Holy Cross

The Jesuit Journey

Holy Cross alumni discuss their decision to join the Society of Jesus
Spring brings an abundance of blooms to the Hill including this flowering crabapple tree outside Hogan. Photograph by Molly Fang
14 Choosing a Path
by Michelle Murphy

Mike Rogers, S.J., ’02, Brent Otto, S.J., ’01 and Brett McLaughlin, S.J., ’04, from left above, are among the handful of Holy Cross graduates who have quietly, purposefully made the choice to live a life for others as members of the Society of Jesus. Learn how their personal stories of discernment unfolded on Mount St. James.

22 New Home, New Discoveries

Come take a look inside the newly opened Smith Labs, where students and faculty are settling in and gearing up.
“My Cooz Moment”
In 1957 or ’58 I was in the field house avoiding my studies and there he was, The Cooz, all by himself putting up his assortment of running one-handers, one-handed set shots and his improbable hook shot. As I watched in wonder, he stopped and moved to a side court to practice his free throws and I saw it as my opportunity to get closer to this true phenom. Positioned myself so that I would not distract him but would be able to pounce on any loose balls in order that he would not have to come off the foul line. Silly boy. He not only made 38 in a row but, unfathomable to me, all the shots came directly back to him so that he did not have to move at all! The 39th did not go in, but I was so entranced that I did nothing to retrieve it and the great one just strolled off the court. Neither of us said a word.

Charlie Pacunas ’60
Franklin, Tenn.

Thank You
On behalf of all the members of The Bob Cousy Statue Committee, I would like to congratulate your staff on the excellent edition of Holy Cross Magazine with the special tribute to Mr. Cousy. This tribute is extremely meaningful to our committee since it follows the dedication of the Bob Cousy Statue on June 8, 2008. We also want to thank everyone on the Holy Cross campus for their cooperation during the two-year project and all the planning for the dedication.

Ken Kaufman
Chair, Cousy Statue Committee

Pass the Popcorn
The Fall 2008 Flashback “The Silver Screen in Kimball” mentions an open Jesuit palm swiftly blocking the projector beam to effect instant censorship. The free films many of us watched on Saturday nights in the early ’40s were kept discreet by something a bit more technical: cutting out the offensive footage, then splicing the film. Excising the suggestive snippet would, of course, make the picture blip, promptly tipping off the audience that Hollywood’s art had been compromised and evoking howls of protest.

(Invariably, a couple of well-to-do students would have seen, for a fee, the uncensored movie off-campus, and informed their classmates of any suggestive segments censored at the Kimball showing.)

Example: In the 1940 classic “They Drive by Night,” George Raft (a truck driver) and Ann Sheridan (a waitress) are sharing this get-acquainted dialog.

“That’s some classy chassis you got there, sister.”

Her scornful reply, “Huh…you couldn’t even pay for the headlights.”

Miss Sheridan’s response was not heard in Kimball, but it was certainly quoted widely, in many post-film discussions en route back to our dorms.

Edward J. Finn ’43
Morristown, N.J.
Editor’s Note

Nine words

To say that I am excited to be writing to you for the first time would be an understatement of monumental proportions.

But inaugural editor’s notes are always treacherous to write. How do you encompass all the hopes and plans you have for your new publication? And how do you express your sincere desire to uphold the traditions and nuances that make the publication unique? I think I know how to do it, and it only requires nine words:

Give another Hoiah and a chu chu rah rah.

If you’re wondering how an editor from New Hampshire who went to school in Atlanta and whose career path took her from music and decorating magazines in Iowa and North Carolina for the past 15 years got acquainted with this clarion call from the Hill, it starts as many stories do: “It was a dark and stormy night …”

We snaked our way up the Eastern Seaboard, making good time through Virginia, zipping past familiar signs and stops along I-95, getting stuck for a while in a traffic snarl outside of Hartford as the snow started falling in dense, wet clumps. As the two-day trek from North Carolina came to a close and we started seeing signs for Worcester, my driving buddy popped in a new CD. It was a scratchy compilation of golden country oldies and folk songs he’d made from a dusty box of reel-to-reel tapes. We had sung along with “Charlie on the MTA” and “He Stopped Loving Her Today” when an a cappella tune started. It was scratchier than the rest. The words said to “give another Hoiah and a chu chu rah rah.” I stopped looking for street signs and turned to my companion who grinned and said, “Welcome to Holy Cross!”

That driving buddy is my father, Don, class of 1965. And the song was an amateur recording of him and his mates singing about the school they loved—and love—in their dorm room. And so my new adventure at Holy Cross started with a simple taste of the kind of devotion I’ve quickly learned permeates this place.

In the short three months I’ve been the editor for Holy Cross Magazine, I’ve seen and heard stories that bring a smile and a tear: Jesuits who once threw a lifeline to a struggling student. Students who are passionate about the mantra “Men and Women for Others.” Benefactors who choke up when they speak of being blessed with wealth enough to share. Professors who embody the spirit of lifelong learning. And staff who are quick to help a new face on campus get acclimated.

And then there are the thousands in the alumni and parent communities for whom Holy Cross has its own special meaning. Our staff has big plans for this magazine, but we will never lose sight of the fact that it belongs to you. Help us tell the stories that you find the most touching, engaging and important by letting us hear from you. My e-mail and my phone are up and running, so use them anytime. Story ideas, memories, photographs, and yes, even complaints, are all welcome.

Finally, I’m happy to report that HCM’s former editor, Jack O’Connell, graciously agreed to be our Profile subject for this issue. Jack was too modest to boast about his impressive shadow career as a bestselling novelist when he sat in this office. But now that he’s pursuing his writing full time, we can shout it from the top of O’Kane: Check out our friend and founder, Jack O’Connell, on Page 72!

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Want to refresh your memory about the history of “Give Another Hoiah”? Check out John Gearan’s fantastic column from 2006: www.holycross.edu/hcm/song
News from the Hill

Unforgettable Evening, Unsurpassed Generosity

Longtime Holy Cross benefactor Park B. Smith ’54 combined four of his many passions—friends, wine, Holy Cross and the U.S. Marine Corps—at an exclusive dinner Feb. 9 in his New York restaurant, Veritas. The “Intimate Wine Dinner” benefited an endowed scholarship fund that will provide a Holy Cross education to Marine veterans and children of disabled Marines. Almost one million dollars was raised thanks to the extreme generosity of those in attendance and supporters who could not join in the fun. Special guests Robert M. Parker, Jr., world renowned wine expert and author, and Gen. James T. Conway, commandant of the Marine Corps, spoke to the group of about 40 diners and oenophiles.

Explaining his motivation for the gathering, Smith declared himself lucky to have been prepared for life’s challenges by “the very finest institutions in the world: The College of the Holy Cross and the United States Marine Corps.” He noted that, although the two groups are distinct, they share three important calls to action: “To pursue excellence in all one does; to respectively serve others; and to behave honorably.”

“It was not only a once in a lifetime experience of wine, food and friendship,” recalls Holy Cross Senior Vice President Frank Veliaccio. “But also an unforgettable evening of hope, thanksgiving and generosity.”
ABOVE: Smith, Annette Conway, Gen. James T. Conway and Robert M. Parker Jr., enjoyed an impressive menu prepared by Chef Grégory Pugin that included lobster salad with quail egg. TOP RIGHT: The site of the evening’s meal and wine sampling, Veritas, opened in New York in 1998. MIDDLE RIGHT: The 2003 Domaine du Pegau Cuvée Réservée was one of the evening’s many wine selections. BOTTOM RIGHT: Honored guest and heralded wine consultant Philippe Cambie (foreground) specializes in the elegant wines of the Southern Rhone Valley. Vincent Maurel (background) and his brother Pascal manage the Clos Saint Jean Domaine vineyard; founded in 1900 by their great-grandfather, it is one of Chateauneuf du Pape’s finest estates.

To see more photos and the complete menu from the “Intimate Wine Dinner,” go to holycross.edu/magazine and click on “Web exclusives.”
In February, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., and the College’s vice presidents presided at campus meetings for faculty, staff and students to discuss the nation’s deepening economic crisis and the impact on College operations. In addition to two “town meetings” open to all members of the College Community, special meetings were held for the Student Government Association and for staff with supervisory responsibilities.

Fr. McFarland emphasized that Holy Cross is currently in solid financial shape thanks to conservative budgeting practices, established controls on endowment spending and an exceptionally strong record of alumni and donor support. Nevertheless, the College has not been immune to the worsening financial situation, and must make some substantial adjustments.

Among Fr. McFarland’s key points:

• The endowment is now down sharply—as much as 28% over the last year. Because of built-in controls on our endowment spending, the College does not expect to see the full force of the impact on the budget immediately.

• The College had to close a budget gap of approximately $3 million for fiscal 2010 versus the original planning model. Contingency planning is actively under way to prepare for the coming years, when more severe cuts may be necessary.

• No lay offs have been necessary; nor has an across-the-board hiring freeze been put into effect. However, when a job vacancy occurs, the affected department must explore all alternatives to filling the position. The goal is to reduce staffing by 20-25 positions in the next year.

• All major capital projects are on hold.

• Holy Cross is committed to its need-blind admissions policy and to meeting 100% of the demonstrated financial need of all admitted students. Financial aid funds have increased by 5.2%, with the possibility of adding more if needed.

• Despite the need to make major budget reallocations, the College is committed to avoiding cuts that will significantly affect a student’s experience or compromise the value of a Holy Cross education. However, the College must depend on tuition and fees to maintain that quality. About 66% of the College’s budget comes from student fees, with about 15% coming from endowment, 7% from direct donations, and 12% from other sources. Ultimately, the full cost of providing a Holy Cross education is $14,600 more than a student pays on average, thanks to philanthropy and other resources.

• At its January meeting the Board of Trustees voted to set tuition, room and board and mandatory fees at $49,342 for the next academic year. All possible scenarios were considered before increasing tuition and fees. The 3.9% increase is the smallest percentage increase in nine years.

A regularly updated resource on the President’s Web site (holycross.edu/president) includes the text of all Fr. McFarland’s messages on economic conditions, as well as detailed responses to frequently asked questions.

_Editor’s Note:_ Watch for a Special Report in _HCM’s_ Summer 2009 issue. Faculty experts will offer commentary and advice; senior administrators will explain the impact on endowment, financial aid, and operations; and editors will compile a collection of resources that may be helpful for Holy Cross alumni and friends.
Eight professors to receive tenure

Congratulations to the following faculty members, who have recently been promoted to associate professor with tenure.

Josep Alba-Salas, of the modern languages and literatures department, earned his B.A. in translation at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, his M.A. in comparative literature at the University of South Carolina, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in linguistics at Cornell University. Specializing in Romance linguistics, theoretical syntax, and second language acquisition, he has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2002. Alba-Salas has been published in several journals, including *Diachronica*, the *SKY Journal of Linguistics*, the *Revista de Lexicografía* and the *Italian Journal of Linguistics*.

Robert W. Baumann, of the economics department, specializes in labor economics, industrial organization, and econometrics. He earned his B.A. at Bluffton University and his M.A. and Ph.D. at The Ohio State University. A two-time recipient of the Charles & Rosanna Batchelor (Ford) Foundation Grant, he is a member of the American Economic Association and the Western Economic Association. The author of many articles, Baumann has had his work featured in *Urban Studies*, *Southern Economic Journal* and *Education Economics*.

Sahar Bazzaz, of the history department, earned her B.A. at the University of Illinois, her M.A. at the University of Chicago, and her Ph.D. at Harvard University. She is the recipient of the Batchelor-Ford Research Grant, the Fulbright IIE, and the Holy Cross Research and Publication Award. Bazzaz is a co-founder and an instructor of the Harvard-Olympia Summer Program for Comparative Cultural Studies in Olympia, Greece, and an adviser for the Middle Eastern Studies concentration at Holy Cross.

Mary A. Conley, a member of the history department since 2002, earned her Ph.D. and M.A. at Boston College and her B.A. at Trinity College. Her teaching and research interests include the histories of British imperialism, gender and colonialism, the Irish Famine, and comparative colonial frameworks for understanding Irish and
Indian history. Conley is most recently the author of *From Jack Tar to Union Jack: Naval Manhood in the British Empire* (Manchester University Press, 2009), where she examines the intersections between empire, navy, and manhood in British society from 1870 to 1918.

Ericka J. Fisher, of the education department, specializes in multicultural education, educational psychology, academic achievement, and social justice in education. A member of the American Educational Research Association, she received her B.A. at Holy Cross and her M.Ed. and Ed.D. at the University of Massachusetts. A certified Massachusetts guidance counselor, Fisher is the author of numerous articles on topics that include student engagement and achievement, child abuse, and the importance of interpersonal relationships to student success.

Daniel Frost, of the modern languages and literatures department, earned his B.A. at Hamilton College and his M.A. and Ph.D. at Harvard University, before coming to Holy Cross in 2002. The author of *Cultivating Madrid: Public Space and Middle-Class Culture in the Spanish Capital, 1833-1890* (Bucknell University Press, 2008), Frost has also been published in *MLN* and the *Journal of Spanish Cultural Studies*. A recipient of publication grants from the Michael C. and Maureen Ruettgers Research Fund and Hewlett Mellon, Frost is a founding editor of *fósforo*, Holy Cross’ campuswide bilingual journal of literature, art and ideas.

Baozhang He, of the modern languages and literatures department, has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2003. He received his B.A. at Beijing Language and Culture University and his M.A. and Ph.D. at The Ohio State University. The co-author of two books, *Elementary Chinese and Modern Mandarin Chinese Grammar Workbook*, he has also been published in the *Journal of Chinese Language Teachers Association*. He is a member of the Chinese Language Teachers Association of America, the International Society for Chinese Language Teaching, and the International Association of Chinese Linguistics.

Alison Bryant Ludden, of the psychology department, has taught at Holy Cross since 2004. She received her B.A. at Colgate University and her M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Michigan. A former Peace Corps volunteer, Ludden taught previously at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Her dissertation on substance use and academic experiences during adolescence received the 2002 Outstanding Dissertation award from the American Psychological Association (Division 15). Ludden’s research, which centers on social relationships and problem behaviors during adolescence and school as a development context, has been funded by grants from the Spencer Foundation. She is co-author of *The Decline of Substance Use in Young Adulthood: Changes in Social Activities, Roles, and Beliefs* (Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 2002). –K.R.
Battle of the Departments

Do you know how many years it takes for the animals to come around again in the Chinese calendar? Associate Professor of English Jonathan Mulrooney correctly answered “12 years,” scoring five more points for his team at the Battle of the Departments. The annual trivia competition, hosted this year by Timothy Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, and Alex Spanos ’09 in Hogan Ballroom, features a faculty member and a student from each academic department and covers topics that range from “Science and Nature” to “Sports and Leisure.” Daniel Klinghard, assistant professor of political science, and Greg Burnep ’09 came in first place, just beating out Associate Professor Victor Matheson of the economics department and Andrew Froude ’09. Were there any surprises in the competition? “Yes,” Burnep says, “I was most surprised by Professor Klinghard when he knew the answer to the question about the first Mickey Mouse movie with synchronized sound.” Indeed, Klinghard correctly answered "Steamboat Willie," winning first place for the political science department. –K.R.

Students to Run the Boston Marathon in Support of Cancer Research

In April, several Holy Cross students plan to run the Boston Marathon, which traces its famous 26.2-mile stretch from Hopkinton, Mass., to the Boston finish line. Students Katelyn Tulp ’09, Alexandra Montgomery ’10, Dan Phelan ’10, Kevin Carroll ’10, Ali Mersereau ’10, Matt Griffiths ’10 and Caitlin Murdoch ’11 are members of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC), a team of more than 500 runners working to raise $4.85 million for cancer research. All the money they raise will benefit the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which works to advance the work of gifted researchers in a variety of basic research disciplines.

The Holy Cross team has been training since August, a challenge in itself. “Training is hard, sometimes monotonous and, yes, sometimes exhausting,” says Tulp, co-chair of the Holy Cross running club. “But the fact that we can run to help others I think is what will get us through the hard miles of Boston. I’m so glad I have gotten to train for the marathon this year, my senior year at Holy Cross, and that I have met so many people in the process.”

For more information about the DFMC or to donate to the cause, go to dana-farber.org/how/danafarber
Rev. Paul Harman, S.J.

named special assistant to the president


“Fr. Harman brings to this position a deep knowledge of Holy Cross and extensive experience with higher education and other Jesuit apostolates,” says College president, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J.

Most recently rector of the Jesuit Community at Boston College, Fr. Harman began his association with the College in 1970 when he served as a visiting lecturer in the theology department while completing his Ph.D. in education at Columbia University. Appointed associate academic dean at Holy Cross the following year, Fr. Harman subsequently held the post of executive vice president from 1975-84. He then became provincial assistant for formation for the New England Province of the Jesuits and later secretary for formation for the Jesuits in the United States. In addition, Fr. Harman served as a member of the Holy Cross Board of Trustees from 1986-95.

Quick Q &A:

What are some recollections of your earlier tenure at Holy Cross?

I have wonderful memories of the students, faculty and staff in those years. They were exciting years for all of us as Holy Cross became a co-educational institution, began to develop a campus ministry program, sought to attract very talented students and improve its physical facilities.

In what ways do you find that the College has changed since then?

There are, of course, new buildings and wonderful facilities such as the new Park B. and Linda Smith Laboratories which were dedicated in late January. Ciampi Hall (the Jesuit Residence) did not exist when I left here in 1984. At the same time, there is much that is familiar. It has been particularly consoling to renew the acquaintance of many individuals who were at Holy Cross when I was here before. I am impressed by their dedication and loyalty to the College. It has also been gratifying to receive calls and e-mails from former students who are alumni/ae of the College. —PR.
Grant to help measure student values

The Teagle Foundation in New York recently awarded Holy Cross a three-year $300,000 grant that will assist the College in assessing the development of students’ spiritual and moral values. “Understanding how multiple factors combine to influence the moral and spiritual development of young people is one of the most challenging aspects of assessing a college’s success. It requires sensitive and time-consuming work in small group settings,” says Timothy Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College.

While Holy Cross remains the lead institution in the project, Assumption College and Saint Anselm College have also received this grant. All three institutions will work to develop new assessment strategies that could be shared with other liberal arts colleges nationwide.

“We are grateful that the Teagle Foundation is willing to provide the resources to complete this project to the high standards that all three colleges view as essential,” Austin continues. –K.R.

Abe, Honest

History major Bob Farrelly ’09 dressed as Abe Lincoln to celebrate the President’s Feb. 12th birthday with classmates in History 204: Lincoln and His Legacy. Farrelly’s professor, Rev. Anthony Kuzmiewski, S.J., asked him to don the mask and stovepipe hat after learning that Farrelly shares Abe’s birthday. The Long Island native said he admires Lincoln’s ability to persevere over adversity, often with humor, and shared this favorite example of Abe’s humility: “Recalling his less than glorious military experience as a captain during the Black Hawk Indian War, Lincoln often joked about how he’d ‘survived a good many bloody struggles with mosquitoes and led a number of dashing assaults on wild onion patches.’ He was able to make the most of his experiences, while still remaining grounded.” When asked if he thought stovepipe hats might make a comeback, Farrelly said he didn’t see it happening anytime soon, “but I’ve been wrong in my fashion predictions before.” To learn more about Farrelly’s take on his birthday buddy, visit holycross.edu/magazine and click on “Web Exclusives”. –S.M.

Holy Cross in the news

The Once-Mighty SAT

The Boston Globe, Nov. 24, 2008: In a front page story titled “Once-mighty SAT losing its clout,” Ann McDermott, director of admissions at the College, discusses how making SATs an optional part of the admissions process has broadened the applicant pool.

The Boston Globe, Nov. 27, 2008: In an op-ed piece titled “What an SAT score doesn’t say,” Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of the College of the Holy Cross, writes about the impact standardized testing has on the college admissions process and Holy Cross’ decision to eliminate SAT/ACT requirements.

A Look at Recruiting

The Chronicle of Higher Education, Dec. 12, 2008: In a front page feature titled “On the Road, Measuring the Miles per Applicant,” Suzanne Timmons, assistant director of admissions at the College, provides a glimpse into the life of a college admissions counselor during a recent recruiting trip to the Washington, D.C., area.

Holy Cross Named to Best Value List

Kiplinger’s Personal Finance, Jan. 7, 2009: In the article titled “2009 Best Values in Private Colleges,” Holy Cross is 13th in Kiplinger’s list of “Best Values in Liberal Arts Colleges,” a ranking of schools that exemplify excellent academics while keeping costs to a minimum.

Beltway Beat

The Washington Post, Dec. 18, 2008: Jon Favreau, a member of the College of the Holy Cross Class of 2003 and Barack Obama’s chief speechwriter, talks about his work, his relationship with the president-elect, and what it’s like being the youngest person ever to be selected as chief speechwriter for the president in a story titled “Helping to Write History.” (Editor’s note: Be on the lookout for HCM’s in-depth interview with Favreau in an upcoming issue.)

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Reuters, Jan. 19, 2009: In "Obama must work for compromise in U.S. culture war," Mathew N. Schmalz, associate professor of religious studies and director of the College Honors Program, comments on the controversies surrounding Obama’s choice of preachers at his inaugural celebrations. Schmalz has also been chosen by Newsweek editor Jon Meacham and Washington Post reporter Sally Quinn as the newest panelist for “On Faith,” a Web site on religion that they moderate. As a panelist, Schmalz will respond to questions posed by Quinn and Meacham online. His posts will also be featured on the “On Faith” homepage: http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/

WAMU (NPR affiliate in Washington, D.C.), Feb. 5, 2009: In a segment called "Study Shows Economic Boost from Inauguration Could Be a Myth," Robert Baumann, assistant professor of economics at the College, talks about his recent research on the economic impact of presidential inaugurations over the past 50 years.

Forbes.com, Jan. 15, 2009: Research by Victor Matheson, associate professor of economics at the College of the Holy Cross, and Robert Baumann, assistant professor of economics, is referenced in an article titled “Inaugural Bust?”—which discusses the economic impact of mega-events like the presidential inauguration.

USA Today, Feb. 5, 2009: In an article titled “Nominees’ tax problems could prompt more people to cheat,” Scott Sandstrom, associate professor of accounting at the College, comments on the high-profile tax missteps of three of the Obama administration’s key nominees.

Happy Birthday, Edgar

Headline-Making Award Winners

In December, the Office of Public Affairs hosted the first Headliners Celebration to recognize the staff, administrators and faculty who helped the media relations department promote Holy Cross in print, radio and television in 2008. By calling upon the rich expertise of the Mount St. James’ community, Kristine Maloney and Cristal Perriello are able to build a national media presence for the College, and both are quick to express their appreciation for those who understand the importance of working with the media.

"The quality and quantity of Holy Cross stories in national media have increased significantly in the last year, which could not have been possible without cooperation and excitement from faculty, administrators, staff and students," says Maloney. "The event was a way to thank those who helped make our media relations efforts so successful."

The Media Marvel Awards, given to those who go above and beyond to make specific media relations efforts successful, went to Richard Herrick and Jude Kelley (chemistry) for their work on the History Channel’s hit show, Modern Marvels: Iron. Lynne Myers (financial aid) and Donald Brand (political science) received the Rising Star Award, which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated increasing excellence in, and dedication to, media relations. Ann McDermott (admissions) and Mathew Schmalz (religious studies) accepted Holy Cross Headliner Awards for their significant help in advancing the College’s reputation in national print, radio and television outlets. –S.M.
# Calendar of Events

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CHOOSING A PATH

WITH QUIET PURPOSE, NINE HOLY CROSS GRADUATES HAVE CHosen an exclusive path that will change their lives—and, they hope, the lives of many others. They will become Jesuits.

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Many Holy Cross men and women have heard and responded to the call to a religious life. For young men who feel their place is with the Society of Jesus, also known as Jesuits, the call is not one to be answered lightly. Men who enter the Society undertake years of intensive training, academic study and pastoral work, walking along a path that takes an average of 10 years to traverse before they are ordained as Jesuit priests. They join a group known for exceptional dedication to education as well as service, and, like all priests, they must accept sacrifice as well.

As the number of young men entering the priesthood has dropped (50 percent since 1965 according to Georgetown’s Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate), the Society has seen growth in its ranks in Africa and India. At the same time, however, Jesuit numbers have declined in the United States, Canada and Europe, points out Rev. James M. Hayes, S.J., ’72, rector of the Jesuit Community at Holy Cross. In the last 10 years, Jesuits worldwide have made a more conscious and concerted effort to encourage men to consider joining their order. That encouragement happens in many ways; here on the Hill, it happens perhaps most obviously in the Vocation Discernment Group.

Started by Rev. Edward Vodoklys, S.J., ’72 and Rev. Gerard McKeon, S.J., ’76 in 1999, the group initially included eight-to-10 young men who met weekly to discuss readings, to pray and to help one another explore their vocations—to the priesthood or to other careers; half of the men who joined at the outset are now in religious life. “Obviously it’s been gratifying to see how many guys end up entering since we started this whole thing,” says Fr. Vodoklys, senior lecturer in classics.

The “recruiting” also occurs one-on-one in courses like Contemporary Christology, on College-run retreats and through students’ relationships with faculty. Fr. Hayes says he believes in being direct when he knows someone who would make a good Jesuit: He invites the person outright to consider whether he might have a
vocation. “People can often see things in us before we can see them in ourselves. We Jesuits must at least plant the seed,” he explains, adding that sometimes the Holy Spirit works through people. “We need to cultivate. Invite. Encourage.”

Fr. Vodoklys, meanwhile, works differently: “I’m very much more laid back,” he says. “There are certain people I will say something to. But it’s not something that I’m going to foist on them. The big thing is to be attentive to what’s going on with somebody in terms of their relationship with God. Invite them in to see what it’s like. If it’s going to happen, it’s going to happen.”

Sometimes, the most influential “invitations” don’t come from Jesuits at all. Several of the new Jesuits refer to the influence of Alice Laffey, associate professor of religious studies. In response to this compliment, she reflects, “Twenty-seven years ago when I came to Holy Cross, there were many more Jesuits. The witness of their lives could serve as the ‘invitation.’ Now, with fewer Jesuits, I have sometimes offered that invitation. All I have done is to suggest to some men that their relationship with God may be drawing them in that direction.”

An on-campus group called MAGIS has also played a role in helping students discern their life’s mission. Aimed at identifying and mentoring students who have the potential to be Church leaders, MAGIS derives its name from the Ignatian concept of the “magis” (which means “the more”) found in the Jesuit motto AMDG (Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, “for the Greater Glory of God”). By rallying around the concept of being “men and women for others in imitation of Christ,” Holy Cross invites its community to live the Ignatian pursuit of “the greater service,” whether that is in a lay ministry or in an order. MAGIS helps those interested in either of these areas find avenues for service.

The prevalence of mentors in various roles as well as an assortment of groups that helps students discern their true callings are part of the reason Holy Cross has fostered a sizable group of young men for the vocation in recent years. “The more of us who are involved, the better it is,” Fr. Vodoklys notes. “You have to have complementary approaches because something’s going to work with some that’s not going to work with others.”

Making the decision to pursue the life of vocation in the Society is only the first small leg of the Jesuit path. Today, perhaps more than ever, it is just not easy to choose a life of poverty, celibacy and obedience. For some young men planning to join the Society, one of the most difficult hurdles is sharing the news with their families. In generations past, it was often a source of pride for a family if a son became a priest. Not so in more modern times, Fr. Hayes explains: “Families are very different. Fewer kids, the desire for grandchildren and the stigma of a scandal-ridden church are the chief factors, I believe. But I also keep telling people: You are not losing your son, you are gaining the Society as part of your family.”

HCM contacted nine young alums who have entered the Society of Jesus. We learned about their personal discernment journeys and how they came to accept their call to lives of service. They join approximately 280 men currently in formation to become Jesuit priests and brothers in the ten U.S. Jesuit provinces. (L. Adam DeLeon, S.J., ’03 entered the Society in the Detroit province. Richard H. Nichols III, n.S.J. ’98 and Timothy O’Brien, n.S.J., ’06 joined in the Maryland province. The remaining novices featured in this story entered in the New England province.)

L. Adam DeLeon, S.J., ’03 was born in Hollywood, Calif., and raised in Cleveland; part of a large extended Catholic family, he attended St. Robert Bellarmine grammar school and Saint Ignatius High School. At Holy Cross DeLeon took part in the Jamaican immersion program during the summer of 2002; the year following graduation he returned to Jamaica where he taught and coached sports at St. George’s College, a Jesuit High School in Kingston. DeLeon says he is grateful for the inspiration and encouragement he received from his Jesuit mentors and members of the College Chaplains’ Office and, also, for the support of his family and friends. He is currently interviewing for regency, a stage of Jesuit formation that often involves teaching at a Jesuit high school.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

“The seeds of my desire to be a priest were planted in grade school but were really nurtured when I went to Jamaica. That’s where I really felt the call to the Society of Jesus. For me, I was living a dream … teaching, coaching, involved in campus ministry—
what was different was seeing these Jesuits down in Kingston. All of a sudden I realized I was living the vows of the Society and how attractive they were. I didn’t go down there to become a Jesuit. I went to become a volunteer. I realized my obedience to St. George’s College was what gave me a real purpose. I expect to be ordained in 2015—but right now, I am a Jesuit. I’m serving. I can see how this formation process is drawing things out of me that I didn’t know I had. It really does form you for something that can be much more than I ever dreamed of.”

Brett McLaughlin, S.J., ’04

attended Holy Cross on a partial Air Force ROTC scholarship and was a triple major in history, political science and religious studies. Because his father worked in banking, McLaughlin and his younger sister moved a lot during their childhood, eventually settling in suburban Rochester, N.Y., when McLaughlin was in high school. After graduating from Holy Cross, he attended Air Force intelligence school in Texas for a year, and then was stationed in England for a year. He entered the Society of Jesus in 2006 and is now studying philosophy and theology at Fordham University in New York City.

FRIENDSHIP AND FRATERNITY

“I started discerning a vocation to the priesthood in eighth grade, the only year that I attended Catholic school, when I was going through the Confirmation process. When I was in high school, there really wasn’t any opportunity to talk to anyone about my vocation, but when I got to Holy Cross, I joined the Discernment Group. It was wonderful, because all of a sudden there were others on the same plane as me, discerning the call from God in their lives, talking about the ideas of service to God, service to others, companionship. Getting an understanding of what Jesuit life was like. To be learning about that with a group of peers, rather than one-on-one, was great. And, the others in the group knew so many other Jesuits that that friendship, that fraternity, really helped me get a sense of the Society and encouraged me to apply.”

Richard H. Nichols III, n.s.j., ’98 grew up in Baltimore and attended Catholic schools. His vocation was born in high school, where a guidance counselor recommended that he visit Holy Cross. Already attracted to the College’s liberal arts reputation, he soon found himself pulled by the beauty of the campus, Holy Cross’ religious identity, the variety of majors and the presence of Navy ROTC on campus.

MILITARY CONNECTIONS

“I in high school, I was attracted to the character of the Jesuit priests I knew. At that time I was also attracted to several other fields, including submarining, which were mutually exclusive. It was not until around 2002 that I began to consider setting aside other career options and following God’s call wherever it led. I found a parish priest in Washington, D.C., who offered me spiritual direction. I made a few retreats, and consulted family and friends. Everyone was very supportive and encouraging. It took Mom a little time to come around to the idea, since she had been hoping that I would provide her with grandchildren.

[The late] Fr. Nelligan [longtime archivist] was a consoling presence. I met him during my first week on campus, and having several brief conversations with him during my time on the Hill. Our NROTC unit was
also very proud of Fr. O’Callahan, the Holy Cross math professor who served in World War II as a Navy chaplain and received the Medal of Honor for service on the USS Franklin.”

Timothy O’Brien, n.s.J., ’06 is from King of Prussia, Pa., and went to Catholic elementary and secondary schools. As a political science major with a Latin American concentration, O’Brien was not only the valedictorian of his class but he also won the Vannicelli Washington Semester Program Award. After graduation, he returned to Washington, D.C., to work at the Justice Department. He entered the Jesuits last August and completed his first 30-day retreat in January 2009.

**THE WORST-KEPT SECRET**

“For me, it definitely all started with the Spiritual Exercises. I did the five-day retreat twice—once at the beginning of junior year, and again in January of my senior year. At the first retreat, I was kind of cool to the idea of the Jesuits; it was a pretty remote thought. But it taught me about the heart of Ignatian spirituality, which changed how I thought about faith, how I thought about prayer. It was a very personal and moving experience, and I keep coming back to that. The second time I went, I was thinking more about the Jesuits. But ultimately, I still punted at the end of college. I still wasn’t ready to make any decisions.

Holy Cross is very good at posing the question of vocation; that we are more than what we do, that a vocation—not just being a Jesuit or a priest or a religious of any kind—is something that requires discernment. Parenthood is a vocation. We talked about these kinds of things all the time. For me, the contact with Jesuits was huge; without Holy Cross, I certainly wouldn’t have entered the Society. It helped me understand the fit of the Jesuits in the church, what my life as a Jesuit would look like. When I worked in D.C. after college, I thought about law school, grad school—all sorts of possibilities. I also taught Sunday school and worked in the RCIA program at Holy Trinity parish in Georgetown, and got to know those Jesuits. I had dinner with Alice Laffey when she came to town for a conference, and she observed that I seemed very engaged when talking about the Jesuits, and not so much when talking about other parts of my life. My vocation to the Society became the worst-kept secret among my friends!”

Thomas Olson, S.J., ’02 was a political science major who also studied music at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Originally from Rutland, Mass., he served as cantor at his home parish. Unavailable to be interviewed for this story, Olson is completing his third year of First Studies at St. Louis University and will be moving on to Regency in the fall of 2009.

Brent Otto, S.J., ’01 grew up in Framingham, Mass., and attended public school. His father, a Lutheran, became Catholic in 1992, receiving his First Communion the same year as Otto’s younger brother. Excelling at Holy Cross, Otto majored in history and won a prestigious Watson Fellowship to study Catholic education in Sri Lanka and India for a year. He then taught high school in Auburn, Mass., for several years before entering the Society.
of Jesus in 2004. He took first vows in 2006, studied at Fordham for two years and is now pursuing a master's degree in Indian Studies at Columbia University.

LONGTIME LISTENER

“I made the Spiritual Exercises at the end of my freshman year, and I also began one-on-one spiritual direction. I read Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life by Henri Nouwen. In my second year, God pushed me a lot. He told me that I needed to look at a vocation, that maybe He was calling me to be a priest. I wasn’t welcoming at first. Why? Poverty, chastity, obedience! But it was gnawing. I couldn’t get away from it. How do you explain to anyone ‘the call,’ or the content of your heart? Words are always going to come up short. As soon as I started listening, everything started to make sense. I was listening for a long time.

At first, I was reluctant to share with friends; that would mean an end to dating. But I was also very lucky because my friends were people with whom I didn’t just have a good time, but with whom I could share deeper things. That was a great support. Holy Cross provides the kind of space where one can dabble with an idea, undertake a discernment, without feeling self-conscious or feeling pressure of one sort or another—for or against. The Jesuits at Holy Cross were very good in that way. I felt affirmed that this was a choice I had to make—100 percent certainty comes … never. For anything! We have to take a little risk, where we feel quite convinced that God IS where God is leading us.”

Kevin Spinale, S.J., ’00 is an Arlington, Mass., native and a graduate of St. Agnes School and Boston College High. He is the youngest of five children by 10 years. It might be said that, at Holy Cross, he had a double major in classics—and rugby. After college, Spinale joined the Peace Corps and taught English in the Carpathian Mountains of Romania. Returning to the United States, he became a Peace Corps fellow at Columbia University, earning a master’s degree while teaching full time at a public school in Brooklyn. He joined the Jesuits in August 2005 and is now studying at Regis College at the University of Toronto.

A LONG-AWAITED CALL

“During my time in New York City, I began to consider a vocation to the Society of Jesus. By virtue of my job in Romania and my grinding pace in New York, I spent a great deal of time in solitude. It was in this solitude that God found the space necessary to penetrate my consciousness and direct it toward Christ and the event of the Cross—for some reason, the
THE TRAINING to become a member of the Society of Jesus is known to be rigorous and lengthy (most men study for 10 years or more before becoming ordained). Rev. Edward Vodoklysy, S.J., ’72 offered HCM a brief tutorial on the steps to become a Jesuit brother or priest. “Novices are the men who have been accepted to begin their formation program in the two-year novitiate of the Jesuit order,” he explains. “After taking their first vows, those men who expect to be ordained are called Scholastics. Those who do not intend to be priests are called Brothers.”

DISCERNMENT Men who are contemplating a life as a Jesuit brother or priest first go through a period of discernment, when mentors or spiritual directors offer advice and counsel.

NOVITIATE The term “novitiate” refers to the places where the novices live and where their initial formation takes place. The novitiate is a “school of prayer” where men deepen their relationship with God. During this time, novices learn the basic rules and expectations of the Society, develop an appreciation of Jesuit spirituality and, most importantly, make the Spiritual Exercises. Moreover, the Novitiate provides them with the opportunity to serve the poor and develop their pastoral skills through a variety of ministries. Next step: First Vows.

FIRST VOWS Toward the end of the second year of novitiate, novices petition to take their first vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. By publicly professing these three traditional evangelical counsels that characterize religious life, novices commit themselves to the ideals of Jesuit life.

FIRST STUDIES (also known as Philosophy) Three years of study that encompass two years of philosophy and a year’s worth of theology. “At this time Jesuit scholastics or brothers may get a master’s in philosophy,” Fr. Vodoklysy says, “or pass an exam called the De U (de universa, which means ‘concerning universals’) that demonstrates their command of philosophical schools, principles and trends.”

REGENCY Brothers and scholastics are called “regents” when they start teaching in a Jesuit school. But they could also enter other ministries such as chaplaincies or working at America magazine, the national Catholic magazine published by the Jesuits. Regency lasts from one-to-three years. “Scholastics who are in ‘Special Studies’ form a subgroup at this stage,” Fr. Vodoklysy says. “They are pursuing advanced degrees in a specific discipline.”

SECOND STUDIES (also known as Theology) At this point, the scholastics study for three years toward a professional pastoral degree, such as a master’s of divinity (M.Div). They then begin various pursuits, including other advanced degrees in theology or serving in apostolic ministries. Ordination to the diaconate takes place in the fall of their first year after the completion of the M.Div. degree or equivalent. Deacons can then be referred to as “Rev. Mr. John Smith, S.J.” and addressed as “Deacon Smith.” Ordination to the priesthood happens in the summer after their diaconate year.

TERTIANSHIP Jesuits are invited to complete this final stage of formation which involves making the Spiritual Exercises for the second time, reviewing the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus and other Jesuit documents and being missioned to engage in various pastoral ministries. After they have completed tertianship, traditionally called the Schola affectus or “School of the heart,” the Provincial invites the priests or brothers to profess their final vows.

FINAL VOWS When a Jesuit professes his final vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, it marks his definitive incorporation into the Society of Jesus. At that time, there are also other vows and promises which are internal to the Society of Jesus.

reality of God’s love and hope for humanity evident in Christ’s self-sacrifice would not leave me alone.

My vocation to the Society grew subtly. Folks who know me probably saw me predisposed to such a life, but I really was not interested in it initially. During my second year in New York, I contacted Fr. Brooks [Rev. John E Brooks, S.J., ’49, president emeritus] to see if I should look to graduate work in theology or look at the Society. His response was surprising: He said he thought that I would have called him about a possible vocation years before. He recommended that I begin to apply immediately. It took some time to tell my family and friends. I anticipated a negative reaction from most everyone, especially after the sex abuse scandals of recent years. I was nervous about what people would think of me: ‘What was wrong with him that he would consider religious life? Was something about his personality ill-formed or deformed?’ To my surprise, most people took pride in my decision. I am deeply grateful for the way my family and friends, especially the guys from my class at Holy Cross, have supported me so much over the last four years.”

Eric M. Studt, S.J., ’04 grew up in Gardner, Mass., and attended Catholic school. Noting that his immediate family was not traditionally religious, Studt says his paternal grand-

mother had a powerful impact on his faith development—and that his first thoughts of joining the priesthood formed when he was only 5 years old.

THE WORLD CLASSROOM

Towards the end of high school the idea of vocation to the priesthood was foremost in my mind, and Holy Cross was my first choice for college.

During my first year at Holy Cross I lived at what is called a ‘discernment house.’ It was an old convent about 15 minutes away from campus by car. The program was meant for young men who wanted to be priests for the Diocese of Worcester, but who still needed to fulfill the philosophy requirements necessary for beginning their seminary studies. This program gave me the resources to start thinking seriously about my spiritual life.

Ultimately I decided that this particular program was not for me, even though I am very grateful for the experience. Leaving the diocesan program allowed me to expand how I thought about my vocation, and that gradually came to include the Jesuits.

One experience from Holy Cross for which I am particularly grateful was my study abroad year in Dijon, France. I learned so much about being open to different cultures, how to be flexible and how to be independent. I fell in love with France, with its history, culture, art, music, food, wine and people.

When I try to draw concrete connections between my vocation and my time at Holy Cross, I can think of three: First, the positive influence that the Jesuits (as well as non-Jesuit professors) had on my intellectual, spiritual and personal development was essential. Second, my year abroad in France unveiled a love for other cultures and peoples. This love has led me to travel to South America, Jamaica and Germany, always seeking out new ways to see the world. Third, Holy Cross helped me to develop my intellectual curiosity as well as my interest in being present to the poor.”

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“There were times when I’m not sure I could have remained a Jesuit if it weren’t for friends telling me they were praying for me.”

— Michael Rogers, S.J., ’02
New Home, New Discoveries

As students and faculty settle in at the recently opened Park B. and Linda Smith Laboratories, we take a look inside the new facility and contemplate what this ambitious project means for the future of Holy Cross.

“This little Catholic school on Packachoag Hill has and will continue to produce as graduates the finest scientists and doctors in the world.”

— Park B. Smith ’54, College Trustee and benefactor

The Park B. and Linda Smith Laboratories
“The open work benches and operating hoods at the new Smith Labs have allowed for the use of additional instruments and have encouraged the exploration of experiments that had not been attempted before. I love working in my new research space and am upset that I have only one semester left to enjoy it!”

— Biology major Amy Trojanowski ‘09
LEFT: Smith Labs, which boasts state-of-the-art facilities, is Phase 1 of the ambitious Integrated Science Complex construction project. ABOVE: After a standing-room-only dedication on Jan. 23, faculty, students, staff, Trustees and special guests toured the new building. BELOW: A focal-point waterfall bears an inspirational engraving.
ABOVE: Once completed, the Integrated Science Complex will connect Beaven, O’Neil, Haberlin and Swords halls to Smith Labs.

LEFT: The McLaughlin Family Lecture Hall features the latest in audio-visual equipment, enhancing classroom instruction.

RIGHT: Functional, open areas and modern design highlight the building’s style.

To take a 360-degree video tour of the new Science Complex, visit holycross.edu/magazine and click on “Web Exclusives.”
“This open and attractive building positively invites passers-by to glance inside, step inside, sit inside—in short, to become a part of all that is going on here.”

— Timothy Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College
Renegotiating a Rivalry
New scholarship honors Bud Venne ’72

BY LAURA FREEMAN ’96

If his dear friend Richard T. “Bud” Venne ’72 were still around, Tom Stemberg would undoubtedly be doing a little gloating this year.

Best known as the founder of Staples, Inc., Stemberg is credited with fueling a wave of entrepreneurship in American business during the 1980s. He is also a sports nut.

When he met Venne, the former Crusader basketball co-captain known for his dazzling shooting skills, the two developed an easy friendship that grew out of a love of athletics and a good-humored rivalry over contests between the Harvard and Holy Cross basketball teams. For many years, they exchanged jokes and jabs in the stands as they watched their respective teams do battle each season before Venne died in 2004.

Last November, when Harvard hoopsters beat the Crusaders, it was a bittersweet reminder of their rivalry and rapport. Instead of claiming bragging rights, however, Stemberg is making a bold gesture of support for Holy Cross by committing $1 million through a charitable remainder trust to create and endow the Richard T. Venne ’72 Scholarship Fund.

“Give-and-Go”

Stemberg first saw Venne play in the early 1970s during a Harvard-Holy Cross match-up at the Worcester Auditorium. On that particular day, Venne’s fiercely competitive nature displayed itself in an uncharacteristic form, when he got into a scuffle with an opposing player.

Venne was known to be intense on the court. He had been a standout at Xavier High School in Concord, Mass. As the state’s leading scorer his senior year there, he averaged 35 points per game and once scored 63 points in a single game. His remarkable shooting skills made him a high-profile recruit, and his choice to attend Holy Cross over Princeton made front page news in the Boston papers.

Off the court, though, he was known as an easygoing, fun-loving fellow—“one of the boys” whose humility, loyalty and sense of humor made him a respected leader to teammates and a beloved friend to classmates.

“Buddy Venne played basketball … with joy and spontaneity, and with a style that is no longer allowed,” a former teammate, Bob Kissane ’71, once wrote. “Like many old-school basketball greats, Buddy was a character. When not in the game, he would move to the far end of the bench and cajole the crowd behind him to chant, ‘We want Venne! We want Venne!’”

His skill was eclipsed only by his eagerness, “He would get so excited and high-strung before games,” recalls former Xavier teammate John Mahoney ’73. “One time, the upperclassmen brought him to the back of the bus and put the ball net over his head to settle him down.”

Venne loved to follow up on his own shots and was rarely satisfied unless he had his hands on the ball. “We ribbed him a lot about that,” remembers John Doran ’72. “We used to call him Bud ‘Give-and-Go’ Venne, but in his case, ‘give-and-go’ meant ‘give me the ball so I can go to the net!’”
Fans delighted in watching Venne launch his trademark long-distance shots. “One dreads to think how many points he would have scored if the three-point rule had been in effect,” Stemberg says. For years afterward, family and friends say, Venne never left a basketball court without lofting a parting swish.

Following graduation from Holy Cross, Venne spent a year overseas, playing for the Racing Club de France. Shortly after he returned, Venne was introduced to Stemberg by Doran and they became fast friends, playing tennis and squash together at the Weston Golf Club once a week, 52 weeks a year, without fail.

Venne was the stronger basketball and tennis player; Stemberg sometimes had the edge in squash, but the two were equally intense competitors. “They had an elaborate system of handicaps, and there was always a lot of negotiating going on,” remembers Venne’s widow, Kathy Venne. “The one term that remained constant was that the winner would be treated to dinner afterward.” On the occasion of Stemberg’s 40th birthday, Venne wrote a poem for his opponent titled “Old Athletes Never Die … They Just Renegotiate.”

**Friends off the court**

The two friends found common ground outside sports. The Vennes were a sounding board for Stemberg while he developed his idea for an office supply superstore; Stemberg was a confidant for the Vennes when they were adopting their son, Nicholas, and later, when Venne became ill with brain cancer. Throughout Venne’s illness, Stemberg continued to accompany his pal to Mount St. James to watch games.

“Buddy was a very special guy; I would call him my best friend,” says Stemberg. “I wanted to do this at Holy Cross because it was Bud’s favorite place, and the College is so central in his and his family’s lives. When I think about the way they stood by Buddy through some very difficult years … they really are an incredible family and one that Holy Cross should be very proud to call its own.”

**The importance of scholarships now**

In addition to honoring his friend, Stemberg’s gift reflects the recognition that, in these difficult economic times, scholarship funds are more critical than ever. As families struggle to meet the formidable cost of tuition and board, colleges and universities require a greatly expanded pool of funds to meet students’ growing financial needs.

Nowhere is this predicament more acute than at institutions such as Holy Cross, which practice need-blind admissions policies (meaning they do not take students’ financial resources into account when selecting incoming classes) and which are committed to providing full need-based aid (providing the difference between the actual cost of a Holy Cross education and the amount a family can afford). “It’s not every family that can write a check for $47,000 a year, but we believe strongly that any qualified student ought to be able to attend Holy Cross,” says College president Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. “Providing need-based aid is a huge commitment, but it’s one we believe in deeply, and one we cannot meet without the support of many generous benefactors.”

The new scholarship is designed to benefit students from single-parent families. “My father died when I was 11 years old, and it was very hard to grow up without him,” Stemberg explains. “I was a sophomore at Harvard when my mother ran into financial difficulty, and I received one of the college’s first named scholarships. I’ll never forget what that did for me.”

With his gift, Stemberg becomes a member of the Cornerstone Society, which includes all those whose lifetime giving to the College exceeds $1 million. “We are deeply grateful to Tom for his generosity,” Fr. McFarland says. “This is a terrific gift that reveals much about his devotion to Holy Cross and to Buddy.”

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In the past 35 years, the number of women in science at Holy Cross has accelerated from zero to many and growing—on the faculty and in majors among the STEM disciplines, today’s shorthand for “sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics.” Though the strength of science education at Holy Cross has long reflected proudly in its national standing and prominent alumni, the history of women in science at the College is relatively new. No women were teaching in the departments of chemistry, physics, mathematics or computer science just prior to coeducation arriving on the Hill in the early 1970s. Today, 39 percent of the science faculty and 54 percent of Holy Cross science graduates are women. In fact, the number of Holy Cross women graduating with majors in the natural sciences, mathematics and computer science outpaces that of their male counterparts and, in some disciplines, greatly exceeds national norms.

Committed to attracting women to science

In recognition of the College’s solid record of leadership in encouraging undergraduate women to pursue studies in the sciences, graduate and go on to advanced degrees and careers in this area, the Henry Luce Foundation, Inc. invited Holy Cross to apply for—and recently awarded—a grant of $420,532 to provide Clare Boothe Luce Undergraduate Scholarships over four years to eight outstanding women, two each year (beginning in the 2010-2011 academic year), who are rising fourth-year students majoring in physics, chemistry, mathematics or computer science. The grant covers tuition, room and board and fees for each of the Clare Boothe Luce Scholars. In addition, the College has committed nearly $50,000 to provide them with paid research fellowships during the summer prior to the start of their senior year. The summer research program has grown since its inception a decade ago to offer sponsored opportunities for meaningful research for 60 students in each of the past five years. Students in the program have a budget for supplies and are eligible for travel funds to present at a scientific meeting.

Clare Boothe Luce Program Scholarships

Administered by the Henry Luce Foundation, Inc. the Clare Boothe Luce (CBL) Program makes grants to colleges and universities to support women in science at three distinct junctures in their education and careers: as undergraduates, as graduate students and as new tenure-track
faculty. These grants are intended to “increase the participation of women in the sciences at every level in higher education and to serve as a catalyst for colleges and universities to be proactive in their efforts toward this goal,” according to the Foundation.

“Holy Cross has received a great deal of support from the Luce Foundation and the CBL Program,” says Charles “Chick” Weiss, director of the Office of Grants, Foundation and Corporate Giving at Holy Cross. “In 1987, we were awarded a Clare Boothe Luce Professorship and, in the past decade, several CBL Program scholarships for undergraduate women in science.”

**New Integrated Science Complex**

The timing could not be better for the new CBL Scholarships, according to Weiss. In addition to the lively, contemporary, laboratory-centered science curricula Holy Cross provides its undergraduates, the College is nearing completion of a $60-million Integrated Science Complex. The project, which includes a 42,000-square-foot addition and a top-to-bottom renovation of classroom, laboratory, office and public space, centers on three interconnected buildings with a new four-story addition, constructed between Beaven Hall and the Swords Atrium, and a total renovation of Haberlin Hall. The complex offers new opportunities for collaborative faculty/student research, among many other benefits. (Be sure to see Page 22 for a photo tour of the newly opened Smith Labs.)

**Working from the bottom up**

Like the College and the Luce Foundation, Janine Shertzer, the Anthony and Renee Marlon Professor in the Sciences at Holy Cross, has long been a proponent of increasing the numbers of undergraduate women majoring in the STEM disciplines, particularly physics. The only woman on the physics faculty for the past 25 years, Shertzer believes that there won’t be more female physics faculty until there are more female physics undergraduates. “We need to work from the bottom up,” she says.

“We have a long way to go, particularly in chemistry and physics,” Shertzer continues. The number of physics majors fluctuates annually, as does the number of female physics majors. “This year, only one of our eight senior physics majors is female. In the class of 2002, it was 50/50, with six men and six women. Four of the women went on to graduate school in science, one got a job in a patent office and the sixth became a physics teacher. I don’t think it was a coincidence. You need a critical mass of women, otherwise it can be hard for them to assert themselves in class and work in study groups without that support.”

**An early and crucial vote of confidence**

The CBL Scholarships help to create that critical mass and circle of support. One of the six female physics majors Shertzer cited, CBL Scholar Caroline Berger ’02, a Nugent Medal recipient at Holy Cross, went on to complete a Ph.D. in physics at Duke University. Two of Berger’s classmates—also CBL Scholars—Amy Vashlishan ’02 and Alison McCarthy Robertson ’02, also went to graduate school in the sciences. Last year, Vashlishan defended her doctoral dissertation in the genetics department at Harvard Medical School; Robertson, Phi Beta Kappa mathematics major, earned her master’s degree in math at Stanford University and currently works in the financial software industry. The CBL Scholarships they received reduced their financial stress as undergraduates and freed them to pursue research activities year-round.

In addition to its commitment to increasing the number of women on the science faculty, Holy Cross also offers an array of institutional programming to support women majoring in science. Lectures and workshops by noted authors have been offered. The Women and Gender Studies Program presented a discussion for students on balancing work and family. This semester, the growing Holy Cross Women in Business Network will focus on women in the business of science and medicine. Also planned is a seminar series to bring prominent women in the physical sciences to campus to speak and interact with students.

The Clare Boothe Luce Scholarships are the centerpiece in the mix of strategies that Holy Cross now has in place to attract, retain and graduate women in science. The vision of Clare Boothe Luce regarding young women in science, and the generosity of the grants that support and secure her legacy, are creating life-changing opportunities for women attracted to science at Holy Cross—and beyond. “The Clare Boothe Luce Scholarship was an early and crucial vote of confidence in my capabilities,” explained one Holy Cross CBL Scholar. “It also inspired me to help others—particularly women—enter science and analytical fields.”

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THE POWER OF ONE

Name: Matthew Tully ’05


Family: Wife, Heather (Caruso) Tully ’04; parents, Roger and Maria; and brother, David

What he did at Holy Cross: majored in history and took classes in political science; participated in the Club Sailing Team, Washington Semester Program and SPUD; served on the Hanify-Howland Memorial Lecture Committee; also served as a resident assistant and a senior interviewer

Current job: “I work on Capitol Hill as a legislative assistant for Congressman David Dreier (California, 26th District). I monitor a number of different legislative issues, including budget, tax, immigration, healthcare and financial services. No two days are ever the same. I analyze legislation and provide vote recommendations for the Congressman before a bill comes to the House floor. I attend committee hearings and policy briefings and meet with constituents from California.”

How he stays connected: “I communicate by phone when I can. Fundraising phone-a-thons always provide a good excuse to call old friends and catch up. I exchange e-mail with classmates and try to get to New York or Boston a couple of times a year.”

The working life: “D.C. in general—and Capitol Hill specifically—has been a really interesting place to work, especially with all the election-related activities over the past year. The nature of my work requires me to engage in major public policy issues with a great level of detail and thought. My liberal arts education at Holy Cross, with its emphasis on analysis and writing, combined with the importance placed on serving others, prepared me well for my career here.”

Memorable moments or people at Holy Cross: “Meeting my wife in 2003 and seeing the Red Sox win the World Series in 2004 are my favorite non-academic memories from the Cross. The Washington Semester Program was definitely a highlight and ultimately led me to pursue a career in D.C. My favorite course will always be Professor Ziobro’s Classical America. It’s been more than five years since I took that class, and I still remember much of what I learned.”

Why he gives to Holy Cross: “Growing up, my parents placed great emphasis on showing appreciation for the gifts you have been given, and I certainly am grateful for the education I received at Holy Cross. If I could steal a theme from my line of work, I like to think of giving as an informal ‘approval rating’ of the College. I think the financial support of the alumni community provides an important indication of our satisfaction with the Holy Cross experience as well as support for the initiatives the College continues to undertake.”
General Alumni Association

In Memory of Fr. Miller


We gather this morning on the Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier to express our temporary “good-byes” to our beloved brother, Francis Xavier Miller, to celebrate his passage from this life, through death, to a new and everlasting life in the presence of our loving God, and to offer all the comfort and consolation we can possibly command to Frank’s sister, Mary, and to those relatives and many friends who have repeatedly experienced Frank’s kindness, patience and love over the years.

My words this morning can only constitute an inadequate labor of love, for there is nothing I can say, or that any of us might say, that would begin to do justice to the fullness and the richness of the life lived by our good friend Frank Miller.

Frank and I enjoyed a deep, personal understanding of each other. Each one knew that he could ask the other whatever he would, and it would be given. The simple knowledge that Frank was my friend, that I had his affirming, unconditional love, has from the early years of my Jesuit life made me feel a much better person than I am. It gave me courage to do things I would not have attempted otherwise. Such is the power of love.

It’s hard to define the precise moment when friendship is formed. It is as filling a vessel drop by drop, and there is at last a drop which makes it run over.

At what point in my relationship with Frank Miller my cup runneth over, I cannot really say. It all began so many years ago—66 years to be precise—in the fall of 1942 when both Frank and I enrolled as freshmen at the College of the Holy Cross. A violent World War II soon interrupted as each of us volunteered for military service—Frank to the U.S. Navy and eventual assignment to the island of Guam in the Pacific; I to the U.S. Army and assignment in June 1944 to France in the European Theatre of Operations. Once hostilities ceased, we returned to the Worcester campus with Frank graduating in 1947 and I in 1949. Following his graduation from Holy Cross, Frank journeyed to New York City and entered the Chase Manhattan Bank’s prestigious and highly competitive executive training program where his industry, talents and personal skills were quickly recognized. At the end of fall 1949 semester, I departed graduate school to enter the Jesuit novitiate at Shadowbrook in Lenox, Mass.

One morning in early August 1951, I was told that the Novice Master, Fr. John Post, wanted to see me that afternoon at 4 p.m. in his office. Given the 17 months experience I had had in that particular environment, I spent the entire day wondering what I had done now that was about to be corrected. Promptly at 4 o’clock, I knocked on the door of Fr. Post’s quarters, entered the room, sat down and waited. Fr. Post looked at me and said, “Brother, a Holy Cross friend of yours will be entering the novitiate and joining you on August 14.” Before he could tell me who it was, I said, “Father, I don’t think any of my Holy Cross friends are likely to be coming here.” Unmoved by my
comment, the Novice Master informed me that the new novice would be Frank Miller—and so it happened. Frank Miller and I were reunited, and for the next 57 years we were blessed, we were given that gift of time. We traveled much the same path down through the years, diverging here and there, as paths do in the woods, but always coming back together again.

In 1973, Frank returned to Holy Cross where his father had served as College Bursar for 47 years, joining me and working as the Vice President for Development and College Relations. For the next 22 years we traveled the United States together, visiting 40 to 50 cities a year from Maine to Florida, from the East Coast to California, meeting with individuals and addressing countless gatherings of alumni and friends at receptions, dinners and in private homes—seeking always their generous support of Holy Cross. On flights from one city to another, Frank would “prep” me as to who would be in attendance at our next gathering—providing me with names of alumni, graduation years, job titles, spouses’ names, number of children and schools they attend. As the years went by, people began to comment on the wonderful memories we appeared to have—the truth, of course, being not so much that our memories were strong, but rather that whatever memory skills we did display were due directly and solely to the detailed preparation Frank had executed prior to our departure from campus.

That preparation, coupled with the immense respect and admiration alumni across the country had for Frank, were the keys to the College’s ability to engage nearly 60 percent of its alumni as donors each year to the Annual Fund—clear evidence of the truth of the old fundraising axiom that “people give to people”—people gave to Frank Miller.

The late German Jesuit theologian, Karl Rahner, in a classic essay taking the form of an address by St. Ignatius Loyola to contemporary Jesuits, tells us that a Jesuit must be selfless and serviceable, and that the ultimate task of a Jesuit is to help others experience God directly and realize that the incomprehensible mystery we call God is present to us, and is someone to whom we can speak and with whom we can converse. That being the ultimate task of a Jesuit, it follows that whatever one does as a member of the Society of Jesus—be it an academic, pastoral, administrative, social or political activity—must be tested to see that it serves that purpose.

Frank Miller’s long career in the Society of Jesus earns high grades on that test:

- his strong and exemplary commitment to service to the New England Province of the Society of Jesus and to the College of the Holy Cross
- his vast and intimate knowledge of Holy Cross alumni and their families
- his approachability by and accessibility to everyone
- his personal warmth and genuine kindness to all without exception
- his integrity, his trustworthiness, his humility, his loyalty
- his work ethic and administrative skills
- yes, even his great love and genuine respect for the game of golf.

All of these attributes have, over the years, served to bring relatives, friends, co-workers and brother Jesuits to a reassuring experience of God and to a knowledge of Christ’s presence among us.
The famed French Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin once wrote, “I am more keenly aware that for the rest of my life my task is to develop in myself, humbly, faithfully, doggedly—and at the same time to impart it as much as possible to others, that form of spirituality which makes one seek God in every single thing and in all one’s activity.”

That statement seems to me to have a peculiar pertinency to the life of Frank Miller. For the secret and source of Frank’s amazing energy, his complete dedication, his countless acts of kindness and his boundless but hidden charities was that, like Teilhard, when he looked at the world, he saw people not in their nameless, unlovable collectivity, but with the face and heart of Christ. He saw his vocation (and that of all Christians) to recognize and find Christ everywhere in the world, to find that divine, personal Omega point who alone is capable of drawing all women and men to Himself, and of changing the world into a better, happier place by the power of His love.

Was not Frank Miller’s life a fulfillment of the life described by Teilhard? His life of service to the Society of Jesus, to Holy Cross and to his many admiring friends, both Jesuit and non-Jesuit, was an extension of his priesthood.

This is the “moral virtue” that filled Frank’s life—a life whose main thrust and unwavering direction was his priestly calling as a Jesuit.

May his soul now join that of his beloved brother Jesuit, St. Francis Xavier, in the welcoming embrace of our loving God.

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Nominees for GAA Board of Directors Announced

The General Alumni Association has announced the names of those alumni nominated to serve as officers and members of its board of directors. Kristyn M. Dyer ’94 has been appointed executive secretary. Michael H. Shanahan ’78 has been re-appointed treasurer. GAA bylaws do not require yearly nomination to these offices.

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

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

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

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

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Colleen F. Amann '92

President-elect Colleen F. Amann '92 received her master's degree in speech pathology from the University of Connecticut and holds national and state licenses. She currently stays at home with her children. Amann has served as a class agent, as president of the Holy Cross Club of Maine (2000-05), and as an Admissions volunteer. She has also been a GAA director for many years, serving on the Nominations and Elections, Regional Clubs and Executive committees. In addition, Amann has also been a member of the (ad hoc) In Hoc Signo Committee and as vice president in recent years. She and her husband, Peter '93, live in Scarborough, Maine, with their children, Emily, Molly, Maggie and Brendan.

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

Gregory H. Cahill '81

Immediate Past-President Gregory H. Cahill '81 is a senior vice president with the Lincoln Property Company in Boston, a full-service commercial real estate firm; he is also a member of the Society of Office & Industrial Realtors (SIOR). A past president of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston, Cahill is a recipient of its Crusader of the Year and Haberlin awards. Co-chair of the Club’s Monthly Lunch program, Cahill is a class agent and a long-time GAA director. His involvement with the GAA has included serving as a vice president and member of many committees including Nominations, Regional Clubs, Alumni Admissions, and Budget and Finance. Cahill has conducted senior interviews for the Admissions Office. Involved in numerous local, civil and charitable endeavors, he was most recently named to the Board of Visitors at New England Baptist Hospital; Cahill serves on its Building & Grounds Committee. He and his wife, Vicky, reside in Wellesley, Mass., with their son, Peter.

To view the full slate of candidates, go to www.holycross.edu/alumni and click on “GAA Board Nominations 2009.”

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**In Hoc Signo**

*Call for Nominations*

The General Alumni Association’s In Hoc Signo Award Committee will convene at the College this spring to prepare a list of nominees for the 2009 award. The deadline for submitting nominations, noting the qualifications of each nominee, is April 8, 2009. Standards of eligibility for the award include:

- Must be an alumnus/a who has completed at least one year and whose class has graduated.
- Must have performed “meritorious service” to Holy Cross, meaning “unusual service in the form of faithful and continued effort in maintaining class or other alumni organizations, active participation in alumni and College affairs, or assisting directly in expanding the usefulness, influence and prestige of the College.”

For the complete standards of eligibility and nomination form, go to www.holycross.edu/alumni and click on “In Hoc Signo Call for Nominations.”

Questions about the In Hoc Signo Award should be directed to the Office of Alumni Relations at 508-793-2418 or alumni@holycross.edu
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CATCHING UP with Crusaders on the MOVE and in the NEWS

BY KATHLEEN S. CARR ’96

DAVID MITCHELL ’91: THE POWER OF PRIMARY SOURCES

Topsfield, Mass. He ignites a passion for learning through the use of historical artifacts.

“These artifacts are alive,” Mitchell says. “They help us feel the pulse of history. One of the biggest advantages of using documents, in their original reproduction whenever possible, is that it throws students into the confusion of the historical moment.”

Mitchell isn’t afraid to embrace the confusion himself. “This methodology works for me because I’m not afraid to say, ‘I don’t know,’” he explains.

Mitchell tasks students with a year-long family biography project for which they interview an older relative or a family friend on topics ranging from the Great Depression to the Cuban missile crisis.

“By June,” Mitchell says, “most students (although they may be too cool to admit it) have found a new hero.”

The project culminates in a 40-page bound book that is presented to the interviewee at an appreciation dinner.

Mitchell is grateful to his own teachers, who trained him in life and the classroom. He keeps the following quote from College history professor Rev. Anthony Kuzniewski, S.J., in a favorite scrapbook and refers to it when he needs encouragement: “I don’t know how you can convey enthusiasm about the life of the mind and the life of scholarship to students if you’re not fully living that life yourself. If students have a teacher who’s excited about it, they can sense it … By the kind of work you do, you can communicate a passion for excellence.”

JAMES MULLEN ’80: HONOR IN EDUCATION

Holy Cross Magazine recently caught up with award-winning educator and new president of Allegheny College, James Mullen ’80.
SYLLABUS

Classical Physical Chemistry
Professor: Jude A. Kelley
Department: Chemistry
Description: Required for chemistry majors, this advanced-level course is a study of the basic concepts, principles and methods of classical physical chemistry—with the emphasis on developing a deeper understanding of the macroscopic properties that govern chemical phenomena.
Format: Lecture
Text: *Thermodynamics, Statistical Thermodynamics & Kinetics*, by Thomas Engel and Philip Reid
Requirements: Completion of problem sets, three semester exams and a final exam
Class topic: In building a toolset early in the semester for an in-depth understanding of the rules governing how chemical systems reach equilibrium, students considered the van der Waals equation of state, enthalpy and the first law of thermodynamics.
Professor quote: “Thermodynamics starts with a few basic principles and builds to an intricate explanation of how the natural world functions. Almost every aspect of chemistry … is governed by the laws of thermodynamics. Much of what we hear about in the news concerning the energy crisis, the viability of alternative fuels and the efficiency of hybrid cars, can be quantified using basic thermodynamics. Our science students are going to be among those pushing these fields forward, and I enjoy exploring the big picture with them.”
Professor’s bio: Joining the College staff in fall 2007 as an assistant professor of chemistry, Kelley received his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Yale University, New Haven, Conn., in 2002; he had most recently served as a postdoctoral appointee at the Sandia National Laboratory and senior applications scientist at RAPT Industries.
Student quote: “I decided to take classical physical chemistry to enhance my overall knowledge of chemistry and to help promote my laboratory skills,” says Alexandra Buga ’10. “I find it fascinating to learn about how things work, and this course allows me to gain a better understanding of things that I encounter in everyday life. I am a chemistry and classics double major with a premed concentration and plan to go into the medical field. I hope to become a doctor and use my knowledge of chemistry to help create medical devices.”
The Classical Physical Chemistry Laboratory course, offered in conjunction with this class, is also taught this semester by Kelley.

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Please tell us about the path you’ve pursued since graduating from Holy Cross.

Holy Cross prepared me for … many paths. It prepared me for work on a master’s in public policy at [Harvard’s] Kennedy School and a doctorate in higher education at the University of Massachusetts—and for work in public and private colleges over the past 20-plus years. (Mullen served at UNCAshville in North Carolina and at Trinity College in Connecticut.)

The best part of the journey has been marrying Mari Sullivan Mullen ’83 and being blessed with Franki (Mary Frances) and James.

What do you hope to accomplish as president of Allegheny College?

As we approach our bicentennial, we have the responsibility to two centuries of Alleghenians to define a college experience that is relevant to 2015 and beyond, one that prepares students for the opportunities and responsibilities of citizenship in the world they will inherit. To be part of this moment at Allegheny is a rare privilege.

Please tell us more about the 2008 Award of Distinction from the UMass School of Education.

First of all, I feel humbled. As a history lover, I’d like to think I have a special appreciation for the significance of the honor of being named as one of 10 educators spanning a hundred years at UMass—or perhaps, it was just the surprise of it—but the award meant the world to me.

To my thinking, simply being named an educator by one’s peers carries with it the honor of a high calling, a profession, a vocation. But to have my alma mater qualify the description further, as they did, was just terrific. I am very grateful.

BY PAM REPONEN
FLASHback
Stories from Mount St. James

Wild Blue Yonder

Holy Cross students once took to the skies, learning some valuable life lessons along the way

BY JAMES DEMPSEY

Michael L. Shoen ’68 had just returned to Holy Cross for his third year when he noticed news articles on campus billboards about 18-year-old T. Kernahan Buck ’70. Buck had garnered national attention that summer for flying with his 15-year-old brother, Rinker, from New Jersey to California and back (the youngest duo to complete a cross-country flight).

Shoen was himself an enthusiastic pilot—and had spent much of the summer flying in Arizona. He looked up Buck and made the obvious proposition: “Why don’t we start a flying club?”

Shoen’s idea was simple in theory: Buy a used plane for about $2,000, sell shares for $100 or $200 to cover the cost, then off they’d go into the wild blue yonder.

The College administration, however, less than thrilled at the idea of a flying studentry, kiboshed the idea. But Shoen had a good relationship with College history professor Rev. Maurice F. Reidy, S.J., who took up the young pilots’ cause—and, on Nov. 16, 1966, the Holy Cross Flying Club logged its first flight.

Both founding members came from families immersed in a love of flying and speed. Shoen’s father, Leonard, who later started the U-Haul Corporation, was a flier. As a young man, Michael Shoen raced motorcycles and cars and wrote what racing devotees consider one of the best books on the sport, The Cobra-Ferrari Wars, 1963-1965, telling the story of Carroll Shelby’s quest for the World Championship. Buck’s father, Tom, had come of age during Lindbergh’s historic crossing of the Atlantic and took to the sky in his teens; he lost a leg in a plane accident at the age of 30 but continued flying with the help of a prosthetic limb. His sons’ cross-country flight in 1966 was a tribute to his daring spirit. Rinker later wrote a book about the brothers’ feat, titled Flight of Passage.

Shoen and Buck, who studied economics and political science respectively, found that certain club duties on the ground offered experiences that would help them in the working world (both men went on to practice law).

“I set the books up, we had officers elected, we needed insurance, there was marketing, and that was all as interesting to me as the flying,” Shoen says.

“Kern was interested in instructing people,” he continues. “Another member, Joe Hasulak (’69), was a very creative person, and he turned the basement of one of the dorms into the Flying Club lounge. It was a lot of fun and gave us real camaraderie.”
The club’s first plane was a 1946 Aeronca Champion 7AC, a common post-war small airplane that was a slight step up from a Piper Cub. After one landing on a particularly snowy day, “we kind of banged it up a little bit,” Buck recalls. “We secured the airplane to the ground using only two of the three tie-down ropes ordinarily used for that purpose. Deep snow obscured the location of the third rope—we didn’t have a shovel—and we were freezing cold, so we drove back to Holy Cross.”

The next morning, when the pilots returned to their aircraft, they found that high winds had lifted the unsecured wing into the air and smashed the secured wing into the ground, damaging it.

“Mike and I had to rebuild that wing,” he says. The operation was performed in the basement of Alumni Hall.

Another time the pair had to put new fabric on both wings, so they flew the plane in from Windle Airport in Millbury, landed it on top of College Hill where the Hart Center stands today, wheeled it down to the maintenance building and performed the fix.

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The students’ passion for the sky also inspired their faculty mentor.

“Fr. Reidy became so enamored of flying that he started taking lessons and got his pilot’s license,” Buck says. The aviation-minded priest, in turn, was active in helping the students obtain better airplanes. After they had flown “the feathers off” the first plane, Fr. Reidy assisted the club in acquiring a relatively new airplane in 1968; in 1969, it was able to afford a new Piper Cherokee.

The organization continued for a few more years after Shoen and Buck received their degrees, but the high cost of maintaining a plane, along with rising fuel costs and a diminished interest in recreational flying among students, led to the suspension of operations in 1975. Just a year shy of its decade anniversary, the one and only Holy Cross Flying Club was grounded, but the deep friendship forged between the club’s founders endures.

“[Flying Club] member Joe Hasulak (’69) ... turned the basement of one of the dorms into the Flying Club lounge.”

— club co-founder Michael L. Shoen ’68

To read more about Fr. Reidy, the Flying Club’s advocate, go to holycross.edu/magazine and click on “Web Exclusives.”

James Dempsey was a columnist for The Evening Gazette and The Telegram & Gazette in Worcester, Mass., for 18 years. The winner of awards from the Associated Press and United Press International, he now teaches writing, journalism and literature at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Clark University.
Sacraments: Revelation of the Humanity of God

Edited by Philippe Bordeyne and Rev. Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., ’81

With Sacraments: Revelation of the Humanity of God (The Liturgical Press), editors Philippe Bordeyne and Rev. Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., ’81 illuminate the work of noted French priest and scholar Louis-Marie Chauvet, whose studies on sacramental-liturgical theology are considered some of the most energizing in the field. With a finger on Chauvet’s six veins of thought—including fundamental theology, ecclesiology and the theological anthropology of symbolism—the editors corral the additional work of leading thinkers who test Chauvet’s theories in the face of new challenges for the church in the modern world.

Fr. Morrill is associate professor and graduate program director in the theology department at Boston College.

Sampling for Biological Agents in the Environment

Edited by Peter Emanuel, Kakoli Niyogi and Jason W. Roos ’96

After September 11 and the anthrax attacks of 2001, the danger of a large-scale biological terrorist attack became real. Sampling for Biological Agents in the Environment (ASM Press), edited by Peter Emanuel, Kakoli Niyogi and Jason W. Roos ’96, compiles the information and techniques essential to proper response to a biological attack. Real-world incidents provide the context for instructions on how to establish a containment area, structure a sampling operation and acquire samples of the threat agent. This text combines the disparate expertise of government policy experts, first responders, hazardous material personnel and leading scientists into a clear, accessible resource.

Roos is the director of the Critical Reagents Program, a component of the Department of Defense (DoD); in this capacity, he is responsible for the development and distribution of biological defense test kits and materials used throughout the DoD and federal government.

On the Presidency: Teacher, Soldier, Shaman, Pol

By Thomas E. Cronin ’61

Among the many titles on his resume, author Thomas E. Cronin ’61 can list “Beltway insider” with firm gusto. A White House Fellow in the mid 1960s, the political institute veteran has also run for Congress. So Cronin is acutely prepared to offer his latest work, On the Presidency: Teacher, Soldier, Shaman, Pol (Paradigm Press), a study of America’s presidents. With a keen eye for their human flaws, Cronin has written a book for readers “searching for a richer, more nuanced understanding of the modern American presidency.” By providing a history of the American presidency from George Washington to George W. Bush, Cronin gives us a glimpse of presidents future through the lens of presidents past.

Cronin, author or editor of 10 books on politics and government, is the McHugh Professor of American Institutions and Leadership at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. He is president emeritus of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash.

Ballistics: Poems

By Billy Collins ’63

In his newest collection of poems, Ballistics: Poems (Random House), two-term U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins ’63 touches on an array of subjects—love, death, solitude, youth and aging—and delves deeper than ever before. Drawing inspiration from the world around him, Collins strives to find truth in the smallest detail while providing a moving and yet playful take on life. According to The Christian Science Monitor, “Collins reveals the unexpected within the ordinary. He peels back the surface of the humdrum to make the moment new.”

A distinguished professor of English at Lehman College, Bronx, N.Y., Collins was U.S. Poet Laureate from 2001 to 2003.
The Faith We Profess: A Catholic Guide to the Apostles’ Creed
BY MONSIGNOR PETER J. VAGHI ’70
In The Faith We Profess: A Catholic Guide to the Apostles’ Creed (Ave Maria Press), Monsignor Peter J. Vaghi ’70 examines the Apostles’ Creed as both a treasury of faith and an invitation to entrust oneself more completely to God. Monsignor Vaghi, a noted pastor and teacher, provides a simple introduction to Catholicism, blending sound Catholic teaching with Scripture, the wisdom of the saints, literature and personal anecdotes. With 12 chapters corresponding to the 12 articles of the Creed, this guide offers a fast-paced tour of the Catholic faith and also provides questions for reflection and prayer.

Monsignor Vaghi is pastor of The Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda, Md., and a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Social Cognition: Development, Neuroscience and Autism
EDITED BY TRICIA M. STRIANO ’95 AND VINCENT REID
In the past decade, our understanding of how humans process and interpret each other’s actions has increased due to groundbreaking research in the fields of cognitive neuroscience, developmental psychology and autism. Social Cognition: Development, Neuroscience and Autism (Wiley-Blackwell), edited by Tricia M. Striano ’95 and Vincent Reid, is the first volume to fully integrate these areas of cutting-edge research on social cognition through contributions from some of the world’s foremost experts in all three disciplines. With sections dedicated to the many facets of this research, including social cognition during infancy, this work provides valuable new insights on how we think and learn.

Striano is associate professor of psychology at Hunter College in New York.

The Executive Action Handbook
BY ERIC T. RIPPERT ’64
In The Executive Action Handbook (Fidler Doubleday Press), Eric T. Rippert ’64 explores the concepts of leadership, character, effectiveness and excellence. The volume is comprised of meaningful insights and quotes from noted leaders—from Lao Tzu to Vince Lombardi—paired with Rippert’s commentary. In presenting the wisdom of leaders throughout the world, past and present, Rippert aims to inspire thought and action in those currently handling leadership roles.

Rippert is a retired U.S. Navy officer and an oral and maxillofacial surgeon.

Sugata Saurabha: An Epic Poem from Nepal on the Life of the Buddha
BY CHITTADHAR HRDAYA
EDITED BY TODD LEWIS AND SUBARNA MAN TULADHAR
With Sugata Saurabha: An Epic Poem from Nepal on the Life of the Buddha (Harvard Oriental Series/Harvard University Press), editors Todd Lewis and Subarna Man Tuladhar provide the English translation to the poem written in the Nepalese language Newari. Composed by Chittadhur Hrdaya while imprisoned by the autocratic Rana regime, Sugata Saurabha tells the life of Buddha within the context of Newar and Nepali Buddhism and conveys his basic teachings with simple clarity. It is considered one of the best-known works of modern Newari literature to emerge after the restrictions of the Rana regime were lifted in 1950—and it may be the last to conform to the traditions of Indic classic poetry. Oxford University Press will publish a popular edition this summer in its International Classics series.

Lewis is professor of world religions at the College.
Poise Under Pressure

*With the impressive athletic feats of his father and grandfather at his back, Matt Perry ’10 still manages to excel and be “just Matt.”*

Just after dawn, Matt Perry ’10 and his roomie John Sills ’10 trudge up ice-crusted campus steps, crunching their way through the hilltop tundra to reach the fieldhouse. They will thwack baseballs into drapes of netting, hitting from tees and the underhand and overhand tosses of teammates.

On braver days, the Crusaders will grab their gear and venture forth to the artificial turf behind the Hart Center, to field balls and play catch in the frigid January air, just to get the feel of baseball. It is repetitive, grey work, getting arms into shape and swings into sync, long before any sunshine will take off the chill. Yet the players remain determined, knowing soon a smattering of cold-weather fans in the Fitton Field grandstands will poke their heads through parkas like spring crocuses.

Matt and his friends practice without much notice: lifting weights evenings, sweating through early-morning agonies, hitting and throwing in the confinement of a gussied up war-surplus hangar. Eagerly they await their opening quest to the west in late February, hoping to thaw out in time for eight games against perennial powers Loyola Marymount in California, Arizona in Tucson and Arizona State in Tempe.

The tanned Crusaders, having been tested by the best, will jam 42 games into a seven-week span before the Patriot League Tournament in early May.

“Just Matt” is how his teammates think of Perry. He is a junior, a third baseman who hits from the left side. His shortstop sidekick Sills, a tri-captain, describes him as a hard worker, a fierce competitor and a quiet kid. His coach Greg DiCenzo calls him “a great teammate,” the ultimate acco-

cade an athlete can receive in sports.

Perry will execute his sweet swing and draw extra notice. Fans will start pointing at him, connecting the purple dots. Perry to Perry to Perry. Stacked like some family three-decker in Somerville or Worcester.

Some greybeard in the stands will say, “See that kid up at the plate … he’s Ron Perry’s grandson and Ronnie Perry’s son. Where has the time gone!”

Growing up, Matt lived in the Sudbury, Mass., neighbor-

hood of Home Plate Farm, once the residence of Babe Ruth. Now the Perry family of six lives in another section of town, up the road from a batting cage.

Matt’s dad coached his youth baseball and basketball teams. “I tried to keep it simple and not overcoach him,” says Ron Perry ’80. “Nothing highly technical. Just basics like keeping your shoulder in when hitting, having your feet apart for balance, holding your bat at the proper angle.”

Ron repeated to his only son his own father’s mantra: “Keep your poise under pressure.” He passed on the lessons he had learned when he tagged along to practices, clinics and camps that his dad coached during his enormously successful days (1958-72) at West Roxbury’s Catholic Memorial High.
At St. Sebastian’s, an all-boys Catholic prep school in Needham, Mass., Matt flourished. He excelled academically. He is still featured on the school’s Web site video, explaining the school’s philosophy and how it affected his growth and development. In sports, Matt won nine varsity letters. In the fall, he ran cross-country to stay in shape. He was a sharp-shooting guard in basketball. As a crafty control pitcher and solid shortstop, Matt led the varsity in hitting as a sophomore (.386), junior (.400) and senior (.425).

Yet at a shade over 6 feet and soaking-wet 160 pounds, Matt wondered if he would be too frail to play Division 1 college ball.

“Physically he is a late bloomer,” Matt’s dad recalls. “But he always had a calm confidence. I remember his season opener in Senior Ruth: The bases were loaded in the late innings. Matt was playing shortstop. I was coaching and needed to make a pitching change. I call him in to relieve—I was trying to keep it light and told Matt ‘just throw strikes and let’s see what happens.’ He pitched us out of the jam.”

At 17, Matt proved he could “keep his poise under pressure.” Yet he was still on the skinny side.

GETTING TO THE HILL

“I never thought much about going to Holy Cross,” says Matt. He had heard the stories of his dad’s All-American hoop exploits and his grandfather (Ron S. Perry ’54) winning national championships in baseball and basketball. Matt didn’t want to deal with the comparisons or worry about measuring up to two Crusader legends. He wanted to be himself, to be “just Matt.” He wanted to go somewhere he could play baseball, wondering if Division 1 would be a stretch.

Matt had top-notch options. He made visits to Williams and Dartmouth and had Amherst on his to-do list. He set up a meeting with then Holy Cross baseball coach Craig Najarian, who had scouted him at St. Seb’s.

He was no stranger to Mount St. James. Matt had been to a half-dozen basketball camps here. He had been to his share of games. From the old timers, Matt had heard the stories of the Perry Legacy. His “grampie” pitched two complete-game victories in three days as Holy Cross won the 1952 College World Series; and he starred as a Crusader guard for the 1954 NIT champs. His dad, an All-American scoring machine at Holy Cross, was drafted to play pro baseball and basketball.

Matt understood his family ties to the College. Grandfather Ron, still a senior adviser, served as Holy Cross’ director of athletics from 1972-98. His mom’s father, the late Joseph Galligan ’40, received his degree from Holy Cross. So did his aunts, Maryellen Perry Collins ’78 and Patrice Perry Berens ’84, and his cousin, Christine Collins ’08.

His grandfather and dad naturally relished the idea of Matt playing for Holy Cross. After all, who doesn’t love a three-peat? But they didn’t even nudge Matt toward picking their alma mater.

During his Holy Cross visit, Matt felt very comfortable mingling with coaches, players and students. He says a family atmosphere, having nothing to do with his last name, embraced him. That day, while sharing a pizza at the Wonder Bar on Shrewsbury Street, Matt surprised his father: “No need to go to Amherst. If Coach Najarian wants me, I’m coming.”

Coach Najarian, understanding the upside potential of Matt Perry, extended the invitation. Matt accepted with just one goal in mind: to become the best Matt Perry he could be.

LIFE AS A PERRY

Super Bowl Sunday provides a snapshot of Life with the Perrys.

Dad Ron, a successful commercial Realtor, had the day off, sorta. He had to bring his youngest daughter Alicia to her sewing class. An eighth-grader, Alicia spends much of her time underwater. She is developing into an accomplished swimmer like her sisters, Cassandra, a junior at Lincoln Sudbury High and Jessica, a sophomore breaststroker for Duke University.

Sheila Perry is just returning from cheering on Jessie in two meets, home against Clemson and away against North Carolina, where her oldest daughter won the 200-yard Individual Medley on Friday night. Ron had been to watch Jesse perform against Virginia the weekend before.
ATHLETICS

The Perrys are no where nearly as tranquil as Sudbury, the historic home-town of the Wayside Inn made famous by Longfellow. The day before the Super Bowl, Ron worked as a Cox Communications color analyst for the Providence-Connecticut basketball telecast. During the week, he was putting together complex rental deals for high-end clients and speaking on the sagging economy to an elite gathering of concerned Boston civic and business leaders.

Sheila, a Providence College grad, is the go-to gal. She keeps Ron and the four kids on schedule, transports the girls to early morning and after school swim practices, manages the house and, oh yes, works at a local boutique just to keep busy. “We try to divide the duties. It’s exhausting at times with all the traveling, but this is a precious time in our lives and we don’t want to miss the kids performing,” explains Ron.

So the Perrys go, go, go … to work, to ballgames, swim meets and special occasions … nonstop. To North Carolina to see Jessie swim. To Worcester, California and Arizona to watch Matt play baseball. To other venues, near and far, to cheer on Cassandra and Alicia. And, yes, to sewing class, so Alicia may someday sew as well as her grammy Pat.

MATT’S TURN

“Matt is writing his own chapter of the Perry Legacy,” observes second-year coach Greg DiCenzo. “He’s coming into his own. He’s a smart athlete who leads by example. He’s a funny kid with his own personality. Matt is a hard worker who’s fine tuning his offensive and defensive skills.”

As a freshman, Matt became convinced he could play at the Division 1 level. In an April doubleheader against Lehigh, he went 4-for-5 with two doubles and three runs scored. “After that, I knew I could compete,” he says. Last season he proved that as a leadoff man, smacking 16 doubles and hitting .285 with 53 hits.

Because of his dedication to training, Matt has bulked up by 30 pounds and, at 6-foot-2½ inches, has added power to his punch.

“Matt stays focused in baseball the same way he does on academics,” remarks Sills, his roommate for three years. “He sets goals and goes about his business. And he never quits on himself.” Sills recalls a game against Brown last season when the Crusaders were getting crushed and Matt seemed to be struggling. “Somehow we crawled back and, by the last inning, had cut Brown’s lead to 12-10. Matt has this fiercely determined look on his face. He drills a two-run off-field homer to tie the game, and we win it on another homer. Finally Matt breaks into a smile.”

JUST MATTY BEING MATTY

Last summer, Matt played in the wood-bat New York College Baseball League and hit a remarkable .426. This summer, Matt has signed on to play for Chatham Anglers in the elite Cape Cod League. “He’s just getting better and better,” says DiCenzo, who forecasts a bright season as the Crusaders are armed with the Patriot League’s Pitcher of the Year, Matt Shapiro ’10. “We have an excellent group who won 21 games last season (most since 1980) and were 12-1 in one-run games.”

As his junior season progresses, Matt is a loyal Crusader and feels fortunate to be at Holy Cross. An economics major with a flair for writing and public speaking, he lavishes praise on his college, classmates, coaches and teammates. He has a burning desire to see the Crusaders return to the NCAA tournament as his dad’s team did in 1978 and his grandfather’s team did in 1952.

Matt also comfortably wears a special ring that is emblematic of the Perry Legacy. There are only three such rings, worn by his grandfather, his dad and himself. His dad had them made for Christmas gifts. On each ring is emblazoned an HC, crossed bats, two 14s—numbers once donned in baseball by Ronald S. Perry ’54 and Ronald K. Perry ’80—and a 15, the number now worn by Matt.

Nothing wrong with a little display of family pride. Not when the surname is Perry and the college is Holy Cross. Nothing at all.

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Give Another Hoiah!

BY JOHN W. GEARAN ‘65

Bob Credle ‘65 pays it forward

He would get very anxious as track and field fans filled White Stadium in Franklin Park, the largest gem in Boston’s famed Emerald Necklace of playgrounds designed by Frederick Law Olmsted.

Frantically, Bobby Credle’s eyes would scan the crowd moments before he would be summoned to the starting line. He would locate “The Rock” seated calmly in the grandstand.

“When I found my mother, I would settle down. I knew everything would fall into place,” says Credle. His competitive juices would rise up, and, with the cracking sound of the starter’s gun, he would be off, flying toward another victory.

Marguerite Credle Howard was indeed “The Rock” as she raised her brood of three boys and two girls in a three-decker at 39 Quincy Street in the Roxbury section of Boston. She served as a housekeeper to the well-off, cleaning suburban homes on her hands and knees.

“My mother was a single parent with five kids. She was the only person working. She never complained,” says Credle. “She was working so many jobs, she didn’t really have time to be a disciplinarian. She gave us love and support.”

There would always be food on the table. Her kids did their homework, went to church, used their God-given talents. She allowed them time to do their schoolwork, go to summer camps and participate in community center and church activities.

“I never had a job. I was always involved in something, CYO basketball, summer camps, running in every season. We never realized how much we were struggling financially until much later in our lives,” Credle remembers.

Marguerite supported her kids, raising her family back in the days when Roxbury was predominantly white. “I was in kindergarten when we moved to Quincy Street. We were the second black family in our neighborhood,” Credle recalls.

Along with “The Rock,” there was another source of guidance for Bobby: a young, energetic parish priest.

Bobby attended St. John’s/St. Hugh’s, a combined Catholic church. There, the Rev. James Haddad took Bobby under his wing. Bobby converted to Catholicism as a teenager, he says, “because of Father Haddad’s inspiration” and “because of Eva Redd, the girl I escorted to the CYO King and Queen Ball.”

Credle flourished at Boston Technical High School, excelling in college-prep courses. His track coach Joe Carey, a magnificent motivator with a
commanding voice, developed Credle into a schoolboy sprint sensation.

Running in tight, squared spaces like the East Newton Street Armory, Credle smashed city indoor records in his specialty, the 600-yard run. Outdoors, he reigned as Boston’s half-mile champ. His matchups with other schoolboy luminaries would be showcase events. In the city championships, Coach Carey urged Credle to compete in the quarter-mile against a Rindge Tech whiz, Timmy Johnson. Trailing badly at the 220-yard mark, Credle kicked into high gear and caught Johnson at the finish, setting a meet record of 49.5 seconds.

Credle’s reputation drew the attention of Boston College, which offered him a full scholarship, but without a room on campus. Credle knew he couldn’t commute and study in an apartment cramped with his four siblings.

In junior high school, Credle had seen Holy Cross perform at White Stadium. “I hadn’t been exposed to many college athletes,” he says. “I was impressed. That registered with me. That’s how Holy Cross got on my radar. That’s how I became a fan of Holy Cross.”

Enter Joe Reilly ’55, a Holy Cross graduate who helped organize Boston CYO basketball leagues and who had befriended Credle. Reilly encouraged him to apply to Holy Cross.

“Father Haddad took me shopping, bought me a sport coat and a pair of pants,” Credle remembers. “He drove me up to Holy Cross for an interview. My college boards were not great, but within an acceptable range. I had good grades at Boston Technical High. I was accepted and given a full scholarship.”

In the fall of 1961, Bobby Credle and three other African-American freshmen, Harry Crawford from Kansas City, Harrison Baker from Detroit, and Ray Moore from Louisiana—as well as a young man from Nigeria named Chukwuebeka “Chris” Enu, arrived at an all-male, 99.9 percent white campus.

Baker and Moore left after the first semester, Crawford after three semesters. “They felt isolated,” Credle recalls. Enu, the soccer team captain, and Credle became roommates as juniors; they were the only black students to graduate in 1965.

Credle, competing against better-prepared students from prep schools, struggled his freshman year. Coming from a white neighborhood, he adjusted well.

“There wasn’t much social life for anyone back then,” he remembers. “It was more fellowship. I had a great relationship with the guys on campus.” Any signs of racial prejudice? “Yes … every student in the school knew my name. I’d walk by some guy and say ‘Hi,’ and he’d say, ‘Hi, Bob,’” replies Credle, smiling at his rather wry observation.

Truth is Bobby Credle has always been an approachable, good-natured guy with a ready smile. He was well-known and admired by the student body because of his radiant personality and his prowess in track. As a senior he served as a resident assistant.

Not so instantly convinced of Credle’s immense talent was Bart Sullivan, the legendary Holy Cross track coach. Credle’s workouts were typically less than brilliant. Early on, the 80-year-old Sullivan came up to him after a particularly lousy workout and gruffly snapped, “Are you sure you’re a runner?” Credle recoiled.

“I was crushed,” he recalls. “Academically it was tough enough. Now I was in trouble in track. I knew I didn’t practice well. Some people love to work out and can’t compete. I was just the reverse.”

Credle soon opened Sullivan’s eyes wide. In Holy Cross’ first indoor meet, in the Boston Garden, Credle anchored the freshman one-mile relay. He spotted “The Rock” in the crowd sitting next to Father Haddad. He stood in the box awaiting the baton next to some guy from Yale. “I remember thinking, ‘I can beat this guy,’” he says.

About 25 yards behind when he grabbed the baton, Credle ran a blazing 49-second quarter, catching the Yale at the finish, triumphantly. Coach Sullivan sidled up to Credle and said, “Oh my, you REALLY can run!”
Credle had a marvelous career, capped as the Crusaders co-captain with the amazing Kevin O’Brien ’65. As a sophomore, Credle finished second in the half-mile as Holy Cross’ seven-man team captured the New England Championship in Orono, Maine; as a junior, he finished second in the 600-yard run in the Indoor Nationals in Detroit. Credle won New England crowns in the half-mile as a junior and the quarter-mile as a senior. He loved running relays, Holy Cross’ strong suit. Outdoors, at a Randall’s Island meet, Credle streaked to a 47-second quarter-mile final leg.

As his victories piled up, so did his cumulative point average, rising from a 2.2 as a freshman to a 3.4 his junior year as an economics major.

In his career, Credle got out of the blocks quickly. He joined the New England Telephone Co. as a business office manager.

In 1969, Credle put his telephone company career on hold. He had a three-year dalliance with rock ’n’ roll, taking a fling as a producer of concerts up and down the East Coast. He handled shows for the likes of James Taylor, Sly and the Family Stone, The Byrds, Ike and Tina Turner and the Allman Brothers Band.

“We had staked a five-city tour for the Allman Brothers when Duane Allman was killed in a motorcycle accident in October 1971,” Credle recollects. The financial setback caused Credle to head back to the world of telecommunications.

Credle handled various high-level jobs during his 31-year telephone industry career; he also became a corporate force in improving diversity and fairness in the workplace. In 1998, he retired as Verizon’s director of corporate data services.

Since then, Credle has returned to his roots, focusing on his family, his community and his college.

Roxbury has changed dramatically since his youth; it is now 65 percent African-American and 25 percent Latino. Credle currently serves as director of community programs for Urban Edge, a nonprofit corporation helping folks ward off foreclosures and obtain affordable housing. Since the mid-1990s, Credle has immersed himself in YouthBuild Boston and YouthBuild USA programs, helping to direct at-risk youth to skillful employment.

At home, he maintains a close bond with his five daughters, his namesake son and his six grandchildren. He has handled bumps along the way. After a divorce, his second wife died of a heart attack 25 years ago at age 39. He is now engaged to Carol Murphy, his companion of 20 years and mother of his son, Robert.

At Holy Cross, Credle has been an active member of the General Alumni Association’s board of directors. In the mid-1990s, his old friend Joe Reilly recruited Credle to serve on the Bishop Healy Committee, which promotes diversity and attracts ALANA (African-American, Latin American, Asian-American, Native American) students to Holy Cross. The Class of 2012 includes 21 percent ALANA students compared to 8 percent in the Class of 2001.

“Not only are recruitment numbers up, the retention rate is fantastic, and ALANA students are improving our standards in the same way enrolling women did four decades ago,” notes Credle.

For his tireless efforts in encouraging multicultural harmony at his college and in his community, last year Credle was bestowed the GAA’s most prestigious honor, the In Hoc Signo Award.

Not for a moment does Bob Credle forget those who gave him a head start back when he could run like the wind. After all these many years, he carries on his mother’s legacy. He has become “The Rock.” For his family, for his community and for his College. For those who need help and seek social justice, Credle is there to open a door.


**Class Notes**

‘47 William B. “Bill” Houston writes that he has resided almost 54 years in Denver where he is currently involved in assisting with the management of his family’s office building business operation. **Class Chair John A. Facey Jr.**

‘49 Frank T. Healy Jr. writes that, with the retirement of his partner, John F. Phelan ’51, this past August, he has joined the Waterbury, Conn., law firm of Grady & Riley as of counsel. **Class Chair George F. Cahill**

‘52 John D. Moroney, M.D., writes that he volunteers his medical services with Catholic Charities in Tampa, Fla., and in the St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital outreach program. **Class Co-Chairs James E. Hayes, Bertram U. Mount Jr., Joseph F. Whalen Jr. Class Correspondent Rev. John R. Madehull**

‘53 Monsignor Harold B. Bumpus writes that he recently retired as a pastor of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Fla.—and that he now resides in Land O’ Lakes, Fla. Msgr. Bumpus notes that, following 35 years of active ministry in the South, he continues to serve “as a seminary consultant, Censor of Books and part-time helper in the parishes.” **Class Chair Rev. Earle L. Markey, S.J.**

‘54 Ronald S. “Ron” Perry was recently honored by the New England Basketball Hall of Fame, which announced in November the establishment of the “Ronald S. Perry New England Basketball Legend Award” and his selection as the award’s first recipient; the presentation ceremony is scheduled to take place in October 2009 at the University of Rhode Island. The press release highlights Perry’s accomplishments as a high school and college student-athlete, head coach at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury, Mass., and a collegiate referee before returning to Holy Cross as athletic director in 1972. Over his 26-year tenure, he played an integral role in establishing the College’s women’s programs and its membership in the Patriot League.

As to being labeled a “legend,” Perry is humbled. “I always smile when that comes up,” he says. “I don’t look at myself as a legend … When you get older like I am, it’s just nice to be remembered.”

‘55 John X. Evans writes that he is still working with charter schools—and notes that Tempe (Ariz.) Preparatory Academy, which he helped to found 15 years ago, was one of 15 charter schools in the United States (out of 4,300) to be awarded the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award; Evans adds that there are now five other charter schools in the Phoenix area, all modeled on Tempe Prep and featuring a strong liberal arts curriculum. **Class Chair Raymond A. Nothnagle**

‘56 Richard J. “Dick” Berardino writes that he was inducted into the Italian American National Sports Hall of Fame on Nov. 15, at Lantana’s in Randolph, Mass. **Class Chair William P. Maloney. Class Co-Correspondents Thomas M. O’Brien, John J. Ormond**

‘57 Christopher A. “Chris” Fox writes that he has relocated, with his wife, to Nicholson, Ga., and continues to work full time furnishing hotels throughout the country—a career that he has pursued for 38 years. **Class Chair Robert A. Nothnagle**

‘59 The law practice Pepe & Hazard LLP announced in December that Robert J. Berta has joined the firm as counsel with the wealth preservation management experience.”

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**alumni spotlight**

**Hall of Fame names award for basketball legend Ron Perry ’54**

**By Rebecca Smith ’99**

Ron Perry ’54

The New England Basketball Hall of Fame honored member Ronald Perry ’54 by creating The Ronald S. Perry New England Basketball Legend Award, to be presented at each induction ceremony to an individual who, in demonstrating uncommon basketball excellence, has made an extraordinary contribution to the sport. Perry is the inaugural recipient.

At Holy Cross, Perry co-captained the 1954 Crusaders to NIT victory and twice earned All-East honors. A pitcher on the 1952 championship baseball team, he is the only New England athlete to win national championships in two sports.

Perry was a successful basketball coach at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury, Mass., and a collegiate referee before returning to Holy Cross as athletic director in 1972. Over his 26-year tenure, he played an integral role in establishing the College’s women’s programs and its membership in the Patriot League.

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practice group in its Southport, Conn., office. Carl A. Stetz, M.D., writes that he recently completed five years serving as a gynecologist at Volunteers in Medicine in Hilton Head, S.C. Class Chair C. Clark Hodgson Jr.

‘62 Thomas F. “Tom” Holden writes that he retired from the Worcester County Sheriff’s Department as director of education and is currently serving as an adjunct history professor at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester. Richard L. “Dick” Withington, M.D., a retired orthopedic surgeon, notes that he is now working part time as a merchant mariner—a relief captain on a small tug in the St. Lawrence River, he helps with “ship docking assists, towing, salvage, and marine transportation.” A volunteer at the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, N.Y., and captain of the Clayton fireboat, Withington adds that he is spending his fourth winter as the sole inhabitant of Round Island, one of the Thousand Islands located near Clayton. Class Chair William J. O’Leary Jr.

‘66 John G. Guinan and Barbara Weiss Gatti were married on Nov. 2. Class Co-Chairs Kenneth M. Padgett, Rev. John A. Worthley

‘70 Donald T. Allegra, M.D., writes that he has recently been elected to fellowship in the Infectious Diseases Society of America; beginning his career as a solo specialist in infectious diseases in New Jersey, Allegra notes that he is now part of a 17-physician practice group. John J. Boucher notes that he and his wife, Therese, have created a publishing Web site, www.catholicclevelandizer.com—and, combining “their expertise as religious educators, workshop presenters, writers and lay evangelizers,” they offer five new titles, including Bringing Our Grandchildren to God and Christmas Carol Festival Guidebook; Boucher notes that the Web site is an offshoot of www.christkey.com, which was launched in 2000. Class Co-Chairs Stephen J. Bier, Thomas J. Neagle

‘71 The U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Reston, Va., announced in December that Robert E. Doyle, its deputy director, has been selected as a distinguished recipient of the 2008 Presidential Rank Award, in recognition of “outstanding leadership and long-term accomplishments.” According to the press release, honorees are “strong leaders, professionals and scientists who achieve results and who consistently demonstrate strength, integrity and commitment to excellence in public service”—and that “only one percent of the 7,000 career senior executives may earn the award in the Distinguished category.” The press release also notes that Doyle’s contributions have included playing a key role in developing “the reorganization plans for the USGS regional structure designed to strengthen and improve science integration across all science disciplines” and implementing a plan to open USGS archives of satellite imagery and aerial photography for broader use by the general public and commercial interests. James M. “Jim” Freedman, vice president of leadership development at Fresenius Medical Care North America in Waltham, Mass., writes that he was invited to attend a weeklong ceremony in South Korea in October to accept the Van Fleet Award “for outstanding contribution to U.S.-Korea relations”—bestowed in honor of the American citizens who served as U.S. Peace Corps volunteers in South Korea from 1966-81. Freedman notes that, during his 1972-74 Peace Corps service, he worked in the central provinces of the country in education, helping to write textbooks and curricula for middle and high schools and to develop teacher training programs. Class Chair Robert T. Bonagura, Class Correspondent Jerome J. Cara Jr.

‘73 Advocates, Inc., a human services agency based in Framingham, Mass., recently announced that William J. “Bill” Taylor was selected by the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Massachusetts as the recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award—in recognition of his many contributions to the healthcare field; the award was presented in October during the Alliance’s 26th annual convention in Danvers, Mass. Joining Advocates, Inc. in 1981 as clinical director, Taylor began his 28-year tenure as president and chief executive officer of the organization the same year. According to the press release, he has assumed leadership positions in many professional associations during his career—including the Massachusetts Council of Human Service Providers and the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Corporations of Massachusetts—and has received numerous honors, such as the Irvin Rutman Award from the United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association and the “Thumbs Up” Award from The Massachusetts Providers Council. In conjunction with this recognition, the Metrowest Daily News included an article about Taylor’s career and family in its Dec. 30th edition. Class Co-Chairs William F. Bagley Jr., Philip J. Crowley

‘77 Charlotte L. Dillis, M.D., writes that she is now working in the radiology department at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C. James W., “Jim” Donovan notes that, last June, he became the president and chief executive officer of Lincoln County Healthcare, located in Boothbay Harbor and Damariscotta, Maine. Thomas E. “Tom” Moroney writes that he has worked for the financial news organization Bloomberg L.P., since 2004, first as co-host of a national political radio show and, since the spring of 2008, as bureau chief of its Boston news operation; Moroney adds that he had previously been a journalist for many years with various newspapers and publications, including The Boston Globe and People magazine. Stephen M. “Steve” Murphy notes that he has been elected to a one-year term as president of the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association for 2009. Class Co-Chairs Brian A. Cashman, Kathleen T. Connolly

‘78 Thomas J. “Tom” Solitario has joined The Duetto Group, a lobbying firm in Washington, D.C., as a partner. Class Co-Chairs Marcia Hennelly Moran, Mark T. Murray, Michael H. Shanahan, Class Correspondent Roseann Fitzgerald

‘79 Eileen (King) Conroy writes that she continues to live in Manhattan with her family—and adds that she serves as a senior vice president
at JP Morgan Chase. Jayne C. Kredatus notes that she continues to serve as senior trust adviser and vice president for PNC Wealth Management in Bridgewater, N.J.—she joined the company in August 2006; Kredatus adds that she has also been active in several charitable organizations, serving as a member of their boards or major fundraising committees. Patrick J. “Pat” McManamon writes that he is a sports columnist for the Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal. Russell F. “Russ” Neary notes that he continues to serve as a vice president and the western territorial manager for Gen Re, Stamford, Conn., in the marine department; Neary adds that, last June, he was promoted to lieutenant in the Easton (Conn.) Fire Department. Henry A. “Hank” Sullivan writes that he recently relocated, with his family, to Northville, Mich., and now works for Tenneco as the director of advanced engineering—“responsible for emission control systems both for gasoline and diesel vehicles.” Class Co-Chairs Glennon L. Paredes, Deborah A. Pelles

‘82 John T. Andreoli writes that he is the president and chief executive officer of the Sullivan Insurance Group in Worcester, a trustee at St. Vincent’s Hospital and UnifBank for Savings and, for the past five years, the head football coach at St. John’s High School in Shrewsbury, Mass. Antonella Capicotto De Lia writes that she resides with her family in White Plains, N.Y., where she also owns a full-service travel agency, Nella’s World Travel, Inc. Class Co-Chairs Jean Kelly Cummings, Susan L. Sullivan

‘84 Vincent H. “Vinnie” Eruzione writes that he is celebrating his 10th year as a coach and associate/athletic director at Curry College in Milton, Mass.—and that he is now in his fourth year as athletic director there. Lynne Guimond Findlay, a second-year juris doctor candidate at the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, N.H., notes that she has been accepted into the school’s Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program, “a rigorous two-year program emphasizing practical skills and designed to make graduating students ‘client ready.’” Sherry B. Levin writes that she has been named the director of athletics and girls varsity basketball coach at the Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill, Mass. Susan McCann announces that she has recently assumed ownership of Essex Books, a bookstore located in Essex, Conn. Damaris P. Miranda notes that she has been teaching Spanish for five years at the River Ridge Middle School in the Tampa Bay, Fla., area. Julie A. Zier writes that she is the president of Julie Zier Interiors, a residential design firm in Wyckoff, N.J. Class Co-Chairs Susan F. Feitelberg, Edward J. Lynch III, Fred J. O’Connor


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Michael J. Chojnacki and his wife, Gloria, announce the birth of their son, Mark Jacob, on Jan. 4. Class Co-Chairs Virginia M. Ayers, Patrick L. McCarthy Jr., Edward T. O’Donnell, Kathleen Quinn Powers.

Valerie (Reed) Cohen and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Dorothea, on Jan. 18, 2008. Class Co-Chairs Virginia M. Ayers, Patrick L. McCarthy Jr., Edward T. O’Donnell, Kathleen Quinn Powers.

Jane Cianciolo Maglio writes that she recently completed her master of arts degree in theology at Providence (R.I.) College. Class Chair Mark A. Connolly. Class Correspondent Kathleen E. Moylan.

Thomas P. “Tom” Creaser writes that he was recently named executive vice president of the Jordan, Edmiston Group, Inc., in New York City, “an independent firm providing investment banking services to media and information and marketing services companies.” David V. Sheehan III notes that he continues to work for the EMC Corporation in Connecticut. Class Co-Chairs Ellen S. Conte, Paul E. Demit.

Maureen F. “Mo” Browne writes that she is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Covington & Burling, specializing in intellectual property litigation. Mary Curtin Creaser notes that she recently assumed the position of senior vice president and partner within the healthcare practice of the public relations firm Fleishman-Hillard. Adenike M. Davidson announces the publication of her book, The Black Nation Novel: Imagining Homeplaces in Early African American Literature (Third World Press, 2008). Carolyn Demko writes that, after one and one-half years as a medical records specialist at the Morristown (N.J.) Memorial Hospital, she passed her CCS examination, qualifying her as a certified coding specialist. Kathryn G. “Kate” and Kevin M. O’Hagan announce the adoption of their son, Henry, from Russia, in the spring of 2008. Kevin writes that he continues to serve as a member of O’Hagan Spencer, LLC, “a law firm specializing in defense of financial professionals, directors and officers and executive liability,” with offices in Chicago, Richmond, Va., and Los Angeles. M. Nicole O’Shea-Holohan and her husband, Eric Holohan, announce the adoption of their daughter, Andrea Holohan, in April 2008. Peter C. Park, M.D., writes that he is medical director for information services, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, and medical director for the Deerfield Valley Health Center in Wilmington, Vt. Class Co-Chairs Christina M. Buckley, Sean T. McHugh.

Jennifer “Jay” Clarke ’88 curates major exhibit on Edvard Munch

By Rebecca Smith ’99

Most of us are familiar with the haunting image of Edvard Munch’s The Scream. But how well do we know the man behind this iconic depiction of anxiety and despair? In the exhibit Becoming Edvard Munch: Influence, Anxiety, and Myth, on display through April 26 at the Art Institute of Chicago, curator Jennifer “Jay” Clarke ’88 challenges popular myths surrounding Munch and presents a new view of the artist.

Clarke’s interest in Munch was piqued while reading his unpublished letters. Expecting to find “the crazy maker of The Scream,” she instead discovered a savvy businessman, marketer and art dealer. Her research also revealed that, far from creating in an artistic vacuum, Munch was “like a sponge, soaking up artistic techniques, motifs and styles from his contemporaries.”

The exhibit considers Munch’s works within the context of his peers—including Vincent van Gogh, Max Klinger and Claude Monet—and reveals surprising influences and connections.

“In my first art history class with Professor Ziegler, I was struck by the confluence of art, history, psychology and anthropology,” Clarke recalls. “I knew then that this was what I wanted to do with my life.”
(Conn.) High School last fall. Kennelly adds that she continues to serve as the athletic director for St. Michael Academy in New York City—and notes that she lives in Fairfield with her family, where she serves on the Democratic Town Committee and Cultural Diversity Task Force. Joanne (Daly) Maldari, who lives in Portsmouth, N.H., with her husband and two sons, serves as assistant athletic director, academic services, at the University of New Hampshire. Cathleen (Canney) Morrison works as technical leader in forensic chemistry for the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory and lives in Newton with her husband and two daughters. Michele E. Randazzo is a principal at the Boston law firm Kopelman and Paige, P.C., and the recipient, in 2004, of a professional chef’s diploma from the Cambridge (Mass.) School of Culinary Arts; Randazzo resides in Avon, Mass., with her husband and daughter. Class Co-Chairs Nancy L. Meaney, Lisa M. Villa, Mark P. Wickstrom

George F. Grattan writes that he joined the Earthwatch Institute in Maynard, Mass., in January 2008 as a writer and content manager—and has recently become an international marketing strategist for the international, nonprofit, environmental volunteer organization. Christina Faraldo Nolan and her husband, Ken, announce the birth of their son, John Kenneth, on May 5. Deirdre (McCarthy) Ogden and her husband, Garrett, announce the birth of their daughter, Noelle Catherine, on Aug. 9. Manuel P. Santos, M.D., and his wife, Karen, announce the birth of their daughter, Cecilia Elizabeth. Jacqueline “Jackie” Masto Vigilante and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Kate, on Aug. 9. Maj. Cecil I. Garin, D.M.D., U.S. Air Force, writes that she recently completed a two-year dental residency program in Texas—and is now stationed at Kunsan Air Base, Korea. Timothy J. “Tim” Jordan and his wife, Lindsay, announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Anne, on June 18. Maureen Haugh Powers writes that she continues to work in Chicago, selling advertising space in the Tribune company’s newspapers across the country. Alex Zequeira writes that he recently relocated to New England and began working in 2008 as the dean of upper school at the Wooster School in Danbury, Conn. Class Co-Chairs Danitza J. Beck, Amanda M. Robichaud.

Renée Martin Gebben and her husband, Brenden, announce the birth of their son, Parker Brenden Chase, on Nov. 5. Melissa Callahan McCourry and her husband, Alan, announce the birth of their son, Luke Alan, on Nov. 4. Matthew J. “Matt” Quilty writes that he recently accepted a new position as the director of foundation and corporate relations at the Dominican University in River Forest, Ill. Marisa A. Scala-Foley and her husband, Ward, announce the birth of their son, Thomas Charles, on Oct. 10. Scala-Foley writes that she has recently been promoted to director of the National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment at the National Council on Aging in Washington, D.C.; she notes that the center “helps seniors and adults with disabilities access needed public benefits.” John B. O’Connell III and Erika Brookman were married, on Dec. 6, at the Publick House in Sturbridge, Mass. Class Co-Chairs Maura E. McGovern, Timothy D. McGovern, Christopher J. Serb

‘93 Philip Calabrese, a trial attorney in the Cleveland office of the firm Squire Sanders, writes that he focuses his practice on “complex business litigation, defense of securities fraud and antitrust actions, product liability and toxic tort litigation, trial secret disputes and appellate practice”—and adds that his experience includes cases for clients in “the pharmaceuticals, specialty chemicals, steel, automotive and manufacturing industries.” Calabrese was included in the 2009 edition of Ohio Super Lawyers—Rising Stars; selection is based on a peer survey and an independent review—and includes the requirement that candidates be either 40 years old or younger or in practice for 10 years or less. Eugene F. “Gene” Freedy and his wife, Maura ’94, announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Kate, on Aug. 9. Lt. Cmdr. Michael E. Hayes, U. S. Navy, writes that he has returned to the United States, having spent the majority of 2007 as the deputy commander of U.S. Special Operations Forces in the Anbar province in Iraq; Hayes adds that he was selected in June as a 2008-09 White House fellow—and is now serving as a recruiter within the National Security Council. (See story, Page 55) Andrew G. “Andy” Morean and his wife, Lisa, announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Emmet, on Sept. 14. Marjorie O’Connor Furman announces the birth of her son, Connor Jeremiah Furman, on Oct. 16. The Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company (MBCR), Boston, announced in October the appointment of Richard A. Davey Jr. as general manager; according to the press release, his responsibilities include oversight of MBCR’s work force, day-to-day supervision of the company’s operations and the setting of strategic direction. Employed by MBCR since its formation

‘94 Kathleen “Kate” Dawson Ayers, M.D., and her husband, Andrew, announce the birth of their son, Thomas Murphy Ayers, on Oct. 20. Danita J. Beck writes that she spent part of last summer studying watercolor in London, through a study abroad exchange between Regent’s College and the University of Mississippi—and that she spent a week in Paris studying art history, through a Northwest Airlines Travel grant. Eileen McCarthy Bouvier and her husband, André, announce the birth of their son, William, on Nov. 3. Michael P. Carbone writes that he serves as director, litigation, at JetBlue Airways in New York City. Jennifer “Jen” (Hebert) Dubrule and her husband, Craig, announce the birth of their son, James Louis “Jimmy,” on Aug. 30. Maura Kelly Freedy and her husband, Gene ’93, announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Kate, on Aug. 9. Maj. Cecilia I. Garin, D.M.D., U.S. Air Force, writes that she spent part of last summer studying watercolor in London, through a study abroad exchange between Regent’s College and the University of Mississippi—and that she spent a week in Paris studying art history, through a Northwest Airlines Travel grant. Eileen McCarthy Bouvier and her husband, André, announce the birth of their son, William, on Nov. 3. Michael P. Carbone writes that he serves as director, litigation, at JetBlue Airways in New York City. Jennifer “Jen” (Hebert) Dubrule and her husband, Craig, announce the birth of their son, James Louis “Jimmy,” on Aug. 30. Maura Kelly Freedy and her husband, Gene ’93, announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Kate, on Aug. 9. Maj. Cecilia I. Garin, D.M.D., U.S. Air Force, writes that she spent part of last summer studying watercolor in London, through a study abroad exchange between Regent’s College and the University of Mississippi—and that she spent a week in Paris studying art history, through a Northwest Airlines Travel grant. Eileen McCarthy Bouvier and her husband, André, announce the birth of their son, William, on Nov. 3. Michael P. Carbone writes that he serves as director, litigation, at JetBlue Airways in New York City. Jennifer “Jen” (Hebert) Dubrule and her husband, Craig, announce the birth of their son, James Louis “Jimmy,” on Aug. 30. Maura Kelly Freedy and her husband, Gene ’93, announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Kate, on Aug. 9. Maj. Cecilia I. Garin, D.M.D., U.S. Air Force, writes that she spent part of last summer studying watercolor in London, through a study abroad exchange between Regent’s College and the University of Mississippi—and that she spent a week in Paris studying art history, through a Northwest Airlines Travel grant. Eileen McCarthy Bouvier and her husband, André, announce the birth of their son, William, on Nov. 3. Michael P. Carbone writes that he serves as director, litigation, at JetBlue Airways in New York City. Jennifer “Jen” (Hebert) Dubrule and her husband, Craig, announce the birth of their son, James Louis “Jimmy,” on Aug. 30. Maura Kelly Freedy and her husband, Gene ’93, announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Kate, on Aug. 9. Maj. Cecilia I. Garin, D.M.D., U.S. Air Force, writes that she spent part of last summer studying watercolor in London, through a study abroad exchange between Regent’s College and the University of Mississippi—and that she spent a week in Paris studying art history, through a Northwest Airlines Travel grant. Eileen McCarthy Bouvier and her husband, André, announce the birth of their son, William, on Nov. 3. Michael P. Carbone writes that he serves as director, litigation, at JetBlue Airways in New York City. Jennifer “Jen” (Hebert) Dubrule and her husband, Craig, announce the birth of their son, James Louis “Jimmy,” on Aug. 30. Maura Kelly Freedy and her husband, Gene ’93, announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Kate, on Aug. 9. Maj. Cecilia I. Garin, D.M.D., U.S. Air Force, writes that she spent part of last summer studying watercolor in London, through a study abroad exchange between Regent’s College and the University of Mississippi—and that she spent a week in Paris studying art history, through a Northwest Airlines Travel grant. Eileen McCarthy Bouvier and her husband, André, announce the birth of their son, William, on Nov. 3. Michael P. Carbone writes that he serves as director, litigation, at JetBlue Airways in New York City.
in 2002, Davey had most recently served as deputy general manager and general counsel; he is to continue to serve on MBCR’s board of directors. Amy (Martel) Kokas and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Emily, in June 2008. Jennifer F. Stuart and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of their son, William Stuart Parment, on Oct. 14. Stuart writes that she moved with her family to Ankara, Turkey, in July, where she is working remotely as a business analyst on foreclosure prevention software. Class Co-Chairs Christopher J. Caslin, B. Timothy Keller, Shelagh Foley O’Brien

‘96 Christopher M. “Chris” Harris and his wife, Sarah, announce the birth of their daughter, Hailey Claire, on June 19. Melissa Battino Purin and her husband, Brent, announce the birth of their son, Martias Bennett, on Nov. 21. The Ragan Communications Group recently submitted a press release from the Suffolk Construction Company in Boston, announcing that Kimberly Steimle, its executive vice president of marketing, business development and community relations, was one of 40 individuals selected by Banker & Tradesman for inclusion in its “Class of 2008 New Leaders”; profiles of the honorees were included in a special section of the publication’s Nov. 17th issue. According to the press release, Steimle’s responsibilities at Suffolk Construction Company include planning and implementing business strategy and assuming a leadership role in its community outreach programs. Class Co-Chairs Jennifer E. Burns, Holly R. Khachadoorian-Elia, M.D., Christopher L. Sears

‘97 Ellen G. Connell writes that she worked for several years in production management for the computer animated film and television industry in California—first with DreamWorks Animation and then with Lucasfilm Animation—and is now in her second year of a Ph.D. program for clinical psychology at the California School of Professional Psychology in San Diego. Jennifer “J.J.” (Ferron) Doak and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their son, Gavin Nathan, on July 3. Karen Keegan Durham and her husband, John ‘98, announce the birth of their children, Abigail Jane “Abby” and John Henry “Jack,” on Sept. 17. Clinton T. “Clint” Greenleaf and his wife, Kate, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Scarlett “Abby,” on Dec. 11.

Michael E. Hayes ’93 has devoted his career to serving others and his country. A lieutenant commander in the United States Navy and a Navy SEAL, Hayes has been deployed in support of the War on Drugs, operations in Bosnia and Kosovo, and Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. His most recent assignment at SEAL Team TEN included seven months as Deputy Commander for all Special Operations Forces in Al-Anbar province, Iraq.

“I view leadership as my calling,” Hayes explains, “and I am driven to serve the public.” It’s no surprise, then, that Hayes was appointed one of only 14 White House Fellows by President Bush in 2008. America’s most prestigious program for leadership development and public service, the White House Fellows program offers exceptional citizens first-hand experience working at the highest levels of the federal government. Fellows participate in an education program consisting of roundtable discussions with national leaders and trips to study U.S. policy in action.

Hayes works at the National Security Council, where he helps form and implement national policy. He is a regular participant in high-level meetings at the White House.
theater at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., managing two theater venues. Christine (Alfano) LaBrecque and her husband, Keith, announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Alexandra, on Oct. 30. Colm T. MacMahon and his wife, Kara, announce the birth of their son, Ciaran Thomas. Megan E. and Brendan M. McCarthy announce the birth of their son, Brendan Michael Jr., on Oct. 6. Margaret Orser McGuire announces the birth of her daughter, Caroline, on July 29. Wendy (Ward) Mocco and her husband, J., announce the birth of their son, Finn Thomas, on June 23. Rebecca “Becca” Wharton Peil writes that she recently returned with her family to the Pacific Northwest and accepted a position as a nurse practitioner in the pediatric emergency room at OHSU/Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. Kathleen A. “Kathianne” (Hilton) Pennini and her husband, Joseph, announce the birth of their son, Nicholas James, on Aug. 1. Cora B. Volchok writes that she graduated law school in 2005 and is now working as a writer in New Bedford, Mass. Michael P. Whitehouse announces the birth of his son, Daniel, on Sept. 6; Whitehouse adds that he completed his Ph.D. in theology in May at the University of Notre Dame.

Class Co-Chairs Marnie J. Dardanello, M.D., Kristin M. O’Connor, Julie E. Orio

‘98 Nancy (LeJava) and Brian P. Buckley announce the birth of their son, Patrick Sean, on Nov. 10, 2007. Mark A. Dellelo writes that he teaches a movie-editing course in the film studies program at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., where he also manages the multimedia laboratory. John J. Durham and his wife, Karen ’97, announce the birth of their children, Abigail Jane “Abby” and John Henry “Jack,” on Sept. 17. Vitale Caturano, a New England regional, full-service CPA, consulting and wealth management firm located in Boston, announced in November that Allison H. Egbert has been promoted to vice president. A member of the company’s assurance practice, Egbert specializes in “audits, reviews, mergers and acquisitions, consultations and analysis, due diligence services, and providing assistance to companies with international operations.” Karen (Lynch) and Michael P. Evans announce the birth of their twins, Alexia Jane and Tyler Moran, on April 24, 2008. Anne (Cloherty) and Timothy M. “Tim” Fortune announce the birth of their daughter, Sheila Ann, on Sept. 8. Erin (McCrae) and John A. Myers announce the birth of their daughter, Maddy Elizabeth, on Sept. 26.

‘99 Amy B. Auth writes that she has joined the law firm of Dwyer & Collora, LLP in Boston. Jennifer (LaForce) Fisher and her husband, Bryan, announce the birth of their daughter, Maya Anne, on Dec. 12. Alexandria (Sumas) Good and her husband announce the birth of their son, Matthew Albert, on June 24.

Christine (Carr) Carrillo and her husband, Jorge, announce the birth of their daughter, Christine Elizabeth, on Oct. 2. Jared H. Cloutier writes that he received his juris doctor in May 2007 from the Arizona State University College of Law in Tempe—and is currently working at The Law Office of William P. Neylon in St. Johnsbury, Vt. Elizabeth G. and Kevin R. Hennessy announce the birth of their son, Thomas Raleigh Hennessy, on Sept. 3. Michael J. Kardas and his wife, Christine ’99, announce the birth of their daughter, Ashley Rose, on July 1.
Amanda (Abraham) Hill writes that she is teaching high school mathematics in Sacramento, Calif. Karen (Grass) Johnson and her husband, Dale '03, announce the birth of their son, Dylan Matthew, on Nov. 13. Shannon (Finneran) Mahoney and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of their son, Braedon Thomas, on July 11. Patrick T. Maloney is now the associate director of annual giving at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Charles T. Strauss and his wife, Elizabeth, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Louise, on Oct. 23. Amanda Abraham and Mike Hill were married in August 2008, in Plymouth, Mich. Class Co-Chairs Lauren M. Buonome, Thomas M. Cudigan, Peter D. McLean.

Dale M. Johnson II and his wife, Karen '02, announce the birth of their son, Dylan Matthew, on Nov. 13. Elizabeth A. O'Connor writes that she was recently promoted to lieutenant in the Navy Judge Advocate General Corps and is currently stationed at the Naval Legal Service Office in Bremerton, Wash. Class Co-Chairs Elizabeth L. Maloy, Inez C. McGowan.

Deanna M. de Arango writes that she currently serves as a customer marketing manager at Revlon, Inc., in New York City. The Massachusetts law firm Boulware & Dewey, LLP, with offices in Boston, Framingham and Worcester, announced in January that Sean T. Donovan has joined the practice as an associate in its estate, financial and tax planning practice area; Donovan concentrates his practice in the areas of estate planning and administration, taxation and financial planning. Matthew S. Galligan writes that he has joined United Health Group as an underwriter for its national accounts business.

James R. Greene notes that he is currently pursuing his master of science degree in sport management at the East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania. Jennifer (Dugger) Hays and her husband, Park, announce the birth of their daughter, Elise Natalie, on Sept. 6. Amanda (Wilson) and James R. Liljedahl announce the birth of their twins, Avery and Ella, on Oct. 29. Amanda writes that the Liljedahls are currently living in Needham, Mass., where she teaches ballet and Jim works as a private equity analyst for Bank of America. Class Co-Chairs Megan K. Baroni, Catherine G. Bryan, Rusmir Music.

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CLASS NOTES

Olivia-Thao “Libby” Vo writes that, after spending three years in Vietnam serving in various capacities, including Fulbright scholar, advocate for children with special needs and English language instructor, she has now returned to her hometown of Worcester and is currently working with FRONTLINE Selling, LLC, a provider of “high level, business-to-business demand-creation training solutions and outsourced services.” Joan M. Golden and Charles R. Post were married in September in Darien, Conn. Susan D. Krause and Ladd T. Moore were married on Aug. 16, 2008, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel at Holy Cross. Sangita V. Malhotra and James Blomberg were married on Sept. 28, 2008, in two wedding ceremonies—Catholic and Hindu. Kate Warren and Patrick M. Tigue were married on June 21, 2008, in the Mary Chapel at Holy Cross. Class Co-Chairs Kathryn Meyers Gilbert, Kathryn C. Leader, John M. O’Donnell

’05 Capt. William C. Fox, U.S. Army, writes that the was promoted to the rank of captain on Sept. 1; he adds that he ran the Athens Marathon on Nov. 9—and, the following day, returned to Kaiserslautern, Germany, where he serves as battalion adjutant for the Army’s 5th Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery. Brendan T. Spain Jr. notes that he was recently hired as the advertising director at Money-Media, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Financial Times. Erin N. Alexander and Gildas Bah were married on Aug. 30, 2008, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel at Holy Cross. Class Co-Chairs Luz M. Colon-Rodriguez, Elizabeth B. Corridan, Jennifer L. Marcotte

’06 Caitlin Howard writes that she is currently attending the Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans. Emily A. Sweeney notes that she recently accepted a position as the senior editor at Morefocus, Inc., a publishing company in Carlsbad, Calif. Katherine M. Wood writes that she recently joined the Office of Development, Major Gifts, at Yale University, New Haven, Conn. Class Co-Chairs Lisa M. Litterio, Glenn R. McGowan, Ashley B. Scibelli

’07 Nora T. Blumenstein writes that she completed one year with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, working at a domestic violence shelter in Sitka, Alaska—and adds that she has recently accepted a position with the New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault as the rape program community educator, doing outreach work with local high schools, organizations and professional groups. Andrea L. Canuel notes that she is currently working as the director of administration for Thinking Beyond Borders, “a nonprofit organization that coordinates gap year service learning programs.” Emily L. Cashman writes that she is pursuing her master’s degree in international relations and African studies at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid in Spain. Thomas B. “T.J.” Ferrante Jr. notes that he is currently attending the Boston University School of Law. Michael J. Luenger writes that he is currently pursuing his master’s degree in the drama program at Tufts University, Medford, Mass. Herbert H. “Hall” McMillan III notes that he is currently working for Microstrategy, a business intelligence technology company in Northern Virginia. Albert W. “Al” Monte writes that he is now working as the men’s freshmen rowing coach at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. Caitrín E. Perry notes that she is now a registered nurse, working at a clinic in Framingham, Mass., while also pursuing her master’s degree in nursing at Boston College to become a psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist. Jonathan T. Tardif writes that he received his Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) certificate and is currently teaching English in Moscow with Language Link until June when he begins the master’s program in Russian at Middlebury (Vt.) College. Anna L. Vannucci writes that she is undertaking eating disorders research at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Mark B. Wright notes that he recently received his master of arts degree in classical philology from The Ohio State University—and adds that he is now pursuing his Ph.D. there, “focusing primarily on Latin literature of the Augustan period and the culture of late antiquity.” Class Co-Chairs Michael J. Galbo, Caitlin M. Padgett, Kara M. Pipoli

’08 Meghan K. Donovan writes that she is working as an actuarial analyst at Watson Wyatt Worldwide in Wellesley, Mass. Ashley M. Kent notes that she is currently working for The Hanover Insurance Group in Worcester, in a two-year rotational program. Studley, an international real estate services firm specializing in tenant representation, recently announced that Camille O. McGratty has joined the company as a real estate adviser in its Midtown Manhattan office; according to the announcement, her responsibilities include working with a senior managing director on tenant representation for international banks, financial services companies and banks. Jill L. Morton writes that she is working as a production assistant at Jones and Bartlett Publishers, headquartered in Sudbury, Mass. Jena L. Rascoe notes that she is working in New York as an editorial assistant for HarperCollins Children’s Books. Damon W. Reynolds writes that he is working at the East Bay Conservation Corps in Oakland, Calif., through JVC-Southwest. Jane S. Sarno notes that she works as a concierge/front desk agent at the Caneel Bay Resort on the island of St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands and also serves as a deckhand/crew/safety instructor on various boats owned by the resort. Laura A. Walsh writes that she is a first-year Ph.D. student in the applied social psychology program at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Class Co-Chairs Jonathan H. Andersen, Kathryn T. Dearing, Helen M. Murphy

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**LIESMAN ’05 AND SHEELER**
Lauren Liesman ’05 and Gregory Sheeler were married on July 5, 2008, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

First row, left to right: Joseph Weber ’05, Maggie (Fontana) Weber ’05, Caitlin (Agostinacchio) Ellingson ’05, Diane Marzelli ’05, Kellie Ambrose ’05. Second row, left to right: William Liesman ’72, Lisa Andrews ’05, Deirdre Banel ’05, Caitlin O’Callaghan ’06, Elisabeth Charnley ’05, Gregory Sheeler, Lauren Liesman ’05, Joseph Lombardo ’05, Suzanna Guidone ’05, Michelle Leahy ’05 and Jennifer Lodge ’05

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**BRESNAHAN ’98 AND DOMINICI**
Timothy M. Bresnahan ’98 and Laura Dominici were married on April 26, 2008, in York, Maine.


**HARMON ’04 AND MAXWELL ’04**
Anna G. Harmon ’04 and Michael S. Maxwell ’04 were married on June 29, 2008, in the St. Joseph Memorial Chapel at Holy Cross.

First row, left to right: Kevin Petersen ’06, Michael Maxwell ’04, Anna Harmon Maxwell ’04, Philip Fava ’04. Second row, left to right: David Wanczyk ’04, Megan Sheehan ’04, Joan Golden ’04, Charles Post ’04, Kate Meyers Gilbert ’04. Third row, left to right: Jim Cahill ’04, Patrick McKinney ’04, Alicia Pointer ’04, Jennifer LaRusso ’04, Evan Gilbert ’04. Fourth row, left to right: Lacey McIntosh ’05, Neil Petersen ’04, Sara McGowan ’04, Gretchen Ekerdt ’04 and Patrick Russell ’04

**DUFFY ’06 AND HENDERSON ’06**
Timothy J. Duffy ’06 and Ann E. Henderson ’06 were married on Aug. 9, 2008, in Cleveland.

Front row, left to right: Elisha Hisoler ’06, Erin Lord ’06, Erin Devine ’06, Jessica Carlson ’06, Ann Henderson ’06, Timothy Duffy ’06, Lisa Litterio ’06, Sarah Landry ’06, Melissa Zangari ’06, Karin Jorgensen ’06. Back row, left to right: Robert Cording ’06, Matthew Farina ’06, John D’Ambrosio ’06, Neil Keenan ’06 and Andrew Chap ’06

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CARUSO ‘04 AND TULLY ‘05
Heather A. Caruso ‘04 and Matthew D. Tully ‘05 were married on Aug. 2, 2008, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel at Holy Cross.

Kneeling, left to right: Anthony Galbo ’05, Harry Egner ’05, Brian Chandler ’05, Kathleen Riordan ’05, Standing, left to right: David H. Picotte ’05, Iliana Friedson-Trujillo ’04, Lynne Gearty ’05, Andrew Cancellieri ’05, Brian Mulligan ’05, Kevin Haskell ’05, Matthew Tully ’05, Heather Caruso ’04, Meghan Reily ’05, Catherine Reily ’05, Deanna de Arango ’04, Melissa Sousa ’05, Katherine McGrail ’04, Jane Webster ’06, Justin Reidy ’05 and Robert Wallace ’65

TUTELLA ’03 AND STRAGHALIS
Elizabeth F. Tutella ’03 and Erick Straghalis were married on June 22, 2008, in Cambridge, Mass.

Front row, left to right: Ted Reardon ’02, Jennifer Troland ’03, Kristin Toomey ’04, Kelly Bogue ’06, Lifen Huynh ’02. Second row, left to right: Philip Schneider ’06, Timothy Coskren ’04, Heather Yanusas ’04, Marybeth Clark Reardon’02, Lizzie Tutella Straghalis ’03, Erick Straghalis, Emily Driscoll ’02, Anne Vozzella Lodge’02, Katherine Hughes Joyce’03, Kristen Fletcher’03, Margherita Sarra Robbins ’03. Third row, left to right: Michelle Devan, Holy Cross athletic department, Christine McDavitt, Holy Cross athletic department, Meg Galligan, Holy Cross athletic department, Lucas Mogensen ’97, Timothy Bernstein ’03 and Joel Robbins ’03

MCgowAN ’03 AND HODGDON
Shaun M. McGowan ’03 and Lindsay Hodgdon were married on June 14, 2008, at St. Joseph’s Church in Garden City, N.Y.

Front row, left to right: Marty Gilbert ’03, Rev. Anthony J. Kuzniakwski, S.J., College history professor, Shaun McGowan ’03, Lindsay McGowan, Angelo Marocco ’73 Back row, left to right: Edward Kendall ’03, Mark Tarnuzzer ’03, Dayna Caine ’06, James Copinger ’06, Glenn McGowan ’06, Paul Washington ’03, David McWilliams ’03, Richard Orsen ’03, Michael McCaffrey, Holy Cross athletic department

rickARDS ’07 AND SCROFANI
Lisa M. Rickards ’07 and Richard Scrofani were married on Aug. 17, 2008, at the Candlewood Inn in Brookfield, Conn.

Left to right: Jody Grimm ’07, Kristie Giannetto ’07, Jessica Rickards ’07, Michael Panagrossi ’89, Lisa Rickards Scrofani ’07, Meghan Geronimo ’07, Jonathan Panagrossi ’97, Maureen Wilk Panagrossi ’97 and Sarah DellaPosta ’07

In the winter issue, the maiden name of Jennifer M. Fank ’99 was misspelled in the announcement of her wedding to Joseph D. Repshis ’99 on Aug. 4, 2007, on Long Island, N.Y. HCM regrets this error and congratulates them on their marriage.
**In Memoriam**

**1934**

JOHN A. MATTHEWS JR.

John Matthews died Sept. 28, 2008, at the Morristown (N.J.) Memorial Hospital, at 95. An attorney for more than 40 years in New Jersey, Mr. Matthews began practicing law in partnership with his father in Newark in 1938; he specialized in family law, in particular, the area of adoptions. During his career, Mr. Matthews had represented Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark and had served as deputy surrogate, acting surrogate, assistant county counsel and counsel to the Welfare Board in Essex County; he had also been active in politics there for many years. Mr. Matthews was a past president of the Holy Cross Club of New Jersey and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by six sons, including John A. III ’63, Joseph L., M.D., ’65, Edwin R. ’66, Thomas W. ’72 and Brian C. ’74; three daughters; two sons-in-law; five daughters-in-law; four stepchildren; two brothers, including Peter L. ’57; 28 grandchildren, including Tara A., M.D., ’90, Edwin R. Jr. ’93; and Timothy B. ’07; 15 great-grandchildren; and nephews William P. ’71 and Sanford J. Jr. ’77. His father was the late John A. Sr., Hon. ’58 and his brothers were the late Sanford J., M.D., ’47 and Rev. Donald C., S.J., ’53.

**EDWARD J. O’CONNELL**

Edward O’Connell, of Greenwich, Conn., died on Sept. 15, 2008, at the King Street Nursing Home in Rye Brook, N.Y., at 94. During his career, Mr. O’Connell had worked for the General Electric Company where he had been a manager in the jet propulsion division in Cincinnati. He was a veteran of the Navy. Mr. O’Connell had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by two sons, Christopher P. ’67 and Stephen J. ’73; a sister; eight grandchildren, including Seana B. ’03; and a great-grandchild.

**WILLIAM P. QUINN**

William Quinn, a longtime resident of Longmeadow, Mass., died Dec. 3, 2008, in the Holyoke (Mass.) Soldiers’ Home, at 97. During his career, Mr. Quinn had been an executive in the liquor industry and, also, an executive of the Country Club Soda Co. in Springfield, Mass., retiring in 1976. Active in numerous clubs and service organizations, he was a parishioner of St. Mary’s Church in Longmeadow. Following retirement, Mr. Quinn had been an associate with the Hafey Funeral Home in Springfield for 19 years. He served as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Quinn is survived by a daughter and friends.

**1936**

JOHN S. HOULIHAN, M.D.

John Houlihan, M.D., died on Aug. 15, 2008, at his home in Bangor, Maine, at 93. A longtime physician in Bangor, Dr. Houlihan had been a member of the staff of the Eastern Maine Medical Center for many years and, also, of St. Joseph Hospital, since its inception; he had maintained a private practice in the city until 1983. Dr. Houlihan was an Army veteran of World War II, attaining the rank of major; assigned to battle-zone medical units in North Africa and Italy, he had been the recipient of a Silver Star. Dr. Houlihan was a member of the Maine and American Medical Associations and a parishioner of St. John’s Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; a son; four daughters; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nephews; and nieces. His brother was the late Monsignor John E. ’31.

**THOMAS A. KELLEHER**

Thomas Kelleher, a longtime resident of Worcester, died on Nov. 3, 2008. During his career, Mr. Kelleher had been the president and treasurer of the family-owned American Supply Company for more than 50 years. Becoming a golfing enthusiast during World War II, attaining the rank of major; assigned to battle-zone medical units in North Africa and Italy, he had been the recipient of a Silver Star. Dr. Houlihan was a member of the Maine and American Medical Associations and a parishioner of St. John’s Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; a son; four daughters; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nephews; and nieces. His brother was the late Monsignor John E. ’31.

**1937**

WILLIAM F. HERLIHY

Mr. Herlihy attained the rank of captain in the Pacific Islands, and, lastly, in Japan. During his career, Mr. Herlihy had worked as a pharmaceutical representative. A World War II veteran, he had been part of the U.S. Army Intelligence from 1942-46, serving at Fort Hunt in Washington, D.C., in the Pacific Islands, and, lastly, in Japan. Mr. Herlihy attained the rank of captain and received the Bronze Star for...
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meritorious service. A golf enthusiast, he had been a member of the golf team at Holy Cross and, also, at his alma mater, Newton (Mass.) High School. Mr. Herlihy is survived by two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

1940

DANIEL H. CLANCY JR., M.D.
Daniel Clancy, M.D., of Wellesley Hills, Mass., died on Nov. 2, 2008. During his career, Dr. Clancy had been the chief resident in surgery at Boston City Hospital—and later practiced medicine at other hospitals in the Boston area; he was a past member of the New England Orthopaedic Society. A naval surgeon in World War II and the Korean War, Dr. Clancy subsequently served as an officer in the Naval Reserve. He was a longtime parishioner of St. Paul’s Church in Wellesley. Dr. Clancy had been a Holy Cross class agent and a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by her two daughters; a son-in-law; a brother; four grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

JOSEPH H. FLYNN
Joseph Flynn died Oct. 8, 2008, in Pawleys Island, S.C., at 89. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Flynn had served as the executive director of the Holyoke, Mass., chapter of the American Red Cross. During his career, he had also held the posts of vice president, Radio Corporation of America International Ltd., and chief executive officer, Pfizer Pharmaceutical International. A naval officer in World War II, Mr. Flynn had served on a minesweeper in the South Pacific. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Flynn is survived by three daughters; two stepdaughters; a sister; a brother-in-law; six grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters. His son was the late Robert L. ’67.

REV. JAMES F. LYONS JR.
Rev. James Lyons died on Sept. 1, 2008, at the Catholic Memorial Home in Fall River, Mass., at 89. A longtime priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Fr. Lyons most recently served as the pastor of St. Patrick Church in Wareham, until his retirement in 1994; he had previously been the pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Taunton, Our Lady of Victory Parish in Centerville, and St. Peter’s Church in Dighton. Ordained to the priesthood in 1943, Fr. Lyons began his ministry as an assistant at St. Patrick’s, and, subsequently, at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Taunton. In addition to his pastoral duties, he had served as chairman of the Diocesan Divine Worship Commission, dean of the New Bedford Deanery and moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women—as well as director of the fundraising campaign for the construction of Bishop Cassidy High School—now Coyle & Cassidy High School. Fr. Lyons was an accomplished church musician and choir director. A member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, he had been a member of St. Camillus de Lellis and, also, at his alma mater, Newton (Mass.) High School. Mr. Flynn is survived by a sister; and five grandchildren.

1941

RICHARD A. CANTWELL JR.
Richard Cantwell, a longtime resident of McLean, Va., died on Nov. 13, 2008, at Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Va., at 89. A captain in the Navy during his career, Mr. Cantwell had served 31 years in the military, most recently holding the post of program analyst in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; he retired in 1973. An aerial navigator in the Pacific during World War II, Mr. Cantwell saw combat in the Korean War and commuted the attack carrier ship Procyon during the Vietnam War. After retiring from the Navy, Mr. Cantwell worked at Vitro Laboratories in Silver Spring, Md., for 10 years as a program manager. He had been a member of St. Luke Catholic Church in McLean. Mr. Cantwell is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; two daughters; a sister; and five grandchildren.

1943

REV. WILLIAM F. HINES
Rev. William Hines, who lived in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died Nov. 29, 2008, at the West Side Regional Hospital in Plantation, Fla., at 86. A longtime priest of the Diocese of Scranton, Pa., Fr. Hines had most recently served as the pastor of St. Joseph Church in Scranton, until his retirement in 1994 and appointment as pastor emeritus; he had previously served as the pastor of St. Patrick’s Church in Milford, St. Bernadette’s Church in Canadensis, and Our Lady of the Abingtons in Dalton, from 1967-74. Ordained to the priesthood in 1947, Fr. Hines began his ministry as an assistant pastor at St. Patrick’s Church in Scranton; he then served in the same capacity at St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton; St. Paul’s Church, also in Scranton; St. Ann’s Church, Tobyhanna; Epiphany Church, Sayre; and St. Ignatius Church, Kingston. In addition to his pastoral duties, Fr. Hines had been the assistant director at Camp St. Andrew, Tunkhannock, and St. Michael’s School for Boys, Hoban Heights; he had also taught for a short time at the University of Scranton and served as the director of campus ministry at the Keystone Junior College in La Plume, Pa. Fr. Hines is survived by a sister; and nephews and nieces.

RALPH M. O’NEIL
Ralph O’Neil died Nov. 29, 2008. An executive with the General Tire and Rubber Co., Mr. O’Neil had lived with his family in Ohio, Chile, Venezuela and Morocco during his career. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. O’Neil is survived by three sons; four
John Dolan, a longtime resident of Verona, N.J., died Oct. 23, 2008, at the Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly, N.J., at 86. Active in the fundraising field during his career, Mr. Dolan had been involved in major campaigns at numerous institutions, including Fordham University, Pace University and St. Vincent Hospital in New York City; prior to his retirement in 1987, he had served in this capacity at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, N.J. After receiving his master’s degree in social work from Fordham University in 1948, Mr. Dolan had been associated with Catholic Charities and the New York City Youth Board for five years. In 1985, he received the Sy Seymour Award, in recognition of his work as a fundraiser in the healthcare field. A longtime parishioner of Our Lady of the Lake Church in Verona, Mr. Dolan had served as a member of its board of trustees and Parish and Finance councils, as well as a consultant for the parish’s


As vice president for development from 1973-95, Fr. Miller worked closely with president emeritus Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, and played a key role in strengthening the financial position of Holy Cross and building a network of alumni support.

Entering the Society of Jesus in 1951 at Shadowbrook in Lenox, Mass., he studied philosophy at Weston (Mass.) College from 1953-55; Fr. Miller subsequently earned his M.B.A. at New York University in 1956. Ordained to the priesthood on June 13, 1959, he completed his tertianship at St. Robert’s Hall in Pomfret, Conn., from 1959-61, pursuing studies in ascetical theology and undertaking pastoral work.

Appointed the treasurer of Holy Cross in 1961, Fr. Miller served in this capacity until 1963 when he began a seven-year tenure as the treasurer of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus. Financial adviser to the College from 1963-70 and member of the Holy Cross Board of Trustees from 1970-73, he had also studied theology at St. Paul’s University in Ottawa before returning to the College to assume the post of vice president for development.

A 1942 graduate of St. John’s High School in Worcester, Fr. Miller attended Holy Cross until 1944 when he joined the Navy; stationed in Guam for two years, he resumed his studies at the College upon the completion of military service. As a student at Holy Cross, Fr. Miller had been an infielder on the baseball team under the direction of Coach Jack Barry. After graduation, he joined the Chase National Bank of New York where he worked for four years.

Among his other responsibilities, Fr. Miller served as a trustee at St. Joseph’s College in Philadelphia; Woodstock College in Maryland; Weston College in Cambridge, Mass.; and Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine.

In 1996, he received an honorary doctorate in humane letters at Holy Cross. The Holy Cross Club of Greater Worcester had honored him in 1985 with its Crusader of the Year award.

Fr. Miller is survived by a sister, Mary (Miller) Morse, of Falmouth, Mass.

(Fr. Miller’s longtime friend, Fr. Brooks, delivered a deeply moving homily at Fr. Miller’s funeral Mass, celebrated on Dec. 3 in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Campion Center. To read it in its entirety, please turn to Page 33.)

daughters; a brother; a sister; and 20 grandchildren. His father was the late Cyril F. Sr. ’17 and his brother was the late Cyril F. Jr. ’54.

1944
JOHN W. DOLAN
John Dolan, a longtime resident of Verona, N.J., died Oct. 23, 2008, at the Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly, N.J.,
capital campaign, from 1964-2000. In addition, he had been a member of the board of trustees at Mt. Saint Dominic Academy in Jersey City and the Oak Knoll School in Summit, N.J. A veteran, Mr. Dolan had enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 and, subsequently, served in the 15th Air Force in Italy, flying in numerous missions on a B-24 Liberator bomber; he was a recipient of the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, for distinguished valor. Mr. Dolan is survived by his wife, Doris; four daughters; and 11 grandchildren.

1945
REV. WILLIAM W. CRANDALL
Rev. William Crandall died on Aug. 29, 2008, in the Albany (N.Y.) Medical Center Hospital, at 84. A longtime priest of the Diocese of Albany, Fr. Crandall had been the pastor for 32 years of St. Joseph’s Church in Rochester, N.Y., and St. Mary’s Church, Schenectady, retiring in 1998. Previously, he taught philosophy at The College of Saint Rose—and had been a teacher at the grammar school and high school of St. John’s Parish in Albany during his assignment there. In addition, Fr. Crandall’s ministry included service at St. Joseph’s Church in Albany; St. Peter’s Church and St. Mary’s Church in Troy; Immaculate Conception Church in Schenectady; St. Mary’s Church, Glens Falls; and St. Brigid’s Church, Watervliet—as well as parishes in Cohoes, South Poright and Herkimer. Most recently, he celebrated Mass at area nursing homes. In addition to his parish responsibilities, Fr. Crandall had been Region II spiritual director of the National Association of the Holy Name Society. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 1948. Fr. Crandall is survived by two brothers, James M. ’50 and R. Lawrence ’53; a sister; several nephews and nieces; and grandnephews and grandnieces.

JOSEPH CUSHNER
Joseph Cushner died Nov. 5, 2008, at his home in Statesboro, Ga., at 87. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Cushner had worked many years as an accountant. A veteran, he had been a commanding officer in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Mr. Cushner is survived by three sons; three daughters-in-law; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1946
HENRY M. BERRY
Henry Berry, of Charleston, S.C., died on Nov. 24, 2008, at 84. A retired navy commander, Mr. Berry had served in the military from 1941 until his retirement in 1968; he was a veteran of World War II. Following retirement, Mr. Berry taught mathematics and physics at the Trident Technical College in North Charleston, S.C., from 1968-1986. He had been a member of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Charleston. Mr. Berry’s interests included golf and tennis. He is survived by a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

PETER L. MATHIEU JR., M.D.
Peter Mathieu, M.D., died Sept. 2, 2008, at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, at 84. A longtime pediatrician in Providence, Dr. Mathieu began private practice in 1952 with his late wife, Betty Burkhat Mathieu, M.D. During his career, he was a member of the pediatric department staff at Rhode Island Hospital, St. Joseph Hospital-Providence unit; Our Lady of Fatima Hospital; Women and Infants Hospital; Pawtucket (R.I.) Memorial Hospital; Roger Williams Hospital; and Slater State Hospital; in addition, Dr. Mathieu was medical director of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, Corliss Park, for 40 years, St. Vincent Center, St. Aloysius Home and the Tower Hill Camp in Providence. Clinical assistant professor at the Brown University School of Medicine in Providence, he was also a consultant on growth and development and health education at Providence College and Salve Regina College in Newport, R.I. Involved in research, Dr. Mathieu had completed studies and papers in several areas, including poliomyelitis and scarlet fever—and had developed a broncho dilator apparatus. He was a radio program host on WPRO for 13 years and a newspaper columnist for the Providence Visitor, writing the feature “Growing Up,” for 15 years. Dr. Mathieu was president of the St. Joseph Church Council in Providence and a founder and board member of the First Bank and Trust and First Financial Trust. His professional contributions included serving as president of the Rhode Island, Providence and New England States medical societies and as a member of the Academy of Pediatrics Finance Committee national board; he received the O’Donnell Award for meritorious service to the Catholic Charity Fund. A captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1955-55, Dr. Mathieu had served as chief of pediatrics and allergy at the 1301st U.S. Army Hospital in Fort Monmouth, N.J. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Dr. Mathieu is survived by four daughters; a sister-in-law; seven grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1947
JAMES L. CLIFFORD
James Clifford, a longtime resident of Shrewsbury, Mass., died on Aug. 2, 2008, at the University Commons Nursing Care Center, Worcester, at 83. A longtime attorney, Mr. Clifford had practiced in Worcester for 48 years; during his career, he had been associated with Clifford, O’Connor, Hanlon & McCarthy, later to be joined by attorney Adamiak. Mr. Clifford was a former member of the Worcester County and Massachusetts bar associations and the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys. A member of the Worcester Diners Club, he was inducted into its Hall of Fame in 1985. Mr. Clifford was an accomplished pianist and vocalist. He is survived by two sons; a daughter-in-law; and three grandchildren.

PETER R. BORZILLERI
Peter Borzilleri died Aug. 18, 2008, at his home in Venice, Fla., at 83. During his career, Mr. Borzilleri had been involved in the automobile sales industry; he was the co-owner of two car dealerships prior to retiring to Cape Cod, Mass., and then Venice. A combat engineer in the 4th Infantry during World War II, he landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day. Mr. Borzilleri had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by four sons; four daughters; four sons-in-law; four daughters-in-law; four brothers; a sister; three sisters-in-law; and 24 grandchildren.

GERALD F. TWOHIG
Gerald Twohig, of Woodbury, N.Y., died on Nov. 10, 2008. During his career, Mr. Twohig had worked many years for Newsday,
a daily newspaper based in Melville, N.Y. He is survived by his wife, Regina; a son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a sister; and eight grandchildren.

1949

RALPH T. AUSTIN

Ralph Austin, of Quaker Hill, Conn., died Sept. 16, 2008, at 83. Prior to his retirement in January 1986, Mr. Austin had worked many years as an electronics engineer at the Naval Underwater Systems Center in New London, Conn. A World War II veteran, he served in the Navy from 1943-46. Mr. Austin is survived by his wife, Patricia; two sons; four daughters; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and 21 grandchildren.

JOHN J. NAGLE JR.

John Nagle, of Towson, Md., died Dec. 1, 2008, at the Keswick Multi-Care Center in Baltimore, at 83. Active in the home construction and land development industry for many years in Maryland, Mr. Nagle had established a cabinet business in Cockeysville in the early 1960s, called Beautywood Kitchens; he then worked for Ryland Homes as a division manager, after selling his business to the company in 1968. Mr. Nagle had also been employed by Pulte Homes before founding Nagle Homes, Inc. in the late 1980s. At the end of his career, he had worked in the business for several years with one of his sons, retiring in 2002. After receiving his degree from Holy Cross, Mr. Nagle had joined Crown Cork and Seal in New York City. An Army veteran of World War II, he had served in Europe with an anti-tank unit assigned to the 100th Infantry Division; after the war, Mr. Nagle took part in the occupation of Germany. Discharged from military service in 1946, he was the recipient of two Bronze Stars for heroism in combat. An active parishioner of the Immaculate Conception Church in Towson, Mr. Nagle had been a volunteer and longtime fundraiser for the United Cerebral Palsy of Central Maryland. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; three sons, including John J. Ill '76 and Patrick B. '78; two daughters; and eight grandchildren, including Michael L. '10.

JOHN J. O'CONNOR JR.

John O'Connor, of Newport, R.I., died on Aug. 29, 2008 in Newport Hospital, at 80. A longtime chemist, Mr. O'Connor retired in 1984 as head of the materials and chemistry branch at the Naval Underwater Systems Center; he worked as a materials engineer for Ocean Technology, Inc. in Rhode Island, from 1983-85, and Vitro Services, from 1985-91. Receiving his master of science degree in chemistry from Holy Cross in 1950, Mr. O'Connor began his career at the former Naval Underwater Ordnance Station. He is survived by two sons; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

THEODORE S. STROJNY

Theodore Strojny died Dec. 4, 2008, at the Westbrook (Mass.) Healthcare Center, at 85. During his career, Mr. Strojny had worked many years at the Bay State Abrasive Company in Westborough as a machine operator, foreman, general foreman—and, also, as managing director of the company’s manufacturing plant in Luxembourg; he retired in the 1980s. Mr. Strojny had been a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Westborough. A decorated World War II veteran, he had served as a reconnaissance specialist in Italy. Mr. Strojny had been a member of the varsity football team at Holy Cross—and later played briefly in the National Football League with the Los Angeles Rams and the Pittsburgh Pirates. He is survived by a son; a daughter-in-law; a sister; and two grandchildren.

1950

JOHN F. CLARK

John Clark, of Daytona Beach Shores, Fla., died Sept. 18, 2008, at 84. Mr. Clark is survived by his wife, Mary Maxine; a son; a daughter, and brother, Edward R. ’49.

DANIEL J. COSTELLO

Daniel Costello, of Winter Haven, Fla., died on Dec. 4, 2008, at 79. Prior to his retirement in 1990, Mr. Costello had served 18 years as the executive vice president of Polk Community College in Winter Haven; he had joined the staff in 1970 as an assistant to the president. Active in community affairs, Mr. Costello had been a member of the Winter Haven City Commission in the 1980s—and had held the post of mayor in 1988; elected to a four-year term on the Polk County Commission in 1990, he was its chairman in 1992 and 1993. Other community involvement included serving as head of the Winter Haven Save Our Lakes Project; member of the Winter Haven Lakes Management Commission; lifetime member of the Winter Haven Friends of the Library; volunteer mediator for the 10th Judicial Circuit Court; and chairman of the local chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In January 2008, the Greater Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce named Mr. Costello “Man of the Year” and presented him with the city’s Banker’s Cup, in honor of his public service contributions. A commissioned officer in the Navy for 20 years at the start of his career, he had commanded four ships during his time of military service. Mr. Costello is survived by his children.

ROBERT C. DIXON II

Robert Dixon, of St. Louis, died Oct. 31, 2008. During his career, Mr. Dixon had served as business manager and corporate auditor for the General Electric Co.; corporate controller for Lenox China; and president and chief executive officer of Lenox Plastics, Alladin Plastics and the Eisenstadt Manufacturing Co. In addition, he had been a special auditor for the Western Province of the Redemptorist Order and the chief financial officer of Liguori (Mo.) Publications. A veteran, Mr. Dixon had served as a lieutenant in the Navy during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Philema; three sons, including Robert C. III ’77; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and nine grandchildren, including Mary C. ’88.

PAUL E. MCNAMARA

Paul McNamara died Nov. 25, 2008, at his home in Andover, Mass., at 81. During his career, Mr. McNamara had worked 42 years for Massachusetts Electric Company; he retired in 1991 as district manager. A longtime sports fan, he was a high school football official for 19 years and a coach in the Andover Youth Hockey program. Mr. McNamara had been an active member of St. Augustine’s Parish in Andover. A veteran, he served in the Navy during World War II. Mr. McNamara is survived by his wife, Alice; three sons; five daughters; four sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and 18 grandchildren.
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John Reader, most recently of Yarmouth Port, Mass., died Nov. 10, 2008, in Hingham, Mass., at 82. During his career, Mr. Reader had worked for the National Football League for more than 40 years. A professional on-field official for both the American and National football leagues for 15 seasons at the start of his career, he had worked Super Bowl I in 1967 and Super Bowl III in 1969. Mr. Reader subsequently served many years as the supervisor of officials in the NFL’s New York City headquarters. A staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he flew 27 missions as a B-17 tail gunner and was awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement; Mr. Reader was honorably discharged from the “Mighty Eighth Air Force” 96th Heavy Bombardment Group, based in Snetterton Heath, England. He had been a member of the varsity football team at Holy Cross; a graduate of Central Catholic High School in Methuen, Mass., Mr. Reader was inducted into its Hall of Fame in 1996, for academic and athletic achievement. He is survived by two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and six grandchildren.

1951

GERALD D. MCKERNAN

Gerald McKernan died Sept. 4, 2008, at his home in Lyme, Conn., at 82. During his career, Mr. McKernan had been active in the paper industry in New York City, from 1951-89; he retired to Lyme in 1990. Mr. McKernan’s community involvement included serving as a member and treasurer of the executive committee of Valley Shore Emergency Communications—and, also as a member of the Lyme Volunteer Fire Company and an active member of the Lyme Fire Police; in addition, he had been a tutor with Literacy Volunteers. Mr. McKernan was a radarman, third class, in the Navy during World War II. He played football at Holy Cross—and had been a member of the varsity track team for four years. Mr. McKernan is survived by his wife, Jane; two sisters; many nephews and nieces; and grandnephews and grandnieces.

1952

WILLIAM B. HOLSEY

William Holsey died Nov. 6, 2008, at the Community Medical Center, Toms River, N.J., at 78. A stockbroker for Merrill Lynch prior to his retirement in 1996, Mr. Holsey had helped to establish the firm’s office in Red Bank, N.J. He had most recently been a member of St. Pius X Church in Forked River, N.J. Mr. Holsey is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons; seven daughters; six sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and numerous grandchildren.

1953

SALVATORE J. PARLATO JR.

Salvatore Parlato, of Rochester, N.Y., died Nov. 18, 2008, at 77. A longtime educator, Mr. Parlato had taught English as a second language in the Greece (N.Y.) Central School District, retiring in 1997. A district manager for Encyclopedia Britannica Films at the start of his career, Mr. Parlato subsequently served as assistant professor and media director for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at the Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology; he had also been an evaluation coordinator for the federal Captioned Films for the Deaf program at the Rochester School for the Deaf. Following his retirement, Mr. Parlato taught sign language classes for children and served as an English tutor for Language Intelligence Ltd. and the refugee program at the Catholic Family Center. An active member of the Opera Theatre of Rochester, he had been an officer of the regional multimedia group Council for Coordinating English Resources and a film consultant for the World Health Organization in Geneva. In addition, Mr. Parlato was the author of numerous nonfiction and reference books, poems, articles and letters to the editor; most recently he completed a novel about his Marine Corps boot camp experiences, titled A Marine Corps Boot—and a book of poetry called A Bad Hear Day. Enlisting in the Marines during the 1954 Korean crisis, Mr. Parlato had served as a rifleman and an officer for the 4th Regiment in Japan and Hawaii. He is survived by his wife, Dolores; two brothers; two sisters; two sisters-in-law; many nephews and nieces; and cousins.

1954

RAYMOND C. CHARETTE JR.

Raymond Charette, of Alexandria, Va., died on Aug. 29, 2008. During his career, Mr. Charette had worked at the Pentagon, retiring in 1997. He was a veteran of the Army. Mr. Charette is survived by three sons; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; two brothers-in-law; two grandchildren; nephews; nieces; and cousins.

JOHN P. DONOHUE, M.D.

John Donohue, M.D., most recently of Melbourne Beach, Fla., died on Sept. 4, 2008, in Sault St. Marie, Mich., at 77. A longtime member of the staff of the Indiana School of Medicine, Dr. Donohue joined the faculty in 1965 and became a full professor in 1970; appointed chairman of the department of urology in 1971, he held this position until his retirement in 1998. In 1989, Indiana University honored him...
with the title of “distinguished professor.” After his retirement, the Donohue Lectureship was instituted—an annual program held at the Indiana School of Medicine—followed by the Donohue Visiting Professorship in 2000; the John P. Donohue Chair in Urology was established in 2004, in tribute to his commitment to scholarship and patient care, and funded by an endowment created by colleagues, students and patients. Nationally and internationally recognized for his leadership in education and clinical care, Dr. Donohue was well-known, in particular, for the contributions he made to the treatment of testicular carcinoma; the clinical research expertise he developed in the treatment of testicular, bladder, kidney and prostate cancers laid the groundwork for the creation, in 1992, of the Indiana University Cancer Center. The author and co-author of numerous scientific journal articles and academic chapters—as well as two books—Dr. Donohue had also assumed many professional leadership positions during his career, including president of The Society of Urologic Oncology; president, U.S. section, of the Société Internationale d’Urologie; and chairman, Credentials Committee, of the American Board of Urology. The recipient of numerous outstanding teaching awards voted upon by students, he was also honored with the Barringer Medal and the Keys Medal of the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons; the Hugh Hampton Young award; and the Ramon Guiteras award of the American Urologic Association. In 2005 Dr. Donohue received the Sanctae Crucis Award from the College. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. Dr. Donohue had been active as well in church ministries, including prison outreach. A 1958 graduate of the Cornell University Medical College in New York, he completed initial surgical training at the New York Hospital—and, in 1960-61, served as a ship’s surgeon, U.S. Navy, aboard the aircraft carrier USS Wasp. Dr. Donohue is survived by his wife, Rosemary; a son; three daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother and his wife; a sister and her husband; seven grandchildren; and a niece, Margaret K. Reid ’86.

PATRICK A. MARANDO
Patrick Marando died Sept. 16, 2008, at his home in Southington, Conn., at 77. A longtime educator, Mr. Marando had been a teacher and an administrator, during his career, at schools in Meriden, Stafford Springs and Waterbury, Conn. Following his retirement in 1990, he pursued an avocation of creating works of art using cooked noodles. Known as the “pasta artist,” Mr. Marando displayed his pieces and gave presentations and workshops at various locations, including schools, libraries and nursing homes; the Food Network’s “Unwrapped” program included a segment on his work in 2004, and HCM featured a story about him in its spring ’07 issue. Mr. Marando is survived by his wife, Vinnette; a son; two daughters; and two grandchildren.

1955
ROBERT L. DINAN
Robert Dinan, of Stony Point, N.Y., died on Nov. 18, 2008, at 74. During his career, Mr. Dinan had been the vice president of John V. Dinan Associates. He is survived by his wife, Anne; two sons; two daughters; a brother, John V. Jr. ’53; and six grandchildren.  

1958
WILLIAM D. MCGEEHAN
William McGeehan died Oct. 17, 2008, at his home in Dubuque, Iowa, at 72. During his career, Mr. McGeehan had worked many years in the banking industry; prior to his retirement in 2000, he had been the president, chief executive officer and director of the American Trust and Savings Bank in Dubuque for 17 years. Mr. McGeehan had served as a director of ATBancorp, the bank’s holding company, until his death. His community involvement included serving as a founder and first president of Dubuque Main Street Ltd. and as president of the Greater Dubuque Chamber of Commerce. Mr. McGeehan had been a longtime member of the Union League Club of Chicago and a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother, John D., D.D.S., ’53; and seven grandchildren.

1959
RAYMOND P. HARRIS JR.
Raymond Harris died Aug. 10, 2008, at his home in Chicago, at 70. A personal trust administrator for many years in Chicago, Mr. Harris had most recently served as a vice president and senior trust administrator with the Northern Trust Co. prior to his retirement in 1999. At the start of his career, he had practiced law briefly before...
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relocating to Chicago in 1967. Mr. Harris’ community involvement included serving as a longtime volunteer for the Resurrection HealthCare Homebound Elderly Program; he received its Outstanding Volunteer Award in 1998. A past board member of the Jane Addams Hull House, Mr. Harris also took part in building homes for the poor in Central America. He had been an active member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Chicago. A veteran, Mr. Harris had served three years as an officer in the Navy. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a son; a daughter; a brother; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

TERENCE J. O’TOOLE, M.D.
Terence O’Toole, M.D., died Oct. 18, 2008, in the Edith Nourse-Rogers Veterans Administration Hospital, Bedford, Mass., at 70. Prior to his retirement in 1997, Dr. O’Toole had been an obstetrician/gynecologist in Brockton, Mass., for more than 25 years; he was a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Massachusetts Medical Association and the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. O’Toole was a veteran of the Navy. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a brother, Austin M. ’57; a sister; and four grandsons. His father was the late John B. Jr., M.D., ’27 and his brother was the late John B. III, M.D., ’55.

1960

BERNARD J. BUZYNISKI JR.
Bernard J. Buzyniski died Sept. 11, 2008, in Winterhaven, Fla., at 70. A member of the football team at his alma mater DeSales High School in Lockport, N.Y., and, also, at Holy Cross, Mr. Buzyniski had played for the Dallas Texans and the Buffalo Bills in the early 1960s. He is survived by his wife, Cecelia; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; five grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

OWEN B. KILCOYNE
Owen Kilcoyne died Nov. 24, 2008, in UMass Memorial Hospital-University Campus, at 74. A longtime teacher and coach, Mr. Kilcoyne had most recently been the head football coach at St. Peter-Marian High School in Worcester, from 1989-2004; he continued to serve on the staff in semiretirement. Mr. Kilcoyne began his career at Hudson (Mass.) Catholic High School, establishing the athletic program at the school and becoming the first varsity football coach in 1960; he later coached teams at Clinton, Framingham North and Ayer high schools. In recognition of his accomplishments, Mr. Kilcoyne was inducted into the halls of fame of the Massachusetts Football Coaches Association, where he had also been a member of the executive board; Hudson Catholic High School; and, in November 2008, St. Peter-Marian High School. Named Coach of the Year by the Lowell Sun newspaper in 1980, Mr. Kilcoyne was selected as the Massachusetts Shriners Coach in 1981 and 1991. He was a parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Church in Clinton. As a student at Holy Cross, Mr. Kilcoyne had played football and baseball; he earned his bachelor’s degree at Fitchburg State College. An Army veteran, Mr. Kilcoyne was stationed in Alaska during his military service. He is survived by his wife, Marion; five sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law; a sister; 13 grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

JOSEPH E. ROESCH
Joseph Roesch, of Hamilton, N.Y., died Aug. 29, 2008, at 69. A longtime educator, Mr. Roesch had most recently taught at the Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, N.Y., until his retirement in 1998; from 1965-72, he had been a member of the English department at Syracuse (N.Y.) University. Mr. Roesch began his career in 1961 at Goshen (N.Y.) High School and, subsequently, taught at the University of Wisconsin Madison, where he earned his Ph.D. in Medieval English literature. Following retirement, he pursued a research project on the life of Boudica, an early Celtic queen of the Britons; this work culminated in the publication of his novel, Boudica: Queen of the Iceni. Mr. Roesch’s interests also included the restoration of antique musical boxes and clocks and fly fishing. He is survived by his wife, Linda; four sons; two daughters; a brother; a sister; a sister-in-law; six grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. His brother was the late George F. III ’54.

PETER W. SMITH
Peter Smith, of Bethlehem, N.H., died Aug. 5, 2008, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, at 69. During his career, Mr. Smith had been an associate justice of the New Hampshire Superior Court in Concord; he retired from active service in October 2003. Prior to his appointment in 1985, Mr. Smith had been a founding partner and an attorney in the Littleton, N.H., law firm Moulton, Smith, Samaha & Vaughan, PC. A 1963 graduate of the Boston University School of Law, he had worked for the Internal Revenue Service and held the post of assistant attorney general for New Hampshire prior to beginning a private law practice in 1966 with Dodge & Moulton; in 1969, Mr. Smith was appointed special justice to the New Hampshire District Court. His community involvement included serving as a director of the Littleton National Bank—then Indian Head Bank North—and as a trustee of the Littleton Regional Hospital; Mr. Smith was also the moderator for the town of Bethlehem and a member of the Bethlehem Redevelopment Association. He is survived by his wife, Betty; three daughters; two sons-in-law; a sister; five grandchildren; and several nieces.

1961

WILLIAM M. CONSADINE
William Consadine, of Rochester, N.Y., died April 15, 2008, at 68. Mr. Consadine is survived by his wife, Kathleen; three sons; three daughters; three sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and seven grandchildren.

1964

PETER J. MCOSKER
Peter McCosker, of Newport, R.I., died July 24, 2008, at the Grand Islander Nursing Home, at 66. An executive for the First National Bank of Boston during his career, Mr. McCosker was later assigned to establish an American bank in the Bahamas—and was also sent to London and Luxembourg as well as Central and South America to establish overseas banks. Prior to his retirement, he had worked for the Bank of New England. Mr. McCosker is survived by a son; a daughter; two brothers; a sister; and two grandchildren.
1967
ANTHONY J. SILVA
Anthony Silva, formerly of New Bedford,
Mass., died on Aug. 14, 2008, in Medford,
Mass., at 62. Mr. Silva had been a member
of the football and track teams at his alma
mater New Bedford High School. He is
survived by his friends and godchild.

1968
DENIS F. MCNAMARA
Denis McNamara, of Naples, Fla., and
formerly, of Uxbridge, Mass., died on Aug.
25, 2008. Mr. McNamara was a retired
ranger for the National Seashore. A
Vietnam veteran, he had been a recipient
of the Purple Heart. Mr. McNamara is
survived by two brothers; a sister; a
brother-in-law; a nephew; and a niece.

1974
CHRISTOPHER HAYES
Christopher Hayes, of Newport, R.I., died
Oct. 3, 2008, at 56. During his career, Mr.
Hayes had been in business with his
brother Michael at the Michael Hayes Co.
in Newport; he had previously been the
manager of the Narragansett Clothing
Store. Active in the menswear industry—
especially the Boston Menswear
Collection—Mr. Hayes had also been
involved in community affairs: a member
and past secretary of the Newport Art
Museum, he was a past treasurer of the
Newport County Convention and Visitors
Bureau as well as a member of several local
associations, including the Preservation
Society of Newport County. Mr. Hayes was
a parishioner at St. Mary's Church in
Newport, where he had been a member
of the Parish Council and a Eucharistic
Minister. A nature enthusiast, Mr. Hayes
was particularly interested in ornithology.
He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr.
Hayes is survived by his wife, Connie; his
mother; a son; a daughter; and three
brothers, including Patrick O'Neill Hayes
Jr. ’69. His father was the late Patrick
O'Neill Hayes Sr. ’39.

FRIENDS:
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Klofas ’77 and mother-in-law of John M.
Klofas ’77; Margaret M. Callahan,
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mother of E. Sandra Shook, Office of Study
Abroad; Mary M. Chandlee, wife of the late
Nathaniel F. ’33, mother of Nathaniel F. Jr.
’63, George F. ’68, Brian M. ’73 and Kevin
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’66; Patricia Ann Delaney, wife of Robert F.
’46, mother of Nancy C. ’76 and Sarah E.
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Mark Stauffer, father of Jared L. ’99; Marie and
William Strube, parents of Gail Hadad,
mathematics and computer science
department, and grandparents of Renee
Hadad, Dinand Library; Robert C.
Taylor, father of Kristen Kearman, purchasing,
and Jeffrey Gull, Controller’s Office; Sally
Vineberg, mother of Steve Vineberg,
theatre department.
Road Signs

Award-winning Teacher Shares His Own Truths

BY NOEL D. CARY

Noel D. Cary, associate professor of history, offered these thoughts to the Holy Cross community on the occasion of receiving the College’s Distinguished Teaching Award at the annual Fall Convocation in October.

When I was 8, I skipped a grade. To make sure I could handle it, my mother arranged for summer tutoring beforehand. Once a week, she drove me to the teacher’s house. The teacher’s son was a little older than I was. As we were leaving one day, I heard this boy playing with his friends. “Heil Hitler!” one of them shouted, and then they all ran around and fired their make-believe guns. I asked my mother what “Heil Hitler” meant. She answered only that I should never, ever say those words, because they were very, very bad.

In 1958, older kids knew from TV and movies that Hitler was the bad guy. In 2008, they still know it. In 1958, they also knew that racism is bad, and the Holocaust was unspeakably horrible. Some of them naïvely think that all this bad stuff happened once, but “We Have Overcome,” and it can’t happen any more. Others of them take a certain pride in what they take to be the maturity of being more jaded. According to them, what happened under Hitler just keeps happening over and over again, and is not particularly different from one episode to the next.

Both views—the naive and the jaded—are wrong, or, at best, are not useful. The naive view, for all its innocence, is arrogant in its presumption of human perfectability. The jaded view risks being anti-intellectual—for it cuts off any possibility of undertaking a differentiated causal analysis. It presumes, but does not examine, a connection between human intentions and human outcomes. But it is precisely this connection that demands our attention. It is here, for instance, that our Jesuit heritage summons us, in the words of Holy Cross’ mission statement, to maintain a “passion for truth” while being “patient with ambiguity and uncertainty.” Still, the words “patient with ambiguity” may be a bit too abstract for many undergraduates who enter a college-level history course for only the first or second time. It helps if the idea can be reinforced through a classroom experience.

Here’s an example. In my class, when we study the Nazis, all of us become ordinary citizens of Germany. I don’t have to say anything in order for this to happen. I don’t announce that we will go back in time. I don’t say, “Now, let’s try to think like they thought.” I don’t have to. I just walk around the room. And I greet each student. And—sorry, Mom—I do say, “Heil Hitler!” But I say it very blandly. I try not to reveal whether or not I really mean it. After all, you never know who might report you to the Gestapo for not saying it! But
then, when I come to the one student (chosen at random), I carefully avoid having to say those words. I do this by crossing to the other side of the classroom. That way, I don’t have to greet this person at all. Not greeting that person, I tell myself, is a way of sparing that person. You see, it would be insulting and embarrassing to say “Heil Hitler” to someone who is Jewish. So I avoid this someone, not because I am a Nazi, and not even because I hate Jews. Rather, I do so (I tell myself) out of respect for my neighbor, the hypothetically Jewish student. Embarrassed to insult her, I gradually, gradually drop all human contact with her. I de-socialize her. I turn her into a non-person. When I am done, she will be ripe for the slaughter. Later, I will say, and I will believe, that I had nothing to do with it.

As in most disciplines, a good historical argument involves two things: analysis, which must be rigorous; and synthesis, which must be imaginative. My job is to show students how the analysis of evidence can lead one to glimpse and to evaluate the variety of ways in which historical developments can be truthfully put together. Evidence can tell multiple true stories, but not every story is true. Classroom discussions are often about discerning the difference.

To make progress toward that goal, students need to develop a willingness to try out ideas. This can be scary during a rigorous discussion. Lectures cannot replace such discussion. But they can prove facilitative—both substantively and stylistically. By being somewhat of a ham when I lecture, I expose my own vulnerability. In my experience, students respond by taking more intellectual risks during discussions—even though they know that their contributions will undergo close analytical scrutiny.

My point is not that other teachers should emulate what I do. Rather, it is that each of us must recognize, believe in, and never stop building on, our own authentic teaching strengths. Furthermore, those very strengths often come from what we might perceive to be our weaknesses. Frankly, one reason I am a show-off behind the lectern is because I am shy. The only way I can deal with my vulnerability at all is to expose myself, full speed ahead. But if turning supposed weaknesses into strengths works for us, then how much more true is this for our un-formed students? What they need is someone to believe in them, and to help them see what those hidden strengths are. And that is where we really come in.

What this means above all is that we must never underestimate them. We must never be afraid to push and to challenge them, for it would be patronizing and condescending to do otherwise. Let us therefore—in front of them—“problemitize” our own, most cherished beliefs. For what our students deserve from us is not unambiguous simplifications or do-good formulas. If we provide those things, then our students will quickly outgrow us—for it is they who are restless, and searching, and changing. How we do better by them is both substantive and methodological. Substantively, our calling—to improve ever so slightly on the mission statement—is the passion for truths (plural). Methodologically, it entails developing enough “patience with ambiguity” so that we can actually think, with some sophistication, about this world’s imperfections.

The diversity that marks Holy Cross has to do less with demographics than with the range of intellectual challenges and simple human gifts that each of us is prepared to put on the table. As teachers, we are well aware of what we owe our mentors. And we know that we’ve not always told them so. The reason I am speaking to you today is because, from among the many who are at least as deserving, I have had the extraordinary good fortune to have had students and colleagues who took the trouble to articulate why they thought that I should receive this honor. There can perhaps be no more humbling, more fulfilling joy for a teacher than to have been granted such an implicit moment of affirmation. So if I may, let me pass along to my junior colleagues a discovery of mine:

Even if no one has yet told you to your face, you may be sure that you are having an impact, beyond anything that you can imagine. And that impact is the product, above all, of your own authentic, distinctive, idiosyncratic strengths—the ones you inherently have, and that no one can shape for you or take away from you. Each of us teaches from our own strengths. Believe in yours. Put them out there. Expose yourselves. Your students may not tell you, and they may not even yet know, how much this gift of yours means to them. But it is a gift that they will not forget.

“Each of us must recognize, believe in, and never stop building on, our own authentic teaching strengths.”
The Profile

Jack O’Connell ’81

Q & A

Who is your favorite author? It probably changes week-to-week, if not day-to-day. But I do tend to go back regularly to my favorites. Kafka made a big impact, as did Joyce. Melville is kind of an obsession. As for contemporary writers—Pynchon, DeLillo, Robert Stone.

Where and when do you write? 5:30-9:30 a.m. every morning, in an office at the top of my house. But I once wrote a novel in Dinand Library, entirely on lunch hours, over the course of 18 months.

What are you working on now? I’m contracted for a novel about a cult of South American “train surfers”—street kids who “surf” atop high-speed train cars. I’ve had this story waiting on deck for over 10 years.

What’s your advice to the struggling novelist who has a manuscript stowed away in a sock drawer? Persist. Start the next book. If the process of writing brings you some degree of meaning and satisfaction, why would you stop? Writing and publication are two different experiences. From my POV, it’s important to understand which one is most valuable to you.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? I’d like to be sipping a coffee with my wife in a Worcester diner, babbling about our kids and the plot of the next book.

His entire life, former HCM editor Jack O’Connell ’81 has never wanted to do anything else but write. Growing up in Worcester, he was passionately inspired by the 50-cent paperbacks he purchased at the corner drugstore. Westerns, detective novels, short stories—he devoured them all.

“I had a lot of really great teachers,” O’Connell recalls, “but perhaps one of the best was the anonymous traveling salesman who stocked the paperback rack at the Rexall Drug Store down the street.”

The books were to O’Connell a physical symbol of what he wanted to do with his life. After voraciously reading one, he would flip it over to examine the author’s biography—and inevitably feel dejected. A regular kid from Worcester, O’Connell could not identify with the authors he emulated.

“For an embarrassingly long time, I believed that you couldn’t be a writer and be from Worcester,” he explains. “I had this notion that, to be a writer, you had to go to prep school in New York, fight Fascists in Spain or drive trucks in the Yukon.”

In spite of the belief that he had to leave home to pursue his true identity, O’Connell never did. He did not want to. He was too captivated by his city’s haunted, crumbling red brick mills and gothic barbed wire, which, to him, suggested class warfare, immigration and a bygone culture that built this country.

As a student at Holy Cross, O’Connell found a mentor in poet and English professor Robert K. Cording. Throughout O’Connell’s four years on the Hill and afterward, Cording was deeply influential to the young writer, encouraging his craft and teaching him the pragmatic and poetic sides of writing.

But, perhaps most importantly, Cording’s presence on campus showed O’Connell that you can indeed be a “normal, functioning human being” and a writer—in fact, you have to to know the experiences of day-to-day life. Ultimately, O’Connell became a successful novelist in spite of—and, in good part, because of—the city he calls home. All five of his published books are set in the town of Quinsigamond, Worcester’s fictitious doppelganger.

The Resurrectionist (Algonquin Books, www.enterlimbo.com), O’Connell’s latest novel, debuted last year to wide acclaim. It was named one of amazon.com’s Top 10 Science Fiction & Fantasy Books of 2008 and is currently optioned as a feature film. The Resurrectionist is a hard-boiled, noir suspense story infused with O’Connell’s notions about balance and connection between living in the real world and living in a world of the imagination. It is due out in paperback this fall; look for it on a drugstore rack near you.

STATS

- Birthplace and current residence: Worcester
- Date of birth: Dec. 25, 1959
- Family: wife, Nancy (Murphy) ’81; children, Claire (16) and James (13)
- Connections to Holy Cross: grandfather, John F. ’13; father, James W. ’50; sister, Elizabeth Inman ’79
- Novels: Box Nine, Wireless, The Skin Palace, Word Made Flesh, The Resurrectionist
Members of Eco-Action, a student group devoted to environmental causes, gathered outside Smith Labs in November to focus attention on the need for “green jobs” across the country. Inspired by the National Green Jobs Now Day of Action (www.greenjobsnow.com), the students were joined by chemistry professors Kimberly Frederick and Sarah Petry, and members of the Bond Brothers, Inc. construction crew. The new facility has been built to high energy efficiency standards, including an energy recovery wheel that will capture and recycle heat emitted from the building.