Healing in Haiti

Amid devastation, alumni share stories of justice, faith and hope
Even in winter an isolated patch of snow has a special quality." — British environmentalist and artist Andy Goldsworthy
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“We are poor and we are in a horrible situation, but there is not one Haitian out here feeling sorry for himself,” Wesley Lainé ’10 told writer Lisa Armstrong from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting in this issue’s cover feature. Lainé is one of several alumni who have been on the ground in the quake-rattled nation to help stem the tide of misery rising there since the disaster struck almost one year ago.

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Figure skating maestro Frank Carroll ’60 has been on the ice as an athlete, a performer and a coach for more than 50 years—with gold-medal results.

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On the cover: A man tries to repair his tent on June 23, 2010, at a refugee camp in Cité Soleil, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. A storm hit the camp the day before, adding another layer of concern to the already poor living conditions caused by the 7.0 earthquake that leveled the capital city in January. Since then, Jesuits and Holy Cross alumni were among the many on the ground providing aid. Photographer: Andres Martinez Casares/EPA/ Landov

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Our Q&A with Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer Bill Durgin, who retired this year after more than two decades of service to the College, sparked a tongue-in-cheek comment from William Hynes ’60, who was one of Durgin’s high school teachers:

When the College Trustee interrogators asked Bill Durgin in his initial interview what does “a young six-gun slinger like you from a big university ... want with a little school in Worcester?” Durgin could have answered that he was born and raised there and is a proud graduate of Worcester’s South High, class of 1968, where he was also a six-gun slinger.

William B. Hynes ’60
Holden, Mass.

Art Appreciation

When I saw the picture on Page 32 of Holy Cross Magazine (Fall 2010), I immediately recognized Peter (Pete) Antanavicius ’55. He is seated in the center of the photo, wearing a dark jacket and drawing with his left hand. He and I were friends at Holy Cross despite different majors, and the fact that he lived in Worcester and commuted. I also thought that the artist in the foreground could be William (Bill) Riordan ’55. To confirm this, I scanned the picture he was working on at a high resolution. Indeed, it was published in the 1955 Purple Patcher as were others by Bill and Pete. (Bill was editor and Pete assistant editor in the art section of the editorial staff.) I always thought that their art work in the yearbook was exceptional.

T.A. Hughes, Ph.D. ’55
Arroyo Grande, Calif.

Clarification

In the Fall 2010 cover feature, “Expanding Vision,” we referred to Meg Maggio ’82 having a “short-lived” career in international law before embarking into the art field. In fact, Maggio enjoyed a substantial 12-year career in well-known firms, including Skadden Arps and Cameron McKenna, among others. Additionally, Maggio’s two career pursuits have overlapped in a positive way: “My legal experience in cross-border art-related matters has come in extremely handy in my work as a gallerist,” she shared with us recently.

Eagle-eye reader T.A. Hughes ’55 identified two of his classmates—Pete Antanavicius ’55 and Bill Riordan ’55—in this photo of an early studio art class at Holy Cross. He even noted that the piece Riordan is working on (far right in the photo) ran in their class yearbook (see image, left). We’ve posted more of Antanavicius’ and Riordan’s intricate pen-and-ink drawings in this issue’s exclusive online content at holycross.edu/magazine.

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Love and Loss

The entire Holy Cross community—students, alumni, parents, Jesuits, faculty and staff, friends in Worcester—benefits in countless ways from our common ties. And here at Holy Cross Magazine, we feel an extra kinship with those we have featured in the pages of the magazine. That is why I note with a heavy heart the passing of three people who have graced these pages, sharing with us their insights and allowing us to show their examples of service to others.

Claire Burns ’90 immersed herself in the life of Holy Cross after she had raised a family of eight children with her husband, Donal J. Burns ’49. “She resumed her collegiate pursuits, enrolling and living on campus,” says Donna Wrenn, director of human resources. Though already close to the College (six of her children attended Holy Cross), Mrs. Burns developed an even deeper connection to the Hill over those years, especially its hourly employees, Wrenn notes, adding, “The gratitude that Claire felt toward ‘the people who by their work make Holy Cross work’ resulted in the establishment of the Claire B. Burns Award program.” Holy Cross Magazine, through the years, has printed stories about the many award winners and accompanying luncheons, which Mr. and Mrs. Burns enjoyed attending.

“The loss of Claire is a great one for Holy Cross,” Wrenn says. “Family was her greatest love, and we were so blessed that she came to see Holy Cross as her extended family, which also included the retired Jesuits at Weston. She was a devoted friend, alumna and supporter of our community.”

Leo Cullum ’63 made us chuckle, think and ponder with the clever and memorable cartoons he inked for The New Yorker over his 30-year career. In Holy Cross Magazine’s Summer 2006 cover feature about the New Jersey native, readers learned that he was more than an artist with a sense of humor: He was a Vietnam veteran and later a commercial pilot who, as a child, spent time at his uncle’s New Hampshire summer camp with a young George Carlin. When news of Cullum’s death arrived in our office, those on our staff who recall the 2006 photo shoot and interview with the artist at his Malibu, Calif., home remembered his graciousness, and the wonderful “triple self portrait” he created for our cover (above).

Professor Joanna E. Ziegler, known to all as Jody, succumbed to illness this fall, leaving a hole in the hearts of those who loved working and studying with her.

Her image is among those on the cover of our last issue (above), with a bit of her well-known, wavy white mane peeking in at the edge of the frame. It was an eye-catching signature, but no more so than the signature guidance she offered her students in her 28 years on the Hill. She had long advocated for a magazine feature about her beloved art department, and we are comforted knowing that she was able to see that issue before her death.

“Jody Ziegler was a beloved colleague, innovative scholar and life-changing teacher and mentor,” said Fr. McFarland. “Drawing as it did on Catholic and Jesuit spirituality, her work was an especially insightful and effective way of realizing our mission as a Jesuit liberal arts college dedicated both to serious academic exploration and moral and religious formation.” (Read more about Professor Ziegler and a concert planned in her honor on Page 70; obituaries for Mr. Cullum and Mrs. Burns will appear in a future issue.)

And though the passing of loved ones has weighed heavily on our minds this fall, we are always reminded through the life-affirming work of you, the alumni of Holy Cross, of the gift of God’s grace. In this issue, we highlight a few alumni working on the ground in devastated Haiti, where an earthquake rocked Port-au-Prince almost one year ago. Please be sure to read this issue’s Web Exclusives at holycross.edu/magazine, which include revealing personal essays about the work being done in Haiti. We also spend some time with star figure skating coach and Worcester native Frank Carroll ’60, whose successes are legendary, and whose no-nonsense attitude and great wit shine just as bright as his stars on the ice.

As always, we welcome your comments about this issue, and hope that you and those dear to your heart enjoy all the blessings of this holy season.

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About 120 alumnae and 80 students gathered Sept. 25 in Hogan Ballroom to attend the fifth annual Women in Business Conference. Since its inauguration in 2006, the popular student-organized conference has evolved into an unprecedented networking opportunity for alumnae and students, and the event was fully booked after only one week of registration. David Chu, prebusiness adviser and director of the Ciocca Office of Entrepreneurial Studies, says: “I see immense potential for our Holy Cross Women in Business network and look forward to its expansion in the future.” The network of alumnae who have excelled in the field of business grows each year, and many return to alma mater to share their experiences in the business world. Carolyn O’Keefe ’78, senior vice president of marketing at IHOP Corp., served as this year’s keynote speaker. Having graduated as an art history major, she embodies the theme of the conference, “How to utilize the strengths of a liberal arts education in the world of business.” Session leaders noted that the ability to think independently,
communicate effectively and
embrace challenges willingly
is fostered by a liberal arts
education. O'Keefe described
the conference as “Women
together, sharing opportunity,
sharing stories, helping each
other grow.”

After the keynote address,
conference participants chose
from among eight panels,
including “From Cool Beans
to Corporate—Transitioning
from College to Workplace”
and “Networking 101.” Sheila
Cavanaugh ’81, senior vice
president at Fidelity Invest-
ments, led the “Enrich your
Life: Lessons Learned from
the Journey of College Hill
to Corporate America” panel,
during which she advised
her audience to “Always be
your authentic self; people
only know you for what you
demonstrate.”

Haley O’Brien ’13 left the
conference excited about
business, saying, “The confer-
ence gave me the opportu-
nity to look at me, my future
career path and the business
world with a different per-
spective.”

The day concluded with
a final hour of networking,
during which business cards
were exchanged and students
picked up some corpo-
rate giveaways, including
Friendly’s “Fribble” glasses,
compliments of Andrea Rua
McKenna ’78, vice president
and chief marketing officer,
Friendly’s Ice Cream Corpo-
ration. Conference T-shirts
featured the quote, “There is
a woman at the beginning of
all great things.”

—Juliana Biolsi ’12

Medical Pioneer Speaks on Campus

Hundreds of students, faculty
and members of the Worcester
community gathered to hear
internationally noted physician
Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., ’62
deliver the inaugural Joseph
E. Murray, M.D., ’40 Distinguished
Lectureship in Medicine. As the
director of the National Institute
for Allergy and Infectious Diseases
since 1984, Dr. Fauci has been at the
forefront of the battle against some of
the biggest threats to global health,
including HIV/AIDS. He lectured
on “Emerging and Re-emerging
Infectious Diseases: The Perpetual
Challenge to Global Health” during
the Nov. 8 event, and also spoke
about how his liberal arts education
has helped him throughout his career.

2008 Presidential Medal of Freedom
winner Anthony Fauci, M.D., ’62 (left)
spoke with students and faculty, includ-
ing assistant professor of biology Karen
Ober (below), during his campus visit.
The 15th edition of the annual Holy Cross Journal of Law & Public Policy is slated for release this spring, and editor-in-chief Tucker Worthington Wade ’11 of Memphis, Tenn., wants you to know that it covers a lot more than you might think. “The Journal is an undergraduate law and policy review that seeks to address—and serve as a forum for—the large breadth of topics and issues facing today’s society,” he explains. “It’s really an unparalleled opportunity for undergraduate prelaw students at Holy Cross to examine the arising political, legal and ethical issues that serve as the impetus for law and policymaking.” The 2011 issue contains six articles written by law students and professors across the United States, and topics covered include: HIV/AIDS healthcare policy in sub-Saharan Africa, the Madrid Protocol, dividend policy beyond 2010 and Article V jurisprudence.

Supervised by prelaw adviser and economics associate professor Scott Sandstrom, the Journal has a subscription network of more than 50 law schools, in addition to a private subscriber base composed of law firms and alumni. “By subscribing to our Journal,” Wade explains, “you are helping top undergraduates, regardless of major, publish works on issues which enthuse us … enabling a synthesis of debate to be published regarding a myriad of issues.”

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Look Into Your Heart

Nominations are being accepted for the Sanctae Crucis Award through Jan. 1, 2011. With so many strong bonds among the Holy Cross family, Senior Vice President Frank Vellaccio hopes alumni will consider their fellow Crusaders—their work, their dedication to causes and the way they live their lives—and fill out a nomination form. “The primary goals of the Sanctae Crucis Awards are to honor outstanding alumni and in so doing recognize and celebrate the distinctive mission of Holy Cross,” Vellaccio explains. The award, now in its fourteenth year, is the highest nondegree recognition bestowed by the College on an alumnus or alumna; recent recipients have included a Peace Corps volunteer-turned-doctor, a passionate art curator, an NFL player-turned-Army lawyer and a social services professional focused on emotionally disturbed children. Go to holycross.edu/senior_vp for the nomination form.
Waging Peace

With a friendly, bright smile, John Rubayiza ’13 exudes a comforting demeanor and a personality that belies the tragic turns his life has seen so far. In 1994, he lost his father, brother and a sister in the Rwandan genocide. The remaining members of his family fled to nearby Uganda. Ten years later, in a refugee camp, his mother died mysteriously from poisoning.

At 15, rather than sinking into despair, Rubayiza chose to take action. He set his sights on creating a lasting peace for the Rwandan refugees living in Uganda. “For peace to exist in the world,” he says wisely, “we need to appreciate our differences. If we can understand each other, then peace will come in the world.”

To help himself achieve this goal, he enrolled in a college in Italy, where he joined Constructive Engagement in Conflict, a non-violent advocacy group. (A visit from a Holy Cross admissions counselor there helped him decide to come to the Hill last year.) With the help of one of the group’s founders—American Selena Sermeno—Rubayiza learned important peacemaking techniques. In 2008, he brought his knowledge back to Uganda where he initiated the Peacemakers Club.

Rubayiza’s outstanding peace initiative won him a prestigious Davis Projects for Peace scholarship, a program founded by philanthropist Kathryn W. Davis in 2007. The scholarship was one of 100 $10,000 projects awarded to undergraduate students, all seeking to make the world a better place. With his prize money, Rubayiza spearheaded construction of a peace information center, a communal gathering place equipped with televisions and computers. To foster greater understanding between the Rwandans and the Ugandans, Rubayiza also mobilized people and organized awareness festivals. “This entire project is motivated by compassion and love,” he says, having spent the summer in Africa working on the projects. “I see my past, and I see where I am today, and I know there’s hope for so many.”

—Bob Gulla

Anthony Cashman (left, with children), director of the Office of Distinguished Fellowships and Graduate Studies, visited Rubayiza’s Ugandan peace information center in June, and assisted the children with their skits and songs. “Meeting the individuals in these peace groups and being a guest at their performances was an unforgettable experience,” Cashman reports. “I’m not so sure that I figured out the dance steps, but I know that I made a connection with many of the people that I met.”
Kerrin O’Leary ’11, a mathematics major in the Teacher Education Program (TEP), has been awarded the College’s first Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship. Supported by the National Science Foundation, the scholarship encourages talented students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to become middle- and secondary-school teachers in these disciplines.

“The National Science Foundation and the U.S. Congress conceived this program as a way to address the great need in our country for teachers who are highly qualified to teach mathematics and science,” says Professor Danuta Bukatko, chair of the education department and one of the principal investigators on the grant. “Holy Cross mathematics and science students in the Teacher Education Program take the same program of courses as students planning on going to doctoral programs and medical schools, alongside their courses in education. Thus, they are meeting very well the objectives set out by this national program.”

The honor, which provides O’Leary with $19,000 of scholarship support, requires that she spend at least two years in a high needs school or school district after graduation, though she says she’ll “probably spend more.”

On Nov. 8, O’Leary was honored with a luncheon attended by her parents; members of the Noyce Scholarship Committee; Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of Holy Cross and Pauline Toole, O’Leary’s mathematics teacher at the Fontbonne Academy in Milton, Mass.

“Kerrin was always in my room,” Toole says. “She and her friends were always coming in, getting help and enjoying themselves. She’s always worked very hard, and it certainly paid off.”

Burncoat Middle School teacher Judy Murphy, O’Leary’s student teaching supervisor, and Burncoat’s principal, Lisa Houlihan, also joined the celebration.

O’Leary is involved in multiple organizations on campus, including the women’s golf team, to which she attributes the patient demeanor she knows will be important in the future.

“Everything I have learned through golf will help me as a teacher,” she says. “Patience, determination, sportsmanship and teamwork are invaluable as a teacher. Through patience and determination, I can stay calm and make sure my students learn the curriculum and respect one another.”

She also notes that teamwork and togetherness are two major values she has come to appreciate, as “teachers work together for the good of the school and for the good of individual students.”

O’Leary comments on her far-reaching goals: “Long term, I hope to become a leader in education through teacher development, curriculum development or administration.”

—Dan DeConinck ’13
Course: Catholic Thought and Social Action

Professor: Susan Crawford Sullivan

Description: An advanced community-based learning seminar in which students explore the relationship between Catholic social teaching and sociological theories of social action, while deepening their knowledge of the practice of organizing for social change.

Sample topics: “History of the Catholic Social Tradition”; “Leadership”; “Relationships and Building Community”; “Strategy and Deliberation”; “Organizations”


On the day HCM visited class: Consideration of the “head, heart and hand” components of organizing and the role of stories of “us” and “now” in generating action—with a one-on-one sharing of a story of hope as a way to inspire others; discussion of assigned readings, including the encyclical letter of Pope Benedict XVI Spe Salvi (Saved by Hope) and selections from Daniel Goleman’s Working with Emotional Intelligence; student project presentation concerning the development of a fitness program for middle school students taking part in the Girls Choice program at the YWCA of Central Massachusetts; updates by the other students on their projects—with focus on applying the content of the day’s readings to their work

Requirements: Commitment to five-hour per week community-based learning project; participation at an all-day organizing workshop at Harvard University by Harvard sociologist Marshall Ganz, whose “Notes on Organizing” is required reading; five reflection papers, class participation/presentation and mid- and final-term papers that analyze projects in light of course concepts and readings

Professor quote: “My goals and learning objectives for the course are for students to develop a deeper understanding of the Catholic social tradition and its relation to key areas of sociology; to understand how Catholic social thought relates to community service and social justice work; and to develop an understanding of how to put organizing into practice,” says Sullivan. “I really enjoy analyzing the rich array of readings in a seminar format with students, while providing mentorship in their community-based learning work. It is rewarding to help students see the connections between the long Catholic social tradition of charity and justice to contemporary social science, especially in the context of their own emerging sense of vocation.”

Professor bio: An assistant professor in the sociology department at Holy Cross since 2005 and an Edward Bennett Williams Fellow, Sullivan received her master’s degree in public affairs from Princeton (N.J.) University and her Ph.D. in sociology from Harvard University. Her research and teaching interests include religion, poverty and public policy, and the family; her book Living Faith: Everyday Religion and Mothers in Poverty is forthcoming in 2011 (University of Chicago Press).

Sullivan has taught at Princeton and Harvard universities and previously worked for Catholic Charities and as an international development consultant for UNICEF.

Student quote: “Catholic Thought and Social Action has transformed my capacity to community organize, my discernment to pursue the field of public health and my personal development as an engaged citizen of the world,” says Christina Kyriakos ’11, of Greenwich, Conn. “The eclectic readings, animated discussions, collaborative support of my classmates and Professor Sullivan’s rich experience and teaching all have contributed to a deeper understanding of the dependent processes of theory and action. The integration of Catholic social thought and social action has facilitated my ability to be able to carry out my community-organizing project, which consists of mobilizing Holy Cross students to create an environmental justice movement on campus by getting the community involved in advocacy and social action initiatives that seek to address the climate crisis.”

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Amazing Grace: Hopes and Memories
By Tom Columbus ’66
University of Dayton

For 43 years, Tom Columbus ’66 called Ohio’s University of Dayton his professional home. And, for many of those years, his columns as the editor of the University of Dayton Quarterly and University of Dayton Magazine have been absorbed into the hearts and minds of his readers. Writing what he calls “the stuff of everyday life and eternity, of sadness and of joy,” Columbus, who was an English major at Holy Cross, writes with a stripped-down humaneness and shared spiritual insights that resonate with his readers. Amazing Grace: Hopes and Memories is a collection of his essays and columns. Proceeds from the sale of the book support the Benjamin Taylor Columbus Scholarship Fund at the University of Dayton in memory of the author’s son, who died suddenly in 1996 at age 15. Holy Cross Magazine asked Columbus to discuss the book, his career and what makes a great writer.

Q How did the idea for this book come about?
A It was a retirement present from my colleagues, including my bosses—Michelle Tedford, who oversees our publications effort, and Teri Rizvi, the director of the department. Particular credit for making it a reality goes to Matt Dewald, who succeeded me as editor of the magazine. That the scholarship fund exists is the result of Teri Rizvi having the foresight to help establish it soon after my son Ben died.

Q Is it possible to pick your favorite column?
A No, but the first has a special place in my life. We had hired a designer to design the publication but didn’t have enough money to pay for much more than a cover and feature spreads. “What goes on Page 2?” I asked. Someone replied, “You’re the editor. Write a column.” I had no idea what I would do with it. Then a Marianist priest, who had long served as president of the University, died. At his well-attended funeral, the congregation, including row upon row of black-robed clerics, sang “Amazing Grace.” That sent shivers down my spine; I had something to write about until I retired. And probably after.

Q Which columns garnered the most reaction from your readers?
A The most intense to write were about Ben’s death, our family, our grandchildren coming to know the complexity of the world about them. Some of those were painful to write—but they are ones that people often remember and comment on, not that their pain was eased but that the words reinforced the readers’ sense of shared community—with their family, their school, their church—and their awareness of the reality of grace.

Q What advice do you have for college students who want to make their living as writers?
A Don’t give up your day job. I may be old, but so much of public discourse now seems to just be people screaming at each other, venting their feelings and not really communicating. But many people really do read. Young alumni of Dayton spend at least as much time reading the magazine as older alumni do. And, though large newsmagazines and newspapers are struggling, niche magazines are growing. So there’s hope, and I’d advise young people to take writing seriously ... and don’t scream.

Q The University of Dayton is a Marianist institution. How does that compare to your own experiences at a Jesuit college?
A From the day I set foot on Mount St. James, I was not a stranger, I was part of a community. Dayton is much the same. Marianists differ from other orders in what they call “mixed composition”; they have a fairly equal number of priests and brothers. In fact, they all refer to each other as brothers. And, of course, the Marianists have a strong Marian devotion; the University of Dayton’s Marian Library holds the largest and most comprehensive collection in the world of works related to Mary. But the similarities of the schools and the orders are strong—particularly their commitment to social justice.

Q We have to ask: How is retirement treating you? What are you up these days?
A I’m retired but working at UD part-time, as in less than half time. … There’s a line in a Jimmy Buffett song: “I’m no St. Ignatius, but again I’m no bar fly.” I have a theory, however, that—with self-discipline, good balance and a little luck—one could be could be a bit of both. So, I’m hoping to spend some time in unhurried travel to meet people, to eat and drink with them and to watch God’s grace flow through them. And, if I have energy left, I’ll try to write some of that down.

Books featured in Holy Cross Magazine are often available for sale at the Holy Cross Bookstore. Stop by the store at the Hogan Campus Center or browse selections online at bookstore.holycross.edu
Adam and the Magic Markers
By Isaac Andres ’00
Little Balloon Press
With charming rhyme and illustrations, this children’s book by Isaac Andres (father of five-year-old Bradyn) is a quick bedtime read about a boy who colors the world around him but doesn’t find his own happy hues until a little girl befriends him.

Kodiak Kreol
By Gwenn Miller, assistant professor of history
Cornell University Press
Imperial Russian settlers established a colony in the late 1700s on Alaska’s Kodiak Island, intermingling with the indigenous Alutiiq people and creating a community called the Kreols. Miller explores the social, political and economic patterns of life in the settlement, noting that the relationship between Alutiiq women and Russian men was critical to the early success of Russia’s Pacific Northwest venture.

An Elusive Unity
By James J. Connolly ’84
Cornell University Press
In his new book, subtitled Urban Democracy and Machine Politics in Industrializing America, Connolly, a history professor at Ball State University, examines the efforts to reconcile democracy and diversity in growing U.S. cities from the antebellum period through the Progressive Era.

The Ovary Wars
By Mike Hogan M.D., ’63
The Peppertree Press
In his debut novel, Hogan, a practicing radiologist, offers a medical thriller centered on a terrorist plot to use infertility as a weapon. FBI agents race against the clock to solve the sinister mystery.

The Wedding Poems of Dáibhí Ó Bruadair
Edited by Margo Griffin-Wilson ’76 P03
Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies
Three 17th-century wedding poems (two by the noted Irish poet Dáibhí Ó Bruadair) are translated and explored in great detail in this new tome by Griffin-Wilson, an expert on the intricacies of these distinctive compositions. A variety of sources helps shed light on the historical events that shaded Ó Bruadair’s work and the lives of his patrons.

The Ethos of Drama: Rhetorical Theory and Dramatic Worth
By Robert L. King ’55, P90, 88, 86, 83
Catholic University of America Press
In an innovative twist, this book uses traditional rhetorical theory to evaluate moral values in plays from Shakespeare’s time to the present, including works by Anton Chekhov, Arthur Miller, David Mamet, Eugene O’Neill and Bernard Shaw. In an accessible style, King, an English professor at Elms College, applies ethical theory to the values of dramatic techniques like costume, staging, action and role-playing.

Quotes & Notes
“A visualization of Blaschke product mappings can be obtained by treating them as canonical projections of covering Riemann surfaces and finding fundamental domains and covering transformations corresponding to these surfaces.”
—Cristina Ballantine, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, from the article “Colour visualization of Blaschke product mappings” in the mathematics journal Complex Variables and Elliptic Equations.

What does it mean?
A Blaschke product is a complex valued map of a complex variable, and, in this article, Ballantine and her colleague Dorin Ghisa of Glendon College, York University in Toronto use two planes, one for the domain and one for the range, and relate a complex point to its pre-images via color. Printing the results of this research in color, not a usual priority in math journals, was crucial to showcase the results of this research. Fortunately, a grant helped cover the printing expense, allowing the intricate mappings to be showcased. (See the unique full-color graphic results of Ballantine’s research on Page 14 of this linked PDF: holycross.edu/hcm/ballantine)
The College has announced its 2010-11 Dana Scholars. Established in 1982 by a challenge grant from the Charles A. Dana Foundation, the Dana Scholarship is awarded to students of sound academic ability who have the potential for or have demonstrated desired qualities of character and leadership. Each student receives a stipend based on financial need. Among the 45 Dana Scholars for 2010-11, one dozen are third-time recipients and 11 have earned the award twice. An English major with a women’s and gender studies concentration, first-time Dana Scholar Amanda Marello ’12 of Thornwood, N.Y., (right) says, “I am truly honored to be a Dana Scholar and appreciate the opportunities that this scholarship has opened up for me, including the ways it has facilitated my studying abroad in Ireland.” Marello, who is studying at Trinity College in Dublin this year, plans to write a senior thesis about the impact of gender on the female’s conception of her place in Irish society and how this, in turn, affects the writing of Irish female authors and their placement in the literary canon.

Rain clouds outside did not dampen spirits inside as Holy Cross celebrated World Smile Day on Oct. 1. Student Life volunteers (smiling, of course) at the “Smile Station” in Hogan Campus Center handed out buttons, toys and stickers bearing the famous happy yellow smiley face created by Worcester artist Harvey Ball in 1963.
Students Take Honors at Mock Trial

On October, the Holy Cross Mock Trial team traveled to the University of New Hampshire Law School in Concord, N.H., to compete against more than 180 students from 20 colleges and universities in the second annual Wildcat Mock Trial Tournament. Coached by Holy Cross alumni Ed McDermott ’79 and Jim Healy ’81, the Holy Cross team sent two groups and each returned with a team award. Kelsey Smith ’13, Jeff Lord ’11 and Mike Whalen ’11 received individual awards. The tournament’s fictitious case, created by the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA), centered on a child dying after swallowing toxic “Princess Beads” manufactured by a toy company called Happyland.

“The season is progressing much better than anticipated,” says McDermott, citing the students’ early-season energy. “Having said that, we have a long way to go in order to achieve our ultimate goal, which is a bid to the national AMTA tournament in April.”

Red Ball in the Corner Pocket

With the student art gallery happily transplanted to the first floor of the Hogan Campus Center, the Student Government Association (SGA) went to work on the area just inside the double doors of Hogan’s basement level. Ribbon-cutting on the new SGA kiosk near Crossroads took place this fall, introducing students to the new information center with resources about SGA-sponsored events. The kiosk serves as the vital lifeline to the tools of old-fashioned downtime: Ping-Pong paddles and pool sticks to use on the nearby tables.
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HOLY CROSS IN THE NEWS
A SAMPLING OF HOLY CROSS APPEARANCES IN LOCAL, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL MEDIA OUTLETS

Good Deeds Reported
The Worcester Telegram and Gazette ran a feature photo of the Holy Cross men’s lacrosse team taking part in the third annual Catamount Classic Lacrosse Tournament on Oct. 10, which raised more than $35,000 for testicular cancer research and care at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. New England Cable News (NECN) featured basketball players who ran a hoops clinic for Worcester middle schoolers.

Medical Expert Speaks
The Boston Globe interviewed Anthony Fauci, M.D., '62, calling on his career expertise as a physician, researcher and director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to discuss HIV/AIDS and re-emerging infectious diseases. Fauci’s fall visit to campus to deliver the inaugural Joseph E. Murray, M.D., '40 Distinguished Lectureship in Medicine and visit with faculty and students, also spurred coverage on WBUR-Boston and several blogs.

Fulbright Honors
The Chronicle of Higher Education reported on Oct. 24 that Holy Cross is one of the top producers of Fulbright Award winners among U.S. colleges and universities. (Five recent alumni accepted Fulbrights for 2010–11.)

The Changing Papacy
The Papacy Since 1500: From Italian Prince to Universal Pastor (Cambridge University Press, 2010), co-edited by history Professor Rev. Thomas Worcester, S.J., was mentioned in The Huffington Post, which reported: “This book’s essays focus on select, fascinating popes from Julius II, patron of Michelangelo and warrior prince, to John Paul II, itinerant spokesman for peace and pastor of a worldwide church. It considers how popes have been received in different eras—favorably and unfavorably.” In mid-November, The Boston Globe’s Ideas section featured Fr. Worcester’s work in an extensive interview.

Purple Pride
Holy Cross earned the No. 15 spot on the “Best Value in Private Colleges” list in this month’s issue of Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Magazine. More than 600 private institutions are ranked based on academic quality and affordability, and this is the third year in a row that the College has landed in the Top 15 (edging out Colgate University in New York and coming in just after Wesleyan University in Connecticut).

Stopping the Bullies
News reports this summer and fall about the increasing problem of bullying in schools did not go unnoticed at the College. On Nov. 17, the Hate: Not Here! Committee sponsored a panel discussion called “When Bullying Becomes YOUR Reality” for the campus community. The event included a review of the resources available to Holy Cross students, staff and faculty, as well as viewpoints on how Massachusetts is handling this distressing trend from guest speaker Maura T. Healy, chief of the Civil Rights Division in the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General.
The department of theatre recently presented playwright Noel Coward's *Hay Fever* in Fenwick Theatre. Director Scott Malia, visiting assistant professor, says he chose the comedy to challenge the student actors, adding, “Even though the play was written more than 80 years ago, its characters are still very relevant today.” The cast includes Kate Sheridan ’12, Molly Bier ’11, Danny Goodman ’11, Eric McGowan ’11, Bobby Sevenich ’12, Catherine Mikula ’14, Shannon Locascio ’14, Patrick Simas ’14 and Christine Freije ’13.

The College’s relationship with its College Hill neighbors received renewed focus after critical comments were made by some officials at a Worcester City Council meeting in early November and subsequently reported widely in the media. While the problem of noise and crowds gathering on local streets has not escalated, nor has there been a major incident in the off-campus neighborhood, it has been a continuing issue for some residents.

Efforts by both the College administration and student leaders to improve communications with neighbors culminated on Nov. 23 with the presentation of a new agreement between the City and the College, “The Holy Cross Community Compact.” Backed by the College and City standards of behavior, the compact includes immediate steps and processes designed to bring about long-term, sustainable change. In addition to the concrete steps described in the Compact, construction of the new $20 million residence hall is proceeding on schedule. Opening for the fall 2011 semester, it will reduce the number of students living in the off-campus neighborhood.

You can read the entire compact and the letter College President Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., issued to Holy Cross students regarding off-campus behavior at holycross.edu/president/presidential_communications/
Great Graduation Rate

_The Wall Street Journal_’s Mark Yost commented in November on the responsibility of colleges to maintain high graduation rates among their athletes. He touted Holy Cross for making sure its athletes get a serious education and not just game time. Yost quotes College President Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., in this passage: “Asked if Catholic colleges should be held to a higher standard when it comes to educating athletes, Holy Cross’ Fr. McFarland said: ‘I think everyone should hold themselves to a higher standard. You have to feel a responsibility for the kids you bring in. You can’t just use them and throw them away.’ Amen, Father.”

Hidden Christmas Stories

With the help of Associate Professor of History Edward O’Donnell, the History Channel recently offered viewers an unvarnished look at “The Real Story of Christmas,” including the legend of Krampus, a pre-cursor to Santa, who was described as a devil who beat and kidnapped naughty tots! Of course, the documentary also showcased the happier origins of some of our most treasured Christmas traditions. Nog, anyone?

Dancing Star

_The Atlanta Journal Constitution_ recently ran an extensive feature story on Alpharetta, Ga., native Colleen Curran ’11—her studies, her blogging for holycross.edu and her success as a Latin ballroom dancer. The double major in English and medieval studies recently took home second place at England’s highly anticipated National ISTD Ballroom Dancing Championships in the Latin Division. In the feature, she recalls, “When I was announced as being in second place, all the other contestants were looking at me. They all knew each other and what [dancing] schools they were from. It was, ‘Who is this girl?’ And I was like, ‘Hi, I’m American.’”

First Friday Prayer

Starting in November, the First Friday devotional prayer session moved from its traditional 7 p.m. time slot to midday, allowing more members of the Holy Cross community to attend. On the first Friday of each month during the academic year, after the dismissal of the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the McCoey Chapel, Rev. Charles Dunn, S.J., leads the brief period of prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. “First Friday devotions are a traditional form of prayer among many Catholics, and a group of students asked us to begin having it on campus several years ago,” explains Paul Covino, associate chaplain and director of liturgy for the College.
Here is a sampling of events happening on the Hill this winter. Please refer to the online Holy Cross Events Calendar for details and to see a full listing of events: http://events.holycross.edu/events/

**JANUARY**

24 **Senior Convocation:** St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 5 PM

25 **Classes begin.**

27–29 **Symposium:** “Framing Mary: The Mother of God in Modern Russian Culture,” co-sponsored by the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, the College Russian Program and the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, Mass. Open to scholars and students

27–Apr. 1 **The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery presents:** “Art of Africa: Objects from the Collection of Warren Robbins,” featuring numerous objects, including sculpture, textiles, beaded clothing and jewelry, representing the varied artistic expression of almost 30 cultures of sub-Saharan Africa, on loan from the Center for Cross Cultural Communication in Washington, D.C. Hours: Weekdays, 10 AM to 5 PM; Saturdays, 2 to 5 PM

**FEBRUARY**


3 **In Our Lifetimes: Environmental Change and Stewardship:** Lecture by Steven Solomon, journalist and author of Water: The Epic Struggle for Wealth, Power, and Civilization. Rehm Library, 4:30 PM

4 **Deadline for submitting In Hoc Signo Award nomination forms.** Visit offices.holycross.edu/alumni and click on: In Hoc Signo Call for Nominations.

5 **Memorial concert and celebration** for visual arts professor Joanna “Jody” Ziegler. Brooks Concert Hall, 5 PM

7 **Jesuit Heritage 2010-11: Jesuits around the Globe:** Lecture by Rev. Jeremy Clarke, S.J., on his film Beyond Ricci: Celebrating 400 Years of the Chinese Catholic Church. Details on location and time will be posted at http://events.holycross.edu/events.

8 **Lecture:** “Religious Identity in a Pluralistic Age: Liberal, Conservative, or Just Catholic?” by Paul Baumann, editor of Commonweal. Rehm Library, 6:30 PM

10–13 **The Alternate College Theatre presents:** The Drowsy Chaperone, with book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar and music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison. Fenwick Theatre, Feb. 10-12, at 8 PM, and Feb. 12 & 13, at 2 PM

12 **Winter Homecoming**

15 **Lecture:** “The Biodiversity Crisis: Why Driving Species Extinct Makes Us Less Human,” by Kierán Suckling ’88, with the Center for Biological Diversity. Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

17 **Gabriela Diaz, violin.** Brooks Concert Hall, 8 PM

22 **Thomas More Lecture on Faith, Work and Civic Life:** Talk by Dennis Golden ’63, president of Fontbonne University, about his path from NFL prospect to university president. Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

**MARCH**

2 **Kraft-Hiatt Program for Jewish-Christian Understanding:** Talk by Holocaust scholar and educator Alan Rosen of Yad Vashem, Israel, titled “Killing Time, Saving Time: Defying the Holocaust by Counting the Days.” Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

7–11 **Executive Leadership Workshop,** an intensive immersion program for students in understanding the nature of business, conducted by Holy Cross alumni executives

20 **Holy Cross Chapel Artists Series:** Renée Anne Louprette, organist. St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 3 PM

24 **Concert:** Carol Lieberman & Friends. Brooks Concert Hall, 8 PM

26 **Holy Cross Cares Day**

27 **Holy Cross Vocal Chamber Concert.** Brooks Concert Hall, 4 PM

28 **Katherine A. Henry ’86 Memorial Lecture:** “Lessons from the Fields: Pesticides and Health,” by Brenda Eskenazi, professor in the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley. Rehm Library, 4:30 PM
HEN WESLEY LAÎNÉ ’10 first saw the news on television about the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti, his instinct was to get on a plane to go and help. At the time, Laîné, who was born in Haiti and moved to the United States in 2000 at the age of 12, was about to start his final semester at Holy Cross. He had no idea how he would help but thought that, by just being there, he could make a difference.

Laîné’s father, Emmanuel, had other ideas.

“He said, ‘You have one semester left. Get it done, then you can go play Superman,’” recalls Laîné, 22.

And that’s what he did. But while going to class and completing his major in political science with a minor in French and an Africana studies concentration, he helped organize an unprecedented student-driven response to the crisis in Haiti, ultimately raising almost $20,000. After graduation, Laîné began a job as a project manager with International

An aerial view of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, (right) shows the devastation of the 7.0 earthquake that struck on Jan. 12, 2010. Wesley Laîné ’10 (below), who left his native Haiti at age 12, saw himself in the boys he met on a recent trip to help provide clean water to the ailing nation.
Action, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that helps to provide clean water in Haiti. He finally got his chance to go to Haiti in October, when the cholera crisis began, and was shocked and saddened by what he saw.

“I felt that, even though I was home, I was in a different place—seeing the rubble, driving by the [destroyed] palace—that sickened me because, for a lot of us, that’s the pride of our country,” says Laîné. “I like to be positive, but I felt that our country was at a point where it seemed like we were pretty much damned.”

There are many in Haiti who share Laîné’s sentiment. Though the earthquake happened nearly a year ago, for many Haitians, little has changed. Most of the 1.5 million displaced still live under tarps and tents, in often squalid and unsafe camps. Women and girls are especially vulnerable, and, since the earthquake, there has been a significant increase in the number of rapes. Many organizations stopped distributing food in April to deter people from moving to camps to access the free services. As a result, many have had to go hungry.

A report released in October 2010 by Refugees International states: “The people of Haiti are still living in a state of emergency, with a humanitarian response that appears paralyzed.” It’s a puzzling fact, given the billions of dollars pledged by nations and donated by individuals worldwide.

Critics complain that a lot of money has been spent on housing, security and food for non-governmental organization (NGO) staff, while Haitians languish in the camps. Experts also say that, in order to make any progress, NGOs need to do a better job of listening to and working with the Haitian people.

“The problem with the NGOs and the U.N. is that they are not listening to the voices of the Haitians and are not including them in the process,” says Nicole Phillips, staff attorney at the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti (IJDH). “When you have NGOs with no accountability, no transparency, you don’t know where the money has been spent.”

Still, Phillips says, in the beginning, when the focus was on rubble removal and rescue, and the medical teams came from around the world, there was hope.

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An International Action worker installs much-needed water-purification equipment.

premed economics major on the Hill, Navy Cmdr. Tim Donahue, M.D., ’91, arrived in Haiti on Jan. 19, 2010, on the USNS Comfort, where he was chief of surgery. Donahue had been assigned to the ship, which is a 1,000-bed medical treatment facility, since 2005; one of his first trips was to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Two patients were flown in the night the Comfort arrived in the Port-au-Prince harbor. Despite the seriousness of their injuries—one patient was an 8-year-old boy with a crushed pelvis and ruptured bladder—Donahue and his staff were easily able to treat them.
“We thought we’re going to be able to handle this,” says Donahue, who is now stationed in Bethesda, Md. “But the next morning, patients started arriving by helicopter every nine minutes for the next 40 hours. We were crushed. It was the busiest I’ve ever been. Every single space was covered with patients.”

Donahue is a urologist, but he assisted with different kinds of surgeries. Hundreds of people arrived with fractures and amputations. Some people had severe burns and other injuries that they could not survive, so Donahue and his team did what they could to make them comfortable. The Comfort doctors and nurses also treated hundreds of children, including newborns. In the chaos of the first few days, Donahue remembers that one newborn was flown to the Comfort, while her mother was taken somewhere else. They were later reunited.

“The kids were always the saddest. There were just some devastating injuries; those just break your heart,” says Donahue. “There’s a side of me that’s pretty emotional, but the reality is that, as a physician, you have to push back the emotional issues to be effective.”

Among the patients who made a particular impression on Donahue in the seven weeks the Comfort was off the coast of Haiti is 19-year-old Marie. Marie had been in a car accident that shattered her leg just prior to Jan. 12. She’d been in a hospital bed at the general hospital, scheduled to have a leg
amputation, when the earthquake destroyed the building. Everything crumbled, save for the corner of the ward, near the stairwell, where Marie lay.

After Marie was brought to the ship, Donahue says, “We took her to the [operating room] 14 times in 30 days.” Through operations and skin grafts, they were able to save her leg so that it did not need to be amputated as originally planned.

Donahue was also impressed by the demeanor of his Haitian patients, and the resilience of the Haitian people overall. In the early, frantic first days, he told his staff to look at the patients, telling them, “If you notice, the quietest people and the most serene are the Haitians.

“When life throws curve balls, Haitians, as a group, as a nation, respond in a stoic way.”

— Cmdr. Tim Donahue, USN, ’91

Jesuit Refugee Service
Looks Ahead for Haiti

As part of the fundraising efforts undertaken last year on campus to assist the people of Haiti following the Jan. 12 earthquake, the Chaplains’ Office designated collections for the Jesuit Refugee Service at Masses and other services held the weekend of Jan. 23 and 24, 2010 and, also, during the Jan. 25 Mass in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, celebrated by Cardinal Seán O’Malley, O.F.M., Cap., of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Founded in 1980 as a work of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is an international Catholic organization whose mission is “to accompany, serve and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons.” The agency, which operates programs in 51 countries, has had a grassroots presence in Haiti for many years; it promptly assumed a leadership role after the quake, providing emergency food and other supplies to the Haitian people and coordinating the efforts of JRS- and Jesuit-sponsored medical teams arriving in the country.

Working to ensure that the voices of the people are heard in the long-term recovery plans for the country, the Jesuit community in Haiti organized the National Committee for Reflection and Action, an open, inclusive and nonpartisan group, described by JRS as working to “accompany the Haitian people, their leaders and the international community in their efforts to rebuild Haiti.” The Jesuits’ work to promote universal education in the country is continuing with plans to open 17 new education centers through the Jesuit Fey y Alegria network; two Fey y Alegria schools currently exist in Ouanaminthe and Balan. (For updates on the ongoing work of the JRS in Haiti, visit JRS.net.)

— Pam Reponen

Supplies from relief agencies across the globe poured into Haiti last winter.
ellow Holy Cross graduate Elizabeth Sheehan ’81 also noted that incredible stoicism when she went to Haiti last summer. She was horrified too by the conditions in which she saw people living.

“We were driving down streets paved with garbage, and my reaction as a clinician was that there was a public health hazard, with the water and the garbage and the kids putting their hands in it and then to their mouths,” Sheehan says. “It’s unbelievable that it’s an hour from Miami and this is happening.”

Sheehan is the founder of Containers to Clinics (C2C), an organization that converts metal shipping containers into medical clinics that can then be used in the developing world.

After Holy Cross, Sheehan received a master’s degree in health sciences from Duke University and worked as a physician’s assistant. In 1991, moved by the desire to use her medical skills in an international context, she travelled to 20 developing countries (including Cambodia and Mozambique, where she implemented medical evacuation programs for groups clearing landmines) to observe the delivery of primary health care. Sheehan completed a master’s degree in public health in 1995 at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and returned to work for the U.S. State Department on a primary health care reconstruction project. Most recently, she lived in Tanzania and was a member of the British High Commission.

During her years overseas, Sheehan saw that people, particularly women, did not have access to well-stocked and well-staffed rural medical clinics. This lack of access to health care meant that the most
vulnerable populations were sick or dying in very high numbers. In some places, she met women who wouldn’t name babies for six months because they knew so many would die. “But it’s not that they’re poor and helpless, it’s that they’re poor and voiceless,” Sheehan says. “They are resilient and grounded and resourceful.”

Two years ago, Sheehan saw a magazine article that showcased a shipping container that had been converted into a house. She realized that she could do the same thing, but make the containers into clinics.

“There are walls of shipping containers in every single port, unused,” says Sheehan. “Most are made in China, filled up and shipped to poor countries that have no export. So they pile up.”

Sheehan, who is based in Dover, Mass., worked with designers and engineers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to create the clinics. C2C opened its pilot clinic at Grace Children’s Hospital in Port-au-Prince at the end of October. The clinic provides healthcare for women, girls and infants—the part of the population that Sheehan says is dramatically underserved.

“I grew up in the Kennedy era, so I knew ‘to whom much is given, much is expected,’” says Sheehan. “As an educated, middle-class American woman, I have a responsibility and ability to amplify this voice of women who have the same hopes and dreams for good health but just don’t have access.”

Eighty percent of the Grace Children’s Hospital’s buildings were destroyed in the earthquake, which is part of the reason C2C chose to partner with the facility. C2C is also working with AmeriCares, a nonprofit global health and disaster relief organization, which delivers medicines, medical supplies and aid around the world, as well as the Haitian Ministry of Health. These partnerships are crucial for C2C’s success.

“The partnership is proof that NGOs, local Haitian institutions and the Ministry of Health can collaborate to successfully deliver the highest quality of primary health care and health education to the women and children of Haiti,” Sheehan says in a press release announcing the opening of the first clinic—indicating that her group’s experience as an NGO has been a positive one: getting care to the people who need it.
**My Summer in Haiti**

“I will never forget the images of despair that I witnessed. It was devastating. Unlike anything I had ever seen in my life,” says Kibbs Fortilus ’13, a biology major from Springfield, Mass., who spent this past summer volunteering in Haiti. Born and raised in Delmas, Haiti (near Port-au-Prince), until age 5, Fortilus experienced a mixture of emotions as he anticipated his journey. While being excited for the opportunity, he was also nervous and scared to return to Haiti so soon after the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Fortilus traveled to Haiti with one of his former teachers, Miriam Diallo, who makes annual volunteer trips to her native Mali, West Africa. After the quake, she opted to work in Haiti for the summer. Diallo’s fluency in French and Fortilus’ ability to speak Haitian Creole provided the duo with ample skills to communicate. But in a confusing turn of events, they found the orphanage they had planned to help in Marmelade, Haiti (about a three-hour drive north of Port-au-Prince), abandoned. It took two weeks to make new arrangements, but the pair eventually connected with a different orphanage, Orphelinat Foyer Evangelique Universel, located in Port-au-Prince.

The orphanage is home to about 30 children (ages 5 to 10) who lost one or both parents in the disaster, including the four children above. Fortilus worked and played with the children every day, all the while taking note of the kinds of goods the orphanage needed most—clothes, food, medicine, toys. Upon returning to the United States, he started a charity called Orphaned Haiti. He aims to send the orphanage one package every month filled with anything that they can use, from school supplies to canned goods and water. On the fledgling group’s Facebook page, Fortilus notes, “Knowing is easy. Caring is HARD,” encouraging friends and strangers to help him in his mission to send items to the children of Orphelinat Foyer Evangelique Universel. Fortilus, who describes his trip to Haiti as an extremely humbling experience, adds: “We really don’t have it that bad.”

—Juliana Biolsi ’12

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— Elizabeth Sheehan ’81

"Humanitarian aid is tricky wherever it is delivered. That is why we were very strategic and thoughtful about our model,” Sheehan says. “To begin, our overhead is so small that every dollar of donation goes directly to building clinics or delivering care. Our operating model is one of local partnership, which means we work directly with local ministries of health, local doctors, hospitals or clinics and they tend to know what services are needed in what areas. We also go into areas where there is a desire by the locals and a well-documented need for primary health care services.”

Phillips agrees that the solution is not handouts, but partnerships. And, though the situation looks dire, there is always hope.

“Things can always change,” says Phillips. “That’s one thing—the ability of Haitian people to mobilize and stand up. We need to start empowering Haitians, through micro-lending, and having some of the reconstruction money go to them, particularly women.”

Haiti has so often been described in negative terms—as a poor nation constantly dependent on aid, but Lainé addresses the spirit of his home even amid crisis:

“We are poor, and we are in a horrible situation, but there is not one Haitian out there feeling sorry for himself. There is not one who woke up this morning and said, ‘Oh, I’m poor. The world is going to end,’” he says.

“We are such a proud people. This home was not given to us, we earned it. We still need to have our dignity.”

Lisa Armstrong (lisaarmstrong.net) is an award-winning journalist who covers humanitarian issues around the world. She has written for The Washington Post, Parade, UNICEF, The Atlantic.com, O, The Oprah Magazine and many others, and has been reporting in Haiti through a grant from The Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting.

**ONLINE** Michael Hughes, M.D., ’84 recounts the heart-wrenching days he spent in Haiti in the essay “Through a Doctor’s Eyes” at holycross.edu/magazine. There, you can also read the emotional details of Wesley Lainé’s October trip to Port-au-Prince.
It’s surprising, really. Frank Carroll ’60, the kid who walked through snow, ice and sleet as a dayhop at Holy Cross in the late 1950s, now lives in the desert.

Even more surprising, Carroll, who received his bachelor’s degree majoring in sociology from Holy Cross, is very different in person from the stoic guy you see on television. There, he stands behind the boards, always dressed in a jacket and tie, his face impassive as he shares a few final words with his skater. This desert Frank Carroll wears an open-collar shirt, immaculate blue jeans and expensive leather loafers (no socks). This Frank Carroll is all smiles and laughter and a million words a minute as he talks about himself, his career and his years on the Hill.

We caught him hours after he had returned from the NHK Grand Prix figure skating competition in Japan and just a few days before he left for another competition in China. He’s 72, for heaven’s sake, and flying 175,000 miles a year! Who does he think he is, Clint Eastwood? No, just a guy who loves what he does and is nowhere near retiring.

Just a few items in his home cover 50 years of skating history. Framed snapshots on an entry table portray Carroll the amateur skater and his legendary coach, Maribel Vinson Owen, who died in the Feb. 15, 1961, plane crash that killed the entire U.S. World Figure Skating team. In the hallway, watercolor sketches of 1960s-era skating costumes celebrate Carroll the professional skater, who learned the nuances of performing from four years
with the Shipstads & Johnson Ice Follies, a touring skating show and precursor to the Ice Capades. And in the bedroom, nestled on a small desk along with the computer, printer and fax machine, are photos of Carroll and Evan Lysacek, newly crowned 2010 Olympic gold medalist, both of them grinning like mad as they thrust their medals into the Vancouver air.

Frank Carroll: The Holy Cross Years

Holy Cross was the logical choice for Francis Michael Carroll in 1956, even though Owen (whom he had met at age 14), pushed him to go to Harvard. His uncle, the late Walter Mulvihill, M.D., '26, was Holy Cross' first national track champion, winning both the New England and National AAU 600-yard run in 1924. And Carroll came from a traditional Irish Catholic family. “Everyone in the Catholic community adored Holy Cross,” he recalls. “It just made all kinds of sense.”

Almost as important, really, was the fact that Holy Cross was within walking distance of the Carroll family home on Hitchcock Road. His father, also named Frank, was a teacher. He paid his son’s tuition, but it was up to young Frank to figure out how to pay for lessons, ice time and costumes. Living at home became part of the solution.

As a dayhop, Carroll never attended the daily Mass that was a requirement at the time for on-campus students. “I didn’t have time,” he says matter-of-factly. “I walked everywhere.” The future Olympic Coach of the Year trekked nearly two miles to Holy Cross for class. He walked to the Worcester Arena rink to practice, back to Dinand Library to study, then back home again to do homework—good weather and bad. “I hate snow,” he says. “And I had to walk everywhere in the snow and sleet. I said to myself, ‘If I ever, ever get out of this white [stuff], I’ll never go near it again.”

Not surprisingly, Carroll’s obsession with skating left very little time for anything else except schoolwork. He rarely socialized with the other students (something he regrets now), estimating he visited friends in the residence halls maybe five times in his entire college career.

Luckily, studies came easy to him. “I was good about going to class and listening and taking notes,” he says. His favorite professor was S. Edward Flynn for French, the only one who had Carroll’s number. “He gave me a ‘D.’ I was horrified,” Carroll recalls. “I went to him and asked what I did wrong. ‘Frank, you’re a smart boy,’ Dr. Flynn said. ‘I can see right through you. You don’t do the outside reading. You don’t do a goddamn thing after class. You’re not going to cut it in my class unless you start working harder.’ I had to work my tail off from that point on, but I finally got an ‘A.’ To this day, I can go to France and speak French with a Parisian accent.”

Carroll credits his late coach for taking him to the next level in skating and teaching him that the sport was about academics as well as the arts. “It was all about axioms of
movement,” he says, which made sense. His previous teacher had concentrated on “a feeling thing—you should feel this circle or this figure 8. And I wasn’t a feely kind of person.” Owen, on the other hand, taught him where his weight was supposed to be on the blade, how to pass his arms, how he should rotate in the air, how he could make turns occur by using his body in a certain way. He soon placed in his first national competition in Berkeley, Calif.

Owen also enhanced Carroll's performing skills by exposing him to the arts. “I can remember Maribel taking me to see Broadway shows, the New York City ballet on the Boston Common, even Danny Kaye,” Carroll says. “‘You’re going to learn something from this,’ she said to me. ‘You’re going to see his timing, how he uses pauses. Everything is about timing.’”

Once he understood the basics of movement and the art of performing, the athletic, Worcester-born skater was on his way. “Figure skating included all the things that appealed to me,” he says, “… the artistry, the coordination of music and movement. And the double axel was easy for me. So was spinning.” It seems Carroll had always been about jumping—his family often spoke of watching him jump over hurdles, fire hydrants, even the cracks in the sidewalk.

The other person who influenced Carroll's skating was Rev. Joseph A. Glavin, S.J., dean of athletics at Holy Cross. Glavin was the administrator who made sure Holy Cross funded some of Carroll's skating expenses so he could represent the College at the national championships. “It was very scary to go back to that Quonset hut each year and ask him to renew the donation,” Carroll recalls.

Fr. Glavin also talked to Carroll about being awarded an athletic letter from the school. “I didn't want it,” Carroll says. “I felt like the other guys who played team sports deserved letters. I didn't make that big a contribution to college sports.”

**Frank Carroll: Ice Follies and the Silver Screen**

After graduation, Carroll failed and failed to make the Olympic team, so he decided to turn professional even though Owen urged him to continue competing, become the national senior champion and make the 1964 Olympic team. “But in that day and age, if your parents had put you through school, you got a job after you graduated,” Carroll says. “You weren’t supposed to be dependent upon them anymore; it was time to make a living.”

So Carroll opted for show business, joining the Ice Follies where he reveled in performing (learning skills that would be helpful later as a coach). He also watched plenty of shows, classics such as *Kismet, Hello Dolly, Company* and *I Can Get It for You Wholesale* and Nat King Cole. “We would watch their shows, and they would watch our show,” he says. “I was
always around show-business people. I liked them, and they liked me.”

Eventually, the Ice Follies lifestyle got old. Carroll would perform one number over and over again all year, and he began to feel “like a puppet on a string,” he says, “although I certainly enjoyed the applause and the attention. But I also liked doing TV and radio interviews. I got to fly to the various cities on the road ahead of the rest of the cast so I could open my big mouth.”

By then, Hollywood was beckoning Carroll, and he moved to Los Angeles in 1964 to become an actor. But first came the cattle calls. “It was just ridiculous,” he says. “There would be a room with 12 guys who had trained with Lee Strasberg or gone to Columbia drama school, six feet tall, handsome beyond description. The casting directors would interview me, and I’d say, ‘I’m Frank Carroll, the skater.’ They’d say, ‘Are you kidding me? What plays have you been in?’”

Then something unexpected happened. Carroll got fat. He wasn’t performing every night, wasn’t practicing every day, and his body changed. “So, typical Frank Carroll, I started going to the gym for five hours a day, drinking protein powder mixed with half-and-half,” he says. “I developed muscles and got my body back.”

The casting directors noticed, hiring him as an extra in beach movies. “They would shave my body hair, spray me with paint and have me stand in the back with a surfboard,” Carroll recalls. “It would be 55 degrees in Malibu, but we’d be running through the surf like it was summer—freezing our butts off. They were the most ridiculous beach movies you could ever imagine.” Luckily, he was working under a stage name because “Frank Carroll” was already taken by someone in the Actors Guild. “I’ll never tell anyone what my stage name is,” Carroll says. “I don’t want anyone to know.”
Frank Carroll: Hall-of-Fame Coach

Something else happened while Carroll was boogying in the Malibu surf. He got bored. Again. His whole life consisted of going to the gym and going to the beach and hanging out during the vast chunks of time he wasn’t needed on the set. He needed to make some extra money before he used up his entire savings from the Ice Follies.

So Carroll approached a photographer he knew from Nationals, someone who happened to own a small, shabby, dark little rink in Santa Monica. Carroll asked to “do a little bit of teaching,” and so it started. Eventually, another teacher decided to quit the business to have a baby, and she asked Carroll if he’d like to take over her students. “I suddenly inherited quite a few skaters,” he says. “I could still jump, and I had studied with a master teacher, so I was able to get these kids better very quickly. It was easy for me to build up a business. It became very lucrative, and it snowballed into a career.”

The funny thing was, the job of coaching provided all the intellectual stimulation that Owen had wished for Carroll prior to joining the Follies. He turned coaching into a game. “Let’s see how much I can do for this particular person,” he says he would think. “How can I transform him or her through my wily ways?”

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Carroll still uses that psychology today with his skaters. Not all of them are stars, he says, and that’s OK, because stars often come with tension and baggage. “If I take on a little skater with no talent, I’ll challenge myself to give the best lesson I ever gave in my whole life,” he says. “That gives me great satisfaction.”

He continues to impart the wisdom Owen gave to him long ago on those rinks in Worcester, Winchester and Boston. “She taught me lessons in life, to accept the responsibility of your life and not to blame other people for the outcomes,” he says. “What you get in life is your own doing.”

Eventually Carroll found a talented student who was ready to learn all he had to teach, a little girl named Linda Fratianne. “When I met Linda for the first time, I was very busy. I said, ‘I’m sorry, I don’t have any time,’” Carroll says. “Then I saw her skate. I thought to myself, ‘This kid could be a world champion.’” He coached Fratianne throughout her 10-year amateur career, during which she not only won

Skating Documentary Features Frank Carroll

Almost 50 years ago, on Feb. 15, 1961, the face of U.S. figure skating changed completely when a plane crashed on its way to Brussels. Among the dead was the entire United States Figure Skating team, en route to the 1961 World Championships in Prague. The list of victims included Frank Carroll’s former coach Maribel Vinson Owen and her two daughters, reigning U.S. ladies’ champion Laurence Owen (who appeared that week on Sports Illustrated’s cover, below) and reigning U.S. pairs champion Maribel Y. Owen. “Half of the skaters on the 1960 U.S. Olympic team were Maribel’s students,” Carroll says. “That’s how brilliant she was.”

On Feb. 17, 2011, the U.S. Figure Skating Association will premiere RISE, a documentary that commemorates that fateful crash. Carroll and his skating student Evan Lysacek are among the luminaries interviewed for the film, demonstrating how closely connected today’s skaters are to those who died in 1961.

Carroll says he clearly remembers the night he heard about the crash. “I was with the Ice Follies at the time,” he says. “Maribel had told me she would either be at my opening or on a plane going to Worlds. So I arranged for her to have tickets. But her seat stayed empty that night. Instead, I got a call from Nancy Ludington letting me know the plane had gone down.” Nancy’s former husband Ron Ludington coached the husband-wife pairs-skating team of Robert and Patricia Dineen, who perished on the plane. Ludington, also one of Owen’s former students, was not on the plane because he couldn’t afford the trip.

Carroll suppressed his emotions at the time, he says, but they came out years later and were very painful. “Especially when trying to work with skaters and teach them school figures,” he says. “I couldn’t pick up the phone and call Maribel. I realized she was never going to be there again. That’s when the real pain started.”

It took until 1968 for the United States to see its next Olympic gold medalist: Peggy Fleming.

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the World Championships—twice—she also won the Olympic silver medal at Lake Placid in 1980.

Other top students followed. There was Christopher Bowman, two-time National Champion, whom Carroll calls the most talented skater he ever saw. There was Tiffany Chin, whom Carroll coached to a World Junior title. Then there was Michelle Kwan, four-time World Champion, Olympic silver and bronze medalist, and nine-time U.S. National Champion (tying a record long held by none other than Maribel Vinson Owen).

And in 2010, the Naperville, Ill., skater that Carroll had been coaching for seven years, Evan Lysacek (2009 World Champion), won the gold medal at the Vancouver Olympics. After experiencing two skaters losing Olympic gold through controversial upsets (Fratianne and Kwan), Carroll had resigned himself to the fact that an Olympic gold medal might not happen under his watch. Plus, Carroll says, he has always had a realistic attitude about the sport. He knows that his skaters would lose competitions they should have won or win when they should have lost.

Not surprisingly, his colleagues, friends and admirers felt certain that Carroll would one day coach an Olympic gold medalist. Even Lysacek has been quoted as saying that the gold medal was 99 percent Frank and one percent Evan.

“People were so happy for me that night in Vancouver; I was flabbergasted,” Carroll says. “I got phone calls, messages, people were crying. But I didn’t have time to get as excited as all those other people were for me. I had to get back to work because Marai Nagasu [U.S. National Champion in 2008] was skating the next morning in the women’s division.”

**Frank Carroll Today**

At 72, Carroll claims simultaneously that he’s in “the twilight of his career” and that age means nothing to him whatsoever. “Maybe I see myself in rose-colored glasses,” he says. “But I still wear skates while teaching. He hangs out with young people. He does young things. He hikes, rides his bike, swims. He attends films and concerts. “I’m not a stationary person,” he says. “If I had to sit and watch TV all day, I’d go nuts.”

He says he has no immediate plans to retire, at least not completely. Carroll says he can see himself as a skat-

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ing consultant—if there ever comes a day when he's tired of being on the ice, coaching for 10 hours at a time. "I'm known as someone who can create the whole package," he says. "It's one of my greatest strengths. So if other coaches have someone with a rare talent, they may want to direct him or her to me to evaluate. 'Frank, she's 12 years old. She's got no incentive to get better at her home rink. We'd like to send her to you to see if you can give her a breakthrough.'"

And he also has a new rink in Cathedral City, Calif., on the horizon. Just like the Toyota Sports Center in El Segundo, Calif., where Carroll served as head coach for 10+ years, this rink has to house more than his stable of students. "No one can afford to build a rink just for figure skating," he says. The building also needs to accommodate speed skaters, hockey and public skating. It was supposed to open in August, then October, but getting the necessary permits has delayed the process until at least January 2011.

The old Coca-Cola building that will one day be the rink is being renovated in stages, according to Carroll. "First we'll get the ice in and get it working," he says. "Then we'll get it glorified, with beautiful landscaping. Finally, we'll build another [ice] surface. God willing we'll get there in time for me to train Marai for Worlds."

The new rink is within minutes of Carroll's mid-century modern home, which was designed by architect Bob Alexander and once owned by gossip columnist Rona Barrett. The one-story house, built in a development once known as the Beverly Hills of Palm Springs, sits next to Elvis Presley's honeymoon house. Carroll swears that Barrett was the first reporter to uncover the story of Elvis and Priscilla's marriage because she spied activity next door when peeking through the oleander bushes that separated the two properties.

Carroll's house boasts cacti in front, a lush lawn and fruit trees in the back, and a brand new kitchen that Carroll designed and had built after the Vancouver Olympics. It features zebrawood cabinets, granite countertops and a rugged flagstone floor that meanders outside to where it surrounds the pool and hot tub. Once the new rink opens, Carroll will get to start enjoying that tasteful indoor-outdoor ambience full time. That's because he'll no longer have to keep a second residence near the Toyota Sports Center. Nor will he have to commute to Lake Arrowhead, Calif., where he's coaching now until the new rink is ready.

Lake Arrowhead gets snow, Carroll says. And he hates snow. So he'll start living full time in the desert—for the first time ever—in a house he has owned for 22 years. And coaching in Cathedral City. "I'll always keep my fingers in skating," he says. "I'll be involved as long as I possibly can."

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THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY FLIES WITH THE 'EAGLET'  

AKING ON A PRODUCTION of Edmond Rostand's Laïglon as its spring production in 1940 was considered ambitious for the Holy Cross Dramatic Society. The play, about Napoleon II, Duke of Reichstadt (the son of Napoleon I and Maria Louisa of Austria), premiered in France in 1900 with the legendary Sarah Bernhardt in the title role. Later the same year, beloved American actress Maude Adams took on the role at the Knickerbocker Theatre in New York.

In Worcester four decades later, a cast of 58 Holy Cross men trod the boards for this intense drama about the life of Napoleon's son, nicknamed Laïglon (“the Eaglet”) by author Victor Hugo. Rostand, who also penned Cyrano de Bergerac, paints a sad picture of the defeated monarch's son in confinement in Austria from 1830 to 1832, taunted by those who had betrayed his father and stirred by Bonapartist conspirators who would have him return to France. There are secret rendezvous, a mysterious illness, a duel, haunting battlefield memories—and that's just in Act IV.

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For Him: Lessons On and Off the Field

Both Holy Cross and Princeton recruited Mark to play football. “I knew Holy Cross had a lot to offer academically and athletically,” he says. “As I was trying to figure out what was the right school for me, I honestly reflected and prayed. The answer revealed itself.” And off to the Hill he went, playing four years under former coach Mark Duffner. Starting in his second year, he also played baseball.

After graduation, Mark signed to play professional baseball with the Detroit Tigers but, after one year, decided it wasn’t his calling. He tapped into the Holy Cross alumni network which helped him land a job at Merrill Lynch. He remains with Merrill Lynch to this day, running his own wealth management practice from its Rockland, Mass., office.

“I’m especially proud of the experiences I had as a student athlete,” says Mark, who directs some of his contributions to the College’s athletics programs. “I

Building a Tradition of Giving

Love didn’t strike Crusaders Molly Toole Roman ’91 and Mark Roman ’92 until after college. The couple had been courting for a few months when Molly invited Mark over to her Watertown, Mass., apartment. The agenda for the date? Bake 25 loaves of pumpkin bread, then give them all away. “That’s when I first knew I loved him,” says Molly. “We put on backpacks and walked around Boston and handed them out to the homeless.”

Almost 18 years and 13 wedding anniversaries later, Molly and Mark continue to put giving back at the top of their to-do lists. Holy Cross is one of their main priorities: Since graduation, they have been generous with financial gifts and pledges to the Crusader Gridiron Club, Holy Cross Fund and Crusader Athletics Baseball Fund. Molly credits a social ethics class with visiting Assistant Professor Rev. Fred Enman, S.J., for teaching her a valuable lesson that she carries with her: “Make sure you make a difference where you are, and give, give, give however you can, be it of your time, money—or baked goods.”
was introduced to kids from all over. The athletic program in particular was able to create a subculture—a brotherhood—that wasn’t available to the rest of the student body. And that helped me grow individually, spiritually. I was thankful for that exposure and for the support that the program was given.

“I had a wonderful, spiritual, inspiring, diverse and forever experience at Holy Cross,” he continues. “The friendships, the professors, the coaches, the Jesuits—that really influenced my life forever.”

For Her: Passing Up the Fighting Irish

Even though four of Molly’s siblings received their degrees from Notre Dame, and she lived across the country in Arizona, Molly knew Holy Cross was for her from the second she read its description in a book of Catholic colleges. “I didn’t know anyone,” she says, “but I was just waiting for that acceptance letter from Holy Cross. When I got it, I was like, ‘OK, we’re good. This is where I want to go.’”

Molly worked in advertising after graduation, then headed to Simmons College to become a registered nurse. Her goal was to work with children with AIDS, which she did for several years at Children’s Hospital Boston. Molly currently volunteers at a hospice and spends much of her time caring for the couple’s five girls—Sarah, 11; Anna, 10; Molly, 9; Mary Jean, 7; and Fay, 1. (For the record, Fr. Fred’s influence on the family extended beyond undergraduate courses: He married Mark and Molly and baptized their five children.)

**For Them: The Next Generation of Crusaders**

“We have a lot of purple at our house,” says Molly, who decks out all the kids in Holy Cross gear—from sweatshirts to socks—when they head back to the College for football games. But how does a young couple balance regular alumni donations with the financial obligations of five children? “You have to make it a priority,” Mark says. “Everyone has a different mission in life, and this is definitely a priority for our family to really contribute to something that will endure for a long time.”

It’s the next generation that inspires him: “I think what moved me most to make contributions is that, as the world’s challenges seem to be increasing every year, the critical thinking that was taught to us—to look past headlines and to question and critique for ourselves, based on our morals and values—is even more important today.”
On Sept. 24, Holy Cross hosted a dinner in New York City to thank some extremely generous donors to the College. The attendees were all members of the Fitton, Fenwick and Cornerstone Societies. Holy Cross celebrates the generosity and commitment of these donors whose magnanimous contributions provide vital resources that advance and enhance the life and mission of the College.

Twenty-one people were recognized as new members of the Fitton Society, which celebrates those who have given from $100,000 to $499,999 to the College in their lifetime. Three new members were welcomed into the Fenwick Society (lifetime giving from $500,000 to $999,999). There were two new inductions into the Cornerstone Society. Cornerstone recognizes donors whose lifetime giving to the College has reached or exceeded $1 million.

P. Kevin Condron ’67, Chair of the Board of Trustees, welcomed guests and Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, president emeritus, said the invocation. Holy Cross President Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., presented recognition awards and inducted the newest members of the giving societies.

The New York Palace Hotel made an opulent backdrop for the Fitton, Fenwick, Cornerstone Dinner. Chair of the Board of Trustees P. Kevin Condron ’67 greeted new Cornerstone member William J. Williams Jr. ’58 (above) as well as Fitton Society member Kathleen Nolan Levesque ’81 (top right, with Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of Holy Cross). Gerry ’77 and Karen Migliaccio, Kevin ’67 and Clare Condron P00, Fr. McFarland and Ken ’66 and Jane Padgett P11, 07, 05 posed during the black-tie event (middle right). New Cornerstone members Rose P13, 00 and John J. Mahoney Jr. ’73 accepted their recognition from Condron (bottom right).
Hometown: Orlando, Fla.

Family: Married to Jennifer Leigh Harris

What he did at Holy Cross: “I played football and was team captain in 1995. I was a political science major, and a member of the Purple Key Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.”

The impression it left: “I spent two days on campus during my first visit and, when I left, I knew Holy Cross was home. The most striking aspect of that visit was the sense of community I felt on campus. The community attracted me to the College and, during my tenure, challenged me spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically. It instilled in me the belief that, through pushing to reach our potential, we have an opportunity to affect positively those within our own community and beyond. I take this philosophy with me into each new personal and professional experience life grants me.”

The working life: “While I spent most of my early career in financial services, I recently moved into health care. I work with very talented people trying to bring to market health care technologies that will, hopefully, improve the way care is provided throughout the world.”

Memorable Holy Cross moments: “The positive impact Dean Mark Freeman [professor of psychology] had on me is still with me daily. During my third year, I was going through a particularly difficult time, doubting my ability to succeed at the level I expected of myself. I went to talk to Dean Freeman. While we had a lengthy conversation, and more visits took place, it was one simple quote that turned my perspective around. Dean Freeman looked at me and said, ‘You belong here.’ It meant the world to me at that time that someone of his stature believed not only in my potential, but that I could add value to the community. From that day on, whenever I find myself in a particularly challenging situation and that sense of doubt creeps in, I remember those words and stand confidently as I face the challenge head on.”

Why he believes in Holy Cross: “Holy Cross is about education, but it goes well beyond textbooks. It’s about challenging your own beliefs until you understand what you stand for and why. The personal growth that is realized between freshman and senior year is amazing. The women and men that graduate from Holy Cross possess a unique ability to create amazing positive change in the communities they touch.”

Why he stays connected to Holy Cross: “Holy Cross provided me with a first-rate education, and the friends I took away from my four years on campus are still very much in my life today.”

Why he gives to Holy Cross: “An institution that exists to teach students to be positive beacons in their communities is one that deserves to be preserved.”
An Accidental Educator

Patrick Moore ’03 bypasses law school to start a school of his own

When Patrick Moore ’03 was in his fourth year at Holy Cross—finishing his history degree, playing rugby, dabbling in community service—he could never have predicted what the next seven years would hold for him.

Teach? No way.
Become a principal? Never.
Start up a free, private prep school for at-risk boys? Ridiculous.

After all, until the spring of 2003, when he was figuring out what to do for a year before law school, Moore had never set foot in a NativityMiguel school—the Jesuit-based network of 65 tuition-free, private middle schools for at-risk boys and girls located in 27 states and Canada.

Then, someone in the Career Planning Office told him about Nativity Prep in New Bedford, Mass. One visit, he says, and he was hooked: “There was something in the air. It was palpable. Powerful. I knew I had to be part of it.”

Today, after four years as teacher and principal at what he calls “the little miracle” in New Bedford, Moore is beginning his third year as the head of Covenant Preparatory School in Hartford, Conn., a school he started from the ground up in 2007, at the ripe old age of 26. Occupying space in a YWCA building that’s spitting distance from the state capitol, Covenant Prep—named for the signed agreement through which students and parents accept the school’s philosophy and rules—has more than doubled its initial enrollment and staff, and now has eight teachers and 52 boys in grades five through eight. The first class will graduate in June 2011.

Like all NativityMiguel schools, it is staffed with young volunteers from the AmeriCorps program, who receive room, board, health insurance and small monthly stipends. They work 12-to-14 hours per day as teachers, coaches and homework tutors. It is funded completely by private donations. And, though non-denominational, it is rooted solidly in Jesuit traditions. The mission statement asserts, in part: “The value of being a man for others is instilled in every student on a daily basis.”

The program also shares many of the structures and rituals of its sister schools. For instance, the school day begins promptly at 8 a.m., when short-haired boys in dress shirts with tie knots snug in the V of their collars assemble quietly in rows in a large meeting room. After Principal Meara Weaver ’08 calls attendance, reads announcements and leads the Pledge of Allegiance, she points to the word of the day (on a recent day, “altruism”) written in large letters on a white board, along with the definition and an example sentence. As she readies a CD player, she invites an older boy to tell the others about the composer of the classical music they are about to hear. After a group prayer and special intentions, everyone in the room—students, teachers, administrators and three guests—clasps hands in a large circle, reciting the Prayer of St. Francis in unison.

From left: Brigid Cremin ’10, Meara Weaver ’08, Patrick Moore ’03, Meghan Dunne ’10 and Katie Zakreski ’09
Then, one by one, the boys file past the visitors, shaking hands, making solid eye contact, introducing themselves. It is orderly, matter of fact, yet deeply moving; the eye contact alone is astonishing, especially from preteen boys.

“This is my third year, and it's really exciting to see the seventh and eighth graders now,” says Weaver, a native of Albany, N.Y., who majored in psychology, minored in French and Africana Studies, and spent a year studying at the Catholic University of Central Africa in Cameroon. “Three years ago they were unorganized and unfocused, and it’s cool to see how they’re maturing.”

Like many teachers in the NativityMiguel network, Weaver began work a few months after graduation, called to the job from an on-campus meeting with Moore, combined with her own sense of service. “My most meaningful experiences at Holy Cross were volunteering outside the Holy Cross community,” she said.

It seems to have stuck with other Crusaders, too; half the staff at Covenant Prep (along with several volunteers) is from Holy Cross. In addition to Moore and Weaver, the Crusader contingent includes teachers Brigid Cremin ’10, Meghan Dunne ’10 and Katherine Zakreski ’09, as well as Covenant trustee Bill Murray ’94. Moore hopes the ranks will swell via word of mouth and special events like the show-and-tell breakfast he hosted recently for about 15 Holy Cross alumni in the Greater Hartford area.

Moore, who was recently honored by Bank of America with its Local Heroes Award (which came with a $5,000 donation for the school), explains that he found the need to be “a man for others” even before he came to Holy Cross: “My parents have always taught me to be respectful of others and to help others, especially the down and out,” he says. “They always led by example; they are now retired, except for the volunteer work my mother does at Covenant Prep and that my father does at a local hospital. I am the youngest of five; one sister is a social worker, and another is a nurse.”

Still, he concedes, it took a wake-up call from a favorite professor to nudge him into action. “One night in Cool Beans during my senior year, [Associate Professor of history] Stephanie Yuhl was listening to me complain about my personal problems, and she simply asked me what I was going to do about it,” he recalls. “She gave me a tough love speech that night. She was caring, compassionate and made me realize that I can’t just be living for myself all the time. You’ve got to do something for others; to be truly happy, you must give something back.

“It was that type of clear reasoning which made her such a great professor, but it was her kindness which made her a great teacher and friend,” he adds.

So what’s next for this accidental educator and administrator? “I’m not sure what I’ll do in the future,” he said. “I was supposed to go to law school seven years ago, but I haven’t made it there yet. I’m getting married next summer, and I’ll have to start thinking about providing for my own family. This wasn’t what I was planning to do, and I don’t think I’m a career educator. But I still feel that I have more work to do here.”
A stunning collision occurs near midfield as midnight approaches atop Mount St. James. A fearless young woman crashes into a ruggedly built male, sending him sprawling to the soccer pitch’s artificial turf. This is no accident.

“Yes, yes ... well done, well done!” screams one zealot, roaring his approval at this clean loose-ball smackdown. Enjoying the moment doesn’t seem to sway his split-second decision not to “yellow card” the female aggressor. Neither does his excitement seem to disturb his focus as he continues videotaping the game.

Meet Philippe Doria Cândido ’11, the amazing multitasker. For this Crusader intramural seven-on-seven match between Scary Box Football Club and New Money, Cândido serves as an “impartial” referee, reserving the right to cheer and jeer at the event. Adroitly, he holds a whistle in one hand and a video-cam in the other. Later he will interview players for his artfully edited website report on the game.

Cândido is not only co-supervisor of the Co-ed Soccer League, but also head supervisor for the entire Holy Cross intramural program. By all accounts, he has been the driving force in greatly improving intramurals and sparking student interest. There are about 1,500 participants playing on 140 teams during the school year. “If the leagues are not well run, students are not going to take breaks from their studies and come out to play. Our emphasis is on having fun, but Holy Cross students are very competitive, very intense,” comments Cândido.

Along with his tireless commitment to intramurals, the economics major with a Latin American and Latino Studies minor serves as manager for the varsity soccer team. Sadly, Cândido has been sidelined for his final season as a varsity forward because of an Achilles tendon injury. Still he is at every practice and game.

“He’s an amazing person with a compelling story,” says Josh Meyer, in his first year as the College’s director of intramurals.
Meyer, a peripatetic basketball coach, teacher and graduate student, has found a home at Holy Cross. He lives in Wheeler Hall with his wife, Ferene Paris Meyer, associate director of orientation and residence life, and their year-old daughter, Nala. “His energy and organizational skills have given intramurals a tremendous boost,” adds Meyer. He notes Cândido developed a handbook that instructs student supervisors on how to run their leagues. It covers everything in detail—from how to hire and train referees to how to handle unruly competitors. At his Facebook site, about 75 of the 200 intramural soccer players trade photos and good-natured barbs.

Cândido never seems to slow up. He is involved in the peer mentoring program. Last summer, he served a 10-week internship in Manila under the guidance of Harry K. Thomas Jr. ’78, U.S. ambassador to the Philippines. His dream job is to become an international diplomat. When he was 11, his family left the Belo Horizonte in Minas Gerais, Brazil, and relocated to Lowell, Mass. (His brother attends UMass-Lowell and his sister, Lowell High.) Cândido does not forget his roots. He continues to raise money for his Uncle H elo Doria’s special charity in Brazil. “In 1997, my uncle began to dress up as Santa Claus at Christmastime and drive through the streets of the favelas [shanty towns] in São Paulo,” Cândido explains. “He passes out plastic soccer balls and small toys to these very poor kids. These are slums controlled by drug dealers and are dangerous places to go into, but my uncle goes dressed as Santa, and nobody harms him.”

These acts of kindness and bravery soon drew the support of local police and fire fighters. Now thousands of kids line the narrow lanes waiting for their Christmas presents. Television stations cover the event. Last year, after Cândido sent his uncle $250 raised here, a huge purple banner, reading “College of the Holy Cross,” was carried on high through the slums of São Paulo, a teeming city of 11 million.

Along with intramurals, 600 students participate in 22 student-run club sports, ranging from ballroom dancing to baseball and ice and field hockey. Some clubs travel throughout New England to compete. Some hire part-time coaches. Third-year student Sean Kimball of Plymouth, Mass., typifies club and intramural athletes. This fall he played club baseball and intramural soccer. A second baseman, he had played varsity for Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree, Mass., and in American Legion. “Club baseball keeps me involved without having to make the strong commitment needed to play varsity,” says Kimball. He also enjoys playing intramural soccer for Hanselmania, crediting Cândido for revving up enthusiasm for intramural sports. “I had never stepped foot on Mount St. James until being recruited to play soccer,” explains Cândido. “I was plagued by injuries and could play only my sophomore season. But I didn’t lose my financial assistance. The loyalty and generosity of Holy Cross have kept alive my dream, a college education. I wanted to contribute in other ways.”

Now Cândido hopes to leave a lasting footprint, a better intramural program. No doubt Rev. Francis J. Hart, S.J., the eternal caretaker of Holy Cross intramurals, would be duly proud.

Six former football standouts were honored in a pre-game ceremony at the Oct. 2 Homecoming matchup between Holy Cross and Fordham. The inaugural class of the Crusader Football Legends Ring of Fame includes (from left) John Provost ’75, Vince Promuto ’60, Edmund Murphy ’43, the late Bill Osmanski, D.D.S., ’39 (whose award was accepted by his son, Bob Osmanski, shown here), Gill Fenerty ’86 and Gordie Lockbaum ’88. Only former Crusader football players who have been elected to the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame are eligible for this honor. The inductees were selected by a committee including representatives from the Holy Cross athletic and development departments, the Gridiron Club Leadership Council and the Holy Cross Varsity Club, along with fan voting on goholycross.com.

John W. Gearan ’65 is an award-winning writer who worked as a reporter and columnist for the Worcester Telegram and Gazette for 36 years. He resides in Rhode Island.
In case you missed it: The Nov. 1 issue of Golf World magazine featured pro golfer Brad Faxon, his wife, Dory, and six children from the Meeting Street school in Providence, R.I., on its "Charities Issue" cover. Front and center in his Holy Cross sweatshirt is 8-year-old Robby Canedo, son of Rich Canedo ’83. “The theme of the issue happily echoes the Holy Cross mission of being men and women for others,” explains Dad Canedo. “Faxon co-sponsors a charity golf tournament for Robby’s school each year with CVS. Meeting Street started as a school for only special needs children and now includes children of all abilities.” Robby is not only the son of an alumnus, but also the nephew of Robert Canedo ’85 and Marianne Canedo Bohr ’78, and the grandson of Alfred Canedo ’50.

CRUSADER COVER MODEL

Varsity men’s soccer defense starter Joe Whittaker ’12 of Dallas plays the ball in the team’s Oct. 23 matchup against Navy—the Crusaders bowed to the Midshipmen that day, 3-2. “One of the highlights for me during the season, was when … we each figured out how to play with our own flavor and style that would be the right mixture to get a win and move forward,” Whittaker says. “We had to figure out what we each do well, and then strive to do it better than anyone else.”
**PURPLE GOES PINK**

*Holy Cross women’s volleyball helping ace out breast cancer*

**By Elizabeth Quaglieri ’11**

All at Holy Cross: The mornings are chilly, the workload is demanding and the campus is changing colors—and not just the leaves. Partnering with the Side-Out Foundation, a national nonprofit organization promoting breast cancer awareness and research, head coach Marrritt Cafarchia, assistant coach Erin Walker and the Holy Cross varsity women’s volleyball team traded in their purple for pink during a home game against Bucknell. From the fans in attendance to balloons, from both teams’ warm-up T-shirts to the Crusaders’ shoelaces, pink was the theme of the day.

Participating in the Dig Pink National Breast Cancer Awareness Rally by wearing pink, the players and fans showed their support for the fight against breast cancer and their hope for a cure.

The pink programs for the Oct. 16 game and the players’ pink headbands are only colorful details of the team’s involvement in the campaign. Cafarchia and her team set a fundraising goal of $500, with donations sent directly to the foundation. Not only did the team reach its goal, it surpassed it, raising $600 and counting.

“On a large scale,” says Cafarchia, “our team felt great to be a part of a good cause. On a team level, Dig Pink helped us bond, and the stories of lost loved ones and cancer survivors have brought our team closer.”

Though this is the first season the players have participated in a Dig Pink event, they are no strangers to the cause. Earlier in the semester, the team participated in the “Walk to Cure Cancer” in Worcester. Cafarchia says: “Our team was inspired and touched by the number of people that turned out for the event. The walk was such a great time and left the team motivated to make a contribution to breast cancer research. The Dig Pink event provided an opportunity to show our support.”

Co-captain Angela Chisholm ’11 of Millis, Mass., agrees and shares her own personal connection to the disease. “After watching my stepmother battle the disease for two years until passing away in 2006, I knew I would have a lifelong commitment to fundraising and raising awareness for such a great cause,” she says. “And I’m not the only one of my teammates who has such a close connection to breast cancer.”

“This season is history in the making,” Cafarchia adds. The women’s team is not only playing to score aces, but to defeat cancer.
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Q&A:

When you’re not practicing, training or studying, what do you like to do?

Recently I’ve been getting guitar lessons from my teammate and roommate, Luke Miller '12, who can jam with the best. It’s a good way for me to relax and take my mind off of hockey and schoolwork for a while.

And when you’re not strumming your six string?

Cal St. Denis ’08, a teammate of mine, started a program called Crusaders for Kids. When he told me about it, I thought it was a great opportunity to be a role model for kids who might need to be pointed in the right direction. A couple of my teammates and I spend time with elementary schoolers from the Grafton Street School in Worcester. I went to the first few events my freshman year, found that it really added meaning to my Holy Cross experience, and have been involved ever since.

If you weren’t playing hockey, what sport do you think you’d be playing?

My junior year of high school, I played baseball and loved it, but the only problem was that I wasn’t very good. Eating sunflower seeds and pinch running wasn’t such a bad deal though, so I guess I would be playing baseball.

One hockey question: Any favorite moments from the season so far?

Our win at Army was definitely a highlight early into the season. We were down 4-2 pretty late in the game and came back to win 5-4 in OT. It was a great win for the team, and I had a bunch of family and friends in the stands, so it was a special game for me. With the team we have, I’m hoping we’ll have a couple of other highlights later this season that will top this one.

Znutas and his teammates play at UConn Dec. 29 and 30, then at Yale, Jan. 2. Their next home games are Jan. 7 and 8 against Niagara.

Like many Crusaders, Mark Znutas ’11 volunteers in the Worcester community.

VARSITY ICE HOCKEY defense-man Mark Znutas ’11, from Emerson, N.J., says he is “blessed to have the opportunity to play college hockey at Holy Cross and wouldn’t trade it for anything.” But that doesn’t mean he lives at the rink. We asked the economics major about his life when the skates are off.

SCHOLAR ATHLETES ROCK THE BOOKS

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Built in 1922, Carlin Hall was named after Rev. James J. Carlin, S.J., president of the College from 1918 to 1924.
Staying in Touch

We are thrilled by the overwhelming number of nominations we received for the Holy Cross Alumni Association board this year. It is terrific to see such willingness by so many of you to be involved with the College and your fellow alumni. But don’t forget that, in addition to serving on the board, there are so many other opportunities to participate, such as regional club programs, class activities, admissions outreach and career services. Even if you are not sure how you’d like to get involved, or if you haven’t connected with Holy Cross in years, do not hesitate to drop us a note. Be sure to check out the itinerary of president’s receptions (and try to catch one near you) at http://offices.holycross.edu/alumni/groups/regional/presidents_receptions.

There are now plenty of ways to stay connected online as well, through the Holy Cross Facebook page and LinkedIn. Do you receive the Holy Cross E-news publication via e-mail? It is published every month and is packed with up-to-the-minute news and interesting links to interviews, lectures, alumni profiles and great photos from campus. If you don’t get this newsletter, it means we don’t have your e-mail address. Get connected by sending your address to hcaa@holycross.edu.

For Your Consideration

The Holy Cross Alumni Association invites nominations for the 2011 In Hoc Signo award, the Association’s highest honor. The deadline for submitting nominations, noting the qualifications of each nominee, is Feb. 4, 2011. Nominees must be an alumnus/a who has completed at least one year, whose class has graduated and who has 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 more details on the standards of eligibility and nomination form, visit offices.holycross.edu/alumni and click on “In Hoc Signo Call for Nominations.” Questions about the In Hoc Signo award can be directed to the Office of Alumni Relations at (508) 793-2418 or hcaa@holycross.edu.
On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Holy Cross Alumni Association proudly bestowed its highest honor, the In Hoc Signo award, upon three alumni: Brian A. Cashman ’77, Michael F. Collins, M.D., ’77 and Rev. George L. O’Brien ’54. More than 250 alumni, family and friends gathered on Homecoming weekend to honor the volunteerism and dedication of these three individuals. The dinner’s other special guests included the 2010-11 Patrick L. McCarthy ’63 scholars and their families, who were asked to stand and receive the applause of the crowd during the evening’s festivities. This $5,000 scholarship from the HCAA is given to 16 fourth-year students who are children of alumni and who have demonstrated high academic achievement. This year’s McCarthy scholars are Robin Armstrong ’11, Emily Atkinson ’11, Molly Bier ’11, Elizabeth Burke ’11, Julia Cambria ’11, Odet Douglass ’11, Casey Fitzpatrick ’11, Rebecca Foerg-Spittel ’11, Grace Healy ’11, Megan Kelly ’11, Bryana Knight ’11, Erin Meegan ’11, Claire Moynahan ’11, Bethany Phillips ’11, James Roach ’11 and Deirdre Scully ’11.
Each year, Homecoming Weekend brings a flurry of activity to Holy Cross. Former classmates reminisce while tailgating on Freshman Field. Students and alumni crowd the football stadium to cheer on the home team. Crusaders young and old take part in a variety of family-friendly events.

But, this fall's Homecoming was particularly significant to the College's oldest—and most recognizable—organization: the Holy Cross Goodtime Marching Band. On that perfect New England Saturday, the College community, along with band members past and present, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the band's first halftime show on Fitton Field.

Under the October sun, Holy Cross defeated Fordham 36-31 with the help of a rousing performance by the band, which, on that day, included 130 alumni, family and friends.

“The excitement among the alumni was palpable,” explains Christine M. Tree '92, an elder law attorney from Leominster, Mass., who collaborated with current students to coordinate the centennial events. “Several came to rehearsal planning to play the kazoo, and ended up borrowing instruments because they couldn’t not participate.”

Formed in 1845, the Holy Cross Goodtime Marching Band is considered the musical face of the College. And, while the band has led many a Crusader fan in singing “Chu Chu Ra Ra,” it is more than just a group of musicians; it is a family who loves to play good music together.

“At the core of its name is ‘goodtime.’ That is as essential to its identity as ‘Holy Cross,’” explains Robert A. “Bob” Principe, director of educational leadership at the Hiatt Band Hits All the Right Notes on Centennial Celebration

By Kimberly Staley '99 and Rebecca Smith '99

“The band, through shared experiences, forms extraordinarily strong friendships between its members,” adds Tree. “Band friends are lifelong friends.”

It makes sense, then, that this anniversary was celebrated as a family event—from receptions and rehearsals for band alumni to musical crafts and face painting for their children. The festivities concluded with a celebratory dinner on Saturday night, which included a blessing by College President Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., the recipient of the Band’s #1 Fan Award.

The weekend also witnessed the official formation of Hoiah, the band’s alumni association. Co-founded by Tree, the College’s newest affinity group plans to maintain a permanent historical band archive, institute band reunion events, explore the creation of a band donor fund and advocate for the band’s needs.

Matthew Cain ’09, a former band member who served as interim band director this marching season, says that the Homecoming reunion event was a great opportunity to celebrate the rich history of the band and the College. “Everyone on the field that day had something in common, from John Kelly of the Class of 1957 to the current first-year Class of 2014: We’re all Crusaders. We will have the ties we made in band for our whole lives.”

Good friends. Good music. Goodtimes for all.

To learn more about Hoiah, visit http://offices.holycross.edu/alumni/groups/affinity/hoiah

PhOToGRAPhS BY MArtHEW ATANIAN
Dan Kennedy ’68 is a do-it-yourself high school math teacher. Need help with algebraic answers or calculus calculations? Do it yourself—or, better yet, ask your fellow students.

Walk into one of Kennedy’s math classes at the Baylor School in Chattanooga, Tenn., and you’ll probably see students’ desks bunched in twos and threes, with youngsters chatting back and forth as they work together to solve the day’s math problem. Meantime, the white-haired Kennedy, like the sage Albus Dumbledore, strolls among the learners and offers gentle suggestions.

“I encourage creativity and cleverness,” says Kennedy, who is in his 39th year at Baylor, a boarding school for grades six through 12. “Class doesn’t start with me showing students how to do something, and then asking them to imitate me. I give them problems that are a little beyond where they are, and then let them talk to each other so they figure it out on their own. When I walk around, kids stop me and ask, ‘Is this right?’ And all I’ll say is, ‘Talk to your partner.’”

The goal of the exercises is simple, Kennedy says: “Collaboration. You’ve got to talk to people to become a problem solver. When we work together—well, that’s how the world works!”

Innovative instruction methods, like peer-group teaching, have earned him a number of state and national kudos, including the 1995 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. Kennedy received his master’s degree and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Last October, the author of five high school calculus, algebra and geometry textbooks, visited Holy Cross as the featured speaker for the Teacher Education Program. Kennedy’s lecture, “A History of American High School Mathematics Education: Change We Could Sometimes Believe In,” provided plenty of thought-provoking ideas on improving high school education.

Two of his more intriguing proposals are: eliminating the government’s role in education and creating a national standard for the teaching of mathematics. Currently, each state formulates its own curriculum.

“The problem with government-mandated proficiency tests is that states are under pressure to have their students pass,” Kennedy explains. “But each state has its own standards, so when one state starts to look bad, it starts watering down its standards.

“This creates problems for us in the textbook business,” he continues, “because we have to cover each state’s standards. So, textbooks become thick because they have to include everything, and teachers are never able to cover it all. They start on page one, and, when June rolls around, that’s the amount of math the class gets.”

Kennedy is encouraged that 37 states have signed an informal agreement to establish a common core of guidelines for what students need to know by the time they leave school.

“Just because something was important in the 18th century doesn’t mean it still needs to be taught today,” he adds.

Lecturing at Holy Cross brought back many memories, including working as a disc jockey at the College radio station WCHC, where he was station manager during his last year. “WCHC...
was my fraternity, my social network,” he remembers with a smile. “Back in those days, you had real on-air personalities, not just someone who played music. The experience I had at the microphone enabled me to be able to get up and talk to large groups of people.”

Other fond memories: eating at the Miss Worcester Diner and watching Holy Cross beat Boston College in a football game.

When he’s not teaching, Kennedy has a number of hobbies—he writes poetry, bakes pastries and relaxes with Celtic music, a nod to his Irish ancestors. But when he’s teaching, he’s always figuring out new ways to keep his students—and himself—sharp.

“I always try to think about how to make things better,” he says. “If I just did the same thing from the same yellowed lecture notes year after year, I’d probably go crazy.”

Q&A:

What is your favorite number?

Pi (3.1415…), because it pops up in some surprising places. It’s not just the ratio of a circle to its diameter. It also appears in several different sequences of numbers.

Do you play the lottery?

When the prize gets up to $40 million or so, if I happen to be going by a gas station or a convenience store, I’ll stop in and get a ticket. Did you know that the lottery provides the greatest exponential jump in statistical chances? A one-in-a-hundred-million chance of winning is definitely greater than a zero-in-a-million chance, which happens if you don’t buy a ticket. Calculating the probability of winning the lottery is a good in-class exercise.

Ancient mystics thought they could find God through mathematics. Do you believe that, too?

Every so often, I come across a piece of information that convinces me God has a sense of humor. There’s a wonderful order of things in the universe. I’m often struck by how creation itself appears to be so mathematical and orderly. The more math you know, the more you get insights into God.

To read more about Kennedy’s hobbies, his famous sister and who he considers his hero, please see this issue’s Web Exclusives at holycross.edu/magazine.
completed the screenplay for the sequel to *Journey to the Center of the Earth* and are now working on a film called *Monster Squad,* for Paramount Pictures. Britt Adornato Van Valkenburg, D.O., and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their son, Jake Francis, on Oct. 4. Class Co-Chairs Maura E. McGovern, Timothy D. McGovern, Christopher J. Serb

**’93**

Lance M. Brady writes that he is head coach of the men’s ice hockey team at Assumption College—and that he was named Division II “Coach of the Year” for the 2009-10 season. Thomas P. Joyce and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their son, Ciaran Kavanagh Joyce, on May 19. Elissa (Gotha) McMeniman and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of their son, Aidan Joseph, on April 19. Margaret M. Murray, a partner in the Sandusky, Ohio, law firm Murray & Murray Co., L.P.A., writes that she was honored by the Ohio Association for Justice with its 2010 Amicus Curiae Award, presented during the association’s annual convention in Columbus—and adds that she was subsequently appointed chair of the Amicus Curiae Committee. In addition, Murray notes that she was re-elected in May to a third term on the State Central Committee for the Ohio Democratic Party, 2nd Senatorial District, and, in June, was elected secretary of the State Central Committee. Cynthia A. Patrakis and her husband, Brett Lindquist, announce the birth of their daughter, Sierra Karen Lindquist, on March 3. Class Co-Chairs Derek P. Bachand, Patrick J. Comerford, Eileen Kasprzak Read

**’94**

JetBlue Airways, headquartered in New York, announced in September the appointment of Joanna L. Geraghty as executive vice president, chief people officer. Joining the airline in 2005, Geraghty had previously served as vice president, associate general counsel, and director, litigation and regulatory.

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

**’95**

Mercedes A. Bransfield and her husband, Markham Carr, announce the birth of their daughter, Mercedes “Desi” Joy Carr, on March 24. Jennifer (Fusco) Hoye and her husband, James, announce the birth of their son, Joseph Edward, on Sept. 9. Class Co-Chairs Christopher J. Caslin, B. Timothy Keller, Shelagh Foley O’Brien

**’96**

Russell A. Abbatiello writes that he serves as an associate director for One Life at a Time, a nonprofit organization located on the South Shore of Massachusetts that offers “career development, resume and job coaching services at no cost.” Susan E. Abbatiello continues her work in cancer research at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard in Cambridge, Mass. Stacy (Kendrick) and Jeffrey M. Drew announce the birth of their daughter, Allison Victoria. Bridget (Dalay) Hankin and her husband, Stefan, announce the birth of their daughter, Adelaide Eileen, on Feb. 19. The labor and employment law firm Ogletree Deakins announced in October that Damon P. Hart has joined the practice as a shareholder in its Boston office; according to the press release, Hart specializes in “litigation and a range of labor and employment issues, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act,

**Kim Daly ’93 on Life and Love in Auckland**

By Sarah Schecke

Gardeners say that kiwis produce better fruit from grafts than from seed. That has certainly been true for Kim Daly ’93. It all started after her third year at Holy Cross. Daly, a French major from New Jersey, had spent her junior year studying in Dijon, France, where her love of language and travel thrived. Returning to campus, she began exploring opportunities to teach abroad after graduation. “I never would have fathomed going to Japan,” Daly explains, “but Professor [Normand] Lamoureux encouraged me to apply for the Japanese Exchange and Teaching (JET) program.” Three months after receiving her degree, she was in Konodai, just south of Tokyo.

While teaching in Japan, Daly met and fell in love with Blair Daly, a big, blonde, blue-eyed New Zealander who taught in the same program. After two years in Japan, the couple moved to Blair’s native New Zealand. In 2002, Daly received her master’s degree in French language and literature from Auckland University. Today, she works for ROCPAC, an international telecommunications company, and manages client relationships for all of French-speaking Polynesia. “Definitely using my French major,” she says, laughing at the understatement.

Traveling is still a big part of Daly’s life. Blair and she have traveled to more than 30 countries in Asia and Western Europe; when they visit her parents, they enjoy being tourists in America. As much as she loves traveling, she also loves calling New Zealand home.

“Things are much more relaxed here. Life is slower. In the States a lot of times you can feel like a number, but in New Zealand you have a name,” Daly observes. “They just reached the 4 million mark here, which is not even half of New York City—and that’s the whole country. You know how they say there are six degrees of separation between people? Well, in New Zealand, the joke is that it’s two degrees.”

A varsity soccer player at Holy Cross, Daly stays active by teaching youth classes with her black belt in karate. She has hiked across New Zealand to raise awareness about blood donations, and she hosts a weekly French radio show.
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When at home in Boston, Duncan enjoys horseback riding. She took a 13-year hiatus from the sport to focus on her career and credits her husband, Dave, for her renewed interest. “He surprised me with a Christmas gift of ‘unlimited riding forever,’” she says. “We bought an amazing horse named Kola, and we’ve been successfully competing in shows, with many more to come!”

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**Finessing Finance with Suzanne Duncan ’95**

*By Elizabeth Kelsey*

Jennifer A. Bernazani-Ludlum and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their daughter, Ainsley Elizabeth, in September. Bernazani-Ludlum also notes that, last March, she joined the law firm Ferriter Scobbo & Rodophele PC, where she is continuing her practice in environmental law and “expanding into the firm’s established energy practice.”

Wendy Ward Mocco and her husband, J., announce the birth of their son, Michael Kilkenney, in March. Kristin Cook and Charles S. Praznowski announce the birth of their son, Theodore “Teddy” Charles, on July 8. Meghan Collins Sullivan and her husband, Liam, announce the birth of their daughter, Harper, on Feb. 18; Sullivan writes that she continues to freelance for various media organizations.
Nearly 20 years ago Courtney Moore ’92 raced through Holy Cross as captain of the track team and a political science major with a prelaw focus. Today, she does the College proud as a private wealth adviser with Merrill Lynch Private Banking and Investment Group in New York City, managing clients with assets of more than $10 million.

“I’m still amazed that people call me successful. I just do what I do,” Moore says of her achievements. But just doing what she does has earned Moore the No. 36 spot on Barron’s prestigious Top 100 Women Financial Advisors List. Barron’s also named her one of its Top 1,000 Financial Advisors in the country.

As a private wealth adviser, Moore helps families with second- and third-generation wealth manage the transfer of assets from one generation to another. She also works with nonprofit organizations to manage cash flow for programs. In both arenas, she serves her private banking clients with a savvy mixture of art and science.

“The art of financial services is how you communicate the science to the end client,” Moore says. “We dig in the weeds and help clients define their needs and goals. Investing their money is the last step of the process.”

Moore credits her Jesuit education for helping her shift from law to finance: “I come from a family of lawyers, so it seemed inevitable. But I spent a few summers working at law firms and realized law was absolutely something I did not want to do. Happily, my broad Jesuit education, which included a lot of math, helped me develop a passion for analytics. And ultimately, the Holy Cross network and alums became a pipeline that helped me in my career post-college.”

Moore’s current success is not accomplished alone, she’s quick to say. At Merrill Lynch, she works with a “phenomenal support system” of financial professionals. “The reason we’ve gotten and kept clients … is because of that team approach,” she says. Her years at Holy Cross helped form her belief in the importance of teamwork. “My best times in track were on a relay team,” she says. “We were interdependent and got energy from one another.”

Teamwork also permeates Moore’s leisure activities. Her home team in Staten Island includes husband, Michael, and daughters Michaela, 6, and Jordan, 3. And her newest competitive outlet is sailing. Moore owns a boat, captains a crew and competes in races. “It’s all about teamwork,” she says.

Another testament to Moore’s success is the Women in Finance Network. “It’s the last step of the process.”

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By Debra Steilen

Adding It All Up with Courtney Moore ’92

Kristin (Popovics) and Greg Kealey announce the birth of their son, Cameron, in May. Coldwell Banker Premier Properties in North Wales, Pa., announced in June that sales associate Sheila M. Salvitti has been selected as one of REALTOR magazine’s List of 30 Under 30 national list. Jeffrey G. Schlogl writes that he received his degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and has begun his residency in emergency medicine at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, N.J. Darnell W. Weir writes that he recently received his master’s degree in childhood education and began his fifth year—second as dean—at The School for Inquiry and Social Justice in New York City. Class Co-Chairs Kathryn Meyers Gilbert, Kathryn C. Leader, John M. O’Donnell

Kiera I. McKendrick writes that she was accepted to medical school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, effective this past August. Class Co-Chairs Luz M. Colon-Rodríguez, Elizabeth B. Corridan, Jennifer L. Marcotte

Jeanean O. Ayala writes that she recently relocated to Boston, noting that she has been accepted into the master’s degree in mass communication studies program at Boston University. Nicholas A. Coccoma writes that he is in his first semester of the master of divinity degree program at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Kristin L. Marker writes that she is in her third year at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, where she serves as editor-in-chief of the Southwestern Law Review. Melissa A. Zangari and Robert W. Cording were married on Aug. 21, in Woodstock, Conn. Class Co-Chairs Lisa M. Litterio, Glenn R. McGowan, Ashley B. Scibelli

Ashley E. Codinanni writes that she is now working at NBC in New York City, producing live segments for The Today Show. Class Co-Chairs Michael J. Galbo, Kaitlin M. Padgett, Kara M. Pipoli

Thomas E. Gaffney writes that he recently joined The New York Times as a clerk on the foreign desk. Christopher P Lynett writes that he completed his two years of teaching mathematics and science at Mother Caroline Academy in Dorchester, Mass.—and adds that he was accepted to Suffolk University Law School in Boston, effective this past fall. Christa (Vail) and Truong Vo announce the birth of their daughter, Jolene Linh, on June 17. Class Co-Chairs Kathryn T. R. Dearing, Brian J. Egan, Helen M. Murphy

Flynn O. Govern writes that she relocated to Jackson Hole, Wyo., and is working at Jennings Investment Advisors. Geneva Le Vocil writes that she is working in the Development Office at The Frick Collection in New York City. Elizabeth M. McNaught writes that she works at Naval Air Station Whidbey in Washington state. Brittany A. Michelson writes that she is pursuing her master’s degree in elementary education at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. Elizabeth M. Morse writes that, beginning this past fall, she was accepted by Yale
IN MEMORIAM

A Note about In Memoriam
Holy Cross Magazine publishes In Memoriam four times a year, in honor of College alumni, Trustees, students, employees and friends. Due to space constraints, obituary content is limited to an overview of an individual’s life accomplishments, including service to alma mater, and a survivors’ listing. Tributes appear in the order in which they are received; due to the volume of submissions and magazine deadlines, it may be several issues before they appear in print. For a list of recent deaths, visit offices.holycross.edu/alumni/services/memoriam. To notify the College of a death, please call the Alumni Office at (508) 793-3039 or send an e-mail to Karen Harney at kharney@holycross.edu, attaching a copy of a newspaper obituary, if available.

1939
Thomas R. Ashe
Thomas Ashe, of Auburn, Mass., died July 25, 2010, at 92. During his career, Mr. Ashe had worked for Rockwood Sprinkler Systems in Worcester and Worcester Pressed Steel; at the time of his retirement, he was comptroller for the Diocese of Worcester. A World War II Army Air Corps veteran, he served as a lieutenant in Sicily and Libya; Mr. Ashe subsequently joined the Air Force Reserves and, after a lengthy career, retired as a lieutenant colonel. He had been a longtime parishioner of St. Joseph’s and North American Martyrs churches in Auburn. Mr. Ashe is survived by a son; Thomas R. Jr.; three daughters; two sons-in-law; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1940
George J. Fox
George Fox died July 29, 2010, in St. Francis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Worcester, at 93. During his career, Mr. Fox had been the tax title officer of the city of Worcester for more than 30 years. A World War II veteran, he served as a Marine infantryman in the Pacific theater, taking part in the Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Tinian and Saipan campaigns. Awarded the Silver Star and two Purple Hearts, Mr. Fox was a recipient of the Armed Services Committee of Worcester County Award of Merit in 1997, for military and community service. A member of numerous community and veterans associations, he hosted a “Christmas in July” party for the children of Mercy Centre in Worcester for 35 years; in 1979, the Emerald Club presented Mr. Fox with its Shillelagh Award for outstanding service. A two-time All-City football player as a student at St. John’s High School in Worcester, he was inducted into the school’s Hall of Fame in 1999. Mr. Fox is survived by his wife, Claire; a son, James C. III ‘73; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two brothers, John R. ’45 and Peter Sr. ’50; three grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and extended family, including numerous Holy Cross alumni.

1943
James C. Driscoll Jr.
James Driscoll died Aug. 18, 2010, at his home in Southbury, Conn., at 88. A longtime attorney, Mr. Driscoll began his career in private practice, serving as a partner in the firm Spence & Jennings and, then, Sullivan, Wedemeyer & Jennings. Appointed to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court in 1966, he presided there as judge and reserve judge until his retirement in 2002. A Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Jennings served as a commissioned officer in the United States and the Pacific theater; honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of lieutenant, he served in the Naval Reserve until 1981. Active in community affairs, Mr. Jennings volunteered with the Milwaukee branch of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Naples (Fla.) Community Hospital. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Jennings is survived by his wife, Margaret; three sons, including David V. Jennings ‘70; eight daughters; seven sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two brothers, including Leander R., D.D.S., ’50; a sister; two sisters-in-law; 21 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1941
Robert V. Henry
Robert Henry died June 20, 2010, in Tampa, Fla., at 91. During his career, Mr. Henry had worked many years for the New York City real estate business John J. Reynolds Company, retiring as vice chairman. A veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, he served as an officer aboard ships in the North Atlantic during World War II. Mr. Henry was a longtime parishioner of St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the Church of St. Augustine in Larchmont, N.Y. He is survived by two sons; four daughters; and eight grandchildren.

1960
Rev. David J.K. Granfield, O.S.B.
Rev. Granfield, O.S.B., of Chevy Chase, Md., died July 31, 2010, in Gainesville, Fla., at 88. During his career, Fr. Granfield had been a professor of family and criminal law at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., from 1960 to 1992; previously, he taught religion to high school students at the Priory School at St. Anselm’s Benedictine Monastery, also in Washington, from 1952 to 1960. In addition, Fr. Granfield had written several books and numerous scholarly and popular articles. Attending St. Anselm’s Monastery from 1947 to 1952—during which time he adopted the first name David—Fr. Granfield was ordained to the priesthood in 1952. A native of Springfield, Mass., he had been named John Kyne at birth. Fr. Granfield is survived by a brother; and four cousins.

1947
David V. Jennings
David Jennings, a longtime resident of Wisconsin, died Aug. 3, 2010, at Avow Hospice in Naples, Fla., at 89. A 1948 graduate of Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, Mr. Jennings began his career in private practice, serving as a partner in the firm Spence & Jennings and, then, Sullivan, Wedemeyer & Jennings. Appointed to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court in 1966, he presided there as judge and reserve judge until his retirement in 2002. A Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Jennings served as a commissioned officer in the United States and the Pacific theater; honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of lieutenant, he served in the Naval Reserve until 1981. Active in community affairs, Mr. Jennings volunteered with the Milwaukee branch of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Naples (Fla.) Community Hospital. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Jennings is survived by his wife, Margaret; three sons, including David V. ‘70; eight daughters; seven sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two brothers, including Leander R., D.D.S., ’50; a sister; two sisters-in-law; 21 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Francis T. McAvoy Jr.
Francis McAvoy died July 17, 2010. Mr. McAvoy served in the Navy during World War II. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. McAvoy is survived by two sons; three daughters; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a brother; three sisters; a sister-in-law; numerous grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

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Owen J. Logue Jr.
Owen Logue, of Orono, Maine, died June 20, 2010, at 88. During his career, Mr. Logue had worked 35 years for General Foods, covering as his territory the northern two-thirds of Maine. Involved in starting the area’s first speech and hearing center, Mr. Logue had served on the board of directors of the Bangor Regional Speech and Hearing Center and Treats Falls House in Orono. He is survived by his wife, Joan; a son; three daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a sister; nine grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

James K. Michaels
James Michaels died Aug. 23, 2010, at his home in Vermont, at 88. Prior to his retirement in 1984, Mr. Michaels had been a professor of chemistry for many years at St. Michael’s College in Winooski, Vt. He was a Navy veteran. Mr. Michaels is survived by his wife, Betty; a son; three daughters; a daughter-in-law; and eight grandchildren.

Stephen N. Hume
Stephen Hume, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., died Aug. 11, 2010, at 84. A longtime attorney in New Milford, Conn., Mr. Hume had been a partner in the firm Cramer & Anderson for 34 years, retiring in 1996; previously, he had been associated with Cramer, Blick, Fitzgerald and Hume, which, by merger, became Cramer & Anderson in 1962. A 1950 graduate of the Columbia University School of Law, Mr. Hume subsequently practiced law for seven years in New York City, primarily with the firm Dewey Ballantine. His community involvement included serving as a member and chair of the New Milford Board of Education, board director and chair of the New Milford Hospital and trustee of the Canterbury School, which awarded him its Canterbury Medal in 1997. Enlisting in the Navy in 1943, Mr. Hume was commissioned as an ensign from the College ROTC Unit in 1945; he served as a deck officer on a Navy gasoline tanker in the Pacific. Upon completion of military service, Mr. Hume attended Yale University in New Haven, Conn., earning his bachelor of arts degree there in 1947. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and four grandchildren.

Leo F. Mulvaney
Leo Mulvaney died June 20, 2010, at the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke, Mass., at 88. A longtime educator, Mr. Mulvaney had worked more than 32 years in the Holyoke (Mass.) Public Schools, holding the positions of teacher at the John J. Lynch School, vice principal at the H.B. Lawrence School and English teacher at Holyoke High School. He had also taught English in Hadley, Mass., and served four years as a social worker with the Massachusetts Division of Child Guardianship. In addition, Mr. Mulvaney had been a part-time reporter, for many years, for the newspapers in Springfield, Mass. He had been an active parishioner of St. Theresa of Lisieux Parish in South Hadley. A veteran, Mr. Mulvaney had served in the Army of Occupation in Japan, where he had been a member of the staff of the Pacific Stars and Stripes newspaper. He is survived by his wife, Mary; four sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; two brothers; three sisters; a brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Stephen J. Conroy
Stephen Conroy died July 19, 2010, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Roxbury, Mass., at 91. Employed by the Mansfield Bleachery for 18 years, Mr. Conroy subsequently worked in sales for the J.L. Clemmey Tank Co., in Mansfield, Mass. During his career, he was also a selectman and town manager for the town of Mansfield, a founder of Mansfield Pop Warner Football and member of St. Mary’s Church. Mr. Conroy was a gunner in the U.S. Army-Air Force during World War II, flying more than 65 missions in the Pacific theater. A member of the varsity football team at Holy Cross, he played in the 1946 Orange Bowl. Mr. Conroy had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Corinne; five daughters; five sons-in-law; a sister; a brother-in-law; and seven grandchildren.

Richard J. Green
Richard Green died Aug. 4, 2010, at his home in Washington, D.C., at 82. During his career, Mr. Green had worked for the National Science Foundation, from 1970 until 1996; he subsequently became a private consultant. A program manager for NASA’s Apollo Pro-
program during the late 1960s, Mr. Green held the post of associate director for mitigation and research at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, from 1979 to 1981. He taught at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden and the University of Wyoming in the 1990s. Mr. Green was a recipient of the National Science Foundation’s Meritorious Service Award and NASA’s Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal. A veteran, he served in the Air Force, from 1950 to 1954, and in the National Guard, from 1957 to 1962. Mr. Green had been a parishioner at St. Aloysious Catholic Church in Arlington Heights, Ill. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Masterson is survived by his wife, Jean; two sons; two daughters-in-law; and five grandchildren.

William M. Rivers

William Rivers died June 17, 2010, at the Thompson House in Brattleboro, Vt., at 82. Mr. Rivers had been a property insurance agent for the Richards Insurance Group in Brattleboro for 50 years, retiring in May 2007; toward the end of his career, he was a property photographer for the agency. Serving in the Air Force from 1951 to 1955, Mr. Rivers attained the rank of staff sergeant. He had been a parishioner of St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Brattleboro and a member of several veterans and community associations. After attending Holy Cross, Mr. Rivers enrolled in the Maryknoll Missions for one year. He is survived by his wife, Mary Corbeil; a son; three daughters; two sisters; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Walter T. Sheridan

Walter Sheridan, of Newburyport, Mass., died July 7, 2010, at 85. Active in several high school athletics programs during his career, Mr. Sheridan first worked at Newburyport (Mass.) High School as a varsity assistant football coach, from 1951 to 1952, and as the head coach, from 1952 to 1957; he subsequently coached at Salem (Mass.) High School, where he taught social studies, and, later, Saugus (Mass.) High School. Mr. Sheridan was a member of several athletic halls of fame, including his alma mater Melrose (Mass.) High School and the Massachusetts Football Coaches Association. A member of the varsity football team at Holy Cross, he was awarded the O’Melia Trophy in 1946 as the most valuable player in the annual Holy Cross-Boston College game. Mr. Sheridan was a Navy veteran of World War II. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Sheridan is survived by his wife, Constance; four sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; three daughters-in-law; a brother; a sister; a sister-in-law; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. His brother was the late William G. ‘42.

1951

John S. Fallon

John Fallon died Aug. 13, 2010, at his home in Rochester, N.Y., at 79. A longtime educator, Mr. Fallon had served as a professor of psychology at the Community College of Rhode Island, from 1965 until 1989. At the start of his career, he held the post of provost of Nasson College in Maine, from 1958 to 1961; conducted private research in the management of cooperatives, from 1961 to 1962 — and was the founding president of Franconia (N.H.) College, from 1962 until 1965. Following his retirement, Mr. Fallon was a civil mediator and juvenile arbitrator with the 19th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida. A veteran, he served in the Navy during the Korean War. Mr. Fallon is survived by a son; a daughter; two brothers; a sister; and many nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces. His father was the late John M., M.D., ’19, Hon. ‘42; and his grandfather was the late Michael F., M.D., Class of 1884, Hon. ’15.

Richard M. Wall

Richard Wall died Sept. 14, 2010, in Worcester, at 81. Prior to his retirement in 2010, Mr. Wall had been associated for more than 20 years with the FLEXcon Company, Inc., in Spencer, Mass., serving as senior vice president and general counsel, director and executive assistant to the chairman and chief executive officer. He began his career, in 1956, as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., under the Honor Law Graduate Program and, in 1958, became an assistant to the general counsel of the Federal Home Loan Bank board. Working on the John F. Kennedy presidential campaign in 1959 and 1960, Mr. Wall was appointed a special assistant to then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in 1961. He returned to Worcester in 1963, where he maintained a private law practice for 22 years as a partner in the firm Griffin & Wall. During his career, Mr. Wall had served for many years on boards and committees related to the State Mutual Life Assurance Co., and, then, Almerica Financial; he was also a former director of the Hanover Insurance Co. His community involvement included serving as a trust officer and secretary to the Corporation for Memorial Hospital of Worcester and as a trustee of Mechanics and Peoples savings banks. In addition, Mr. Wall had held the posts of president of the United Cerebral Palsy of Worcester and vice president for legislative affairs for the Worcester Area Chamber of Commerce. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Wall is survived by his wife, Claire; a niece; and a grandniece.

1952

Christopher F. Grimley

Christopher Grimley, of Sarasota, Fla., died Aug. 14, 2010, at 79. A licensed insurance agent in Virginia and Florida, Mr. Grimley later worked in the design field in partnership with this wife. At the start of his career, he had been a chaplain at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Earning his U.S. Coast Guard captain’s license as master of vessels up to 1,000 tons, Mr. Grimley was a former commodore of the Platinum Pont Yacht Club in Punta Gorda, Fla., and dock master at the Field Club in Sara-
Alexander J. Kalinski

Alexander Kalinski died June 22, 2010, at the Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, N.H., at 81. Mr. Kalinski had maintained a private law practice in Manchester for many years, beginning in 1966; previously, he served as assistant U.S. attorney for the District of New Hampshire and as assistant attorney general of the state of New Hampshire. During his career, Mr. Kalinski had also held the posts of chairman of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission and president of the National Association of Utility Commissioners. He was a parishioner of St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Bedford, N.H., and a parishioner of St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Manchester. Mr. Kalinski was a Marine Corps veteran. A 1952 graduate of St. Anselm College in Manchester, he received his degree from Boston College in 1953.

Alex J. Mazeika

John Mazeika, a longtime resident of Shrewsbury, Mass., died Aug. 16, 2010, at 80. A higher education administrator for many years, Mr. Mazeika had served as the registrar at Fitchburg (Mass.) State College—now Fitchburg State University—among other positions. He had also been a high school football coach as well as a referee. Mr. Mazeika began his career as a teacher and guidance counselor in the Shrewsbury school system. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Mazeika is survived by his wife, Rita; four sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; four daughters-in-law; a sister; and 14 grandchildren.

Francis J. Fazio

Francis Fazio died June 22, 2010, at the Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, Mass., at 80. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Fazio taught several foreign languages at Pittsfield High School for more than 30 years. He had also been associated with the Dungan Travel Service, organizing annual trips to Italy. An active member and past president of the Italian American service organization UNICO, Mr. Fazio was a recipient of the organization’s President’s Award; he had been involved as well on committees assisting children through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. A member of the Air Force ROTC program at Holy Cross, Mr. Fazio worked for the National Security Agency (NSA) in Arlington, Va., for five years, until his discharge from the Army. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Fazio is survived by his wife, Frances; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a brother; a sister; two sisters-in-law; six grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Edward J. Lyons Jr., D.M.D.

Edward “Ted” Lyons, D.M.D., of Mashpee, Mass., died July 22, 2010, in Waltham, Mass., at 78. During his career, Dr. Lyons maintained an orthodontics practice in Waltham for 45 years; he was a member of several professional organizations. Dr. Lyons had served as a captain in the Army. A high school star athlete and member of the baseball team at Holy Cross, he sponsored a team in the Waltham Little League for many years. Dr. Lyons is survived by his wife, Patricia; three sons; five daughters; a brother; two sisters; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and other extended family, including Holy Cross alumni.

John E. Westhoff

John Westhoff, of Rockville Centre, N.Y., died Sept. 11, 2009. During his career, Mr. Westhoff had served as a special agent with the FBI. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Westhoff is survived by a daughter; a son-in-law; and two granddaughters.

Frank A. Camp, M.D.

Frank Camp, M.D., of Manahawkin, N.J., died July 2, 2010, at 79. A retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, Dr. Camp had served three tours in Vietnam, where he worked in civilian hospitals performing reconstructive surgery; he also held the post of chief of cardiovascular thoracic surgery at Andrews Air Force Base. Dr. Camp subsequently became chief of surgery at St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton, N.J., and, then, entered into private practice in 1977, after relocating with his family to Long Beach Island, N.J. Dr. Camp is survived by his wife, Kathryn; a son; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a sister; and 10 grandchildren.

Lawrence J. Eagan

Lawrence Eagan died Aug. 5, 2010, at the Tidewell Hospice House in Sarasota, Fla., at 78. Active for many years in the insurance field, Mr. Lawrence was vice president of James H. Buckley & Son in West Springfield, Mass., and president of Buckley Insurance of Connecticut; beginning his own agency at the start of his career, he had merged with James H. Buckley & Son in 1961. Mr. Eagan’s community involvement included serving as president of the West Springfield Chamber of Commerce and Windsor Locks (Conn.) Rotary and, also, as a coach of youth sports and commissioner of the Longmeadow (Mass.) Little League. A member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent, Mr. Eagan had been active as well on various alumni boards; past president of the Holy Cross Alumni Club of Springfield, Mass., he was honored with its Man of the Year Award in 1968. Mr. Eagan was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by two sons, including Lawrence F. ’83; two daughters, including Ann Eagan Dawson ’80; a son-in-law, Domenic J. Dinardo ’75; two daughters-in-law; including Mary Anne ’83; a sister; and 12 grandchildren, including Hadley K. Dinardo ’06 and Mary M. Eagan ’14.

Arthur F. Flaherty

Arthur Flaherty, of Scituate, Mass., died Aug. 19, 2010, in Harrison, Idaho, at 78. A longtime corporate attorney, Mr. Flaherty had been associated with the Boston firm Rich, May, Bildeo & Flaherty, serving, during his tenure, as partner and then managing partner of the practice. He had also been involved in business during his career, acquiring numerous Coca-Cola bottling distributorships with an associate, and holding, at one time, the ninth largest franchise in the country. Retiring from the practice of law in 1994, Mr. Flaherty continued to serve as a director of the safety products manufacturer H.L. Bou- ton Co., Inc., and as a director and member of the executive committee, of Pilgrim Skating Arena, Inc., Hingham, Mass., which he co-founded in 1974. Mr. Flaherty was an active supporter of the Sisters of Divine Providence and the Sacred Heart Schools of Kingston, Mass., and a contributing member of the Order of the Knights of Malta. A Marine Corps veteran, he served in South Korea as a combat intelligence officer for the 1st Marine Air Wing, attaining the rank of first lieutenant. He is survived by his wife, Ann; six sons; two daughters; a son-in-law; six daughters-in-law; a brother; a sister; and 18 grandchildren.
Jeremiah “Jerry” O’Connor, a longtime real estate developer and investor, benefactor and Holy Cross Trustee, died Oct. 8, 2010, at his home in Bronxville, N.Y., at 68.

A pioneer in the development of regional malls, Mr. O’Connor began his career at Lazard Freres & Co., and, with its sponsorship, helped found Corporate Property Investors, a private real estate investment trust, with shopping center and office holdings. In 1983, he started his own firm, The O’Connor Group and, concentrating his efforts in the shopping center industry, invested in and developed many properties, including The Westchester in White Plains, N.Y., and Menlo Park Mall in Edison, N.J. The O’Connor Group, which became O’Connor Capital Partners, continued its focus on the mall development and management business and, later, evolved into a private equity and real estate advisory firm. Mr. O’Connor was a past president of the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Pursuing numerous service and philanthropic endeavors during his career, he had served on the College Board of Trustees, from 1995 to 2003, and as chairman of the Board’s Investment Committee, from 1997 to 2003. In addition, Mr. O’Connor had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross.

A veteran, he served as a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy. Mr. O’Connor was a 1967 graduate of Holy Cross, where he had been elected to the school’s Athletic Hall of Fame, Mr. Haley had been a member of the varsity baseball and football teams at Holy Cross; he earned third team All-American honors in 1954. An Army veteran, Mr. Haley had served in the military from 1955 to 1958; stationed in Germany for two years, he had also played football during this time. Mr. Haley is survived by his wife, Laura; two sons; two daughters; two stepsons; two stepdaughters; a brother; two sisters; 14 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Lawrence E. McGrath

Lawrence McGrath died July 27, 2010, at his home in Palm Coast, Fla., at 78. During his career, Mr. McGrath had served as a high school mathematics and science teacher and, later, as a school administrator in the Hauppauge, N.Y., public school system. A longtime resident of Long Island, N.Y., he relocated, in 1988, to Palm Coast, where he was an active member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Mr. McGrath is survived by his wife, Laura; two sons; two daughters; two stepsons; two stepdaughters; a brother; two sisters; 14 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Edwin A. Traynor

Edwin Traynor, of Sandy Springs, Ga., died Aug. 5, 2010, at 77. Mr. Traynor is survived by his wife, Carol; four sons; and three daughters.

Francis P. Batura

Francis Batura died July 21, 2010, at 77. A retired major in the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Batura served as a fighter pilot in the Korean War and flew reconnaissance planes during the Cuban missile crisis. He is survived by his wife, Joan; seven sons; five daughters; a brother; a sister; and 25 grandchildren.
the Army during the Vietnam War; he also served in Korea. Dr. Corey is survived by his wife, Ellen; six daughters, including Mary Beth '82, and their spouses; two sisters; eight grandchildren; and six nephews and nieces.

Raphael J. DiNapoli Jr., M.D. Raphael DiNapoli, M.D., of Durham, N.C., died June 27, 2010, at 76. During his career, Dr. DiNapoli had served many years in the military; receiving training in aerospace medicine at the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine and the U.S. Army Aviation Center; he wrote numerous papers and gave many presentations on the subject. Dr. DiNapoli's military service included extensive travel, with appointments and presentations in many countries, including Spain, Iran, Saudi Arabia and other locations in North America and Europe. Later working for the state of North Carolina as chief and medical director of various public health offices, he subsequently assumed the position of chief medical officer for the U.S. Military Entrance Program, continuing to serve in this capacity until his death. Dr. DiNapoli had previously served eight years in the Army during the Vietnam War, and many nephews and nieces.

Francis D. Gleason Francis “Frank” Gleason died June 28, 2010, at his home in Shrewsbury, Mass., at 77. During his career, Mr. Gleason had been a self-employed manufacturer’s representative for more than 40 years, selling leather goods in the New England region; he continued working on a part-time basis until his death. Mr. Gleason was an Army veteran of the Korean War; upon completion of military service, he was placed in the U.S. Army detached service for two years, which was then a division of the CIA. Mr. Gleason had been a longtime parishioner of St. Mary’s Parish in Shrewsbury. He is survived by a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a brother-in-law; two grandsons; seven nephews; a niece; and many grandnephews and grandnieces.

1956
Thomas F. Burke Thomas Burke died Aug. 4, 2010, at his home in Blairstown, N.J., at 76. During his career, Mr. Burke had worked 35 years at the County College of Morris, Randolph, N.J., serving as the founding director of counseling services, a professor of psychology and the developer of the teacher education curriculum. He was a member of the varsity basketball team at Holy Cross and the College 1954 NIT championship team. Mr. Burke is survived by his wife, Suzanne; two daughters; two sons-in-law; and a grandson.

Lawrence J. Travers Lawrence Travers died May 8, 2010, in Florida, at 75. Mr. Travers is survived by his wife, Russella; two sons; a daughter; and five grandchildren.

1957
Joseph P. McGovern Joseph McGovern died June 15, 2010, at 74. Mr. McGovern is survived by Suzanne McGovern; three daughters; a son-in-law; a sister; eight grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1958
Arthur J. DeNomme Arthur DeNomme, a lifelong resident of Rhode Island, died July 25, 2010, at Kent Hospital, Warwick, at 75. Prior to his retirement, Mr. DeNomme had worked many years as a senior parole officer with the state of Rhode Island. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he had served in Germany. Mr. DeNomme is survived by his wife, Josephine; four daughters; four sons-in-law; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

1965
Gery F. Habansky, D.M.D. Gery Habansky, D.M.D., died June 26, 2010, at his home in Bridgeport, Conn., at 66. During his career, Dr. Habansky had maintained a pediatric and adolescent dental practice for many years in Fairfield, Conn. His community service included establishing the Black Rock Food Pantry in Bridgeport. Dr. Habansky is survived by his wife, Janet Camielio Habansky; two sons; four daughters; a son-in-law; a brother; a sister-in-law; members of the Camielio family; and several nephews and nieces.

1966
Kyran J. Flannery Jr. Kyran Flannery died July 7, 2010, at St. Peter’s Hospice Inn, Albany, N.Y., at 65. A longtime attorney, Mr. Flannery had worked in private practice his entire career with the Albany law firm D’Agostino, Hoblock, Flannery & Jeram. He was a lifelong resident of Albany and an active parishioner of Mater Christi Church. Mr. Flannery had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Judy; three daughters, including Erin Flannery Pizzo ’94; three sons-in-law; six grandchildren; and a stepgrandson.

Joanna E. Ziegler

Nov. 4, 2010

Joanna “Jody” Ziegler, Edward A. O’Rorke Professor in the Liberal Arts and chair of the Holy Cross visual arts department, died Nov. 4, 2010, at 60.

A member of the College faculty since 1982, Professor Ziegler had taught art and architectural history and served as the chair for several terms of the visual arts department. During her tenure, she had been active on numerous curricular and administrative boards and committees, both at Holy Cross and in the community—and had held board membership on national academic organizations, including Collegium and the Center for Contemplative Mind in Society. Professor Ziegler was a member of the Library Liaison Committee for the Worcester Art Museum.

The recipient of numerous grants and awards during her career, she was named the first Edward A. O’Rorke Professor in the Liberal Arts in 2008 and, in 2007, was selected to receive the Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Award, presented to senior faculty members who make a special contribution to Holy Cross through their teaching, scholarship and/or service. Professor Ziegler was named “Distinguished Teacher of the Year” in 1994.

The author or co-author of several books and more than 100 articles, papers and reviews, she was co-editor, with Rev. Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., and Holy Cross anthropology Professor Susan Rodgers, of Practicing Catholic: Ritual, Body, and Contestation in Catholic Faith—and, also, of Practicing Mortality: Art, Philosophy, and Contemplative Seeing, with Holy Cross Professor of philosophy, Christopher Dustin. Committed to the study of ethics and contemplative practice, she spearheaded the introduction of reflective habits into art history classes and the wider curriculum.

A specialist in late medieval and early modern religious art and architecture of the Low Countries, she had lectured at colleges, museums and academic conferences in the United States and Europe. In 2001, Professor Ziegler was an adviser to the PBS documentary film, The Face: Jesus in Art.

At the start of her career, she worked and studied theater and dance in New York City for several years; Professor Ziegler then enrolled at Brown University in Providence, R.I., where she earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in art history, and her Ph.D. in the history of art and architecture, in 1984. Her travels and studies in Europe during this time helped foster her interest in medieval art and architecture.

Professor Ziegler is survived by two brothers; a sister; two sisters-in-law; four nephews; three nieces; and six grandnephews and grandnieces.

“Jody Ziegler was a beloved colleague, innovative scholar and life-changing teacher and mentor to hundreds and hundreds of students,” says Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., president of Holy Cross. “We will miss her brilliance, her depth of reflection and her warmth and humor. Her emphasis on contemplation and attentiveness in the study of art, which she broadened to encompass her approach to all of life, was unique, especially in the way it integrated the academic, the aesthetic and the spiritual.”

A memorial Mass for Professor Ziegler was celebrated Nov. 11 in the Mary Chapel, with Fr. McFarland presiding. There will be a memorial concert and celebration in her honor on Feb. 5, 2011, at 5 p.m. in Brooks Concert Hall. For more information, contact David Gyscek at dgyscek@holycross.edu.
Kevin J. Sullivan
Kevin Sullivan, of Milton and Green Harbor, Mass., died Aug. 14, 2010. During his career, Mr. Sullivan had maintained a real estate law practice in Boston and, later, Braintree, Mass. He had been an active member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. Mr. Sullivan is survived by his wife, Kathleen; two sons; a daughter-in-law; two grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Peter M. Tierney
Peter Tierney, of Riverside, Conn., died July 15, 2010, in Greenwich, Conn., at 65. During his career, Mr. Tierney had worked more than 30 years for IBM in various capacities involving international purchasing and consulting, e-commerce, risk management, commercial real estate and construction. A veteran, he served in the Army from 1966 to 1968. Mr. Tierney is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a son; a brother; two-sisters-in-law; and many nephews and nieces.

Luke E. Thompson IV
Luke Thompson, of Haverhill, Mass., died July 21, 2010, at 61. Prior to his retirement in 2004, Mr. Thompson had worked more than 35 years for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, serving in various capacities, including deputy commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources; assistant secretary in the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs; financial manager of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; and financial officer in the Office of the State Treasurer. A sports enthusiast and partner in A-1 Sports Memorabilia, he was a strong supporter of Holy Cross men’s and women’s hockey teams, serving as a longtime announcer at the games. Mr. Thompson is survived by his wife, Deborah; his mother; two sons; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two brothers; three grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Michael J. McConnell
Michael McConnell, of Cambridge, Mass., and, formerly, of West Boylston and Needham, Mass., died June 15, 2010. Mr. McConnell is survived by his wife, Jennifer; a daughter; three brothers; and a sister.

Richard S. Mackney
Richard Mackney died April 17, 2010, at his home in Fountain Hills, Ariz. Mr. Mackney had most recently been employed by the Universal Propulsion Co., a division of B.F. Goodrich, in Phoenix, Ariz.; he served as manager of law enforcement sales until his death. A graduate of the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Glendale, Ariz., Mr. Mackney began his career with Smith & Wesson as the international marketing director and spent the next four years in Belgium. He is survived by his wife, Ilana; a son; a daughter; his father; two brothers; and two sisters.

Whitney H. Smith
Whitney Smith, of Darien, Conn., died July 11, 2010, at 30. Ms. Smith was a registered retiree associate at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Purchase, N.Y. Born in Newport Beach, Calif., she was a graduate of the Kent School in Connecticut; Ms. Smith earned her bachelor’s degree in economics and visual arts at Holy Cross. An accomplished artist and sailor, she also enjoyed travel. Ms. Smith is survived by her parents, her fiancé, Doug Stella; a sister; uncles; aunts; and cousins.

Richard A. Jacobs
Richard A. Jacobs, of Westport, Conn., died June 11, 2010, at 45. Active in the finance industry, Mr. Jacobs co-founded the financial communications consulting firm ICR Inc., in 1998 with Thomas Ryan ‘86 and the late John Flanagan; he served as co-chief executive officer and board director of the company, which has offices in five U.S. cities as well as Beijing. Mr. Jacobs began his career with G.X. Clarke & Co., and later worked at Ladenburg Thalmann in the equity research department; he then served two years as a senior equity analyst and managing director for BT Alex. Brown. Mr. Jacobs had also been an executive board member of the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation. He received his M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut. An accomplished athlete at Fairfield (Conn.) College Preparatory School, where he was co-captain of the hockey team, Mr. Jacobs later played varsity hockey at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Karen; two children; his parents; his mother-and-father-in-law; two sisters-in-law and their husbands; four nieces; and many cousins.

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Friends:
Psychology major and visual arts minor Katie O’Connell ’11, of Medford, Mass., became a marrow donor two years ago and graciously shared her experiences with Holy Cross Magazine.

When people hear of bone marrow donation, the first thought that comes to their mind is: “Does it hurt? Is it painful?” In actuality that is not the case. Many don’t know that there is new technology and a new procedure [peripheral blood stem cell transplant] that have been developed to speed up the process of donation and recovery.

The first step, of course, is registering as a bone marrow donor. At the end of my first year at Holy Cross, I attended a bone marrow banquet hosted by the student organization MIX (Multiethnic Identity Xploration)—patients with multiethnic backgrounds have a harder time finding bone marrow matches. Inspired by the speakers at the banquet, I decided to sign up as a donor with my friends.

At the start of my second year, I received a call about a possible match. Usually, registered donors spend years on the registry waiting to be a match, but, in less than a year, I was contacted. What was even more uncommon was that I was a perfect match for the patient! At that moment I knew that this was something I was meant to do, almost like a calling. I was nervous but excited at the same time to start the donation process.

I donated during my Christmas break of 2008. It was an all-day procedure, but the actual donation took roughly five hours—only five hours, and I was able to provide 230 million stem cells. The bag containing my stem cells was about the size of my hand, and I was shocked that one small bag could save someone’s life. What was even more surprising was that it took only a little more than two hours to transfuse those stem cells into the patient’s bloodstream. These two facts opened my eyes and really taught me to appreciate life. It was so surreal knowing that I might be able to help someone and possibly save his or her life in such a manner.

I didn’t quite understand the Holy Cross motto, “men and women for others,” when I began my first years on the Hill, but now I have come to appreciate and find so much meaning in those words. My experiences at Holy Cross—including working as a program director for the Hope Lodge through SPUD (Student Programs for Urban Development) and being a multicultural peer educator—helped me understand that motto and have made me who I am today. I have learned that my passion really lies in helping others, and what better way than to donate bone marrow in the hope of saving someone else’s life?

I am happy to say that, at the moment, the patient who received my donation is in recovery and free from her cancer. A lot of people have asked me if I know the person I donated to. When I tell them that I don’t, they seem surprised. (The registry only shares the patient’s gender, age and diagnosis with the donor. After a five-year waiting period, the patient may choose to meet his or her donor.)

Some find it hard to understand the reasoning behind helping a stranger, but that is what my Jesuit education teaches me: To help those in need, any way that I can, no matter the circumstances. Donating was truly an opportunity to understand deeply human interconnection. I encourage everyone to register as a donor. Visit marrow.org to learn more about the national bone marrow registry.
A vision in purple, little Lucy LaBrecque danced and cheered as mom Christine Alfano LaBrecque ’97 played with the Goodtime Marching Band during Homecoming this fall. Band alumni came to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the group’s first halftime show on Fitton Field. Photo by Matthew Atanian