mother’s jewelry.

**Temperance medals**
During the Temperance Movement in the 19th century, organizations such as the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America gave out medallions such as these in return for a pledge to abstain. Although the history of these temperance medals is unknown, in the early days of the College, excessive drinking was discouraged not only for moral reasons but also to protect the institution’s community image. In 1880 Father John Murphy, prefect of discipline, made an example of a group of students who returned home late, two of them “manifestly out of trim,” by expelling them.

**Collectible spoon**
Archivist Mark Savolis speculates that this sterling silver collectible spoon was produced in the late Victorian period. Embossed in the bowl of the spoon are the Fenwick and O’Kane buildings, landscaped with trees, and the legend “H.C.C. Worcester Mass.”

**Postcard**
This postcard of the Dinand Library’s Levi Browsing Room, circa 1930, is just one of a series of Holy Cross postcards that have been digitized by assistant archivist Sarah Campbell. To see the full collection, titled “Greetings from Mt. St. James! Post Cards from Holy Cross,” visit holycross.edu/magazine and click on Web exclusives.
The Cost of Bad Behavior: How Incivility Is Damaging Your Business and What to Do About It
BY CHRISTINE PORATH ’95 AND CHRISTINE PEARSON
(PORTFOLIO, THE PENGUIN GROUP, 2009)

While managers everywhere are trying to cut costs and maximize productivity, chances are they are missing one potentially devastating expense: the high cost of bad behavior. Whether it’s a standoffish coworker, an arrogant boss or an abrasive person in another department, incivility has become an everyday problem for many. In an accessible style, authors Christine Porath ’95 and Christine Pearson examine the toll that bad behavior can have on the bottom line in otherwise well-functioning companies. They reveal strategies successful companies use to stop incivility before it takes hold.

How to Raise a Drug-Free Kid
BY JOSEPH A. CALIFANO JR. ’52

Based on nearly two decades of research at The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, How to Raise a Drug-Free Kid: The Straight Dope for Parents offers advice and information on how to prepare your child for crucial decision-making moments. It covers many of the most daunting parenting topics, including when and how to talk to your kids about drugs and alcohol; how to respond when your child asks, “Did you do drugs?”; how to know when your child is most at risk; and how to prepare your teen for the freedoms and perils of college.

In the Spotlight

From the Fishhouse: An Anthology of Poems that Sing, Rhyme, Resound, Syncopate, Alliterate, and Just Plain Sound Great
Edited by Matt O’Donnell ’95, Camille T. Dungy and Jeffrey Thomson

Claiming a converted codfish-drying shack in Pittson, Maine, as their headquarters, From the Fishhouse is dedicated to promoting and archiving the oral tradition of contemporary poetry. Its free online audio archive (fishhousepoems.org) offers listeners the rare treat of hearing modern poems read by their authors, and gives emerging poets a forum to discuss their writing process. Founded in 2004 by Matt O’Donnell ’95 and Camille Dungy, From the Fishhouse also strives to be an educational resource for students and teachers.

The new anthology (Persea Books, New York, 2009) includes almost 200 poems by dozens of poets categorized into...
10 whimsical chapters, including “To Whoever Set My Truck on Fire: Poems that Make Various Sorts of Address” and “Late Twentieth Century in the Form of Litany: Poems that Use Repetition Very Very Well.” The book is accompanied by an audio CD featuring 36 performances of poems from the book, so that readers can also indulge in the auditory pace and flow of the authors’ work. “We imagine the reader of this book charging into the next room,” O’Donnell says, “thumb on a dog-eared page, saying to anyone in earshot ‘You have to hear this!’ The gut response we want people to have is the urge to read these poems aloud, and to others.” Selected for their use of consonance, sibilance, assonance, rhythm and certainly rhyme, the poems in the book cover territory from love and lust to getting an echocardiogram. Some pieces are followed by personal notes from the poets about the mechanics of their writing or their writing practices, drawing the reader even closer to the poems themselves.

Chasing the Green
BY EMILIO IASIELLO ’91 AND CRAIG FRANKEL
(FEO INTERNATIONAL, 2009)

Chasing the Green is the story of two brothers (one is author Craig Frankel) who became millionaires in the 1990s while still in their 20s. They were among the first to market electronic terminals for credit card transactions, but their drive and ambition led them into hot water with the Federal Trade Commission and the eventual undoing of their enterprise. Along the way their triumphs and antics fueled their self-assured camaraderie, all of which are captured in the book.

Montserrrat seminar: Health Enhancing Behaviors
Professor: John Axelson, psychology department
Description: A continuation of the seminar, “Mind, Body and Health,” in the Living Well sequence of The Natural World cluster, this spring ‘09 semester course examined how lifestyle can enhance health.
Themes: Nutrition basics; learning about the process of change through the integration of exercise into students’ daily lives, with help from coaches Eric Bailey and Jeff Oliver of Holy Cross; study of the Buddhist meditation practice of “mindfulness” and stress reduction; and exploration of the effect of lifestyle on the development and treatment of depression
Sample texts: Eat, Drink, and Be Healthy, by Walter C. Willett, M.D., Changing for Good, by James O. Prochaska, John Norcross and Carlo DiClemente, Lifting Depression: A Neuroscientist’s Hands-On Approach to Activating Your Brain’s Healing Power, by Kelly Lambert
Guest speakers: UMass Medical School nutritionist Victoria Andersen, and James Carmody, director of research for the medical school’s Stress Reduction Program
Class topic the day HCM visited: Talk by James Carmody on the effect of mind-body processes on well-being and disease progression, and the steps involved in the practice of mindfulness meditation
Requirements: Class participation, quizzes, portfolio/notebook entries, term paper, two examinations and a presentation
Professor quote: “Since this is a Montserrat seminar, I have worked with the same students for the entire year,” says Professor Axelson. “Mentoring takes time. It has been rewarding to see the students grow and mature during their first year in college.”
Professor bio: Joining the College faculty in 1982, Axelson received his Ph.D. from Tulane University in 1980; his specialties include neuroendocrinology, hormones and behavior, neuroanatomy, and health and medicine.
Student quote: “Discussing the mind-body connection has changed my outlook not only on maintaining health and wellness, but also on the capabilities of the body,” says Rachel Saleme ’12 of Chicago. “It seems that activities in the mind can alter brain chemistry in ways that can incur both very positive and very negative physical responses, but that positive thought processes can keep the body healthy and can make the body more capable of feats it may not otherwise be able to do.”

BY PAM REPONEN
Forever he has been the kid lingering at courtside, waiting to be asked to play. As a high school and college player, he sat on the edge of the bench a lot, eager to get the minutes that he had earned in practices. Every season, he would fear getting cut. As a coach, he has served as an understudy for 22 seasons, wondering if his chance for a lead role would ever come.

There is, however, no quit in Sean Kearney. He would not give up on himself at Cardinal O’Hara High. He couldn’t be shooed away from playing at Scranton University. He believed hard work and determination would be rewarded. Someday, someplace.

About to turn 50 this November, finally Kearney knocked on a door of opportunity and somebody said, “Come in.”

Now he is the head basketball coach at Holy Cross, trying to fill the huge sneakers of departing Ralph Willard ’67. Athletic Director Dick Regan ’76 selected Kearney from a field of more than 50 applicants when Willard made a sudden decision in June to join his pal Rick Pitino at the University of Louisville. Willard, after coaching at his alma mater for 10 years, warmly endorsed the candidacy of Kearney, a longtime friend. He gave Regan an enthusiastic thumbs-up, praising the choice on his Web site. Willard “texted and e-mailed” his players, telling them not to fret, that they were in “terrific hands.”

There were no naysayers, says Regan, as he made scores of calls to basketball insiders while vetting Kearney’s credentials and character.

Kearney had paid his dues. He had proven his big-time acumen as a top assistant to Notre Dame’s Mike Brey for nine seasons (ND, 167-86 record). Peers cheered his selection. Well-liked and highly respected, the personable Kearney is being called “the perfect fit” by many in the coaching fraternity and beyond.

“I think I represent countless longtime assistants who have toiled long and hard to get a chance,” says Kearney. “I think they want me to succeed, and use me as a blue-print for the argument that a blue-collar guy can run a winning program.”

Then Kearney adds a note of caution. “I still have to prove I can win.” Indeed Willard will be a tough act to follow (192-116 record, four trips to the NCAA tournament).

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He grew up like so many who have found their way to Holy Cross. Sean was one of five Kearney kids in an Irish-Catholic family. Springfield, Pa., outside Philadelphia,
has no mean streets and playgrounds aplenty. His brother, Jim, a year older, loved baseball while Sean had an early passion for hoops. His sisters, Kathleen, Eileen and Molly, enjoyed books, sports and extracurricular activities of every description.

Alice Kearney, at times a stay-at-home mom and a teacher, had a master’s degree in dramatics from Catholic University and a flair for community theater. His dad, Jack, who fought in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, worked for the federal Office of Personnel Management helping veterans find jobs. Jack had always loved some youth ball and encouraged his children to do the same. Both Alice and Jack hailed from Scranton, Pa., where neighborhoods were synonymous with parishes—Alice was Holy Rosary, Jack was Nativity.

Sean recalls biking to local playgrounds, looking for games and having to wait his turn until older kids would give him a chance. As he improved, he got to play longer stretches.

At Cardinal O’Hara, back then a high school of nearly 4,000, Sean was cut after trying out for the freshman team. That rejection only fueled his desire to succeed. He played junior varsity as a sophomore and junior. When Bud Gardler became the varsity coach before his senior year, rumors swirled that all the seniors would be cut. “I was thinking about transferring to public school,” Kearney says. But he stuck it out. And Coach Gardler became his lifelong mentor and inspiration.

“My senior year (1976-77), we played St. Dominic’s, a Long Island team coached by Ralph Willard. I’m pretty positive we lost,” says Kearney. “Ralph had become a good friend of Coach Gardler at summer camps. That prompted a longtime friendship between Ralph and me. We stayed in touch and even roomed one summer together while working a camp. Ralph has always been gracious and helpful to me.”

Kearney considered himself an “OK” guard. Despite evidence to the contrary, Kearney convinced himself he could play college basketball somewhere. He wrote letters pleading his case. From his parents’ hometown arrived a nibble of interest from the University of Scranton, a Jesuit school and a Division 3 NCAA title contender.

He played junior varsity ball at Scranton as a freshman and sophomore. Each spring he would ask head coach Bob Bessoir what he could do to improve his game. Each summer Kearney would help at camps, play in leagues, play pickup games in playgrounds, sweat and toil. “Coach Bessoir even suggested I become a volunteer assistant coach. But I told him I’d rather play,” Kearney recalls.

He got his minutes, even starting as a senior for the first half of the season as Scranton made the NCAA tournament. “I have zero complaints about playing time. I understood my abilities, fulfilled my passion for the game and played with great guys,” Kearney adds.

* After college, Kearney worked for five years in insurance for CIGNA, where he met his future wife, Kim. He remained involved in basketball as an assistant under Coach Gardler at O’Hara High. In 1986 he plunged back into basketball full time, arriving at Rick Pitino’s office at Providence College to volunteer as an assistant. From dawn until noon, he worked the phones at the Providence Journal answering complaints and filling newspaper orders. From noon to midnight, he was at Pitino’s beck and call during a magical season when Providence College with Billy Donovan advanced to the 1987 NCAA Final Four.

His climb continued. To Northwestern. To Division 2 Philadelphia Textile under Herb Magee. To Delaware for nine years, before moving with Mike Brey to Notre Dame.

He married Kim and they now have two daughters: Erin, a high school senior who plays clarinet and competed with Penn High in the Indiana State Marching Band championships, and Shannon, a talented swimmer.

Kearney admits he jumped at the opportunity to coach at Holy Cross. For him, it was a “wow” job: a top-notch academic school with an impressive athletic tradition. Being an Irish-American Catholic, Kearney knew he would be a good fit on the Hill and that he would be comfortable recruiting student-athletes with such an excellent product to pitch. His father, Jack, attended Holy Cross for a year before heading off to war. Indeed, Fr. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, Holy Cross president emeritus, welcomed Kearney with a photo of his dad from the 1941 Purple Patcher.

He has many boosters from the Scranton area, including family friend and former Holy Cross player, Ward FitzPatrick ’82. Scranton native P. Kevin Condron ’67 serves as the College’s Board of Trustees chair while his brother Christopher “Kip” Condron is board chair at the University of Scranton. Inside basketball and out, it appears Kearney has more connections than Verizon.

In July, he got off to a fast start, hopscotching the country to meet his returning players, the four incoming freshmen and their families. He bounced around to a half-dozen all-star showcase camps from Foxboro to Las Vegas looking for Crusader recruits.

Now he is trying to match the talents of his players to his preferred style, more up-tempo and offensive-minded than Willard’s dogged defense approach.

How will he do here? Time will tell. One thing is for certain though: Sean Kearney won’t quit trying.
Memories of those bicentennial spring afternoons flow back easily. Jeanne DeSignore ’79 would be in slight panic mode, grabbing her kit bag of cleats and cudgel, skirts and shirts and bolting from her science labs. Full-tilt, she would race down hillocks, past Alumni Hall and hurtle herself toward Freshman Field.

She knew that she would be late for lacrosse practice, though there resides no lax in her. She is all hustle, then and now. “Usually I’d be late, but less than 10 minutes,” recalls DeSignore, who also played four years of Crusader field hockey. “Our coaches, our professors all understood and encouraged us to play sports. Yet we had to arrange to make up classes and tests. At Holy Cross, scholar always comes before athlete.”

In 1976, she was a trailblazer, among the fourth class of coeds to enter Holy Cross. She was determined to break barriers: as an athlete, during the infancy of Title IX that aspires to level athletic fields for women in America; as a professional, heading toward a career as a doctor; as a superwoman, who would do it all. And, accomplishing her goals, DeSignore now enjoys a flourishing career as a surgeon while being married with three children and volunteering as an energetic activist for establishing ethical boundaries for sports and medicine.

In her first year, lacrosse had just been elevated from a club to a varsity sport. The team drew women who were already adept at handling a field hockey stick, including DeSignore. Back then, the dark ages of the sport were still in the rearview mirror. The lacrosse sticks were wooden, there was no protective gear such as goggles, and nobody referred to “lacrosse moms” as a voting bloc. There were no arc lights or modern artificial turf fields like those that grace the top of Mount St. James today.

“We did have some good athletes from towns like Wellesley and from prep schools,” DeSignore recalls. “And our lacrosse women’s team could beat Boston College any time, any place!”

DelSignore is one of eight children born to Louis and Jeanne (Muir) DeSignore, who both hailed from Worcester. Her mom, a French teacher, received her degree from Clark University and earned her master’s degree at Worcester State College. Her dad is an engineer and graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute; his work for the Strategic Air Command (SAC) at Pease Air Force Base in the early 1960s landed the family in nearby Dover, N.H.

Achieving a 4.0 grade point average at Dover High, DeSignore excelled as well in lacrosse and field hockey. She studied biology one summer in a program for gifted students at the St. Paul’s School in Concord, N.H. Top colleges coveted her talents. Impressed by a Holy Cross representative at a college fair, she decided to visit the campus during her third year of high school. DelSignore liked the coziness and camaraderie of the College nestled in her birthplace. She knew Holy Cross would provide a top-rate premedical program. And there would be a chance for her to compete as a tenacious, nonstop midfielder in field hockey and lacrosse.

DelSignore reflects fondly on her time on the Hill. Of course, there were the unforgettable games, such as the time Holy Cross faced down Amherst in the spring of 1979. “Our goalie and our backup goalie were both sick. Our coach Jan Demars told me I was IT. I hated playing goal,” recalls
DelSignore, the team’s co-captain. The Crusaders needed her. All game long, perhaps itching for action, DelSignore attacked the attackers, aggressively coming out of net to cut down opponents’ angles. She rattled them, deflecting shots and causing misfires.

In the end, DelSignore had posted a shutout as Holy Cross prevailed. Later Coach Demars hand-decorated a lapel pin for her showing a woman tossing a graduation cap in the air and yelling, “I did it!” That pin remains among her treasure trove of memories.

While DelSignore prefers not to talk about victories or her individual achievements in lacrosse and field hockey, she was a highly decorated scholar-athlete. Receiving the John C. Lawlor Award as the College’s outstanding student-athlete her final year, she also became the first female and first lacrosse player to be presented with the John A. Meegan Athletic Achievement Award by the Holy Cross Varsity Club.

“I learned so many life lessons at Holy Cross,” DelSignore remarks. “Sports taught me the importance of a unit working toward a common goal. They instilled values such as fair play and teamwork. I learned about motivation and how to budget my time while playing two sports and handling premed.”

Most of all, DelSignore says, she walked away from Holy Cross, not with a scorecard of victories and losses, but with a strong sense of helping others. Some of her off-the-field time was spent with fellow student-athletes volunteering at Abby’s House for battered women, serving meals, sorting clothes and helping wherever they were needed.

Holy Cross took DelSignore by the hand and showed the way to her life’s path. A 1983 graduate of the University of Rochester (N.Y.) Medical School, she has become a nationally respected orthopedic surgeon specializing in the treatment of hands. DelSignore married Ned Ballatori, Ph.D., a molecular scientist she met at the University of Rochester.

The couple has raised a trio of lacrosse players: Sarah, a Brighton High standout who played varsity for Yale in her first and second years, has decided to play intramurals and concentrate on her studies as a premed molecular biology major; Rachel, an All-American midfielder at Brighton (N.Y.) High, is playing varsity midfielder for Johns Hopkins University where she is a second-year student, majoring in behavioral biology; Alex, a first-year student, is blossoming as a Brighton High soccer and lacrosse player.

Her children’s involvement in youth lacrosse drew DelSignore back into her favorite sport. “I figured I would be at the games watching as a parent, so I might as well help out with the coaching,” she says. Wholeheartedly embracing her hectic schedule, DelSignore spends workdays examining patients or performing surgery, with the rest of her time devoted to being a spouse, mother, coach and member of a dizzying number of medical or lacrosse special committees. She has also coached local teams and all-stars in regional, state and national tournaments.

How does she manage all this, switching scalpels and lacrosse sticks?

Sometimes she actually combines roles. Once, while at a lacrosse game, a 13-year-old boy broke his arm. DelSignore, rushing onto the field, convinced parents, coaches and trainers that she could treat the boy—who was suffering terrible pain from a severe 60-degree break—on the spot: “Why wait for hours in an emergency room,” she reasoned. With a trainer holding the boy, DelSignore yanked the bone back into place and then fashioned a cast from materials on site. Follow-up exams showed that, without the benefit of X-rays, she had aligned the fracture perfectly.

With all this multitasking in perpetual motion, DelSignore has an important compass in her life: Simply put, it is doing the right thing. Since her days at Holy Cross, when she took an elective called Medical Ethics, DelSignore has developed a passion for understanding ethical behavior: in medicine, in sports—and everywhere.

The first woman to chair the Ethics Committee of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, DelSignore helped design codes of conduct for doctors in her field. In addition, she spearheaded the development of the first Code of Ethics for U.S. Lacrosse, setting standards of behavior for member coaches, volunteers, players and parents.

For DelSignore, telling right from wrong is a relatively simple matter: In medicine, the patient should always come first, she says. In youth sports, the player’s welfare should always be the primary concern. And, DelSignore concludes, one should never be too busy to help those in need and behave ethically.

JOHN W. GEARAN ’65 was an award-winning reporter and columnist at the Worcester Telegram and Gazette for 36 years.
In Memoriam

1931
RAYMOND J. FANELLI, M.D.
Raymond Fanelli, M.D., of Holyoke, Mass., died May 12, 2009, at the Wingate Healthcare facility in West Springfield, Mass., at 99. A longtime physician, Dr. Fanelli had opened a practice in general medicine in West Springfield in 1938; he later practiced pediatrics there, having undertaken studies in this field following the completion of his military service at the end of World War II. During his career, Dr. Fanelli had been affiliated with Providence Hospital, Mercy Hospital, Springfield Hospital and Wesson Women’s Hospital in Springfield, Mass.; he retired from the practice of medicine in 1980. A member of the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the war, Dr. Fanelli had been assigned to field hospitals at Fort Moresby in Papua New Guinea—and later went to Mindoro in the Philippines; he was a recipient of the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, the American Service Medal, the Philippine Liberation Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. Dr. Fanelli is survived by three sons, including Russell ’62 and Paul A. ’76; a daughter; three daughters-in-law; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

NICHOLAS J. HEALY
Nicholas Healy, of Glengarriff, Ireland, and, formerly, of Garden City, N.Y., died May 20, 2009, in Bay trunk, Ireland, at 99. A pre-eminent authority in maritime law, Mr. Healy was a founding partner, in 1948, of the admiralty law practice Healy & Baillie LLP, which combined with the firm Blank Rome in 2006. President of the Maritime Law Association from 1964-66, he was honorary vice president and the former vice president of the Comité Maritime International. In addition, Mr. Healy had been an adjunct professor of law at New York University, teaching a course there in admiralty law for 39 years; in 1991, the biennial Nicholas J. Healy Lecture on Admiralty Law was established at the university. Mr. Healy also presented courses and lectures on admiralty law at Tulane University, Temple University and Shanghai Maritime University. Co-author of Cases of the Law of Admiralty in 1950 and four editions of Admiralty: Cases and Materials, he had most recently written The Law of Marine Collision with Joseph C. Sweeney, published in 1998 by the Cornell Maritime Press. Author of the Encyclopedia Britannica entry on maritime law, Mr. Healy wrote articles as well for the MLA Journal and the Journal of Maritime Law & Commerce, where he had served as a member of its editorial board in 1969, editor, from 1982-88, and co-editor, from 1989-90. In addition, Mr. Healy was the associate editor of American Maritime Cases. A life member of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, he had been a member of its Glee Club for more than 50 years. Mr. Healy was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Glengarriff and St. Anne’s Church in Garden City. A veteran, he had obtained a commission in this field following the completion of his military service at the end of World War II. During his career, Mr. Healy had been an adjunct professor of law at New York University School of Law, teaching a course there in admiralty law for more than 30 years. He served as a captain with the 78th Infantry Division. He is survived by two sons; four daughters; a sister; 21 grandchildren, including Aimée R. Bell ’88; and 22 great-grandchildren.

1935
REV. FRANCIS P. CIANI
Rev. Francis Ciani died March 7, 2009, at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center, Guilderland, N.Y., at 95. Prior to his retirement in 1976, Fr. Ciani had been the chaplain for many years at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Northport, N.Y. Ordained to the priesthood in 1939, he began his ministry at Sacred Heart Parish in Arvick, N.Y., and, subsequently, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Schenectady, N.Y., where he had been associate pastor. An Army chaplain during World War II, Fr. Ciani had served in the Pacific theater as a captain with the 78th Infantry Division. He is survived by a brother; two sisters-in-law; nephews; nieces; grandnephews; and grandnieces.

1938
RAYMOND F. HART
Raymond Hart died April 6, 2009, at his home in Cambridge, Mass., at 94. During his career, Mr. Hart had been a teacher in Walpole, Mass., for more than 30 years. A veteran, he had served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Hart is survived by his wife, Molly; two sons; a daughter; and five grandchildren.

PAUL F. X. POWERS
Paul Powers, a longtime resident of Waltham, Mass., died March 3, 2009, at 91. During his career, Mr. Powers had practiced law for many years in Boston; from 1963-69, he had held the post of assistant attorney general for the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Active in community affairs, Mr. Powers had been a member of the Waltham City Council, from 1958-74, and the Waltham Public Library, for 30 years; he was also a past chairman of the Republican City Committee. After receiving his degree from Holy Cross, Mr. Powers had worked in the College library until 1945 when he enlisted in the Army. Serving in the United States, England and Germany during World War II, he remained in Germany following his discharge from the Army as part of the Office of Military Government; he returned to the United States in 1948. Mr. Powers was a recipient of the College’s In Hoc Signo Award in 1988. He is survived by a daughter; a nephew; and a niece. His brother was the late James V. ’32.

1939
STEPHEN L. DALY, M.D.
Stephen Daly, M.D., of West Springfield, Mass., died March 14, 2009, at 92. Prior to his retirement in 1998, Dr. Daly had maintained a psychiatric practice for many years in West Springfield. Board certified in psychiatry in 1965, he had joined the staff of Mercy Hospital in Springfield; in 1968, Dr. Daly was elected president of the Western Massachusetts Psychiatric Society. A 1943 graduate of the New York University School of Medicine, he began his practice as a family physician on Long Island, N.Y. Upon passing the state boards, Dr. Daly became an obstetrician and gynecologist and, during this time, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons; in 1966, he applied to the Institute of Living in Hartford, Conn., for training in psychiatry. Dr. Daly’s professional affiliations included the American Medical Association, The Hampden District Medical Society and the American Psychiatric Association. A member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, he was also an Obitate of the Order of St. Benedict; in 1958, he co-founded, with his wife, the Benedict-Scholastica Society, which supported mission work and seminaries nationally and internationally for many years, through the Propagation of Faith Societies in diocesan offices. An accomplished runner, swimmer and writer, Dr. Daly was the author of several philosophical articles published in a Worcester paper and of the book, Coin of the Realm. A veteran, he served with the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Germany from 1945-47 stationed at Nuremberg Hospital; attaining the rank of captain, Dr. Daly was awarded the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal. He is survived by his wife,
GEORGE J. WHITE

George White, of Holden, Mass., died April 2, 2009, in Knollwood Nursing Home, Worcester, at 92. A certified public accountant, Mr. White had maintained his own firm in Worcester from 1951 until his retirement in 1988; he had previously been employed by the Worcester accounting firm Baker & Baker, from 1946-51. In addition, Mr. White had taught advanced accounting at Clark University in 1954 and accounting at Holy Cross in 1977; he had been a member of the Massachusetts Society of Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Active in community affairs, Mr. White was a former member of the board of trustees at St. Camillus Hospital in Whitinsville, Mass., and a past board director of St. Camillus Institute in Whitinsville; he was also a former incorporator of St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester and a former chairman of the Audit Committee there. Mr. White was a parishioner of St. George’s Church in Worcester and a member of the Catholic Alumni Society of Worcester County. Serving in the Army during World War II from 1942-46, he had attended the Counter Intelligence Corps Advanced School in Chicago, graduating in 1943; Mr. White then served in the Army Reserves until 1955. He belonged to the Military Officers Association of America. Mr. White had been a charter member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class chair and class agent for many years; he was a recipient of the In Hoc Signo Award at the College in 1998. Mr. White is survived by his wife, Eileen; and a brother.

1940

DANIEL J. O’CONNELL

Daniel O’Connell, of Rockville Centre, N.Y., died Jan. 5, 2009, at 89. A longtime attorney, Mr. O’Connell was a 1947 graduate of Yale Law School in New Haven, Conn., where he was named to the Order of the Coif; he began practicing law following graduation and continued until his death. Valedictorian of his class at Holy Cross, Mr. O’Connell attended the Catholic University Columbus School of Law for one year after receiving his degree from the College; he then served four years in the military during World War II, primarily in the Philippines. Mr. O’Connell had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He was a graduate of Xavier High School in New York City. Mr. O’Connell’s interests included reading and sports. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; and nine children.

1944

THOMAS F. SULLIVAN JR., M.D.

Thomas Sullivan, M.D., died March 7, 2009, in Colorado, at 87. A longtime orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Sullivan began his medical practice in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1958; he was on the staff of several local hospitals, including North Adams (Mass.) Regional Hospital, Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington, and the Berkshire Medical Center, St. Luke’s Hospital and Hillcrest Hospital—where he was chief of orthopedics—all in Pittsfield. Dr. Sullivan was a veteran of the Army Air Force. He is survived by two daughters; a son-in-law; a brother; a grandson; and many nephews and nieces.

1946

JOHN B. GOTFREDSON

John Gotfredson died March 8, 2009, in San Diego, at 84. Mr. Gotfredson had worked many years in the family business, Transamerican Freight Lines, and, later, Transamerican Properties. Prior to the start of his career, he had briefly pursued a vocation to the priesthood at the Mount Saviour Monastery in New York. A veteran, Mr. Gotfredson had attended Holy Cross prior to serving as a Navy ensign during World War II; he subsequently received his business degree from the University of Michigan. Mr. Gotfredson’s interests included classical music, opera and playing the piano. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; two sons; a daughter; a brother, Robert L.; a sister; four granddaughters; six nephews; and two nieces.

THADDEUS S. RODOWICZ, D.M.D.

Thaddeus Rodowicz, D.M.D., of Chicopee, Mass., died May 8, 2009, at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield, Mass., at 86. Prior to his retirement, Dr. Rodowicz had been a dentist for many years in Chicopee; he opened a private practice there in 1952. Dr. Rodowicz had been an active member of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, in Chicopee. His interests included sports, photography, traveling and reading. A Navy veteran, Dr. Rodowicz had served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Korean War. He is survived by three sons; two daughters; three daughters-in-law; a brother and his wife; and eight grandchildren.

1947

TIMOTHY F. DUMPHY

Timothy Dumphy died April 4, 2009, in the Shrewsbury (Mass.) Nursing Home, at 81. An educator in the Worcester public school system for many years, Mr. Dumphy had taught at Burncoat Junior High School, the former Classical High School and Doherty Memorial High School; prior to his retirement, he taught at Marillac Manor, also in Worcester. Mr. Dumphy then served as an evening supervisor at the Holy Cross Dinan Library, from 1987 until 2001. An Army veteran, he was stationed in Germany from 1950-52. Mr. Dumphy had been a longtime member of Blessed Sacrament Church in Worcester—and, most recently, had attended St. John’s Church. Mr. Dumphy is survived by two brothers, Rev. Charles J. ’51 and John J. ’59 and his wife; a sister and her husband; four nephews and nieces; and five grandnephews and grandnieces.

JOHN M. KILCOYNE

John Kilcoyne, of Clinton, Mass., died March 4, 2009, at the Christopher House of Worcester,
at 88. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Kilcoyne had owned and operated the former Hastings Package Store in Clinton for more than 33 years. At the start of his career, he had been a salesman for the H.J. Dowd Paper Company in Cambridge, Mass. Involved in community affairs, Mr. Kilcoyne had served 12 years as a member of the Clinton School Committee and, also, during his tenure, as its chairman; in addition, he had been a trustee for 27 years at Clinton Savings Bank, a trustee at Clinton Hospital and a 57-year member of the Clinton Rotary Club. A longtime parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Clinton, Mr. Kilcoyne had been a lector, Eucharistic Minister and teacher in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program. He had served as a Holy Cross class agent and as a member of the Catholic Alumni Society of Our Lady at Holy Cross. A first lieutenant in the Marine Corps during World War II, Mr. Kilcoyne had been stationed at Okinawa in the Pacific theater. He is survived by his wife, Mary; three sons, including John F. ’73; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and eight grandchildren.

1948
KENNETH M. HAGGERTY, D.D.S.
Kenneth Haggerty, D.D.S., died April 3, 2009, at his home in Arlington, Va., at 85. During his career, Dr. Haggerty had maintained a dental practice in Arlington for many years. Active in civic affairs, he had served as president and board chairman of Arlington Hospital; member of the Arlington County Board from 1966-74; past chairman of the Virginia State Board of Health and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; and member of the local Drug Abuse Task Force. Beginning his undergraduate studies at Fordham University in New York City, Dr. Haggerty took part in the Navy’s V-12 college training program at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.; assigned to San Diego, he trained as a hospital corpsman working with amputees and paraplegics. As a student at Holy Cross, Dr. Haggerty had been a member of the varsity basketball team and co-captain of the 1947 NCAA championship team. After receiving his degree in 1951 from the Georgetown University School of Dentistry in Washington, D.C., he taught prosthetic dentistry there and opened his dental practice. Dr. Haggerty was a former chairman of the Northern Virginia Dental Society and the Virginia Dental Association executive committee. He is survived by his wife, Penny; three sons; two daughters; and 15 grandchildren.

CHARLES J. NOLAN
Charles Nolan died March 17, 2009, at his home in West Boylston, Mass., at 85. During his career, Mr. Nolan had been an attorney for many years in West Boylston; he had worked for the Travelers Insurance Company from 1947-69. Mr. Nolan had been a member of the West Boylston School Committee from 1964-68. In addition, he had played Minor League baseball. A Navy veteran, Mr. Nolan had served as an officer in Brooklyn, N.Y., during World War II; in the Korean War, he was stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Mr. Nolan is survived by his wife, Joan; two sons, three daughters; two sons-in-law; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1950
THOMAS F. MCCORMICK
Thomas McCormick, of Niskayuna, N.Y., died March 19, 2009, in Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, N.Y., at 80. Involved for many years in the printing industry, Mr. McCormick had most recently been the chief executive officer for a major book manufacturer and, previously, president and chief executive officer of a national magazine printer. From 1973-78, he was appointed public printer of the United States, in charge of the Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C. Joining the General Electric Company in its financial management program at the start of his career, Mr. McCormick first worked as an auditor for the company, traveling throughout the United States; he then became president and general manager of The Maqua Company, a printing subsidiary of GE and, later, head of strategic planning for the company’s power generation business group in New York City. Commissioned an ensign in the Navy in 1950, Mr. McCormick was stationed aboard several ships, including the USS Siboney, during his time of military service; he attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade. Upon discharge, Mr. McCormick served in the Reserves for several years. Active in many professional organizations, he had been a director, officer or trustee of the Printing Industries Association of East Central New York; the Graphic Arts Association of Pennsylvania; the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation; the national Printing Industries Association; the Web Offset Association; the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., School of Printing; and the Washington, D.C., Board of Trade. Recognized during his career with numerous honors, he had been a recipient of the Horace Hart Service Award. Mr. McCormick is survived by his wife, Beverly; a son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and eight grandchildren.
IN MEMORIAM

Pleasant, Mich. Prior to attending the University of Detroit School of Law, from which he received his degree in 1959, he had worked for the U.S. government and federal judge, Thomas Thornton. A veteran, Mr. O’Connell had served as a captain in the Marines. He is survived by his wife, Peggy; four sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; and seven grandchildren.

ARTHUR S. PLOCHARCZYK
Arthur Plocharczyk, of Farmington, Conn., died April 23, 2009, at 84. During his career, Mr. Plocharczyk had been employed by the U.S. Department of the Defense as a contracts administrator at the Kaman Corp., headquartered in Bloomfield, Conn.; retiring in 1987 following 27 years of service, he was honored with a Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Plocharczyk had previously worked for the Department of the Navy in Hartford, Conn. At the start of his career, he had been an accountant auditor with the Connecticut Welfare Department. During World War II, Mr. Plocharczyk had been a member of the 84th Infantry Division, serving in Normandy, Northern France, Germany and Central Europe. He had been a member of St. Teresa of Avila Church in Unionville, Conn. Mr. Plocharczyk’s interests included bowling and golf. He is survived by his wife, Joan; two daughters; a sister and her husband; a granddaughter; three nephews; a niece; and several grandchildren and great-nieces.

1951

RAYMOND M. H. JOYCE
Raymond Joyce, a longtime resident of New Britain, Conn., died March 12, 2009, at The Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain, at 81. During his career, Mr. Joyce had served as Connecticut state representative from the 25th District from 1978-94; during his tenure, he was named a ranking member of the Environment Committee and chairman of the Asbestos Study Task Force. In the 1970s, Mr. Joyce had been a member of the Democratic Town Committee. He also owned and operated the Raymond M.H. Joyce Insurance Agency and taught at the Moody School of Commerce in New Britain. Mr. Joyce was an active parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Church in New Britain and a member, for many years, of the Parish Council there. A veteran, he had served as a staff sergeant in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. Mr. Joyce had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by five sons; three daughters-in-law; a sister; 11 grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

DENNIS J. MCCARTHY
Dennis McCarthy died Feb. 24, 2009, in Fort Worth, Texas, at 78. Prior to his retirement, Mr. McCarthy had worked 47 years for Equifax; he joined the firm in 1957. Mr. McCarthy subsequently served as a docent at the Kimbell Art Museum and the Modern Art Museum in Fort Worth, as well as at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. He is survived by his wife, Asta; four sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; two brothers; two sisters-in-law; 15 grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

CLINTON E. ROCHE
Clinton Roche died April 6, 2009, at his home in Sierra Vista, Ariz., at 79. Prior to his retirement in 1984, Mr. Roche had worked for GTE in executive marketing positions. A member of the NROTC program at Holy Cross, he was commissioned an ensign following graduation—and, subsequently, served on destroyers and submarines, and in a guided missile unit; Mr. Roche retired from active duty as a commanding officer in the Naval Reserve, Submarine Division, 1-34, Portsmouth, N.H. During his career, he had also been president of Fry Island Inc.; president and chief executive officer of A&A Janitor Co. Inc.; president and chief executive officer of The Clinton Co. Inc.; and program manager, Arcata Associates Inc. Mr. Roche was a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by two sons; a daughter; a sister; nephews; nieces; and cousins.

1952

CARLO J. VERBANIC
Carlo Verbanic, of Cortland, N.Y., died Feb. 8, 2009, at 80. During his career, Mr. Verbanic had been a longtime editor and writer of an internationally distributed newsletter on petroleum, synthetic and natural waxes—and, also, a contributor of numerous articles for publication in chemical industry news magazines and newsletters. A 1950 graduate of Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., he received his master of science degree the following year from Holy Cross, and his Ph.D. in chemistry, in 1956, from Indiana University. Mr. Verbanic is survived by his wife, Mary Patricia; 10 children; a brother; a sister; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; 14 grandchildren; nephews; nieces; and cousins.

ROBERT J. HEALY
Robert Healy died March 18, 2009, at St. Camillus Health Center in Northbridge, Mass., at 80. During his career, Mr. Healy had worked 20 years as a vice president of finance at Ameri-
can Insulated Wire in Pawtucket, R.I. A veteran, he had served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Healy is survived by a son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; eight grandchildren; and two nephews.

THOMAS A. MCCANN JR.
Thomas McCann, a former longtime resident of Michigan City, Ind., died May 15, 2009, in Seattle, at 79. During his career, Mr. McCann had worked many years for the U.S. Gypsum Company, Chicago, in its international division. A veteran, he had served as an officer in the Navy. Mr. McCann had been a member of the varsity football team at Holy Cross; named an All-American player, he took part in the North-South Shrine Game in Miami. Mr. McCann was inducted into the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 1981. His interests included poetry and sailing. Mr. McCann is survived by two sons; two daughters-in-law; a brother; two sisters; and three grandchildren.


The founder of what is now called Information Technology Services at the College, Fr. Pomeroy had served as director of the Data Processing Center at the College from 1966 to 1971 and, during this time, as a lecturer in computer science in the mathematics department. In 1971, he became the director of the Computer Center at Boston College, continuing in this capacity until 1978. Fr. Pomeroy resumed his former position as the Data Processing Center director at Holy Cross in 1980; he subsequently served as a computer support specialist at the College from 1987 until his death.

In addition to his work at Holy Cross and Boston College, Fr. Pomeroy provided assistance to other Jesuit educational institutions, including Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., where he helped to establish its computer center in 1966, and Regis College in Denver, where he had held the post of vice president for financial affairs from 1978 to 1980.

Active as well in pastoral ministry, Fr. Pomeroy had assisted in all areas of parish life at St. Mary of the Hills Church in Boylston for 22 years.

Entering the Society of Jesus in 1948 after completing one year of studies at Holy Cross, he earned his bachelor’s degree in classics in 1954 at Boston College and his master’s degree in philosophy there in 1955. Fr. Pomeroy then taught mathematics for two years at Holy Cross before returning to Boston College to pursue his master’s degree in physics, which he received in 1959.

He then continued his studies for the priesthood at the Jesuit House of Studies in Weston, Mass. Following his ordination to the priesthood by Archbishop Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston on June 16, 1962, Fr. Pomeroy completed his training as a Jesuit priest at St. Robert’s Hall in Pomfret, Conn.; he subsequently taught physics at Boston College High School in Dorchester, Mass., from 1964 to 1966.

Fr. Pomeroy was a 1947 graduate of Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine.

He is survived by a brother; a niece; and two cousins.

As Fr. Pomeroy willed his body to the University of Massachusetts Medical School, a Memorial Mass was celebrated for him on July 21 in the Mary Chapel of St. Joseph Memorial Chapel at Holy Cross, with burial to take place at the College at a later date. A Mass in Fr. Pomeroy’s memory was also celebrated at St. Mary of the Hills Church on Aug. 16 at 11:15 a.m., the service at which he usually presided.

Ellen J. Keohane ’83, the current director of Information Technology Services at the College, remembers with gratitude Fr. Pomeroy’s leadership and vision: “Fr. Pomeroy hired me right out of Holy Cross, at a time when technology in higher education was moving beyond transaction processing with punch cards into all areas of college life. Together we helped Holy Cross navigate rapid and tumultuous technological change. I am very appreciative of the support and guidance Fr. Pomeroy gave me these past decades, especially when I became director of the department he once led.”

1953
JOSEPH D. BELZILE, D.D.S.
Joseph Belzile, D.D.S., a retired Army colonel, died March 9, 2009, at 78. A member of the U.S. Army Dental Corps for more than 30 years prior to his retirement, Dr. Belzile had served at the U.S. Army Institute of Dental Research at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C.—and, also, as chief, oral pathology, oral medicine and diagnostic service, at Ireland Army Hospital in Fort Knox, Ky., Brooke Army
Medical Center in San Antonio, and Irwin Army Hospital, Fort Riley, Kan. In addition, Dr. Belzile had held the post of commander, 92nd Medical Detachment, in Hanau, Germany, and commander, Dental Activity, and director of Dental Services, at Fort Lee, Va. During his career, he had served as a consultant in oral medicine and pathology for the Surgeon, USAEUR, Commander, 7th Medical Command, and many Army training programs. A fellow of the American College of Dentists and the American Academy of Oral Pathology, he had been a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit, the American Dental Association, the American Academy of Oral Pathology and the American Academy of Oral Medicine. The recipient of awards and citations from the American Cancer Society, University of Pennsylvania alumni, and the American Dental Association, Dr. Belzile had been listed in several regional editions of Who's Who. He had been a member of St. Ann Church, Colonial Heights, Va. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia with a doctor of dental surgery degree and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., with a Ph.D. in general pathology, Dr. Belzile was board certified in both oral pathology and oral medicine. He is survived by his wife, Beverly; three sons; three daughters-in-law, including Maureen Walsh Belzile '94; and two grandchildren.

JOHN F. MORRISSEY

John Morrissey died March 19, 2009, at the MetroWest Medical Center in Framingham, Mass., at 77. During his career, Mr. Morrissey had been a fund administrator for the Iron Workers of New England District Council in Boston. A 1985 graduate of the New England Institute of Anatomy and Funeral Directing, he became a licensed Massachusetts funeral director, affiliated with his brother-in-law Thomas Cronin at the Callahan-Cronin Funeral Home in Hopkinton, Mass. Graduating in 1958 from the North American College in Rome, Mr. Morrissey had ministered in the Diocese of Worcester from 1958-74. He had been a member of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Worcester. Mr. Morrissey is survived by his wife, Mary; three brothers-in-law; four sisters-in-law; five nephews; seven nieces; and 16 grandnephews and grandnieces.

PAUL A. NELSON

Paul Nelson died April 6, 2009, at the Connecticut Hospice, at 77. During his career, Mr. Nelson had been a sales representative for Herff Jones and Collegiate Cap and Gown. A longtime resident of Somers, Conn., he was president of the Rotary Club there and, also, a member of the Enfield Lions Club. A veteran, Mr. Nelson had served in the Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Josephine; two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a brother; and two grandchildren.

1954

MATTHEW P. BOYLAN

Matthew Boylan, of Wyckoff, N.J., died March 1, 2009. Mr. Boylan had been a member of the President's Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Daryl; two sons; two daughters; and 12 grandchildren.

REV. JOHN T. FOLEY

Rev. John Foley, a native of Woburn, Mass., died Oct. 31, 2008, at the St. Patrick Manor in Framingham, Mass., at 76. Ordained to the priesthood in 1958, Fr. Foley served several parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston during his ministry; an assistant at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Walpole from 1958-59, and St. John the Evangelist Church, Hopkinton, from 1959-66, he was assigned to St. Ann Church in the Wollaston section of Quincy as associate pastor from 1966-85. Fr. Foley is survived by a brother; two sisters; two brothers-in-law; a sister-in-law; many nephews and nieces; and grandnephews and grandnieces.

THOMAS H. O'LEARY

Thomas O'Leary, of Saratoga, Wyo., died April 28, 2009, at the Eisenhower Medical Center in Palm Springs, Calif., at 75. Prior to his retirement in 1997, Mr. O'Leary had worked for Burlington Resources, Inc.; elected president and chief executive officer in 1989, he was named board chairman in 1990. Mr. O'Leary had joined Burlington Northern, Inc. (BNI) in 1982 as vice chairman; he served as director of BNI from 1982-92. At the start of his career, Mr. O'Leary began working for the Missouri Pacific Corporation in 1965 as assistant treasurer; by 1974, he had become president of the company and a member of its board of directors. Mr. O'Leary had been a director as well of The Kroger Company and BF Goodrich. A Marine Corps veteran, he had served as an aviator and attained the rank of captain. Mr. O'Leary had been a member of the College Board of Trustees from 1991-2000 and a member of the President's Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; four sons, including Thomas H. Jr. '82 and his wife, Karol-Anne '83; a daughter; a sister; and 10 grandchildren, including Michael F. '12. His father was the late Arthur J. '20.

GERALD C. VOLPE

Gerald Volpe died March 26, 2009, at his home in Boston, at 77. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Volpe had taught and served many years as the director in the French and Italian department at the University of Massachusetts-Boston; during his tenure, he was also the director of the university's junior-year abroad program and overseer of the Exhibit of Italian Graphics in the Campus Art Gallery. At the start of his career, Mr. Volpe taught at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., where he held the post of assistant professor. A noted scholar, he specialized in the areas of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance and, especially, French, Italian and American Ethnic Studies. Mr. Volpe's professional affiliations included the American Association of Teachers of French; the Association of American University Teachers of Italian; Circolo Italiano di Boston; the Dante Alighieri Society of Boston; the Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS); and the American Historical Society. His interests included music, the arts and gourmet cooking. Mr. Volpe spent his childhood in Fitchburg, Mass., where he had been a member of St. Anthony di Padua Church. He is survived by two sisters; two nephews; two nieces; four grandnieces; and three grandnieces.

1955

DAVID J. BURKE

David Burke died April 13, 2009, at the Stanford University Medical Center in Palo Alto, Calif., at 75. A retired colonel in the Air Force, Mr. Burke had served with the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., from 1974 to 1977, and, at Andrews Air Force Base, from 1977 to 1981; he was a 1974 graduate of the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I. Mr. Burke retired from the military in 1981 following 26 years of service, at which time he was awarded the Legion of Merit; he was also a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross for an aerial mission over North Vietnam in July 1968. Upon the completion of military career, Mr. Burke became the director of federal government policy and procurement for the Digital Equipment Corporation in Washington, D.C.; he served in this capacity until 1991. Mr. Burke
had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Anne; two sons; a daughter, Elizabeth A. ’90; a brother; a sister; and three grandchildren.

JOHN R. DELANEY, M.D.
John Delaney, M.D., of St. Petersburg, Fla., died March 25, 2009, at 74. During his career, Dr. Delaney had practiced general psychiatry for many years in St. Petersburg. He had been a member of St. Paul’s Catholic Church. Dr. Delaney was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Dr. Delaney is survived by his wife, Catherine; a son; two daughters, including Laura Delaney Brody ’85; two sons-in-law; a brother, Mark A. ’57; a sister-in-law; and five grandchildren.

THOMAS J. GALLAGHER JR.
Thomas Gallagher, of Simsbury, Conn., and Florida, died April 7, 2009, in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., at 75. Active in the insurance industry, Mr. Gallagher had had a long career with the Connecticut General Insurance Company (CIGNA), serving many years as vice president of the Connecticut General Real Estate Investment Trust. He had been a member of the Counselors of Real Estate. Mr. Gallagher had also provided financial expertise to the Connecticut Institute for the Blind on a voluntary basis and served as president of the Hop Meadow Country Club in Simsbury. A member of the College NROTC program, he had served two years in the Navy aboard the destroyer USS Smalley. Mr. Gallagher had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Renée Priggs; a sister; a brother-in-law; three nephews; a niece; and eight grandnephews and grandnieces.

JAMES J. LEWIS
James Lewis died April 21, 2009, in the Lawrence (Mass.) General Hospital, at 76. During his career, Mr. Lewis had worked for the Raytheon Company, serving more than 30 years in the Middle East; he retired in 1999 as an executive vice president. Mr. Lewis had been a member of the Holy Cross varsity basketball team and the 1954 NIT Championship team. In 2004, his alma mater, Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, dedicated its annual golf tournament to him, in acknowledgment of his contributions to the school community; proceeds benefited The Montagne Project, a scholarship program for students in need. Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; three sons; four daughters; three sons-in-law; seven grandchildren; four granddaughters; and a great-grandson.

DANIEL L. MACKEN, M.D.
Daniel Macken, M.D., died on March 1, 2009, at 75. During his nearly 50-year medical career, Dr. Macken had been a cardiologist at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City, founder of the Medica Foundation and a decorated Army officer. He is survived by two daughters; a brother; and two grandchildren.

SABAH E. ZARA, M.D.
Sabah Zara, M.D., died Feb. 27, 2009, at 74. A pediatrician for 46 years in Michigan, Dr. Zara began his medical practice in 1963 in Downriver; working 18 years in a group practice, he then opened a solo practice in 1982. Dr. Zara served patients in Wyandotte, Riverview and Trenton. He had been a member of the swimming team at Holy Cross; a diver, he also swam the breaststroke and individual medley. Dr. Zara is survived by his wife, Linda; a son; three daughters; two brothers; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

1957
DAVID J. HOHL
David Hohl died March 12, 2009, at his home in Amherst, N.Y., at 73. During his career, Mr. Hohl had worked many years for the Watson Sales Co. Inc. in Buffalo, N.Y. A member of the Air Force ROTC program at Holy Cross, he had played on both the College varsity football and baseball teams. During the 1955 season, Mr. Hohl led the football team in scoring, with a total of 42 points; he was a three-year regular on the baseball team which, in 1957, attained a 16-3 record. A three-sport athlete at his alma mater Canisius High School in Buffalo, Mr. Hohl was named Catholic All-Western New York in football, basketball and baseball and Catholic All-American in football; he won the Canisius College Cup in 1953. Honored as a distinguished alumnus for athletics, Mr. Hohl was inducted into the school’s Sports Hall of Fame. He later played football for the Army while stationed in Germany. Mr. Hohl is survived by his wife, Theresa; his mother; three sons; three daughters; three sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law; a brother; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1958
GEORGE M. MULLIGAN
George Mulligan died March 15, 2009, in Alexandria (Va.) Hospital, at 72. Active in the insurance industry, Mr. Mulligan had worked 23 years for the American Insurance Association, retiring in 1996. At the start of his career, he had practiced law in New York City. Mr. Mulligan is survived by his wife, Pauline; three sons; and eight grandchildren.

JAMES M. WALSH
James Walsh, of Narragansett, R.I., and, formerly, Milton, Mass., died May 9, 2009, at Westerly (R.I.) Hospital, at 72. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Walsh had worked many years as a stockbroker. A member of the Weekapaug Golf Club in Westerly, he took part in the Rhode Island Senior Games. Mr. Walsh is survived by his wife, Ellen; three sons; two daughters-in-law; a daughter-in-law; three brothers, including Donald A. ’68; and four grandchildren.

JOHN F. WALSH JR.
John Walsh, of Bass River, Mass., and, formerly, of Holden, Mass., died March 14, 2009, on Cape Cod. During his career, Mr. Walsh had worked for Travelers Insurance for more than 30 years; he recently retired from the office of Worcester attorney John C. Fisher. Mr. Walsh had been a member of the Holy Cross Club of Worcester. He was a longtime, active member of St. Mary’s Church in Jefferson, Mass. Mr. Walsh is survived by his wife, Cecily; four sons, including John F. III’81; two daughters-in-law; four sons-in-law; four daughters-in-law; a brother, Thomas J. ’68; a sister-in-law; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two nieces.

1959
JOHN L. MAHONEY, M.D.
John Mahoney, M.D., died Oct. 5, 2008, at his home in Oakland, Calif., at 71. During his career, Dr. Mahoney had practiced psychiatry for many years in California, accepting a position as staff psychiatrist at the Highland General Hospital in Oakland in 1973. The director of psychiatric services for Alameda County Mental Health Services in Oakland from 1973-76, he also opened a private psychiatric practice in Walnut Creek in 1975, which he maintained until 2004. From 1992-2000, Dr. Mahoney consulted at senior living centers and, in 1999, accepted a position as a staff psychiatrist at the San Quentin State Prison; following five years of service there, he transferred to the Solano State Prison in Vacaville, where he worked until his retirement in 2006. At the start of his
career, Dr. Mahoney practiced psychiatry and taught at a Veterans Hospital in Connecticut. A captain in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, he had been an instructor in neuropsychiatry at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from 1964-66. Dr. Mahoney is survived by his partner, Judy Rowe; two daughters; a son-in-law; three brothers; a sister-in-law; and two grandchildren.

1960
PETER J. O’MALLEY JR.
Peter O’Malley, a longtime resident of Clinton, Mass., died Feb. 20, 2009, in UMass-Memorial Healthcare, University campus, Worcester, at 70. Prior to his retirement in 2001, Mr. O’Malley had served as an elementary school teacher for more than 40 years in the Dudley-Charlton (Mass.) School District. He had been a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Clinton. Mr. O’Malley is survived by a sister and her husband; three nieces; and several cousins.

CHARLES D. PACUNAS
Charles Pacunas died on May 10, 2009. Most recently the senior vice president of special projects at the Gibson Guitar Corp. in Nashville, Tenn., Mr. Pacunas had previously served as the vice president of global media and alliances for the Burger King Corp. Beginning his professional career as an executive with the Bell System, he subsequently held senior marketing and community relations positions with Northwest Airlines and the Minnesota Twins. At Holy Cross, Mr. Pacunas had been a member and captain of the varsity football team and a member of the varsity lacrosse team—he was selected as All-American in lacrosse. Mr. Pacunas later played semipro football prior to joining the Bell System. Named Crusader of the Year in 1960, he was inducted into the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 1992 for both football and lacrosse. At his alma mater Loyola High School in Baltimore, Mr. Pacunas had been a member of the football team, All Maryland Scholastic Association undefeated champions in 1955. He is survived by his wife, Annette; his parents; a son; three daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; two brothers-in-law; four grandchildren; nine nephews and nieces; and 10 grandnieces.

1961
GEORGE W. BROWN
George Brown died April 8, 2009, in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, at 70. A longtime attorney, Mr. Brown had been associated with the law firm Bowditch & Dewey in Worcester for 30 years, prior to his retirement. Receiving his degree from Boston College Law School in 1966, he joined the practice—then called Bowditch, Gowetz & Lane—as an associate; Mr. Brown was later named a partner in the firm. He was a veteran of the Navy. Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Annie McCullough; a daughter; his parents; a sister; three grandchildren; two nephews; and a niece.

1963
SAMUEL C. GOWAN
Samuel Gowan died May 5, 2009, at his home in Gainesville, Fla., at 68. During his career, Mr. Gowan had served 30 years as the associate director of collections at the University of Florida Libraries in Gainesville. A partner in Nunez-Gowan Productions Inc., Gainesville, he was associated with several films, including Coastlines, Ulee’s Gold and Gal Young Un. Mr. Gowan was also a founding member of Historic Gainesville, Inc. He is survived by his wife, Joan; a son; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; two sisters; and several grandchildren.

1964
THOMAS F. FOGARTY
Thomas Fogarty died Dec. 12, 2008, in Greenwich (Conn.) Hospital, at 66. During his career, Mr. Fogarty had worked as an institutional equity salesman for several firms on Wall Street, including Lazard. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; two sons; a daughter; a brother; two sisters; five grandchildren; and several cousins.

1969
ROBERT J. CLANCY JR.
Robert Clancy died April 19, 2009, at his home in Westfield, N.J. During his career, Mr. Clancy had served 33 years for Elizabethtown Gas and the NUI Corporation in New Jersey. Employed as a staff accountant, he had served as controller and vice president-accounting; prior to his retirement in 2005, Mr. Clancy had held the post of director of regulatory reporting. From 2005-08, he was a financial consultant with Resources Global Professionals, Parsippany, N.J. Active in civic affairs, Mr. Clancy had been the secretary of the board of the Habitat for Humanity Greater Elizabeth (N.J.) Area; treasurer for the Elizabeth Host Lions Club; and a volunteer in community outreach programs at St. Helen’s Church in Westfield. Mr. Clancy is survived by his wife, Marie; two sons; a daughter-in-law; his mother; a brother; a sister; three grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

DAVID R. WALLEN
David Wallen, of Worcester, died April 17, 2009, at 61. Active in the insurance industry during his career, Mr. Wallen had worked for the Rome Insurance Company in Fitchburg, Mass. His interests included fishing, hunting, reading and traveling; an American history enthusiast, Mr. Wallen was a past president of the Civil War Round Table of Massachusetts. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two daughters; a son-in-law; his mother; a brother; a sister; three grandchildren; nephews and nieces; and grand-nephews and grandnieces.

1970
ROBERT M. HOWARD
Robert Howard, of Denver, died April 29, 2009, at 60. Active in the legal field during his career, Mr. Howard had been associated with the VISTA Volunteer Program, Colorado Rural Legal Services (Legal Aid) in Trinidad, and, most recently, the Colorado Attorney General’s Office in Denver, where he represented the insurance division. He was a 1973 graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law. A member of the swimming team at Holy Cross, Mr. Howard later ran marathons and Pikes Peak runs in Colorado. He is survived by his wife, Annie McCulloough; a daughter; his parents; a brother, Joseph E. “Jay” Jr. ’68; a sister-in-law; three sisters; two brothers-in-law; and many nephews and nieces.

RICHARD T. SERVICE
Richard Service died April 4, 2009, in Hackensack, N.J., at 61. A writer, editor and publisher for 30 years, Mr. Service had most recently worked in the medical publishing field, primarily with the Medical Economics Co. in New Jersey. He began his career as a financial reporter and an editor for Commodity News Services in New York City and Kansas City, Mo. A resident of Allendale, N.J., from 1978 to 2001, Mr. Service had been active in community, choral and church activities. He had served in the Army from 1971 to 1973. Mr. Service had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by a son, Timothy E. ’01; a daughter-in-law, Amanda J. Dvoskic, D.O., ’02; his former wife, Mary Brady Service; two brothers, including Allan L. ’66; two sisters-in-law; two nieces; and a grandniece.
1979

JON G. SCHNEIDER

Jon Schneider, of New York City, died on March 22, 2009. During his career, Mr. Schneider had worked in advertising and digital marketing for many years, most recently serving as the executive vice president and director of client service for MRM Worldwide. His interests included sailing and skiing. Mr. Schneider is survived by his wife, Rosemary; two brothers, including Thomas R., M.D., ’67; a sister; and 20 nephews and nieces.

1980

MARY LOU (BONNEY) KARP

Mary Lou Karp, of Englewood, N.J., and, formerly, of Cresskill, N.J., and Florida, died on Feb. 17, 2009, at 50. During her career, Mrs. Karp had served as a marketing director for PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Tampa, Fla. in 1981, she co-founded and fronted the seminal punk rock band, “They Came From Houses.” She is survived by her husband, Peter; a son; a daughter; her parents; a brother; and a sister.

1987

KATHERINE A. (HEALY) JACARUSO

Katherine Jacaruso, of Essex, Conn., died May 13, 2009, at the Hospice Unit of Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, Conn., at 44. Mrs. Jacaruso was a senior vice president at the Fidelity Investments Institutional Services, Co., in Smithfield, R.I. She had been a member of the board of the Essex Winter Series, a member of Child & Family Services of Southeastern Connecticut, the Old Lyme (Conn.) Country Club and the Essex (Conn.) Yacht Club—and a former member of the Junior League of Chicago and Boston. Mrs. Jacaruso had been a parishioner of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Essex. She had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class chair and class agent. Mrs. Jacaruso was a graduate of the Bishop O’Connell High School in Arlington, Va. She is survived by her husband, William; their triplet daughters; her parents; Sally and retired Capt. Kevin M. Healy, USN, ’60; her parents-in-law; a brother, Kevin J., ’91; a sister and niece; a brother-in-law; and a sister-in-law, her husband and son. Her grandfather was the late M. Joseph ’25.

WARREN SCHIFF

JUNE 16, 2009

Warren Schiff, a longtime member of the history department at Holy Cross, died June 16, 2009, at 84. Appointed an assistant professor of history at the College in 1961, Mr. Schiff was promoted to associate professor the following year. During his tenure, he had taught courses in the political and cultural history of Europe and the history of Latin America. Prior to joining the College faculty, Mr. Schiff had been associated with Little Rock University in Arkansas, serving four years as chairman of the division of social sciences. A graduate of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., he received his Ph.D. from the University of California in 1957. Mr. Schiff’s son Paul credits his father’s worldliness and particular passion for Latin America for instilling in him a love of travel. “As a child I remember we spent six months living in Buenos Aires, Argentina,” Schiff recalls. “My father was doing research on the European influence on South American culture, and he made incredible inroads and contacts there to further his research.” “My father loved all areas of world history,” he continues, “but what he got really excited about was Latin American history.”

Mr. Schiff retired from the College at the end of the 1986-87 academic year. He is survived by his wife, Martha; his son Paul ’83; and a daughter, Gail.
Edward M. Kennedy, a longtime United States senator from Massachusetts and a key figure in the development of the nation’s social policy, died Aug. 25, 2009, in Hyannis Port, Mass., at 77.

A Democrat, Sen. Kennedy had served 46 years in Congress; at the time of his death, he was chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee which, last July, passed the Affordable Health Choices Act, setting off debate on Capitol Hill about the proposed reform of the country’s health care system. During his long tenure in Congress, Sen. Kennedy had promoted legislation supporting numerous issues, including civil rights, education, voting rights, labor and immigration reform. In favor of the abolition of the draft and the deregulation of the airline and trucking industries, he helped to establish the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and backed federal support for health initiatives, including the Meals on Wheels program, increased cancer research financing and the creation of community health care centers.

A 1956 graduate of Harvard University and a 1959 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, Sen. Kennedy first became involved in politics managing the senator re-election campaign of his brother John F. Kennedy and, later, assisting him in his bid for the presidency in 1960. Working as an assistant district attorney following the presidential campaign, he was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962, filling the unexpired term of his brother John and launching his own congressional career. Sen. Kennedy made one unsuccessful try for the presidency in 1979.

In addition to his work in the Senate, he had played an active role in the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

On May 27, 1977, he received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Holy Cross and delivered the Commencement address, in which he encouraged the graduates to become involved in the issues of the day and to strive to make a difference: “Often all it takes to turn the tide is one individual, acting alone and against the odds. A single voice of courage and understanding can change the flow of events and improve the community in which we live. Sometimes it can alter the course of history.”

Sen. Kennedy is survived by his wife, Victoria Anne Reggie; two sons; a daughter; two stepchildren; a sister; four grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces, including Mark K. ’86 and his wife, Jeanne Ripp Shriver ’87, and Maria Shriver Schwarzenegger Hon. ’98. His late sister Eunice Shriver received an honorary degree and delivered the principal address at the 1979 Holy Cross Commencement Exercises; his brother-in-law R. Sargent Shriver Jr. received an honorary degree from the College in 1986.

Reflecting upon the passing of Sen. Kennedy, Holy Cross president, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., remarks:

“His long and distinguished career in the Senate was always marked by a commitment to helping the poor, the vulnerable and those who were often underrepresented or unheard—a commitment shared by us and recognized when Holy Cross awarded Senator Kennedy an honorary degree in 1977. Because one of his legislative priorities was access and affordability in higher education, he was instrumental in shaping the national conversation, setting standards and fighting for Pell grants and other measures to ensure that the doors of America’s colleges and universities remain open to all. Through his lifetime of work on civil rights, health care and the nation’s education policy and his passionate advocacy for justice, his legacy will endure.”
Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of the Special Olympics and former College Trustee, died Aug. 11, 2009, in Cape Cod Hospital, Hyannis, Mass., at 88.

A longtime advocate for improving the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities, Mrs. Shriver first undertook this effort in an official capacity in 1957 as executive vice president of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation. Under her guidance, the foundation focused on scientific research and changing society’s approach to people with mental disabilities—and was instrumental in the formation of President Kennedy’s Panel on Mental Retardation in 1961; the development, in 1962, of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, now named in her honor; the establishment of a network of research centers on this subject at major medical schools in the United States in 1967; and the creation, in 1971, of centers for the study of medical ethics at Harvard and Georgetown universities. In 1968, the foundation assisted in planning and provided financing for the first International Special Olympics Summer Games held that summer in Chicago.

Inspired by her sister Rosemary, who was developmentally disabled, Mrs. Shriver had opened a summer camp for children with special needs in 1962 at her home in Maryland, called Timberval; a forerunner to the Special Olympics, the camp provided a range of physical activities, including swimming lessons.

Mrs. Shriver began her career in 1943 working in the special war programs division of the Department of State and, subsequently, as executive secretary for a juvenile delinquency project in the Department of Justice. Serving as a social worker at the Penitentiary for Women in Alderson, W. Va., in 1950, she relocated to Chicago the following year where she worked at a shelter for women and the Chicago Juvenile Court.

Attending Convent of the Sacred Heart Schools in the United States and England and the Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, Mrs. Shriver received her bachelor’s degree in sociology from Stanford (Calif.) University in 1943.

For her efforts on behalf of people with intellectual disabilities, Mrs. Shriver was awarded the Legion of Honor; the Prix de la Couronne Française and the Albert Lasker Public Service Award, among other honors; in 1984, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Mrs. Shriver delivered the principal address at Holy Cross Commencement Exercises on June 1, 1979, receiving an honorary doctor of public service degree. She had served as a member of the College Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1986. Mrs. Shriver had also been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross.

Holy Cross president emeritus, Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, who came to know Mrs. Shriver during his tenure as president of the College, remarks: “What singles her out was her general interest in student life. Her interests were in what engaged students beyond their study and their classes. She wanted to know what they did in other hours of the day. She was interested in whether students volunteered for things. She was seriously interested in their social behavior.

“She didn’t sit in the corner and not talk,” Fr. Brooks continues. “She’d be ever-ready to articulate her ideas and express what needed to be done. We’ve lost a remarkable woman.”

Mrs. Shriver is survived by her husband, R. Sargent Shriver Jr., Hon. ’86; four sons, including Mark K. ’86 and his wife, Jeanne Ripp Shriver ’87; a daughter, Maria, Hon. ’98 and Commencement speaker; a sister; and 19 grandchildren.

Following is an excerpt from Mrs. Shriver’s 1979 Commencement address:

“In our giving to others—in failing to give—in our caring or failing to care—we inch mankind forward or let it fall back. The love we give to our friends, our parents, our children, to the sick, the aged the poor, the powerless, becomes part of each of us and multiplies. We pass it on and slowly, day by day, through this mysterious arithmetic, the hardness and pain of life are diminished and the thin, precious spiral of hope, ascends.”
Dan and Jillian Kearney have been volunteering with the Peace Corps in Macedonia for almost two years, teaching the underserved Roma, or “Gypsy,” population. Dan’s essay for HCM sheds light on the struggles and achievements of their young charges, shares his belief that the spirit of Holy Cross exists on a global level and explains how the seed for his journey was planted on a cold winter day in the Hogan parking lot…

One of my biggest regrets from college is not taking up an offer from Father Hayes [associate chaplain]. It was February of my second year, with the second term just under way, and Worcester’s icy winter nowhere near being done. We crossed paths in the parking lot of the Hogan Center, and he invited me to join a Habitat for Humanity project in the South somewhere, Tennessee maybe, during spring break. I had no plans other than returning home to Maine for the week, yet I politely demurred. I’d think about it; sure, I was involved in SPUD and could see the value in Habitat’s projects, but somehow this trip just didn’t feel like me.

So much of those years at Holy Cross is lost in a happy fog of memories, but that moment stands out. It was a missed opportunity, one I found myself pondering years later. A classmate and friend had joined Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Nepal following graduation, and I pondered this, too: service as an adventure. Giving back in unknown corners of the world. Suddenly the Peace Corps felt like the most obvious decision of my life. Even before my wife, Jillian, and I were married, we decided that the Peace Corps was something we needed to do. So graduate school and four years later, we boarded a plane for the Republic of Macedonia. As our time here comes to an end, I have more moments that will surely stand out…

The street is called Edinstvo, the Macedonian word for harmony or unity. In this particular case there is a certain unity provided by two elements: absolute poverty and an all-Roma population. The Roma are an ethnic group more commonly known as Gypsies, owing to the fact that their dark skin prompted 16th-century Europeans to believe they had migrated from Egypt (it was actually India). That sort of history feels bookishly irrelevant on Edinstvo, where many of the homes are not houses at all, but ramshackle constructions of corrugated metal, wood and plastic bottles. Dirt floors are common, and the drainage trench that parallels this cobblestone street is clogged with candy bar wrappers, smashed beer bottles and other worthless refuse.

The Roma population constitutes a small pocket of the town of Kriva Palanka. Formerly a member of now-defunct communist Yugoslavia, Macedonia has spent the last 18 years making the transition to a free-market democracy. It’s still a work in progress. After almost two years here, I have a single-word description of this country: complicated. I don’t think I’ve ever experienced such intensely mixed emotions about something—on any given day I’m alternately optimistic or pessimistic, inspired or deflated, enjoying my time here or dying to get home. Jillian and I were placed in Kriva Palanka to teach English in community schools, but our work has branched out in a variety of directions.

One of those paths led us to the Roma community, where the cycle of poverty is incredibly entrenched. The relationship between the Roma and the majority ethnic
Macedonians is one marred by mistrust, avoidance, marginalization and racism. The invisible wall between the groups feels as strong as steel; it’s not clear if the municipality wants to help improve this desperate situation, and it’s not even clear that the Roma want help, anyway.

We’ve focused our attention on the children in hopes of bettering their chances of staying in school and graduating. For instance, once a week we walk to a community center near Edinstvo to teach English, though we’re not so much teaching as we are providing kids with a positive activity. Forty children, ranging in age from 8 to 14, pile into the classroom and sit at the tiny tables. Basically, it’s chaos. Jillian and I spend a good quarter of the hour shushing them. Every little thing sets them off into giggles or spontaneous applause.

The kids come for hugs, high-fives, affirmation, English. The first three may jockey for top position, but English is decidedly last in the pecking order. The lesson is constantly disrupted by someone rushing forward to show us what he or she has written. Yes, you’ve spelled Wednesday right. No, you’re not even close in your spelling of father. But does it really matter?

A girl beckoned me over to look at her paper. The days of the week advanced and retreated across it like a staircase designed by Dr. Seuss. Her shy smile turned huge as I rubbed her head. “Одлично,” I said. Excellent. Her oversized T-shirt, its collar gaping open, revealed her neckline and the tops of her shoulders. The skin was ravaged and raw from what I could only guess to be bedbugs. Like many of these kids, she probably suffers from an advanced case of lice.

Another day, another lesson. “Mакедонска работа,” Tina sputters between angry tears, “Mакедонска работа.” A Macedonian thing. She’s reacting to the bald display of corruption unfolding in front of us. Tina is the head counselor of a community day camp we’ve organized, and she’s facing the week’s biggest crisis: The manager of the sports field we are using is shaking us down for money. He’s convinced we’re running this camp for personal profit and he wants a cut.

We’re standing on the dusty terrace of the field’s dilapidated field house. Below us, 30 children are screaming in delight—it’s the end of the day, which means water games in the hot June sun. Most of the campers, ages 10 to 12, had never seen a water balloon before this week. Now they’re throwing them with abandon.

To read more personal tales from the Kearneys’ Macedonia adventure (some bring smiles, others bring tears), visit holycross.edu/magazine and click on Web Exclusives.
The Profile

Peter Jankowski ’86

Q & A

Do you believe the moral dilemmas faced by the Law & Order characters are a large part of its appeal?

“Our approach on Law & Order is that the first half of the show is a murder mystery, and the second half of the show is a moral mystery. It works on that level. The best shows are when the characters have different views on the issues and every view is right.”

Do you have a favorite episode of Law & Order?

“The pilot of Law & Order: Special Victims Unit was terrific. When you saw Mariska Hargitay and Chris Meloni working together, it was magic.”

What is your favorite non-Dick Wolf television show?

“Mostly shows on ESPN, CNBC and The History Channel.”

What film, television show, play, book or other work of art has had a profound influence on you?

“Star Wars. My sons watch it over and over every day. I love movies like The Godfather, Chinatown and The French Connection. They had enormous attention to detail, great storytelling, and they entered a new world and they fleshed that out. They were serious movies, but they were also highly entertaining.”

What are you currently reading?

“Episode 22 of Law & Order. It’s 58 pages long, and it’s looking pretty good.”

Peter Jankowski ’86 drove out to California shortly after receiving his degree from Holy Cross to make his mark in television and be part of a creative industry. Today, as president and chief operating officer at Wolf Films, Inc., his cross-country dream has come true.

At first, his father’s connections from a 20-year career as a CBS executive opened a few industry doors. But once he walked through them, Jankowski had to sink or swim on his own. “I interviewed about 50 or 60 times,” he says. “You just have to stay on it and make your own luck. You learn by going out and meeting other people. You find out where your heart truly lies.”

Jankowski says starting in a role that allows a newcomer to see various facets of the business is a good place to begin an entertainment career. As a production assistant on the series Growing Pains, he had “an opportunity to see what other people do,” and says that “You see what you want to do while you’re delivering cheese sandwiches to the stars.”

Jankowski also took an unusual job at the home of Barbra Streisand in the late 1980s: helping work a fundraiser for Senator Alan Cranston. With A-list celebrities like Robin Williams on hand, Jankowski had to “make sure the Porta Johns ran smoothly.”

“It was my first interaction with real celebrities,” he recalls.

After observing the industry in these lower-level roles, Jankowski rose to senior vice president at Universal Television where he was executive in charge of production for series such as Northern Exposure, Coach and Quantum Leap. He joined Law & Order creator Dick Wolf at Wolf Films, Inc. in 1997.

Now, Jankowski is the executive producer of the highly successful dramatic NBC series Law & Order, and its spinoffs, Law & Order: Criminal Intent and Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. In its 19th season, Law & Order is the second longest-running network television drama in history, topped only by Gunsmoke, which was on the air for 20 years. And the Law & Order franchise continues to expand: Law & Order: UK premiered in February, and deals are in place for Russian and French versions.

A history major at Holy Cross, Jankowski also produced the World Trade Center tribute, Twin Towers, which won the 2002 Academy Award for Best Documentary Short. He most recently produced When You’re Strange, a documentary about the legendary Jim Morrison and The Doors, which premiered at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival.

Although it is still a struggle to break into the business, with the proliferation of cable television, there are more jobs in the industry than when Jankowski made his trek to California. “Television is a lot different now than when I got into it,” he observes. “Back then, all you had were the networks. There is more opportunity now. If I were doing it over again, as a history major, I’d probably go to The History Channel.”

STATS

- Birthplace: Born in Jamaica, N.Y.; raised in Westport, Conn.
- Current Home: Los Angeles
- Date of Birth: Jan. 8, 1964
- Family: Wife, Linda Caruso ’86, and sons, Sam (11) and Luke (7)
Flipping through some archival photos, HCM found this telling shot from Move-In Day 1978 (inset). Compare it to the photo taken in August 2009 (above) as the Class of 2013 arrived on the Hill: There’s still plenty to lug into the residence halls, but bulky turntables have given way to iPods, portable typewriters have been outpaced by lightweight laptops and hand-carried suitcases have been replaced by pull-along bags. What hasn’t changed? Parents providing support in many forms. Just ask Paul Christopher (above, middle), father to Alison Christopher ’13 of Bethlehem, Penn (above, left). He provided the muscle to carry the TIVO Alison and her new roommate, Allegra DiMeco ’13 of Cranston, R.I., will enjoy this year in Hanselman when not studying.