On a cold, clear December morning in 1969, sixty-five black students took a stand against the racism revealed by a College judicial board ruling. Knowing the next step would alter their life paths, they packed suitcases, threw down their student IDs and quit Holy Cross.
Good Use of Space

Having just received and read the new issue of Holy Cross Magazine, I write to offer my congratulations on a dramatically improved production. In particular, I enjoyed the prominent placement and space given to profiles of the four recipients of the Sanctae Crucis awards and the informative profiles of the faculty members who earned tenure. Even though I do not know any of these faculty or awardees personally, I feel like I know something meaningful about them now.

The overall format and appearance of the magazine continues to improve. Congratulations … keep up the good work.

Bill McGovern '74
Lafayette, N.J.

Actions & Values

In the August issue of Christianity Today magazine, editor-in-chief David Neff writes an article entitled "Signs of the End Times." In this article he describes eschaton as the “outcome” of the redeemed world moving toward ultimate reconciliation, restoration and harmony with God. He cites the example of the story of Zacchaeus when Jesus announced that “this day salvation had come to Zacchaeus’s house.” He points out that Zacchaeus had not earned salvation by his good works, but rather that his actions demonstrated that the kingdom and its values had entered this particular place and household.

I had a similar feeling when I read the Summer 2011 edition of Holy Cross Magazine — that the kingdom and its values had entered this place. I was struck by the Christ-like sacrificial nature of the Sanctae Crucis recipients who were not boasting of their achievements, but were giving glory to God for what He was doing in and through them when they said, “Here I am Lord, send me.”

I was also struck by the celebratory nature of the tenured faculty members who seemed to share in the excitement of the eschaton by practicing the loving presence of Christ as a primary ingredient for teaching and sharing the excitement for what God has done, is doing and will do in Christ.

Thank you for celebrating the kingdom’s values through this magazine and for stirring aging alumni like myself to new spiritual excitement.

Rev. Ralph Donohue ’63
Chaplain, Sumter County Detention Center
Bushnell, Fla.

A Special Memory

On Sept. 11, 2001, the Holy Cross family lost seven of its shining stars: Edward A. Brennan III ’86, Thomas D. Burke ’85, Neile Heffernan Casey ’90, John G. Farrell ’91, Todd A. Isaac ’94, Beth A. Quigley ’97 and John J. Ryan ’78.

On June 23, 2002, the Holy Cross Alumni Swimmers honored their memory by swimming in the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim. Bob Somma ’66, Len Conti ’60, Michele Intermont ’89, Pat Dietz ’66, Frank Bongiorno ’63 and I each wore one of their names on our swim caps as we stroked and kicked our way up the East River, through the Harlem River, past Spuyten Duyvil and down the Hudson River to a harbor just past the site of the World Trade Center. Len and I were on the rear deck of the escort boat at that moment, and we each gave a salute to those on our respective swim caps, Len to John Farrell and I to Neile Heffernan Casey and Todd Isaac.

Bob swam in memory of Ed Brennan, Michele for Tom Burke, Pat for Beth Quigley and Frank for John Ryan. At Frank’s suggestion, when the race was over, we each sent our swim caps to the families of those we represented.

It was an experience few athletes on earth could have had. I think that I speak for all of us when I say that we were both humbled and honored to have such a rare opportunity.

Requiescant in pace.

Michael J. Toner ’63
South Setauket, N.Y.

Erratum:
In the Summer issue’s Calendar of Events (Page 13), we reported that the Ninth Annual Summer Passport Program for the Class of 2015, which took place in August, was funded by a grant from The Goizueta Foundation. In fact, though generous support from the Goizueta Foundation funded the first three years of the program, Holy Cross has supported it financially since 2006–07. To learn more about this innovative program, designed to help selected first-year students acclimate to the academic rigors of the College, visit the Academic Services and Learning Resources website at http://academics.holycross.edu/aslr/

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Back to School

Here’s a reason why people who haven’t been students in years still love back-to-school time. The promise of a new school year and the crispness of the air as fall replaces summer create a special energy. At Holy Cross, the happy buzz of returning students and professors greeting each other across campus reminded us all that we were being propelled into a new semester.

Certainly a special level of excitement came from the Class of 2015 as they arrived on campus Aug. 27. With the help of able-bodied and über-enthusiastic student and alumni volunteers (see a large bunch of them, decked out in purple, right), they filled their residence halls and quickly settled in before Hurricane Irene blew across New England the following day.

But lest you think a fall full of excitement means that summer was a dull lull, let me give you the scoop on just two of the interesting goings-on that took place on campus in the steamy days of June, July and August.

Now in its fifth year, the Summer Business Program, organized by the Ciocca Office of Entrepreneurial Studies, welcomed two dozen students in June. The intense, four-week program immerses students in the art and science of business and entrepreneurship. Alumni speakers—leaders in their business fields—offered sessions on managing a global enterprise, techniques for data analysis, best practices for making business presentations and more. They also mentored teams for a group project competition. This year, first place went to the Synergist team led by Alberto Correia ’78 P14, vice president of Cambridge Biomedical. Team member Andrew Coury ’13, says, through the group project, he learned about business models, how to conduct valuations and “the meaning behind the metrics.”

Describing the Summer Business Program as a “business buffet,” Coury notes, “We gained exposure to many different aspects of the broad field of business, which helped us each decide which ones best suit us,” adding that the alumni presenters were very generous with their time and feedback.

Another academic opportunity, the Summer Research Program, allowed 103 Holy Cross students to engage in graduate-level research with their faculty mentors. A list of titles from the resulting 18th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium event showcases the program’s broad scope: “Interactions between dopamine and serotonin in an animal model of schizophrenia,” “Archiving Lakota oral traditions” and “The Effect of Sound Waves on the Formation of Laser Induced Plasmas” are just a few. We took a special interest in “Sociality in the Mygalomorph tarantula Heterothele villosella” presented by Jennifer Bosco ’12 and Brian Moskalik, Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in biology. Read about our visit to the pair’s tarantula lab in this issue’s Web Exclusives at http://magazine.holycross.edu.

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Fall 2011 3
Along with the Class of 2015, the College welcomed 17 faculty members to campus this fall. The 14 tenure-track faculty and three postdoctoral teaching fellows represent a wide array of research fields and backgrounds. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College Timothy Austin says that Holy Cross’ reputation for faculty excellence starts with a search for the right people—make that, the right teachers. “The position announcements that we publish are very explicit in that they mention teaching first,” he explains.

Austin, who says interviewing all tenure track candidates is one of his favorite parts of the job, knows that it takes a special mix of academic prowess and enthusiasm to succeed on Mount St. James. “We do help the new faculty cultivate to Holy Cross once they get here,” he notes, “but you’ve got to start off with people who are open and interested in the kind of professional life that the College expects of a faculty member.”

Associate Dean for Faculty Development Amy Wolfson, who leads the extended new faculty orientation, says, “We brought in a very sophisticated group of faculty this year, with excellent classroom experience and impressive scholarly work.”

Wolfson adds that these faculty members are arriving at an exciting time for the College, when they will be able to engage in academic strategic planning.

The Class of 2015 Arrives

Members of the Class of 2015 got a taste of the supportive and tight-knit Holy Cross community they had been hearing about as soon as they arrived on campus for move-in day, Aug. 27.

A long-standing Holy Cross tradition, 200 student leaders, athletic teams and alumni—even Holy Cross President Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J.—helped move in the first-year students to their rooms. The minute they pulled up to their residence halls they were swarmed by the enthusiastic volunteers eager to welcome them to campus and carry their belongings into their rooms.

The 756 members of the Class of 2015 were selected from a record 7,353 applicants, an increase of about six percent over last year. Of the 7,353 applicants, 33 percent (or 2,436) were accepted. The highly accomplished Class of 2015 represents 33 states and seven countries, and is the most diverse in the College’s history, with approximately 25 percent African American, Latin American, Asian-American, and Native American heritage (ALANA) representation.

Classes began on Aug. 31.

—Nick Markantonatos
An extensive landscaping project transformed the area behind the Hogan Campus Center. Its centerpiece is a sweeping new lawn, surrounded by curvilinear walks and a granite and brick “seating wall,” enhancing opportunities for outdoor gatherings and events in this busy crossroads of campus. Also, granite stairs replaced the wooden “V” stairs between Memorial Plaza and Hogan Rd.

Figge Hall
A 156-bed apartment-style residence hall located on upper campus in the inside loop of McCarthy Lane opened this fall to upperclass students. The new construction, at a cost of $19.5 million, reduces the number of students in triples and brings more off-campus students back to residence halls. Dedicated October 1, Figge Hall is the 11th residence hall on campus.
The coffee kiosk was replaced with “CB2,” a spacious café with ample seating and an expanded menu at the main entrance of Stein Hall. Work also included renovation of five large classrooms into three smaller classrooms, a seminar room and several office suites.

Major reconstruction of Commencement Porch along the north face of Fenwick Hall included new steel to support the deck and columns, new foundations for the stairs and a new granite paver deck surface. Plus: custom energy efficient windows along the north face of Fenwick.

This summer’s construction projects included the replacement of the Astro-Turf field and the rubber composite track surface located behind the Hart Center. Additionally, new sports lighting and jumping event areas were installed.
Billy Collins’ computer keys have been flying since he left Mount St. James. The author of nine books of poetry has been proclaimed “America’s most popular poet,” and served as poet laureate of the United States from 2001 to 2003, and New York’s poet laureate from 2004 to 2006. Collins, who received an honorary degree from Holy Cross in 2002 and delivered that year’s Commencement address, is currently a Distinguished Professor of English at Lehman College in New York, and a member of several literary advisory boards.

Collins’ newest book, Horoscopes for the Dead, is a collection of poems about the topics of everyday life, including perfectionism, marriage, pets, shopping and even noisy children. Holy Cross Magazine talked with Collins (below) to learn more about his poetic observations.

Q: It seems in this book that you gain inspiration from many sources. Do you have a constant flow of ideas bombarding you? Is it hard to “turn that off”? What is your creative process?

A: Nothing can be said to be bombarding me except the relentlessness of everyday experience. And I don’t think I’ve ever really had an “idea.” Relativity would be to me an example of an “idea.” My default position is “off,” so turning off the flow of anything would be alien to me. Nothing hums along. Poetry is harder than writing, as a student of mine once observed. Like most poets, I face long stretches of waiting, walking around, taking notes, staring at bodies of water—all part of a poet’s job description. Then once in a while, a bird lands on my pencil and a poem occurs. Lucky me, I think, as I begin waiting for the next one.

Q: In addition to your own, what poets’ work do you think college students should be reading today?

A: I would suggest to students—to anyone really—that they read widely until they find a few poets who appeal to them for some reason or other. All poetry is not for everyone. Find some favorites and stick with them. Personally, I find 83 percent of contemporary poetry annoying or just plain impenetrable. But it would be hard to imagine a life without the remaining 17 percent.

Q: Which English literature professors were you introduced to at Holy Cross, and how did they inspire you?

A: I had a wonderful teacher of 17th-century English poetry, [the late] Francis Drumm, a short, fastidious man, always dressed in a three-piece suit complete with a watch fob, which lay comfortably across his vested paunch. He spoke in such a low voice that you had to sit in the first couple of rows to hear him. His followers got to class early to claim the prized front desks. He exposed me to the first poem that ever made me jealous, “The Flea” by John Donne. And Ed Callahan, another “lay” teacher as that then-minority was called, led us students cleverly by the hand into the thickets of modern literature. I started to imitate Gertrude Stein. Without Callahan I would not know that Hemingway’s middle name was Miller and that Stein’s dog was called “Basket II.” Both appeared on a short answer test.

Q: In the poem “Horoscopes for the Dead” you write about a person who has recently passed away and doesn’t have to worry about anything anymore. Are all your poems drawn from close personal relationships? Has anyone ever recognized himself or herself in your work? If so, how did they react?

A: Most of my poems are autobiographical in that they took place in my mind; that’s the extent of it usually. The best poems I find are vaguely impersonal; they rise out of the personal into the metaphoric. Some women think they recognize themselves in my poems, but they are wrong—not because the poem is about someone else, just because it’s just me writing a love poem about nobody.
The alkene peptide isostere for the D-Ala-D-Ala dipeptide was synthesized via a convergent approach utilizing olefin cross-metathesis. The new isostere was then evaluated for binding to the last resort antibiotic, Vancomycin.”

—Assistant Professor of chemistry Bianca R. Sculimbrene, Ryan Quinn '11, Amelia Cianci '08 and Jennifer Beaudoin '09, from the article, “Synthesis of a D-Ala-D-Ala peptide isostere via olefin cross-metathesis and evaluation of vancomycin binding,” in the journal Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters.
15th Anniversary for Odyssey

The week before classes started, more than 60 students participated in the one-week Odyssey program, a mixture of workshops, field trips and volunteer opportunities open to all first-year ALANA and international students as an introduction to the Holy Cross experience. At the program’s closing dinner, which also served as a celebration of Odyssey’s 15 years on campus, Esther Levine, dean of the Class of 2014, emphasized a message of belonging to the new students: “Your experiences, your roots, your family traditions will all enrich our Holy Cross community. Holy Cross is where you can fulfill your dreams.”

Special guests included Odyssey alumna Tarah Auguste ’01, who participated in Fr. McFarland’s inauguration and was the first Holy Cross student to study in Cameroon, and Joseph J. Reilly ’55, above right, founder of the Bishop Healy Committee. “Joe Reilly has been one of the strongest advocates for ALANA students,” Levine says. “He really opens his heart to the ALANA students and they love him.”

We Gather Together

With the start of another academic year, the full schedule of Masses in the College chapels has resumed. There is also an inter-denominational service of Praise and Worship each Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in McCooey Chapel. (Alumni and parents are welcome to attend all services.) For more information about religious services on campus and in the Worcester community, visit the Chaplains’ website at http://offices.holycross.edu/chaplains/schedule.

ACADEMIC YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Mary Chapel
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7 p.m.
Sunday 9 p.m.

St. Joseph Memorial Chapel
Sunday 11:30 a.m.

McCooey Chapel
Weekdays 12:05 p.m.
Monday–Thursday 10 p.m.
Thursday (in Spanish) 10 p.m.
Mass in American Sign Language (ASL) will be celebrated Oct. 27 and Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in McCooey Chapel.
Course: Greek Myths in Literature

Professor: Rev. Edward J. Vodoklys, S.J., ’72 (right)

Description: An annual offering of the classics department, the course presents a comparison of classical and modern versions of several ancient Greek myths, examining the relationships between myth and literature, and the reasons for the stories’ endurance over time. Students read primary sources, analyzing how various authors adapt the traditional stories for their own purposes, audiences and times. With the focus of the class on dramatic versions of the myths, consideration is also given to their portrayal in narrative poetry, music, cinema and other genres.

Units: The Antigone myth interpreted by Sophocles (below) and Jean Anouilh; Aeschylus’ Oresteia myth; Eugene O’Neill’s adaptation of Oresteia; the Electra myth interpreted by Sophocles, Euripides and Jean-Paul Sartre; the Medea myth interpreted by Euripides and Seneca; and the Philoctetes myth interpreted by Sophocles and Seamus Heaney

Requirements: Three papers (five to seven pages each) based on one of the above units, written in the form of a play or dialogue; final synthesis paper/play on a recurring theme found in the three units not previously selected; quizzes/class participation

On the day HCM visited class: Discussion on the presentation of the Electra myth in German composer Richard Strauss’ opera Elektra, based on the libretto of Austrian playwright Hugo von Hofmannsthal, who was inspired by Sophocles’ tragedy. Overview of the life and thought of 20th-century French philosopher and author Jean-Paul Sartre; consideration of his play The Flies in the context of the German occupation of France during World War II, and in terms of Sartre’s reworking of the Electra myth to develop existentialist themes, including the primacy of human freedom and the importance of choices in self-creation over adherence to the core values of the past

Professor bio: A 1972 graduate of Holy Cross and a Fenwick Scholar his fourth year, Fr. Vodoklys has taught at Holy Cross since 1992; he began serving as a senior lecturer in the classics department in 1994. Receiving his master’s degree and Ph.D. in classical philology from Harvard University, Fr. Vodoklys has taught courses in Latin and Greek, “advanced author” courses and courses in translation; directed honors theses and tutorials for students on various topics, including “Classical Discernment from Homer to Ignatius”; and, since 2008, has served on the faculty of Montserrat, the College’s first-year program.

Professor quote: “A primary goal of this course is to have students develop a greater understanding of myth as conveyor of the truth and struggles of the human experience,” says Fr. Vodoklys, “and, also, to realize that, while the deeper lessons learned through myth are timeless, they need to be reinterpreted in new contexts for each generation. In writing their own plays based on the themes presented in the texts, students gain insight into the power of these truths in their own lives.”

Student quote: “After reading ancient and contemporary versions of Greek myths, I’ve come to understand that, although the details change, the underlining human experiences found in these myths know no specific time or place and speak to us all,” says Conor Cummings ’13, of West Hartford, Conn.
WELCOMING THE CHILDREN OF WORCESTER TO CAMPUS

This summer, to help Worcester’s young people enjoy access to local pools and beaches, the College donated $10,000 to the city’s Wheels to Water program and welcomed kids from the Autumn Woods Apartments to splash in the Hart Center pool during the week—a great treat when the temps topped 90 degrees!

For fall football season, children aged 14 and under accompanied by an adult who has purchased a ticket will be admitted free to all Holy Cross home football games. Upcoming home games are Oct. 15 vs. Dartmouth (1 p.m.), Oct. 29 vs. Georgetown (1 p.m.) and Nov. 12 vs. Lafayette (12:30 p.m.). This special invitation is extended to all alumni and the Worcester community.

Goodtime’s Snappy New Look

Fans attending the Crusaders’ first night game in September got to see the Goodtime Marching Band’s new purple, black and white uniforms, designed by director Nicholas McKenzie. The 100-year-old band had not had a uniform update since 1989. The most noticeable differences? Prominent shoulder epaulets and a silver sequined sash across the cropped jacket, which help create the strong silhouette McKenzie wanted for the most appealing on-field look. A purple shako (the bucket-like headgear) and white plume give each band member additional height, McKenzie explains, adding, “As you get closer to the uniform, the smaller details begin to stand out, including ‘College of the Holy Cross’ and ‘HC’ embroidered on each bicep.

“By far, my favorite part of this uniform is the words that are written in silver script lettering along each cuff: enthusiasm and excitement,” McKenzie says. “These two words, along with their third ‘E,’ energy, are what I want each member to bring with them to every performance, and take away with them at the end of every day.”

On the sax, Matthew Portu ’15 of Stratham, N.H. (right), sports the new marching band uniform. He says the sparkly sash is the element that gets the most attention.

New Trustees

Five new Trustees joined the Board this summer. They are from left: Rev. Mark S. Massa, S.J., dean, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College; Peter E. Spadoni ’11, fund administrator, State Street Bank and Trust; Anne M. Fink ’85, vice president and general manager, PepsiCo Sales; Richard H. Patterson ’80, partner, Spire Capital; and Susan F. Feitelberg ’84, senior vice president, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.
Following is a sample of events taking place on the Hill this fall and winter. For a full listing with more details, visit the online Holy Cross Events Calendar at events.holycross.edu

**Fall 2011–Spring 2012 Celebration of Jesuit Heritage:** A yearlong series of events on campus focused on the topic, “Jesuits and Colleagues at Work” and Holy Cross’ Jesuit heritage

**OCTOBER**

**Ongoing—Dec. 8** The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery presents: **Viewpoint: An exhibition featuring the work of Holy Cross’ visual arts faculty** Hours: Weekdays, 10 AM to 5 PM; Saturdays, 2-5 PM

5 **Lecture:** “Modern Day Slavery across International Borders,” by E. Benjamin Skinner of Brandeis University and author of *A Crime So Monstrous: Face-to-Face with Modern-Day Slavery.* Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

6 **46th annual Hanify-Howland Memorial Lecture** by Stephen D. Levitt of the University of Chicago and co-author of *Freakonomics.* Hogan Campus Center Ballroom, 8 PM

15–16 President’s Council Weekend

18 **Lecture:** “The Resurgence of Religion in Global Politics,” by Monica Duffy Toft of Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government and co-author of *God’s Century: Resurgent Religion and Global Politics.* Rehm Library, 4:30 PM

22 **Sixth Annual Women in Business Conference,** “World Wide Women—Communicating in a Global Economy” Hogan Campus Center

23 **Concert:** Boston Symphony Musicians: Cynthia Meyers, flute; Robert Sheena, English horn, with organist James David Christie, St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 3 PM

27 **Lecture:** “Poor Economics: Rethinking Anti-poverty Policy,” by Esther Duflo of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of *Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty.* Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

28 & 29 Family Weekend

**NOVEMBER**

3–5, 10–12 Holy Cross Theatre Department presents **The Changeling,** by Thomas Middleton and William Rowley; directed by Professor Edward Isser. Fenwick Theatre, 8 PM

8 **Lecture:** “Ignatius Loyola and why it’s not quite enough to do what Jesus would do,” by Rev. Philip Endean, S.J., of Oxford University and author of *Karl Rahner and Ignatian Spirituality.* Rehm Library, 4:30 PM

16 **Lecture by Paula Fredriksen,** of Boston University and author of *Augustine and the Jews: A Christian Defense of Jews and Judaism.* Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

23–27 Thanksgiving recess

**DECEMBER**

1–4 Alternate College Theatre presents: **Baby with the Bathwater,** by Christopher Durang; directed by Katy Hannigan ’12. Fenwick Theatre, Dec. 1-3, 8 PM; Dec. 3 & 4, 2 PM

6 **Student/Faculty Recital** Brooks Concert Hall, 4 PM

8 **Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols** Holy Cross Choir and Chamber Singers. St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 8 PM

9 **One-Day workshop:** “The Contours of Catholic Life and Practice Today: challenges and opportunities in the study of global Catholicism,” sponsored by the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture. 1-5:30 PM. For location information, visit academics.holycross.edu/crec.

9 **Concert:** Gamelan Gita Sari Brooks Concert Hall, 8 PM

13–17 Final Examinations
THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
2010-11
When Holy Cross opened its state-of-the-art Loyola Fitness Studio earlier this year, students could happily enjoy the best options for exercise, health and wellness. Among the innovations is a water fountain that refills reusable canteens and bottles with filtered water when you place the container under a spigot. It eliminates the need for disposable water bottles, an environmental scourge. It even calculates the number of bottles saved (inset, above right): In its first few months of use, the fountain has kept more than 40,000 disposable plastic bottles out of the waste stream.

This one small step is just one of our many efforts to create a healthy environment, a goal that is deeply rooted at Holy Cross in its Jesuit values.

Back in 2007, the campus community joined a nationwide movement, the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, to work toward sustainability. That same year, we launched our Presidential Task Force on the Environment with the goal of developing and implementing our Carbon Neutral Plan. By 2040, Holy Cross aims to bring our net production of carbon-based greenhouse gases to zero, a critical way to improve the environment now and for future generations.

As a mark of progress, Holy Cross set the goal of a 20 percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2015. At this writing, we have already achieved a 28 percent reduction, reflecting the commitment and enthusiasm we bring to this project. In addition to reducing our carbon footprint, the task force is dedicated to raising awareness about the environment and promoting earth-friendly ideas and practices. Every area of the College has joined in this effort, from building and maintenance to academic departments to student volunteers with a passion to make a difference. These goals are supported by our Jesuit mission, which calls for a loving and conscientious stewardship of our world.
Beyond preserving our own life, health and economic well-being, we have a moral obligation to protect the planet. This was made clear in the findings of the most recent Jesuit General Congregation (GC 35), which met in 2008. There, sustainability emerged as an important topic, along with Jesuits’ ongoing commitment to faith and justice.

“Care of the environment affects the quality of our relationships with God, with other human beings and with creation itself,” notes the GC 35 document on mission.

In April 2010, the Society of Jesus held an international conference in Mexico, “Shaping the Future: Networking Jesuit Higher Education for a Globalizing World,” highlighting this message with numerous presentations, including “Ecological Sustainability and Human Population Growth: Today’s Challenges for the Future of Civilization,” by Professor of biology and Associate Provost Nancy C. Tuchman and College President Rev. Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., of Loyola University Chicago.

“By virtue of their approach to educating the whole person, Jesuit institutions of higher education around the world are poised to facilitate the development of an environmental ethic, a broad cultural change toward greater stewardship of natural resources for future generations,” they noted.

At Holy Cross, we take this charge seriously as we prepare students to become leaders in society through an education that emphasizes moral, spiritual and intellectual values. We seek to transform the world from “what is” to “what should be.”

As Scott Merrill, director of physical plant and co-chair of the Presidential Task Force on the Environment, has noted, these issues involve a “campuswide commitment.” We cannot sit back and hope that someone else will fix what is wrong. Each of us is responsible for doing our part to bring an environmental consciousness to every action, thought and effort.

**Building a Better Tomorrow**

Last November, the College Sustainability Report Card, produced by the Sustainable Endowments Institute, gave Holy Cross a full letter grade higher than the year before on its campus operations and endowment practices.

“The improved grade on the sustainability report card is a wonderful validation of all the hard work performed by many members of the Holy Cross community, including students, faculty and staff,” says John Cannon, associate director of physical plant/planning and operation and member of the Presidential Task Force on the Environment. “The sustainability culture on campus is definitely changing and the administration has proven its commitment to carbon neutrality by investing in the systems and building changes necessary to substantially reduce our carbon footprint.”
In December, major components of Holy Cross’ new Integrated Science Complex earned LEED Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a national organization that certifies buildings that are green and sustainable and that protect the environment. It is the first LEED Gold certified project on campus, but certainly not the last.

In April, the Princeton Review and the USGBC for the second time named Holy Cross to their lists of the “nation’s most environmentally responsible ‘green colleges.’”

In May, Holy Cross received the 2011 Paul E. Tsongas Award for Campus Commitment, the highest honor given by the nonprofit advocacy organization, Preservation Massachusetts. The award recognized the College’s outstanding care of its 174-acre campus.

“We are pleased to be recognized for our work in creating contemporary buildings and renovating existing structures so they fit with the character and historic nature of our beautiful grounds, as well as with our commitment to environmental sustainability,” Merrill says of the accolade.

Environmental preservation is part of every story told on the campus now, expressed in hundreds of new ways. For example, our new transportation manager, Cynthia Price, has created a shuttle service for off-campus activities, eliminating many of the individual vehicles and trips previously required. Zipcars offer a popular car-sharing option, while hybrid car owners can enjoy prime parking spots on campus.

Nancy Baldiga, associate professor of economics and dean of the Class of 2013, has driven a hybrid car for about 18 months and enjoys not only the parking advantage, but also the spirit behind it.

“I do a lot of driving each year, and I bought the car in the hope that I could make some small contribution to reducing our carbon footprint,” she says. “I will admit to some relief in finding the [hybrid] space open when I arrive late to campus after a meeting, or if I am carrying in a heavy load of supplies or student work. More important, I am so proud to be associated with an institution that is willing to consider creative solutions as it supports the work of the sustainability committee. Our commitment to the environment is part of our mission, and I am happy that I am able to contribute in a small way.”

Other environmental measures recently undertaken include:

• Switching energy for heating from fuel oil to natural gas, which sliced 40 percent off our carbon footprint

• Replacing inefficient equipment such as lighting, steam pipes and residence hall washers and dryers with energy-saving alternatives

• Placing recycling bins in every residence hall

• Setting new building standards that involve meeting or surpassing LEED certification requirements

• Going “trayless” in the dining halls, cutting down on waste in food and drink, as well as the energy and water used in cleanup

• Moving to paperless processes in admissions and financial aid, with other offices, such as development, preparing to follow.

Establishing an Earth-Friendly Campus Consciousness

Educating the campus is an important part of energy conservation and other sustainability efforts. A 2010-2011 lecture series, “In Our Lifetimes: Environmental Change and Stewardship,” sponsored by the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, brought a number of thought-provoking speakers to campus.

The series included a presentation by John Cannon and Katherine Kiel, associate professor of economics and co-chair of the Presidential Task Force on the Environment, titled “Saving the Environment: What Might Have to Change?” They explored the College’s efforts, gauging which actions have the greatest positive and negative impact on sustainability. (Listen to their remarks online at www.holycross.edu/departments/crec/media/environment)

“Among the benefits of the presentation is making the community aware that we are interested in their input for ideas or proposals,” Cannon says. “For example, philosophy Professor Andrea Borghini proposed a community garden on campus two summers ago. We now have a number of small ‘neighborhood’ gardens all across campus in which volunteers can plant, weed and harvest crops on their lunch hours or before and after work.”

In addition, Cannon points out the huge loss of energy involved in leaving windows open in the wintertime, a problem that lessened after the presentation.

“You used to see many open windows in some residence halls versus maybe one or two now,” he says. “It makes a big difference in terms of energy and costs. Otherwise, you might as well be throwing dollar bills out those open windows.”

Other suggestions include posting more information online rather than using printouts, and installing occupancy sensors in buildings to cut energy use automatically.

“It has to be everywhere,” Merrill says. “It can’t just be a group of us sitting around a table and making plans.”
As an educational institution, our strongest contribution to the greening of Mount St. James should be—and is—found in our classrooms. The Environmental Studies program is cross-disciplinary, including departments in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. Students can choose to major or have a concentration in this popular area of study. “Because it is coming from a liberal arts background, different skills and understandings merge well with our strengths in science,” says Kiel. “Everybody is coming from a different point of view, whether it is economics, political science or physics. For the faculty, this is where their passion is. The students are equally passionate in a way that goes beyond the many areas of study involved.”

Kiel notes that the work of Environmental Studies is often hands-on, whether it means taking part in an Earth Day cleanup of the Blackstone Canal District or a research trip to Washington, D.C., to investigate alternate energy sources.

Environmental Studies program director Loren Cass is thrilled with the booming attraction to the discipline. “On the academic side, we have seen a dramatic increase in interest among students,” he says. “We graduated 15 Environmental Studies majors this year, which is four to five times the number that we have graduated in past years. We have a very active faculty who are working on environmental issues.”

In projects revolving around climate change, for example, Associate Professor of biology William Sobczak is involved in an ongoing project to study permafrost melt in Arctic Siberia while his colleague Robert Bertin studies habitat changes and invasive species in central Massachusetts.

Economics associate professors Kiel and Victor Matheson conduct research on resource depletion, while Cass explores international climate politics and American environmental foreign policy. Political scientist Maria Rodrigues targets sustainable development with a focus on Brazil, and philosophy Assistant Professor Kendy Hess concentrates on environmental ethics.
Student Activism: Challenging Climate Change

Students get involved with all areas of this research as well as myriad volunteer efforts. One student project, for example, overseen by Kiel, was titled, “Tax and Trade: The Future of American Climate Policy.” Meghan Tighe ’09 examined the characteristics of potential federal cap and trade legislation and evaluated its ability to reduce greenhouse emissions cost effectively.

For students at Holy Cross, sustainability straddles academic disciplines, cutting-edge research and real-world activism. They immerse themselves in community projects through Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD), the Student Government Association and Eco-Action, a student group focused on a greener world.

Our 700 SPUD volunteers each year are involved in a wide variety of service work, including environmental efforts. In addition, a city park and street cleanup project is undertaken during fall orientation for new students.

Involvement by Eco-Action and the Student Government Association in environmental efforts has surged in recent years, including the following events:

- “Purple Goes Green Week” educates the campus community about environmental issues, including a reusable hot beverage and water bottle program.
- “Trash or Treasure” collects unwanted clothing, small appliances and other items at the end of the academic year to redistribute to local charities. “This program has the potential to make great strides toward the College reaching carbon neutrality and sustainability goals while helping out the Worcester community at the same time,” says Kelly Dyer ’14, an Eco-Action organizer.
- “Aqua Action,” a weeklong clean water campaign, includes opportunities to purchase environmentally friendly and fair trade products and watch a documentary about water as a world resource.
- Voter registration and “Candidates Nights” encourage Holy Cross students to vote to make a positive impact on the environment and to provide input on environmental justice issues.
- The “Reduce, Reuse, Participate” program involves pledging to help Holy Cross achieve carbon neutrality through lifestyle changes and political involvement.
- Cleanup projects benefit our neighboring Cookson Park.
- Students participate in national conferences on climate control and petition political leaders to work for sustainability goals.
• Partnering with the group Pax Christi, student groups sponsor environmental lectures and presentations, including a recent talk on the environmental tragedy of mountaintop removal in coal mining.

• Working with Holy Cross Dining, students promote healthier and more sustainable food options on campus, such as the preparation each year of locally grown and all-organic Thanksgiving meals.

**Pursuing the Dream of a Better World**

Holy Cross clearly is in step with the guidance of Pope Benedict XVI on this subject. In his World Day of Peace Message, the Pontiff said, “Prudence does not mean failing to accept responsibilities and postponing decisions; it means being committed to making joint decisions after pondering responsibly the road to be taken, decisions aimed at strengthening that covenant between human beings and the environment, which should mirror the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying.”

As my time at Holy Cross will soon draw to an end, I am gratified to see how far we have come in strengthening that covenant. **With the help of new ideas and technologies, I am hopeful that Holy Cross will achieve its goal of carbon neutrality by 2040.** Knowing the extraordinary heart and spirit to be found on Mount St. James, I feel sure that every effort will be made to realize this ambitious and very important dream.

**Ad maiorem dei gloriam**
The College of the Holy Cross is, by tradition and choice, a Jesuit liberal arts college serving the Catholic community, American society, and the wider world. To participate in the life of Holy Cross is to accept an invitation to join in dialogue about basic human questions: What is the moral character of learning and teaching? How do we find meaning in life and history? What are our obligations to one another? What is our special responsibility to the world’s poor and powerless?

As a liberal arts college, Holy Cross pursues excellence in teaching, learning, and research. All who share its life are challenged to be open to new ideas, to be patient with ambiguity and uncertainty, to combine a passion for truth with respect for the views of others. Informed by the presence of diverse interpretations of the human experience, Holy Cross seeks to build a community marked by freedom, mutual respect, and civility. Because the search for meaning and value is at the heart of the intellectual life, critical examination of fundamental religious and philosophical questions is integral to liberal arts education. Dialogue about these questions among people from diverse academic disciplines and religious traditions requires everyone to acknowledge and respect differences. Dialogue also requires us to remain open to that sense of the whole which calls us to transcend ourselves and challenges us to seek that which might constitute our common humanity.

The faculty and staff of Holy Cross, now primarily lay and religiously and culturally diverse, also affirm the mission of Holy Cross as a Jesuit college. As such, Holy Cross seeks to exemplify the longstanding dedication of the Society of Jesus to the intellectual life and its commitment to the service of faith and promotion of justice. The College is dedicated to forming a community which supports the intellectual growth of all its members while offering them opportunities for spiritual and moral development. In a special way, the College must enable all who choose to do so to encounter the intellectual heritage of Catholicism, to form an active worshipping community, and to become engaged in the life and work of the contemporary church.

Since 1843, Holy Cross has sought to educate students who, as leaders in business, professional, and civic life, would live by the highest intellectual and ethical standards. In service of this ideal, Holy Cross endeavors to create an environment in which integrated learning is a shared responsibility, pursued in classroom and laboratory, studio and theater, residence and chapel. Shared responsibility for the life and governance of the College should lead all its members to make the best of their own talents, to work together, to be sensitive to one another, to serve others, and to seek justice within and beyond the Holy Cross community.
ACADEMICS

• On May 27, Holy Cross celebrated its 165th Commencement, conferring degrees on 691 graduates before an estimated 6,000 people at Fitton Field.

• The College bestowed honorary degrees on Rev. Francis X. Clooney, S.J., director of the Center for the Study of World Religions at the Harvard Divinity School; Henry I. Smith ’58, the “father of X-ray lithography” and professor of electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson (right), who was the principal speaker.

• 103 students—the largest number ever—from 18 different departments participated in the summer research program, conducting faculty-mentored research in the humanities, sciences and social sciences.

• Approximately 300 students presented the results of their independent work at the four-day Academic Conference, showcasing their accomplishments in a wide variety of curricular and cocurricular activities.

• With a grant from the Mellon Foundation, the new Center for Teaching, under the direction of Amy Wolfson, associate dean for faculty development and professor of psychology, formally began its work. It sponsors workshops, speaker presentations and other initiatives for faculty.

• After completing a rigorous yearlong self-study and hosting a visiting review team, Holy Cross received the final report granting continuation of its accreditation for 10 years by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE) of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

• The annual Celebration of Faculty Scholarship noted that 252 members of the Holy Cross faculty produced or were involved in more than 300 pieces of professional work, including 25 books, 110 articles, 17 exhibitions and six musical performances.

• Holy Cross ranked first in student participation among baccalaureate institutions for long-term study abroad programs (taking place during a full calendar or academic year), according to the report “Open Doors 2010,” released by the Institute of International Education. There were 146 students who studied in the College’s long-term study abroad programs in 2010-11, including new program sites in Indonesia, London and Russia.

ADMINISTRATION & STAFF

• In January, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., who has served as the 31st president since 2000, announced his plans to step down in 2012. Following a national search, the Board of Trustees in May elected Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., currently vice president for mission and ministry at Georgetown University, as the 32nd president.

• Timothy Jarry ’00 was named chief investment officer.

• Former Massachusetts state senator Edward M. Augustus Jr., was appointed to direct the newly created Office of Government and Community Relations.

• Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84 (right) became the new director of the Office of the College Chaplains, succeeding the late Katherine M. (Kim) McElaney ’76.

• Dorothy A. Hauver, a certified public accountant, was named director of finance and assistant treasurer, a new position.

• The New England Province of Jesuits presented the Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Award (AMDG) to president emeritus Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49.
• John R. Gould, Karen E. Hodgerney, Evan K. Holmes and Nancy L. Smith received the 2010 Claire B. Burns Awards, presented to non-exempt employees who demonstrate, foster and promote the spirit of family at Holy Cross. Robert E. Robbio, a longtime custodian in the physical plant/environmental services department, received the program’s Rev. William J. O’Halloran, S.J., Award.

ADMISSIONS

• Admitted in the spring, the Class of 2015 was selected from a record 7,353 applicants (an increase of six percent the previous year). Composed of 756 students, with 51 percent female, 49 percent male, and representing 36 states and seven countries, the class is the most racially diverse class in the history of the College, with 25 percent African American, Latin American, Asian American and Native American (ALANA) students.

• A series of new admissions marketing publications was introduced, integrated and launched simultaneously with new website elements. The viewbook (right) earned a gold award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District I Communication Awards committee, and the entire suite of publications combined with the redesigned website received a silver award.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS

• John A. Zaia, M.D., ’64, Erin M. Boyd ’99, Kathleen M. Curran ’89, Patrick C.W. Tam ’81 (at their awards dinner, right) each received the Sanctae Crucis Award, the highest non-degree recognition bestowed by the College.

• Ten recent graduates were awarded Fulbright grants to work and teach abroad, a record number awarded in a single year for the College. With 44 total awards given since 2002, Holy Cross is one of the top producers of U.S. Fulbright students.

• At 55.1 percent, donor participation exceeded 50 percent for the fifth consecutive year—placing Holy Cross among the Top 10 colleges in the country in terms of alumni engagement. Young alumni (graduates in the past 10 years) gave at an extraordinary rate of 51.7 percent, with several classes reaching 60 percent or more.

• The annual fund brought in $8.8 million, which, along with $4.2 million in restricted giving, produced a record $13 million in current-use funds.

• The Chaplains’ Office and the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture (CREC) hosted the Alumni Colloquium, “Vision for the Church: Celebrating Kim McElaney’s 25 Years of Ministry at Holy Cross.”

• Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., ’62 (right), director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the National Institutes of Health, delivered the inaugural Joseph E. Murray, M.D., ’40 Distinguished Lectureship in Medicine at Holy Cross.

• Dozens of musical alumni came back to campus in the fall to celebrate the Holy Cross Goodtime Marching Band’s centennial anniversary during Homecoming. Band members past and present performed in the halftime show on Fitton Field.
ATHLETICS

• Fourteen varsity teams achieved a perfect score of 1,000 in the NCAA’s academic performance standard, the Academic Progress Rate (APR).

• The women’s ice hockey team won its third consecutive Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Open championship.

• Quarterback Dominic Randolph ’10 (left) signed a free agent contract with the New York Giants of the National Football League. He owns the Holy Cross and Patriot League career records for yards of total offense, passing yards, touchdown passes, completions and pass attempts.

• Bobby Holmes ’10 signed a minor league contract with the Florida Marlins as an undrafted free agent. Holmes became the 126th player in Holy Cross’ history to sign a professional contract.

CAMPUS

• Holy Cross received a “B” (up a letter grade from the previous year) on the 2010 College Sustainability Report Card, released by the Sustainable Endowments Institute, reflecting the numerous steps to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote practices beneficial to the environment.

• As construction on Figge Hall, the new 156-bed residence hall (left, at groundbreaking) for seniors on McCarthy Lane, came to a close this spring, construction and landscaping began on the “Hogan Lawn,” a new green space in front of the Hogan Campus Center.

• The Integrated Science Complex earned LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, the first LEED Gold certified project on campus.

• Along with state-of-the-art research and classroom facilities, the Integrated Science Complex boasted a popular new campus eatery: The Science Café.

• The Loyola Fitness Studio (left) opened in the basement of Loyola Hall—the newly renovated 2,800-square foot space boasts state-of-the-art equipment.

• The Presidential Task Force on the Environment reported that Holy Cross has reduced its carbon emissions by an estimated 23.5 percent. The Carbon Neutral Plan called for a reduction of carbon emissions of 20 percent by 2015.

COMMUNITY

• Holy Cross announced plans for its partnership with the city of Worcester to help support critical summer projects and programs. The College established a parks stewardship program with students at Sullivan Middle School. It also supported Worcester’s Wheels to Water initiative financially and as a host site, and hired local high school students for summer employment on campus.

• The Office of Multicultural Education, in collaboration with the Worcester Public Schools and the city of Worcester, presented the “Respect the Right Way to Play” program to the city’s high school athletes.

• Holy Cross was named to the 2010 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its institutional commitment to service and partnerships with the community. Holy Cross is one of 114 colleges to receive the honor “with distinction.”
FACULTY

• The Office of the Dean announced the hiring of 17 new faculty members, 14 in tenure-track positions and three postdoctoral teaching fellows for the 2011-12 academic year.

• The Dean's Office also announced five faculty promotions to full professor status: Miles B. Cahill, Katherine A. Kiel and Kolleen J. Rask, all of the economics department; Andrew M. Futterman, of the psychology department; and Ward Thomas, of the political science department. In addition, eight faculty members were awarded tenure.

• Judith Chubb, professor of political science, received the 2010 Distinguished Teaching Award at the Fall Faculty convocation.

• Robert Bellin, associate professor of biology, and Stephanie Yuhl, associate professor of history, received the 2010 Mary Louise Mariggi Faculty Awards. Bellin received this year's award for outstanding scholarship, and Yuhl received hers for academic advisement.


• The Council of Editors of Learned Journals, an allied organization of the Modern Language Association, awarded Interfaces, a bilingual illustrated journal co-edited by Holy Cross English Professor Maurice Géracht, with the Parnassus Award for Significant Editorial Achievement.

• Todd Lewis, professor of religious studies, received a Guggenheim Fellowship to further his research in Sri Lanka, Thailand, China and Vietnam.

• Chris Arrell, assistant professor of music, received the 2011 Ossia International Composition Award for Contemporary Music from the Ossia New Music Ensemble for his chamber work, Convergence.

• Professor Donald Brand and Assistant Professor Daniel Klinghard of the political science department received a $75,000 grant from the Manhattan Institute’s VERITAS Fund for Higher Education at Donor’s Trust. They will use these funds to develop courses in political science and to support their Charles Carroll Program lecture series.

• Holy Cross chemistry Professor Richard S. Herrick was named the College’s second Edward A. O’Rorke Professor in the Liberal Arts. Herrick also received a Jean Dreyfus Boiseveain Lectureship in the Chemical Sciences for Undergraduate Institutions grant from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.

• The Massachusetts Cultural Council awarded professor and chair of the music department, Shirish Korde, with its highest honor of an unrestricted $7,500 grant.

• Patricia L. Bizzell, Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., Chair in the Humanities and professor of English, presented this year's Richard Rodino Lecture on the Aims of the Liberal Arts, titled “Take with You Words: The Intellectual Work of Rhetoric in Liberal Education.”

• The Rev. Raymond J. Swords, S.J., Faculty Medals were presented to faculty who have served the College for 25 years or more: Associate Professor of music Carol Lieberman, Professor of Spanish John Cull, Professor of theatre Steve Vineberg and Katherine (Kim) McElaney ’76, former director of the Chaplains’ Office, who was awarded the medal posthumously.

MEDIA

• Newsweek visited campus in August and produced a five-minute video news story on the Mass of the Holy Spirit and the emotional blessing ritual between parents and first-year students. The story featured interviews with parents, Fr. McFarland and chaplain Paul Covino, and was widely accessed and distributed on the newsweek.com website.

• Kiplinger’s Personal Finance ranked Holy Cross 15th on its list of “The Kiplinger 100: Best Value in private colleges.” This is the third year in a row the College has been included in the top 15.

• In a story about colleges lowering academic standards in order to recruit more competitive athletic teams, Fr. McFarland spoke with The Wall Street Journal about the high graduation rates for athletes at Catholic colleges, noting the College’s 97 percent graduate rate for student athletes and commenting on the importance of making admissions decisions that benefit students, not the institution.

• In an Associated Press story about jewelry once owned by Pope Paul VI being auctioned on eBay, Rev. Thomas Worcester, S.J., professor of history, spoke about Pope Paul’s donation of the items to the United Nations as a way to raise money to “relieve human suffering.”

• In a story for American Public Media’s Marketplace, Robert Baumann, associate professor of economics, talked about the negative impact an NFL lockout would have on the popular “Madden NFL” video games and small businesses like restaurants and hotels that cater to football fans. Baumann also discussed the potential results of NBA and NFL lockouts in New York City in Crain’s New York Business.

• In a story for CNN.com about Brian David Mitchell’s trial for kidnapping Elizabeth Smart, Matthew Schmalz, professor of religious studies, discussed how many who suffer from mental illnesses claim personal contact with God.

• In an article for Foreign Policy magazine, Vickie Langohr, associate professor of political science, called for the United States to support free and fair elections amid the spring turmoil in Egypt.

• Daniel Klinghard, associate professor of political science, talked to CNN.com about how the same issues surrounding the debate over the U.S. debt ceiling drove Shays’ Rebellion, an armed uprising in Massachusetts in the 1780s.

• In an article for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution about potentially building a new open-air stadium or expanding the current Georgia Dome, Victor Matheson, associate professor of economics, questions whether it is economically prudent to do either. Matheson insists that despite beliefs that a stadium project would be a job stimulus, it would not create enough jobs to be worth it.

• In a Worcester Business Journal article, Kolleen Rask, professor of economics, provided insight into how the Japan earthquake and tsunami could affect businesses thousands of miles away in central Massachusetts.

• In response to the growing number of caffeinated energy drinks and other products being marketed to adolescents, NPR called upon Amy Wolfson, professor of psychology, for insight into why sleep-deprived teens turn to caffeine instead of getting the sleep they need.
FAITH, SERVICE & JUSTICE

• 302 students—1 in 10 students at the College—spent their spring break volunteering in 26 different communities. This was the largest group in the 27-year history of the Spring Break Immersion Program, with students participating in new sites on the Lakota Indian Reservation in South Dakota, working with migrants in Colorado and on the Mexican border, and at several L’Arche communities, living and working with people who have disabilities.

• During the new weekend fall break, 13 students traveled to an urban retreat center in East Camden, N.J., where they volunteered and reflected on issues of poverty, justice and faith.

• 59 students, three chaplains and one faculty member participated in international immersions to Kenya, Jamaica, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

• During spring break, 21 students reflected on their lives and their relationship with God as part of a five-day adapted version of the traditional Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The silent retreat took place at the Campion Renewal Center in Weston, Mass.

• The student organization Eco-Action presented a weekend clean water campaign called “Aqua Action.” The program featured educational materials on water conservation, opportunities for students to purchase fair trade products and a documentary on water as a world resource.

• Nina DiNunzio ’11, Jordan Duffy ’11 and Patricia Gomez ’11 received the 2011 Community Engagement Awards for tutoring and mentoring refugees in Worcester’s Lutheran Social Services’ Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program. The award is given by the Colleges of Worcester Consortium to honor outstanding students who have made a substantial contribution to a local community organization.

• The College community celebrated its Jesuit heritage with a yearlong program highlighting the global presence of the Society of Jesus. “The Jesuits Around the Globe” series reflected upon the Jesuit influence—past and present—in North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia.

SPEAKERS & EVENTS

• Author, former priest and expert on Jewish-Christian-Muslim reconciliation, James Carroll, discussed religious violence in Jerusalem at an event co-sponsored by the Worcester Jewish Community Center, Congregation Beth Israel, Temple Emanuel, Temple Sinai and CREC at Holy Cross.

• Bill McKibben, best-selling author, activist and the “world’s best green journalist” according to Time magazine, gave a lecture, titled “Past the Tipping Point: The global fight for a stable climate,” opening a yearlong series on sustainability called “In Our Lifetimes: Environmental Change and Stewardship.” The series, sponsored by CREC, is intended to get students thinking about the environmental challenges they will face in their lifetimes, through the year 2050.

• German artist Angela Glajcar installed “Curalium,” a monumental, floating sculpture of shorn fiberglass fabric stretching nearly 50 feet in the sanctuary of St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. The piece encouraged dialogue about faith and contemporary art and inspired a number of associated events.


• Nobel Laureate and chemist Roald Hoffmann delivered the lecture “Chemistry’s Essential Tensions: Three Views of a Science.”

• Tricia Rose, chair of the department of Africana Studies at Brown University and author of Hip Hop Wars, led a discussion at a Montserrat “Self” cluster event aimed at understanding the place of hip-hop music in American culture. Rose also attended a faculty lunch workshop and led a small seminar for selected Self cluster students before the town hall-style event.

• David Isay, StoryCorps Project founder and editor of Listening Is an Act of Love: A Celebration of American Life, spoke to the second-year class (2YO).

• CREC hosted a daylong conference in December on Religion and Reason in the American Founding, at which Jonathan Israel, a leading historian on the Enlightenment and professor at the Institute for Advanced Study, delivered the keynote address.

• Hungarian concert organist Bálint Karosi performed in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel as part of the Holy Cross Chapel Artists’ Series.

• Dartmouth mathematics professor Carolyn S. Gordon delivered the 18th annual Leonard C. Sulski Memorial Lecture in Mathematics, titled “You Can’t Hear the Shape of a Drum.”

• Mark Mathabane, activist and best-selling author of Kaffir Boy, an autobiographical account of life under apartheid, gave a talk about his work.

• The Visiting Writers Series hosted Robert Cording, poet and professor of English and creative writing at the College; Sydney Lea, award-winning poet, novelist, nonfiction writer and founding editor of the New England Review; and award-winning author Malena Watrous, who read from her work If You Follow Me.

• Hungarian concert organist Bálint Karosi performed in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel as part of the Holy Cross Chapel Artists’ Series.

• Diana L. Hayes, professor of theology at Georgetown University, gave a lecture on themes in her recent book, Standing in the Shoes My Mother Made: A Womanist Theology, as part of the Deitchman Family Lectures on Religion and Modernity.

• Scholars examined the role of Mary in modern Russian culture at a two-day symposium in January through a collaboration of Holy Cross and the Museum of Russian Icons, titled “The Mother of God in Modern Russian Culture.”

• Rev. Lloyd Baugh, S.J., visiting international Jesuit scholar and professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, presented a lecture about the impact of filmmakers’ own interests on their cinematic interpretation of Jesus and the Gospel.
• Commonweal magazine editor Paul Baumann presented a lecture in February, titled “Religious Identity in a Pluralistic Age: Liberal, Conservative, or Just Catholic?”

• International economist and best-selling author Dambisa Moyo presented a lecture based on her book Dead-Aid: Why Aid is Not Working and How There is a Better Way for Africa.

• Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Bancroft Prize-winning historian Paul Starr presented a lecture, titled “Morality in Conflict: How Health Care Became So Hard a Problem for America.”

• Holy Cross historian and professor of history, Rev. Anthony J. Kuzniewski, S.J., presented a live online talk in February, titled “Jesuits and the Development of Holy Cross,” for alumni, friends and prospective students.

STUDENTS

• A studio art major with a self-designed minor in architectural studies, Miriam Westin ’11 was this year’s valedictorian. In her speech at Commencement, the St. John’s Newfoundland native said she had learned how to “graciously receive and abundantly give” at Holy Cross.

• Matthew Harper ’11 received the George B. Moran Award, given to a fourth-year student who has shown evidence of scholarship and leadership in College activities.

• Meredith Winter ’11 was selected as the year’s Fenwick Scholar—one of the College’s oldest and most prestigious academic distinctions. As the recipient, Winter designed a program of independent study and research. She presented her findings at the Annual Academic Conference in a lecture, titled “InConspicuous Consumption: Understanding the Role of Indian Chintz In Shaping British Fabric Design.”

• Christina Kyriakos ’11 and psychology Professor Amy Wolfson conducted sleep sessions in Worcester based on Sweet Dreamzzz Inc.’s initiatives to improve the health, well-being and academic performance of at-risk children by providing sleep education and bedtime essentials.

• Kathryn Kennedy ’12 and Peter Renehan ’12 participated in the second annual invitational Northeast Beckman Scholar Symposium at Boston University, where they presented scientific research projects to scholars from various universities.

• Political science major Daisa Guilarte ’11 was one of 32 students selected to participate in Princeton University’s 2010 Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institute.

• Scholar-athlete Kerrin O’Leary ’11, a mathematics major in the Teacher Education Program, received the first Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship. Supported by the National Science Foundation, the scholarship encourages talented students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics to become middle- and secondary-school teachers in these disciplines.

• Fourth-year center Andrew Keister ’11 of Galloway, N.J., a member of the men’s basketball team, was selected as the 2010-2011 Crusader of the Year. Keister ranks sixth all-time at Holy Cross in career field goal percentage and 11th in career rebounds. Off the court, he was named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll four times.

• Katharine Chamberlin ’12 and Kelly Gilmore ’12 received Clare Boothe Luce Scholarships, which are awarded to two women majoring in the physical sciences who are entering their fourth year of study at the College.
Overview

By many measures, fiscal 2011 was a period marked by broad economic improvement tempered by increasing political volatility. Internally, strong student demand translated into strong financial performance resulting in operating revenues exceeding operating expenses for the 41st consecutive year. Furthermore, improved economic conditions throughout the year led to improved stock-market performance and growth in the College’s balance sheet. Externally, the 2010 mid-term elections resulted in a shifting in the balance of power in Washington, D.C., thereby ensuring increased political wrangling on multiple economic and social issues. Terms like “debt ceilings,” “credit ratings” and “balanced budgets,” once relegated to finance offices, became part of the national vernacular during the waning months of fiscal 2011. I’m pleased to report, however, that despite the increased extrinsic political and financial volatility, the College’s finances are in sound condition as measured by balanced budgets that historically produce modest surpluses, a AA-/Aa3 credit rating from Standard & Poor’s/Moody’s Investor Services, respectively, and strong student demand statistics.

With national unemployment remaining elevated at 9.2 percent, the spreading debt crisis in Europe, the weakening dollar, indications of a slowing economy, the threat of a double-dip recession, and flat student demographic trends in the College’s core recruiting markets, it is clear that there are strong headwinds facing the College as it embarks on fiscal 2012. There is also cause, however, for some cautious optimism based on the positive momentum generated in fiscal 2011: The College navigated a very successful search for a new president with the selection of Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J., who will start his new position in January of 2012; the College also substantially completed its strategic planning process that resulted in the identification and prioritization of several initiatives which will improve the academic environment and the College’s competitiveness in attracting strong-caliber students; the balance sheet growth experienced in fiscal 2011 will better position the College to embark on implementing the strategic initiatives over the coming years.

Financial Position

Long-term Investment Assets (unaudited): The asset allocation of the College’s long-term investments, consisting primarily of endowment assets, as of June 30, 2011, can be seen in Figure 1.

The endowment posted a solid 19.3 percent return during fiscal 2011 led principally by exposures to global equity, non-marketable alternatives and real assets. This return compares with the College’s portfolio benchmark of 19.5 percent for the same reporting period. By way of comparison, the S&P 500 returned 30.7 percent, the Russell 3000 returned 32.4 percent and the Barclays Aggregate returned 3.9 percent for the same period. During the fiscal year, the College reduced its fixed-income and global equities exposures and increased exposures to real assets. Income from the endowment provided 14.3 percent of the College’s operating revenues for fiscal 2011, an increase of $0.9 million from fiscal 2010. Positive endowment returns for both fiscal 2010 and 2011 will help soften the impacts of the significant drops in investment values experienced in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 with respect to endowment spending.

Financial Resources and Net Assets:

Expendable financial resources used in the accompanying charts measure the level of resources available to the College to cover its debt requirements or fund its operations under stressful and/or unusual circumstances. As of June 30, 2011, the level of the College’s expendable financial resources to its outstanding debt improved to 2.9 times coverage, up from 2.4 times coverage as of June 30, 2010. Likewise, the level of expendable financial resources to operations increased to 3.3 times coverage in 2011, up from 2.8 times coverage in 2010. These figures...
remain below pre-crisis highs of 3.4 and 4.5, respectively, but indicate that the College is well positioned financially to embark on new strategic endeavors. (See Figure 2 and Figure 3.)

**Physical Assets:**
Compared to recent years, fiscal 2011 was relatively quiet with respect to new construction. As of June 30, 2011, finishing touches were being applied to the new, 156-bed, senior residence hall located between Mulledy Hall and the Hart Center. The new complex, designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver standards, is now being enjoyed by the Class of 2012. The College also completed design and construction of a 2,800-square-foot fitness studio in the basement of Loyola Hall providing convenience to students living on lower campus and alleviating some of the bottlenecks experienced in the Smith Wellness Center.

Fiscal 2011 was very busy as the senior administration engaged in updating the campus master plan through 2020 in support of the next strategic plan. Needs analyses were conducted, benchmarks were performed, capital impacts were assessed and priorities were set in support of the College’s strategic direction. These preliminary plans will be further detailed during fiscal 2012 and dovetailed into planning for the next capital campaign.

**Operations**

Based in large part on strong student demand, operating revenues exceeded operating expenses by approximately $7.5 million. This 4.9 percent return is in keeping with the 5.7 percent return for fiscal 2010. There were several important factors that led to this year’s operating budget surplus, including: 1) conservative enrollment management planning that resulted in an additional 53 students above plan; 2) savings in utilities budgets resulting from lower energy prices; 3) savings from unfilled positions; 4) unspent College budget reserves established during the financial crisis; and 5) conservative budget management practiced by the various divisions and departments on campus. All indications point to fiscal 2012 being another solid year financially from an operating standpoint. The College will utilize excess cash flows generated from fiscal 2011 to fund the new residence hall and further invest in the College’s future.

The following charts detail the key components of the College’s revenues and expenses. (See Figure 4 and Figure 5.)

For fiscal 2011, it cost approximately $40,000 to educate each Holy Cross student. Tuition and fees, net of any financial aid discounts, cover approximately 67 percent of this cost with the remaining coverage coming from endowment income and other external sources consisting primarily of contributions, gifts and grants. (See Figure 6.)

Despite the increasing political and financial volatility, Holy Cross remains on solid financial footing providing a stable foundation for the future. The true strength of the College, however, lies in the high degree of unwavering support and engagement from the College’s students, faculty, employees and alumni which continually move the College forward and challenge it to be ever better and to make greater positive impacts on the lives of our students, graduates and the world at large. It is this commitment to Holy Cross that sets the College and its graduates apart from just about every other higher education institution in the United States. It is also this commitment that will need to be continually forged and strengthened as the College embarks on a future that is marked by increased volatility, uncertainty and serious macro-economic headwinds if the College is to remain competitive and successfully pursue its mission.
## Five-Year Trends

### Student Enrollment

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### Student Outcomes

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### Per-Student Charges

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### Financial Resources ($000)*

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*Fiscal Year 2011 financial resources are unaudited.
“Our Jesuit mission ... calls for a loving and conscientious stewardship of our world.”

—REV. MICHAEL C. McFARLAND, S.J.
by late 1969, antiwar protests had become an unavoidable part of campus life. While some students took an active role in the ROTC and supported American efforts to defeat North Vietnam's communist forces, a growing number were angry and desperate for the United States to pull out. Nationwide, students were looking for any opportunity to make themselves heard on the war or on any matter of social injustice. Holy Cross was ripe terrain for anyone looking to protest the war. The College had a long-standing ROTC presence and was a popular recruiting spot for the military as well as companies with military contracts. The steady stream of recruitment visits gave antiwar protesters easy targets for demonstrations. In the fall of 1969, the Holy Cross chapter of Students for a Democratic Society [SDS] staged a “talkathon” when Marine recruiters came to campus. They chanted so loudly that the officers were unable to interview potential recruits. While tensions were high, most of the demonstrations passed without incident. During a march to protest an insurer’s involvement in a controversial urban renewal project, police met the protesters at the company’s headquarters in full riot gear with dogs and reinforcements. The police sent the students back to campus and they left without any real arguments. None of them wanted to go to jail or get into real trouble. Fr. Brooks firmly believed in the students’ right to protest. Occasionally he even joined them. At one October event, a large group of students gathered on the library steps to call for a moratorium on U.S. involvement in Vietnam. Fr. Brooks gave a speech in support of the students’ call, and then he and Swords [College President Rev. Raymond J. Swords, S.J.] held an impromptu mass.
for everyone who showed up. Minor campus confrontations continued throughout the fall of 1969. The SDS morphed into the Revolutionary Students Union (RSU), and the new group devoted much of its effort to going after the ROTC.

On December 1, the faculty senate took a vote to state that, among other things, “advocates of no cause will be permitted to deny freedom to anyone with whom they may disagree.” Moreover, when it came to career recruiting, the campus “must remain open to the representatives of business firms and agencies of government which enjoy a legitimate place in American society.” The RSU vowed to continue with its protests in spite of the vote. Next up was a General Electric Company recruitment visit on December 10. Protesters saw that as an opportunity to log yet another victory. The RSU announced that it planned to interrupt the GE visit in support of an ongoing strike by GE workers and to protest the company’s role as a major defense contractor that manufactured products like the Minigun, a helicopter-mounted weapon that could fire up to four thousand rounds per minute. The RSU organizers approached Ted Wells and Art Martin to see if the Black Student Union wanted to join the protest, since GE had been accused of discriminating against African Americans. Wells was skeptical; he argued that the BSU should save its energy for battles that were more directly related to black issues, but he agreed to take the matter to a vote. The black students met on December 9 and, after some debate, agreed that the union should stay neutral. Anyone who wanted to join the protest would have to go on his own. The next morning, two GE recruiters arrived on campus. Holy Cross officials met them in the parking lot and took them straight to Room 320 of Hogan Hall. Within half an hour, a few dozen students had gathered to interrupt the job interviews. When the first senior tried to enter the room for an interview, he was turned away by a chain of interlocked arms. The same thing happened for two other students, who left amid a chorus of voices chanting “Workers, yes! GE, no!” Don McClain, the dean of students, was livid. He stood before the crowd and vowed to take the matter to the College Judicial Board for further action if the protesters didn’t disband. When the students ignored him, McClain, frustrated, asked the recruiters to leave.

Within an hour, John Shay, the vice president for student affairs, read a statement on behalf of the College, noting that “the students who participated in [the] obstruction of the General Electric Company’s career counseling appointment did so with the full knowledge that such obstruction was in direct defiance of an explicitly stated College policy on demonstrations.” He added that anyone charged would have their cases heard before the College Judicial Board, which would have the authority to suspend or expel them. Later that day, members of McClain’s staff made what they later called a “visual identification” of sixteen students out of the fifty-four who had been at the demonstration. They put the names of the identified protesters on a list of students to be charged with violating College rules. Most of the students on the list were activist organizers who had made a name for themselves at Holy Cross. Four of the sixteen identified students were black. They weren’t regular protesters; they were merely, as McClain put it, “highly identifiable.” There had been five black students in total at the demonstration. Ted Wells organized an emergency BSU executive meeting that evening when he learned about the outcome of the demonstration. Wells thought the charges were racist, pure and simple. At the meeting Art Martin was visibly exasperated, and furious with the black protesters whose involvement was forcing the BSU to take a drastic stance. He described them as “badasses” and argued that it was their own fault if they were expelled, since the BSU had formally declined to participate in the protests. But he eventually agreed with Wells; the collective insult was too great to ignore. Clarence Thomas also felt torn. The school had set up a law, he argued, and these men had blatantly broken it. Still, he added, fair was fair, and in a crowd of mostly white men, the fact that it was easier to pick out the people with dark complexions didn’t make it right. Thomas himself had contemplated going down to the demonstration. He shuddered to think that it could have been him—likely would have been him—about to face the judicial board if he had acted on his whim; this time he had ignored his usual instincts to oppose whatever stance Wells and the BSU put forward. In the end, all the men agreed that the College’s behavior was unacceptable and racist. The board would have to drop all charges against the black men, or else the BSU would take action. None of them was willing to contemplate what kind of action they would take; they hoped that the College would
understand the BSU’s position and agree to its demands. They decided to appoint a spokesman who would represent the black protesters before the judicial board. Each of the sixteen students would be making his individual case for why he shouldn’t be suspended or expelled. It would be hard for any of them to argue that they didn’t know they were breaking the rules, but the BSU wanted to make this a formal issue about race. Wells was passionate about how wronged the men were, and the BSU members agreed that nobody was better than Wells when it came to presenting a persuasive argument, not even Clarence Thomas. The accused students agreed to have Wells speak on their behalf.

The next morning, on December 11, Ted Wells left a message for Fr. Brooks, asking to meet before the 12:30 p.m. hearing. He believed the dean would share their outrage. Brooks didn’t get the message in time, so Wells went to the meeting a half hour before it began and asked the board chairman, a larger-than-life chemistry professor named Michael McGrath, if he could represent the black students. A surprised McGrath turned to the four accused students to ask if they really thought that having another student explain their actions would help their case, and if they were sure they didn’t want to speak up for themselves. The men nodded.

Wells immediately tried to shift the discussion away from the legality of the demonstrations. What they were there to talk about, he asserted, was “a much higher issue— racism.” There had been 54 students at the demonstration, including five who were black. Of the 16 who were singled out for punishment, though, a dozen were white and four were black. In other words, Wells noted, 20 percent of the white demonstrators were charged while 80 percent of the blacks were.

“As spokesman for the Holy Cross BSU, I charge that this school has exhibited racist attitudes in the naming of a grossly disproportionate number of blacks to stand trial in this case,” he told the room. Moreover, Wells noted that he was standing before a judicial board that was entirely white and, in all probability, unlikely to appreciate the inherent racism in how the students were charged. The board, which consisted of one administrator, six professors, and three students, was silent after Wells’s speech. Then they began to ask questions: Why were the black students at the protest? What were they doing during the demonstration? Were they members of the RSU? Weren’t they standing near the door, where they would have been easy to identify—black or white? Did they want to have their cases looked at individually, so they could present extenuating circumstances, or did they want to be heard as a group? Each of the men responded that they wanted to be heard as a group. McGrath asked them again: Were they sure they wanted to stick with the group?

They did. Several of the white students then jumped to their own defense, claiming that they had been charged only because of their involvement with the RSU and because they had been willing to give their names. The board then began its deliberations. In an account later presented by McGrath, he noted that the members agreed that the rules had been broken, and debated whether the RSU itself had a right to exist, given its history of trampling on the rights of others. The fate of the black students was less clear. One member pointed out that just because they had been identified in higher numbers than the whites didn’t mean they weren’t subject to the same rules. But the fact that they had been singled out made some members uncomfortable, as did Ted Wells’s warning that if amnesty weren’t granted to the four men, the BSU would have “no alternative except to take action commensurate with the situation at hand.”

Wells was worried when he walked out of the hearing. Back at the dorm he rounded up every member of the BSU to enlist their help in contacting all 64 black men on campus. Stan Grayson was away at a basketball game and couldn’t be reached, and a few others were missing as well.

When the BSU met that night, the fury in the room was palpable. Wells wasn’t optimistic about what the judicial board would decide. If its members didn’t immediately see the racism of the situation, he believed, they probably never would. The men began to yell out suggestions. “Let’s blow something up,” said one.

“Let’s occupy a building.”

“Let’s march into Swords’s office, man!”

Thomas spoke calmly over the fray. “Let’s just leave.”

Some white students protested and walked out in a show of solidarity with their African American classmates.
The men grew quiet. Thomas repeated himself: “Let’s just leave.” If the College didn’t want them there, he argued, then should they stay? There was no power in staging a sit-in, or marching to the president’s office. But if they all got up and walked out together, that would really say something.

The men mulled over Thomas’s suggestion. If they quit school, all of them might suffer. But the gesture would be impossible to ignore and, in one swift action, Holy Cross could lose its entire black student population. Thomas understood the risk in what he was suggesting, and he was scared. He would have nowhere to go. There were scholarships on the line, and there would be heartbroken parents. But what choice did they have? If they weren’t going to be treated fairly, he argued, the only answer was to calmly leave.

Art Martin sat quietly, staring at his hands. He was in his final year, headed to law school. He had endured three and a half years of studying, three and a half years of looking the other way at veiled insults. Graduation was in sight. But he couldn’t let that stand in the way of doing what was right. “I’m in,” he said.

Ted Wells had a lump in his throat as he thought about calling his mother, and about trying to get admitted to another good college on scholarship if he quit this one in protest. Over the next few hours, they continued to debate strategy and give each student a chance to have his say. It was close to midnight when they finally took the matter to a vote. All of the men unanimously agreed to leave Holy Cross if the board declined the four protesters amnesty. It was the most powerful statement they could make, a test of the College’s commitment to truly furthering civil rights. The College was aware of its own racism, and Fr. Brooks, the man who had tapped its small endowment to raise faculty salaries. He had to deal with anger from alumni, faculty, and students who didn’t like the form or the pace of change at Holy Cross. The stress had become too great.

Swords looked upset when he told the men that he couldn’t make an exception for them. “I guess that’s it then,” said Wells.

As he and Martin walked out the door, Brooks called after them, telling them not to do anything drastic. “Give us a chance to try to work things out.”

Art Martin felt hurt and full of rage. The school wasn’t even aware of its own racism, and Fr. Brooks, the man who had done so much to make them feel like a part of the community, now appeared to be utterly impotent.

Wells and Martin left their meeting with Swords at 2:45 a.m. on Friday, December 12. Fifteen minutes later, elsewhere on campus, the board announced its decision: All sixteen students charged would be suspended for the rest of the academic year; they had to pack up their bags and leave before 5 p.m. on Sunday. They would be allowed to take their exams for the final semester but they would not be allowed back on the campus for any other reason, though they would be allowed to apply for readmission to the College and resume their studies, with approval from the dean of men, in the fall of 1970. Wells and Martin walked over to the campus radio station and announced that, in response to the administration’s decision, the black students were leaving Holy Cross. The BSU would hold a press conference at 10 a.m. to make its views known. When they returned to the corridor, many of the men were still awake. They were devastated when they learned of the board’s
ruling. Wells suggested that they should all put on their best clothes in the morning, make their statement, and then walk proudly out of the school to start a new chapter of their lives. Several of the men began to call up the black freshmen who lived in the other dorms to inform them of the decision.

Eddie Jenkins didn’t really feel up for the walkout: He had already lost his football season and had barely recovered from hepatitis. It looked certain that he was off to Vietnam. Now he had to tell his parents that he would no longer be enrolled in the College that had made them so proud. Both parents would be crushed to learn that he quit.

Clarence Thomas sat in his room, anxiously deliberating over where he would go. Savannah was out of the question. He thought he might be able to spend a few nights in town at Kathy Ambush’s house. He might find a way to continue his studies somewhere else, but it was the long term that worried him. What law school was going to accept and support a student who had dropped out because of alleged racism?

Ed Jones, though equally anxious, felt a surge of quiet pride in the BSU’s willingness to stand together and fight racism. This was the kind of solidarity he had been calling for all year. As he later wrote in an article that ran in National Catholic Reporter: “Our concerns must begin to wander from the anxiety of getting a girl for the weekend to the future of black girls in the ghetto, from our grades to the total education of black people. If we fall into the ivory [white] tower bag, then we are doubly guilty of anything the whites are.” If Jones hadn’t come to Holy Cross, he firmly believed that he would have joined the Black Panthers in D.C. by now. But he was in Worcester, about to leave his college education behind. He wasn’t sure how his mother would react. While she was proud to have a son in college, she hadn’t encouraged him to go. Jones knew that his life was a mystery to his mother. She wasn’t the type to hope for too much. He imagined that if he quit and went home, she might just shrug, light up a cigarette, and tell him he better go find a job.

Ted Wells called his mother from a pay phone. [She] was quiet while he explained what was going on. She trusted her son more than anyone in the world. “If you think it’s the right thing to do, then that’s what you should do,” she said. Later Wells talked strategy with Art Martin: The men were to pack whatever belongings they could carry. In the morning they would walk together to the auditorium at the Hogan Campus Center and gather onstage to announce their departure. The BSU would pay for everyone’s ticket home with cash on hand, which they would no longer need for anything else.

News of the planned walkout spread fast. The student government chairman held an emergency meeting and issued a statement condemning the “de facto racism” of the board’s decision and calling for amnesty for all sixteen students.

Fr. Brooks began fielding calls from parents before dawn. He understood their concern. Dropping out of college in the
Wells told Brooks that they had made their position clear. Close by, he was going to find a way to work everything out. Brooks pushed his way through the ballroom to reach Wells outside, and asked him to please keep everyone informed of support. Brooks pushed his way through the ballroom to make sure that the College would do everything possible to work the crisis out.

Though he was scared for them, too, Brooks told them not to worry and promised that the College would do everything possible to work the crisis out.

By 10 a.m. Friday morning, more than six hundred students had gathered in the Hogan ballroom. There was a sense of anticipation in the air, the feeling that something dramatic was going to happen. Most of the students had come out to support the BSU’s stance. The crowd erupted in cheers as the black students filed in and walked up onto the stage. With the exception of three or four students, every black man on campus had agreed to join in the walkout. Brooks stood to the side looking grim as Wells read a statement.

The BSU sympathized with the Revolutionary Students Union in its struggle against human oppression, he said, but this was about racism. It was about the arbitrary decision to charge 80 percent of the black students at a demonstration and let 80 percent of the white students go free. The black students of Holy Cross had no choice but to walk away from the school, the parents were worried that the men’s actions might jeopardize their scholarships. And in any case, they would be branded as protesters, which might jeopardize their future.

Wells agreed. Much of the student body was now threatening to boycott classes unless the black students returned. More important, Brooks felt that they couldn’t let every one of those men walk away from their education. “There are times,” he told the president, “when one principle has to override another.” To Brooks’s surprise, Swords agreed. Brooks learned that a few members of the College Judicial Board were even reconsidering their decision. Brooks offered to help gather a group together to discuss the situation with Swords so that the president could reconsider the facts of the case. He knew they needed to act quickly.

His top priority was to find a person to join the discussions who could represent the views of the black students. He approached John Scott, a respected black community activist and former sociology professor who was also chairman of the city of Worcester’s Human Rights Committee. Paul Rosenkrantz and Brooks would be part of the group, along with John Shay, who had been on the judicial board but had abstained from voting. Others would be invited to join in and speak, when appropriate. On the surface the goal was to present all points of view, but for Brooks it was to bring the black students back before it was too late.

At 4:00 p.m., Swords and Brooks went to a scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees, who told Swords that it wasn’t their role to reverse the decision of any campus group. Swords was the only one with the authority to do that.

Brooks went to see Ted Wells and Art Martin to explain what was going on. They knew John Scott and felt that, as someone who was black and not affiliated with Holy Cross, he would be sympathetic to their arguments. They agreed to negotiate through him. As Brooks turned to leave, he thrust a couple of hundred dollars into Wells’s hand. When Wells looked up in surprise, Brooks asked him to spread it among the men. They wouldn’t be eating on campus for a while, Brooks pointed out, so they could use the money to get some burgers and fries. Wells suspected that the money had come from the priest’s own pocket.

Stan Grayson didn’t learn about the walkout until later that evening, when the basketball players returned from an embarrassing 92–68 loss to Columbia. Grayson was exhausted and bracing himself for some ribbing about the team’s defeat. As he got off the bus, he saw Ted Wells, who explained what had happened. Grayson immediately told his teammates that he had to leave.

The team was scheduled to play in the coming days, but Coach Donahue told him to do whatever he thought was right. Grayson was one of the coach’s favorite players; the coach admired the sophomore’s principles and integrity. Grayson shook his hand, and the hands of his team members, and immediately headed to the corridor to grab his things.

The next day, the campus was buzzing with activity. A number of students and faculty had organized a daylong
forum to talk about the racism charges. Fr. Brooks had brought together the advisory committee that morning.

President Swords sat silently as John Scott, the arbitrator, got up and warned that “if you let these men quit, then it's likely that a lot of other students will walk out and you'll have a general strike on your hands.” That might draw the SDS, Black Panthers, or other activist groups intent on stirring up violence. Swords listened but remained silent. Brooks understood that the president wanted to witness the debate, not influence it. For the rest of Saturday and into the night, Swords didn’t offer a single opinion.

At the forum, emotions were still running high. Some faculty members were visibly angry that the black students were getting special treatment; another admitted that he had initially opposed amnesty but then reversed his decision when he saw the severity of the sentence. Now he didn’t see why any of the black students would want to return to Holy Cross after the treatment that they had received. The Worcester Telegram ran an editorial on Saturday praising the board for its “courage” in sticking to its guns and noting that the rules had been “arrogantly flouted by a group of self-styled revolutionary students who almost precipitated mob violence in a crowded corridor.”

Black or white, the Telegram wrote, the students deserved to be punished. During every break from the council discussions, Fr. Brooks drove to the Clark campus to tell Ted Wells and Art Martin what had happened in the meetings. He wanted to make sure that the men didn’t lose hope and start to disperse. He asked Wells if the men needed anything. His voice cracking with fatigue, Fr. Brooks promised to call with updates. Wells agreed to persuade everyone to stay put; he knew the stakes were too high to do otherwise. Although he was moved by the priest’s commitment, Wells was still angry. Fr. Brooks might care about the fate of the BSU, but the fact that the president hadn’t reversed his decision yet was upsetting. What was clear-cut racism to the black students seemed to be a gray area to the leaders of Holy Cross. Why else would they still be debating the matter? Wells was right—many in the Holy Cross administration saw no need to welcome the black students back. The discussions among members of the advisory group were getting heated. Some faculty members felt that overruling the College Judicial Board would be tantamount to calling it worthless and letting the campus degenerate into mob rule. It would be a victory for the demonstrators. But Fr. Brooks didn’t much care about whether the president’s ruling might prompt further demonstrations or damage to the school’s reputation; the real tragedy of getting it wrong would be felt by the students.

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The group took a break at 2:30 a.m., and Fr. Brooks drove back to Clark to meet again with Wells and Martin. They told him that many of the black students would head home Sunday night if the president hadn’t reversed his decision by that point, and they would do the same, too. When Fr. Brooks let the committee know of the black students’ intentions, several remained unmoved. As he later told Worcester’s Evening Gazette, sometimes whites “couldn’t even see their own bias, never mind overcome it.”

As the sun was beginning to set on Sunday, President Swords announced that he had heard enough. Fr. Brooks contacted Wells and Martin to ask that they return to the school to hear the president’s decision.

At 6:30 p.m. on December 14, Swords and Fr. Brooks arrived at the ballroom, where hundreds of students and faculty had already gathered. Swords looked somber as he stepped up to the podium. Everyone was silent as the president stood up, adjusted the thick, black frames of his glasses, and read his statement. “I am granting amnesty to the 16 students of Holy Cross College whose suspension from the College because of their involvement in the General Electric Co. incident was previously announced.” Every student who had been charged in the demonstration, black or white, would be exonerated and free to resume their studies.

The murmurs of the crowd almost drowned out the rest of his words. Swords went on to say that he now agreed with the BSU that the procedures for identifying students weren’t ideal and that every student who had been at the protest should have been charged. While the judicial board may have acted as fairly as it could have under the circumstances, its decision would be reversed. Moreover, all campus recruitment would be postponed and formal classes would be canceled for the following week to allow students and faculty to discuss racial issues on campus. Everyone had been affected by the events of the past three days, and Swords wanted to give the campus time to absorb them and a chance to debate their opinions.

Fr. Brooks felt a wave of relief, and respect for Swords’s courage to reverse his public stance. Art Martin and Ted Wells, standing near the stage, dressed in jackets and ties, were visibly moved. As the crowd cheered, Martin came to the podium to announce that the black students would return to campus after the Christmas break. One of the students saw Fr. Brooks standing to the side, slipping out quietly with tears in his eyes.

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HOLY CROSS is a different place than it was in 1968 when Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49 took it upon himself to drive around the country to recruit African American high school students to come to the all-male, primarily white campus. Today, the Class of 2015 is 25 percent ALANA*, and the College had an 18 percent increase in ALANA applications this year. Yet despite these strides, diversity is still a work in progress—and a clear priority for Holy Cross. Extensive campus-wide study and discussion over the past year led to the creation of a new leadership position, Chief Diversity Officer. The search for this person is under way. He or she will join the effort to ensure that Holy Cross nurtures what College President Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., calls an “open, honest, inquisitive and respectful” campus culture. Holy Cross Magazine talked to some of today’s campus leaders to learn more about where we are on the journey to being a more inclusive, diverse institution.

Why does reaching a greater level of diversity continue to be an important part of our goals for the College?

Mable Millner, assistant dean of students and director of multicultural education: One of the sayings that we use is “Diversity is not about counting heads, but about making heads count.” The value that everyone brings to the campus from their own experiences—that is what makes a college campus a vibrant place. We must be able to share, to benefit and to be enriched by these many different stories every day.

Timothy Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College: First, our students leave the College to live, work and (we hope) flourish in a multicultural, multilingual, globally interconnected world. We would think we had failed them terribly if the education we offered did not equip them to handle modern technology; diversity represents an equally non-negotiable aspect of our world and one we must also familiarize them with.

Second, a liberal arts education has always thrived on multiple viewpoints and perspectives. Our mission statement calls us to examine fundamental questions and to be open to the different answers the world offers. And our Jesuit tradition sees God not only in “all things” but—above all—in “all people.” So here on campus, everything we claim to be points to the desirability of inclusiveness of all types and in all areas.

Does being a Jesuit institution bring a unique perspective to issues of diversity?

Rev. Paul F. Harman, S.J., vice president for mission: The Jesuits are an international group, and we think internationally. Different people, different cultures, different faiths—that’s the context in which Jesuits live and breathe. So diversity doesn’t come as a surprise to Jesuits, because God’s world is diverse. We also must realize that we’re not just talking about race, but also ethnic diversity, age diversity, religious diversity, financial diversity and international diversity. All of these must be considered.

Holy Cross has had a degree of success in the area of diversity. How has this been achieved?

Ann McDermott ’79, director of admissions: Change is hard, and it takes time, but a generous gift from B.J. Cassin ’55 was one of the reasons we were able to achieve larger numbers in a short amount of time. [In 2002, Cassin made a $1 million grant to further minority recruitment and retention on campus.] We have more staff to target local markets, as well as build a network among community-based agencies that work with students across the country who may not have access to college. Having buy-in from

* ALANA refers to persons of African American, Latin American, Asian-American and Native American heritage.
these agencies—knowing they appreciate and believe in our mission—has helped us develop pipelines to get students in our mix that we have not had in the past. So we’re on a roll … but we’re continuing to work at this.

We also keep in mind that it’s not just a matter of the admissions staff recruiting students and “passing a class off.” In the years since Fr. Brooks’ efforts to bring African American students here, the entire community has advanced to be more inclusive—changes in curriculum, in cocurricular programs, in residence life—these have all been areas where Holy Cross has worked to promote change that creates a more open environment for all our students.

Jacqueline Peterson, vice president for student affairs and dean of students: I have seen the complexion of campus changing in the 14 years I have been here. My office in the Hogan Center has a large window—it’s my window onto the campus, and I remember sitting at my desk, many a day, seeing students walk by, and they were all majority students. It’s so different now; there are many students of color.

What about diversity among faculty?

Austin: Like any institution, Holy Cross has to work with (and also against) its own history. Despite Fr. Brooks’ groundbreaking work, it is only in the past 10 years that we have begun to enroll the proportion of ALANA students that we should. In the area of faculty and staff employees, we have not made even that degree of progress. There are reasons for this. The entire student body turns over every four years, so change can move relatively quickly. Faculty members often serve for 30 or 40 years before retiring and leaving open a position that offers an opportunity for an inclusive hire.

But such excuses are beside the point. We need to move forward and to do so aggressively. For that reason, I am delighted that seven of our 14 new tenure-track faculty appointments this year were of ALANA teacher-scholars (see Page 4).

As an institution, where can we go from here? When can we say we’ve reached our goals?

Austin: I really hope that we can work to pair the word diversity with the word inclusivity (or inclusiveness). The goal must be to move toward a campus that is welcoming and affirming for people of all backgrounds and types.

Peterson: We like the term “multiculturally competent.” It is our responsibility as educators to fully educate students so they can be leaders and function at the top levels of whatever fields they are in. This means that they should also be competent in terms of multicultural, diverse environments, because that’s the world in which we live. That’s why it’s important not to say, “Well, we have the numbers, we must be all done now.”

Fr. Harman: I think success is when we have substantial numbers of different people living and studying and working together—TOGETHER. And there’s no magic wand that can achieve that. It’s the challenge of human nature: Wherever you go, you find the people you’re comfortable with, people who are like you. But we want to encourage honest conversations where people can explore the differences among us—and have unity in our diversity.

McDermott: We have to have critical mass. If you just have a few people, they will feel isolated. Years ago we threw out the number 25 percent, and we couldn’t even imagine it really happening. And now we’re there—but where do we go? We need to mirror what this country’s population looks like, and then we will be achieving an important level of success.

Millner: When inclusivity becomes seamless—a natural part of all that we do as a community—then we will have reached an important goal.

The conversation about diversity and inclusivity with campus leaders continues online in this issue’s Web Exclusives. Visit http://magazine.holycross.edu
“Most of what I remember about Holy Cross Rugby are my teammates—and friends—and how much fun we had,” says Dick Hackman ’68. “The team, and those teammates, are still far and away my fondest memories of my four years at Holy Cross.”

As Holy Cross Rugby celebrates its golden anniversary, former players recall the bonds forged on the pitch.

“Give blood,” the saying goes, “play rugby!” American football’s bruising ancestor, born on the playing fields of English public schools, and played with bravado and very little in the way of padding, rugby famously has been described as “elegant violence,” as a “game for hooligans played by gentlemen.” To those who love the sport’s combination of speed, skill, brawn and camaraderie, there’s no other game quite like it.

The men’s Rugby Club at Holy Cross marks its 50th anniversary this fall, and alumni who have donned the team’s purple shamrock are taking the occasion to celebrate a half-century of team spirit and colorful memories, while encouraging a new generation to play the sport. The rugby tradition, begun at the College in 1961, today encompasses women as well as men, bound by a passion for the game.

“I have heard many people say that they are most thankful to Holy Cross because they met their spouse there. I am most thankful to Holy Cross because I was introduced to the sport of rugby there,” says Patrick Kane ’00, currently head rugby coach at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Rugby League and a member of USA Rugby’s College Committee.

Dick Hackman ’68 points to a photo from the 1968 Purple Patcher (above) as the best example of the rugby bond: “There are rugby players walking down the hill from practice, arm in arm. And that sums up in a picture what rugby is about more than I could ever put into words.” The first and fifth players’ identities are unknown, but the others are (starting second from left): Tony Silva ’67, Arthur Blum ’69, Joe Pulito, M.D., ’69, (unknown), Wayne Cascio ’68, Bill Joy ’69, P’97 and John Cavicchi ’69.

The relationships formed on the pitch endure across
generations, players say: “Because it’s such a high-impact physical sport, you need to be able to trust the persons you’re on the field with,” Kane says. Add to that the sport’s tradition of conviviality. “After you’ve spent 80 minutes beating the heck out of each other on the field, both teams come together and socialize,” he explains. “There’s a common bond, not just between teammates but between everyone who ever set foot on a rugby field.”

Talk to any rugby alum, and you’ll hear similar stories of friendships forged in the scrum.

Cody Eckstein ’03 recalls playing in the “blistering heat” on a spring tour of the Bahamas. “After the games we sang songs and passed out a hundred Holy Cross Rugby shirts with a Shakespeare quote on the back, ‘For he today that sheds his blood with me/ Shall be my brother.’ The rest of our time in Nassau we would see locals around town proudly wearing these Holy Cross shirts. It made me smile.”

Stacy Powell ’09 says: “I still bleed purple. Working hard twice a week for four years to finally win a national championship in 2009 was phenomenal. I don’t remember the score or details of the game. What I do remember are the girls that fought with me that day on the pitch. We left our blood, tears and sweat on that field in Philadelphia. We all fought together toward a common goal.” Whether the players are male or female, the game of rugby is based on trust and unity. “As we scrummed down that day we took home the trophy,” Powell continues. “We did not scrum down as eight individual athletes, but rather as one unit with eight hearts beating as one.”

The strong Old Boy—and Old Girl—network that exists among ruggers is widespread. It also showcases the professional prowess of its members: “In all the rosters of rugby alumni, there seems to be an awful lot of names with initials after them—Ph.D., M.D., J.D., M.B.A., S.J., USN, etc.,” says John Collins ’71. Members of that network now are working to boost the game as it enters its second half-century at Holy Cross. The College has a distinguished rugby history, having produced All-Americans and four men who competed for the U.S. National Team, the Eagles. Kevin Swords ’82, one of four Swords brothers to play for the Crusaders, is ranked among the finest American players ever; he is the only rugger in the Holy Cross Hall of Fame.

“It’s a very serious sport,” says Ed Hagerty ’64, publisher of Rugby Magazine. Rugby returns to the Olympics in 2012, and is exploding in popularity at the youth and high school level, Hagerty notes. With some of the strongest high school teams nationally at Jesuit high schools, he says, Holy Cross is especially
Alumni hope Holy Cross will become a natural destination for top young players who would enable the Crusaders to compete at the highest level—in the men’s case, Division 1. Supporters have a number of ideas for boosting rugby at the College, including hosting a tournament for Jesuit high schools, and building a dedicated playing field for rugby.

“With 50 years of alumni and with the up-and-coming high school ruggers in Holy Cross’ applicant pool, Holy Cross has the chance to step up on the national stage,” says Dan Spada, M.D., ’69. “Hopefully we will awaken the sleeping giant.”

Plans for commemorating the 50th anniversary of the men’s club are in the works, says Pat Comerford ’93, a member of the Holy Cross Rugby Football Club Alumni Board. He reports an alumni game and 50th year banquet are planned for October, and fundraising reunion events are under way this fall in Boston, Chicago, Washington and New York.

The aim, beyond recalling old friendships, is to benefit today’s heirs to the Holy Cross Rugby tradition, Comerford says. “It’s the current team that’s important,” he notes—adding that alumni have kept in close touch with the current men’s team and new coach Steve Teasdale, a local rugby legend himself who took the Boston Irish Wolfhounds Rugby Club to two national championships. Alumni played a match against the current men’s club this past spring and plan to do so again this fall.

“One thing Comerford would especially like to see to mark the golden anniversary: an alumni game between Boston College and Holy Cross. “Everyone would lace them up for that,” he says.

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For more information about rugby alumni events, contact Pat Comerford at pcomerford@mccarter.com. Want to cheer on the current teams? The men’s next home game is Oct. 16 against Boston University, and the women square off against Wellesley at home on Oct. 22. And be sure to check out this issue’s Web Exclusives at http://magazine.holycross.edu/ for more photos and reminiscences from a half-century of Holy Cross Rugby.

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OUT OF THE WATER WITH Samantha Hullihen ’13

An English major and a student in the health professions advisory program, Samantha Hullihen ’13 competes in the 50 free, 100 back and 100 fly as a varsity swimmer for Holy Cross. *Holy Cross Magazine* caught up with the Pelham, N.J., native to find out what she likes to do when she’s on terra firma.

**Q&A**

**What’s your favorite spot to be with friends on campus?**

My group of friends likes to hang out on the first floor of Hogan, around the Cool Beans area or by the study tables. We usually get coffee or ice cream and then end up spending hours there.

**Do you ever feel like swimming just for fun?**

When ever I get the chance, I love swimming just for fun! If I’m at the beach I love playing Frisbee or football with my brother and sister or body surfing with some of my friends. At a lake it’s all about catching some sun from a comely seat on a raft.

**What has been your toughest (or favorite, or most interesting) class so far at Holy Cross?**

How about all three? **Hardest:** Organic Chemistry with Visiting Assistant Professor Shelli Waetzig and Assistant Professor Bianca Sculimbren. I think you have to REALLY love chemistry to think that class isn’t hard. **Favorite:** American Renaissance with Associate Professor Sarah Luria. We spend all day gushing over Emerson, Dickinson, Thoreau and Melville. **Most Interesting:** Sociological Perspective with Assistant Professor Susan Crawford Sullivan. It was a great opportunity to argue and debate social issues and perspectives with students from different backgrounds than myself.

**If you couldn’t swim, which sport would you want to excel in and why?**

I’ve always loved soccer and I’ve played it since birth, but if I had to pick a sport in which to excel, I think it would be really interesting to be good at something unusual like archery or Parkour.

**Do you have any hobbies or causes you are passionate about outside the pool and the classroom?**

I am a team captain of the Holy Cross ballroom dance team, and, apart from swimming, that takes up most of my time. I’m also involved in liturgical ministry and Helping Area Youth Embrace Spirituality (HAYES) retreats, but ballroom is a sport for which I’ve become particularly passionate and enthusiastic. I’m enthralled with the entire dancesport culture, and I love how it’s shaped my college experience.

**You’re an English major ... do you have a favorite author you’ve been introduced to since starting your studies here at the College?**

It’s really hard to pick a favorite author because it changes whenever I come across new literature. As of right now, I recently read *Angels and Demons*, so I’m a fan of Dan Brown, and in my British Literature class, we also just read *The Mill on the Floss*, so George Eliot has topped the favorite list as well.

HONORING LEADERSHIP

Rick DeAngelis ’70 has established a leadership award in memory of his coach, the late Robert T. Curran ’48. A two-sport captain for the Crusaders, Curran was a three-year starter in baseball and a key man on the Crusaders’ 1947 NCAA men’s basketball championship team. In his role as baseball coach from 1967 to 1971, Curran mentored his players on and off the field.

“Bob Curran was a players’ coach who led by example, inspired his players to be the best they could be on the baseball diamond and, more importantly, in life and instilled in us the will to succeed,” says DeAngelis, who played varsity baseball all four years on the Hill, and was an Academic All American his final year. Players Nick Ciardello ’11, Jack Laurendeau ’11, Brendan McCrea ’11 and Eric Oxford ’11 (bottom, from left) received the first annual Robert T. Curran Leadership award this spring, along with head coach Greg DiCenzo.

“It’s an honor to be given an award in memory of a former player and coach who was known by many as the ‘Son of Holy Cross,’” says Laurendeau.

DeAngelis also channels his love of baseball into the Lexington Blue Sox (lexingtonbluesox.com), the team he founded in 1995. Learn more about the Blue Sox and its mission to promote summertime fun and top-notch baseball in this issue’s Web Exclusives at http://magazine.holycross.edu/.
Stephen Martineau ’97 began a romance with service work during his final year at Holy Cross. “I was interested in this girl, and she was going to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, so I decided maybe I would like to volunteer, too,” he says with a laugh. Though the romance with the girl didn’t flourish that spring break in South Carolina, Martineau’s passion for service did. As Martineau says, “I caught the bug of working in the service of others.”

A history major at Holy Cross, Martineau resumed his involvement with Habitat following graduation as an AmeriCorps volunteer. He then worked for several non-profits in the Northeast before landing at Friends Forever (http://friendsforeverusa.org), a Portsmouth, N.H.-based non-profit that uses a grassroots approach to promote understanding among cultures in conflict, focusing on teenagers as ambassadors of peace.

Friends Forever began by bringing Protestant and Catholic youth from Northern Ireland to New England to spend part of a summer together. “My first day on the job I met 48 young people and teachers at Logan Airport,” Martineau recalls. “Now we’re a staff of four, but back then it was just one—me.”

Martineau had never been to New Hampshire when he took the job directing Friends Forever. The group started in 1986 when officials from a YMCA in Northern Ireland contacted staff at the YMCA in Portsmouth to find out if they would host a group of their students during a particularly violent summer that was part of the time the Irish call “The Troubles.” The students’ families and friends were shocked when they came home inseparable. Since then, 1,000 young people have completed the program, which works to promote trust and understanding among cultures in conflict.

Under Martineau’s leadership, the organization has expanded to run programs for Jewish and Arab Muslim youth from the Middle East and, also, for local youth. “People realized we have plenty of conflict right here in the U.S.,” he explains. With more than 70 languages spoken at Manchester High School in New Hampshire, Martineau has

Last fall, Friends Forever graduates, members of the board of directors, politicians and corporate supporters came together for a dinner at Stormont Parliament in Belfast to launch the Friends Forever Northern Ireland Office. Friends Forever director Stephen Martineau ’97 (left) joined (from right) board members Dave Gendall and Rick Gilmore; reception host Basil McCrea, a member of North Ireland’s Legislative Assembly; and Kieran Dowling, the Joint Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs in the Republic of Ireland.
started a Domestic Immigrant Integration initiative with students from the city who are first- and second-generation immigrants from the Dominican Republic, Kosovo, Albania, Sudan, Congo and Puerto Rico.

Operating on a $200,000 budget, Martineau runs yearlong programs that begin with an intense two-week session in the United States. The 14-, 15- and 16-year-old participants are together constantly. Martineau is fond of saying, “You don’t really get to know someone until you’ve been on a life raft with them.” The program is a friendship/leadership boot camp, filled with high ropes courses, speaking engagements at Rotary Clubs and chambers of commerce, hiking in the mountains and volunteering with high school students who have special needs. The students also worship together, attending both Protestant and Catholic services, or temples and mosques. “They don’t have time to dwell on failures, and, if there are any issues, they have to work them out,” says Martineau. “In the process, they realize how alike they are.”

Friends Forever relies on financial and in-kind private donations. “The reason this works is people volunteer to take the kids on a hike or to a Sox game,” explains Martineau, who credits the program’s success to the people who take direct action on international issues that often seem insurmountable. “At the end of a long day, people sit down to watch the news, and they just want to throw up their hands. But now they can do something.”

Friends Forever has recently increased its presence overseas with a Belfast office. At the dinner celebrating the new venture, Kieran Dowling, the Joint Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs in the Republic of Ireland, said, “The path to reconciliation on our island is difficult and long. Sustainable peace can only be achieved by ensuring that the work of reconciliation reaches every corner of society and that all take part. I am confident that Friends Forever can make a meaningful contribution to this process.”

The program is growing in Israel, too: After working there for five years, Friends Forever will be sending college students to work as English as a second language volunteers in Ein Mahel, an Arab village near Nazareth. “On a trip last winter, we visited a new school where one of our partners is now principal,” Martineau says. “We could not help but be struck by the hospitality of all the residents of the community and the teachers and the emphasis and effort they put

As the young people in the Friends Forever program spend more time together, barriers break down and personalities begin to mesh. Here, a group from Belfast hams it up on a hiking trip.

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—Stephen Martineau ’97
towards having their children, no matter how young, try to engage us with English. They truly believe that American education is the highest form, and the goal of many parents is for their children to attend universities here.”

With that in mind, the team designed an Arab-Western Tutor program, where Friends Forever will recruit, train and provide English-speaking tutors of college age or older to travel for two-week programs to be hosted in Israel. “They will also tutor second- and third-grade classes in English,” he says. “In return, they have full accommodations and get two trips around Israel of their choice.”

Martineau says that his Holy Cross education is put to good use in his work for Friends Forever. “I travel to both Israel and Ireland each year to establish relationships and cultivate interest and support,” he explains. “One of the things Holy Cross prepares you to do effectively is communicate with all sorts of personalities and backgrounds and to try and understand where people are coming from.

“If you are genuinely interested in people they sense that,” he adds, “and you can build trust and compassion out of that and then things really start to happen from a business point of view.”

On his last trip to Israel, Martineau proposed to his girlfriend, Amanda Gebo, a speech pathologist. “The engagement was not planned, and a ring was purchased the next day in the port city of Acre during a break from meetings!” Martineau recalls. “I did have time to call her father, though, and ask permission.” The couple were married in April.

So, years after a romantic notion started his affair with service, it seems Martineau eventually “got the girl.”

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**Pausing for a snapshot at the Dead Sea, Stephen and Amanda Martineau (on right) pose with two of Friends Forever’s Arab partners, Fatiha and Jamil Habib Allah (left). The foursome was on its way to southern Israel to meet with the group’s Jewish partners.**

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**THE FUTURE FOR FRIENDS FOREVER**

Stephen Martineau ’97 (right, with two of the 20 students he worked with this summer in Israel) and the team at Friends Forever are in the planning stages of a new facility in New Hampshire. “The Friends Forever Peace and Understanding Center” will serve as the global headquarters for the group’s programs.

“A large part of the inspiration for the center, for me, was the Holy Cross campus,” Martineau says. “Seeing how a beautiful place could create a harmony of mind, body and spirit has remained with me since graduation.

“Because of Holy Cross I know the importance of a place for graduates and members to call home,” he adds, noting that the group needs a place to grow and provide opportunities “for others who share our commitment to peace in Northern Ireland, the Middle East and elsewhere.”

Programs continue as the work on the center progresses:

The next group of 36 youth from Belfast arrive in New England later this month. And programs are in the works for other high-conflict areas, including Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uganda.
Teammates form deep bonds over the joys and the sorrows of the game, and former ice hockey star Anthony Quesada ’06 (right) often reminisces about his Holy Cross career.

“Being part of the hockey team was such an important part of my life,” he says. “The memories we created together as a team are something I really cherish.”

During his student days, Quesada served as the starting goalie and contributed to two league championships and NCAA tournament appearances. Holy Cross head coach Paul Pearl ’89 says, “As a goaltender, Tony is one of the best to put on a Crusader uniform. He always performed his best in the biggest games.”

“By far the greatest memory came our senior season when we beat the Minnesota Gophers in the NCAA tournament (below),” Quesada recalls, “which quickly became one of the greatest upsets in college sports.”

It more than made up for his second-year season, when Quesada got sick, literally, during a crucial playoff game he just couldn’t miss without letting his friends down. He will never forget the highs and the lows of Crusader hockey, which he has honored ever since by generously supporting the team. “As a teammate and person, Tony was and is a leader,” Pearl notes. “His generosity at such a young age shows that he is still leading his peers and is a wonderful friend to our program.”

Athletic excellence has other benefits for Holy Cross, says Quesada, who now works as a professional photographer. “Sports are a critical way that schools can gain national recognition and prestige.” To attract the best scholar-athletes, he continues, it is important to provide adequately for training and other needs.

“I remember when I was doing my college tours. Like many student-athletes, I evaluated the equipment and facilities of every program I looked at,” he says. “While it wasn’t the deciding factor, it certainly had an influence. I hope that my support will continue to create a better program and provide today’s players with a comfortable second home. I loved my time on the Hill and, by giving back every year, it helps me relive those moments. I hope my support allows other student-athletes to create their own lasting memories.”
Attitude is Everything

BY CHRISTINE HOFMANN-BOURQUE

Trustee Donna Winn ’76 sheds light on the important work under way behind the scenes to keep Holy Cross strong and supported

On the hours immediately following surgery for ovarian cancer last year, Holy Cross Trustee Donna Winn ’76 was on a mission. She was focused, not on her aches and pains or upcoming chemotherapy, but rather on how her surgeon—a dynamic young woman—would be a terrific mentor for a college student. “I was lying in my hospital bed, and I said to my surgeon, ‘You know, my niece is looking for an internship,’” says Winn, who helps find and fund 20 to 30 internships each summer for Holy Cross students as part of the Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York. “I nagged my doctor to death. And it worked!” Her niece recently spent a few months shadowing Winn’s surgeon at New York’s Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

One secret to Winn’s success in life and work is simple: “I’m not afraid to ask,” she says. “I’ve got it in my head that it’s harder for someone to tell me ‘no’ than it is to ask.” Her Holy Cross classmates would likely agree. As this year’s chair of her 1976 class gift committee, Winn helped lead her 35th reunion class to an all-time high donation of $425,000. That amount beat the record set just two years prior by the Class of 1974, on whose gift committee her husband, Alexander Marasco ’74, participated. “We broke my husband’s class’ record, and he was happy that we did it,” says Winn, who helped push her class to new giving heights with a $25,000 challenge gift.

College sweethearts Donna and Alexander, who met during Winn’s third week at Holy Cross, have been active donors since graduation. Although she was in the first graduating class at the College to be coed for all four years, she is reluctant to call herself a trailblazer. “I didn’t even know Holy Cross used to be an all-boys school,” Winn says with a laugh. She chose Holy Cross because its premed program was highly regarded, and it was only an hour and a half from her hometown of Reading, Mass. “I didn’t want to go too far away, but I didn’t want to live at home,” explains Winn, whose plans to be a doctor “lasted about a semester” before she switched her major to economics.

After working in finance at Merrill Lynch for 20 years, she moved to OFI Private Investments, Inc., a subsidiary of OppenheimerFunds, Inc.; she was president and CEO until her retirement in 2010. Today, Winn sits on the Advisory Board of Thesis Fund Management, a mutual fund, and serves as a Trustee at Holy Cross, where she is a member of the Institutional Advancement Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee. “Holy Cross has some really big plans for building better spaces for students and better athletic facilities, and Holy Cross needs everyone to participate,” says Winn, who calls White Plains, N.Y., home. “Without the money, we can’t do half of those things.”

As a Trustee of Holy Cross, Winn has appreciated the opportunity to view her alma mater from a different perspective. “I think a lot of people don’t really know the difference between being a student and working to grow the College,” she says. “The people behind the scenes at Holy Cross are very committed and work harder than you can imagine. The need-blind admissions is very unique and very pure. Holy Cross is committed to helping someone who has worked hard in high school and has the drive to be successful. People should know that their donated money is not frittered away.”
When she’s not fundraising for the College or drumming up prestigious internships, Winn will be working on two personal goals during the upcoming year. “I’d like to get my kids out of college and off on their way,” she says jokingly about her two sons, Alex and Steven. And now that she has closed the books on 18 weeks of chemotherapy, she’d like to travel to the Far East, Africa and Lithuania, her grandparents’ birthplace.

“This was a difficult year, but I survived 9/11,” says Winn, who was working in the South Tower at the World Trade Center when it was struck by terrorists with a plane. “I learned that you don’t get to pick when you die. People say there are times in their lives, the ‘befores and afters.’ What 9/11 did was make me realize that horrible things happen.”

It was a hard-learned lesson that carried her through her recent health problems. “When I got cancer it helped me,” she says. “You don’t get to pick the bad or good things that happen. You just have to survive them, and hopefully you will. It helped me have a much better attitude about having cancer. Not that I didn’t have my terrible moods. But I really do believe that attitude is everything. I have to keep moving forward.”

CLASS OF 1986 BREAKS TWO RECORDS

Five women in the Class of 1986 made Holy Cross history this year in honor of their 25th Reunion. For the first time ever, the top five gifts to the class gift effort, all six-figure gifts, were made by women. The 1986 Class leaders and volunteers also report a record number of donors this year: 402. The only other classes to have broken the 400 donor-mark are 2008, 2009 and 2010. Photo, left to right: Class Co-Chairs Patrick McCarthy ’86 and Kathleen Quinn Powers ’86, College President Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., Class Gift Chair Lisa Grattan ’86, Class Co-Chairs Virginia Ayers ’86 and Edward O’Donnell ’86.
THE POWER OF ONE

Sara Jensen ’08

Hometown: Falmouth, Maine

Family: parents, Jack and Debra; brothers, Jack and Gregory

What she did at Holy Cross: “I was very involved in campus ministry. My favorite activities were the Spiritual Exercises, the Chapel Choir, the MAGIS program, Appalachia/Gulf Coast Immersion trips and the Manresa Retreat. I was also a proud member of Fools on the Hill, the College’s only coed a cappella group.”

The lasting impact it had: “Three years after graduating, I am amazed at the impact the College has continued to have on every aspect of my life. Holy Cross has been the perfect launching pad for a successful career, a loyal social network and a dedication to living a life that benefits others. Not a day goes by where the lessons and values nurtured at Holy Cross do not influence the decisions I make about the direction I want my life to take and the person I want to become.”

The working life: “Fortunately, I have found a job and industry that invigorate me, so I love going to work every day. I am an advertising sales planner for Crown Media Networks in New York.”

Memorable Holy Cross moments: “Rehearsing with the Fools on the Hill twice a week for four years was definitely a highlight of my time at Holy Cross. One of the most unforgettable moments was our final show at the end of my senior year. We really pushed ourselves out of the box and did our best to entertain the audience. It was a huge hit, and I was so proud of all we had accomplished since my first year.”

Why she stays connected to Holy Cross: “Holy Cross continues to inspire me every day. The College helped shape the person I am today, and I will be grateful forever. I stay connected because of the incredible relationships I formed; my best friends are from Holy Cross. The fun we have and the loyalty we share are unparalleled.”

Why she believes in Holy Cross: “I believe in the mission of Holy Cross. Its graduates are men and women for others—carefully choosing their paths in life so that they can better the world. Holy Cross attracts kind, generous and loyal people. I continue to meet graduates that inspire me.”

Why she gives to Holy Cross: “There were so many opportunities at Holy Cross and I know that is due in large part to the generosity of the College’s alumni. For example, the new senior residence hall has just opened. That’s going to give more students an opportunity to live on campus and feel that much more connected to the community.

I also give so that Holy Cross can continue its need-blind admissions commitment. I believe that everyone should have an opportunity to reap the benefits of a Holy Cross education, and I hope that what I give contributes to that cause.”
About 250 members of the Holy Cross community gathered at Memorial Plaza for prayer, music and the lighting of incense to honor those lost on Sept. 11, 2001, including seven alumni.

PHOTO BY PATRICK O’CONNOR
HCAA President’s Note

NURTURING OUR ALUMNI TIES

As our Holy Cross Alumni Association enters the 2011-2012 school year, it builds on a record of support for our College extending back to the 19th century. However, it does so with a level of alumni engagement, focus, dedication and enthusiasm that has grown exponentially in recent years, now positioning it well to expand and diversify its service to Holy Cross. At the same time, it will retain and enhance the programs and initiatives that have been at the heart of its service to Holy Cross and to our 32,000 alumni.

From “Move-In Day,” when we help acclimate first-year students and their families to Holy Cross, to our reunions and celebrations which conclude the school year, we will be vigorously involved in programs and activities that benefit and support our undergraduates, and that nurture close ties between our alumni and our College as well. This year, though, we will look closely at ways in which we can enlist our alumni to assist their communities in the name of Holy Cross. We will, in the mandate of Blessed John Paul II for Catholic colleges (Ex Corde Ecclesiae), “be particularly attentive to the poorest and to those who suffer economic, social, cultural or religious injustice,” through expanded Holy Cross Cares Day activities, and through other initiatives of assistance to the neighborhoods of our active regional clubs as well. We will devote much time and effort to enabling our local clubs to grow, while we explore other areas of support and service, ranging from the spiritual needs of alumni to long-term preservation of our financial vitality. We will enhance the programs which have been key to our growth in recent years—continuing education, career counseling, our Senior Reception, communications to alumni, our dinners, awards and scholarships, our Holy Cross book prizes, credit cards, summer fellowships, admissions assistance, the Bishop Healy Committee and young alumni activities, among others. As our College welcomes Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J., as its new president, we look forward to activating our alumni in connection with any key initiatives that he, and the Board of Trustees, will unveil as the year progresses.

This will be possible in large part because our Association has been blessed, during its history, with superb and dedicated leadership, most recently under the excellent direction of Colleen Amann ’92. Thanks to her and her predecessors, we are on a clear upward trajectory. To continue our progress, though, we will count on the active and sustained involvement of alumni of all backgrounds and ages. As president, I ask that you set aside enough time to assist us in at least one activity this year. You will thoroughly enjoy doing so, and you will benefit our College, and more than 2,000 fine young people, in the process. If you would like to discuss this further, or if I can help you in this respect in any other way, contact me at brianoc1029@verizon.net.

Brian A. O’Connell ’71
President,
Holy Cross Alumni Association

REMEMBERING On the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on the U.S., we remembered the members of our alumni family who died on that day: Edward Brennan III ’86, Thomas Burke ’85, Neillie Heffernan Casey ’90, John Farrell ’91, Todd Isaacs ’94, Beth Quigley ’97 and John Ryan ’78. “These seven fine Crusaders are all truly special—vibrant, enthusiastic, warm and energetic people, now forever young, who truly embodied, in their lives and professions, a vital and effective orientation toward the well-being of others. They epitomize the best of Holy Cross, and they are for us today true role models of lives well-lived,” says new HCAA President Brian O’Connell ’71.
On June 20, 2009, New York financier Bernard Madoff was sentenced to 150 years in prison for bilking investors out of billions of dollars through an illegal Ponzi scheme that consisted simply in robbing Peter to pay Paul. Madoff beat the system until life caught up with him. And his story ends with three suicides: two clients and his younger son Mark.

So what else is new? In 1987 Tom Wolfe’s *The Bonfire of the Vanities* follows the life of New York bond trader Sherman McCoy as he rides the crest of the financial world of the 1980s. Early in the novel, in one short phone conversation, he clears a $50,000 commission fee. This success prompts him to describe himself as one of the “masters of the universe.” His successful life crumbles for a number of extraneous reasons, but all are related to his overweening self-confidence and greed. Wolfe’s novel was influenced by William Makepeace Thackeray’s 1848 novel *Vanity Fair*.

So what else is new? In 1857 Charles Dickens published *Little Dorrit*, a story increasingly dominated by the fraudulent practices of one Mr. Merdle who is described as “a popular financier on an extensive scale.” Near the end of the novel, confronted with his fraud that has ruined the lives of so many, and contemplating suicide, he is described by Dickens ironically as “the master-mind of the age, true to its characteristic of being at all times a mind that had as little as possible to say for itself and great difficulty in saying it.” At the end Merdle commits suicide with a pen knife borrowed from his daughter.

The lives of many or most of the characters are somehow interrelated and have been touched by Merdle’s actions. It is Dickens’ way of reminding his readers that we are not autonomous individuals but are somehow related to one another. The single-minded greed of men like Madoff, Merdle and McCoy erodes human trust and destroys the solidarity that binds us together.

Engraved in the Dinand reading room are Cicero’s words in defense of literature: “These studies nourish youth, delight old age.” No really good book is ever too old to read or even to reread. Pick up a copy of *Little Dorrit*. You will be awed by how contemporary it still is.

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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS** The HCAA Committee on Nominations and Elections will convene at the College this fall to draft a slate of nominees for the vacant seats on the HCAA Board of Directors. The deadline for submitting nominations is Oct. 15. Those chosen will assume office on July 1, 2012. The committee members will nominate a president, a president-elect and two vice presidents. They will also nominate 12 directors for three-year terms, with two directors from each of the following: current or past regional club presidents; Classes of 2003-2012; Classes of 1993-2002; Classes of 1983-1992; Classes of 1973-1982; Classes of 1972 and earlier. There is no limit to the number of names that can be submitted for consideration. For information as well as a nomination form, go to [http://offices.holycross.edu/alumni/events/hcaa](http://offices.holycross.edu/alumni/events/hcaa) or e-mail hcaa@holycross.edu.
Stanley E. Grayson ’72 divides his distinguished resume into “three wonderful careers.” He has been a corporate attorney, a deputy mayor of New York and an investment banker. His work life tells the narrative of someone who, from an early age, was determined to follow academic and career paths that would offer him wide-ranging opportunities in the years ahead.

“I grew up in Detroit in an intact, loving family, but I wasn’t exposed to a lot of people going to college,” Grayson says. “I saw some great high school athletes go to college and come back to be gym teachers or coaches. Those are honorable professions, but it seemed as though that was all we were able to do at that point in time. I knew that my interests were elsewhere.” Along with consuming interests in books and basketball, Grayson was intrigued at an early age by the prospect of a career in the law.

“I think what I liked most about the law was the flexibility it seemed to give people in their lives,” he says. “As I read biographies, it was surprising to see how many people in business, government and the like had law backgrounds. It seemed to be a road that had a lot of opportunities and options, and I was looking to make sure that I had as many options in life as possible.”

A highly recruited high school basketball player, Grayson was interested in Holy Cross because of some familiar names, including Bob Cousy ’50 and Tom Heinsohn ’56 P79. His friends didn’t understand why, among his many offers, he accepted the athletic scholarship from the small, liberal arts, (then) all-male college in Worcester, Mass.

“My friends had never heard of Holy Cross,” he says. “Somewhere I knew that it was the right place for me. One thing that impressed me as a 17 year old—and still impresses me today—is the caliber of the Holy Cross alumni I met. The Holy Cross people seemed to be a cut above.”

Grayson came to Holy Cross in 1968 at a pivotal time in the history of the country and the College. In the months following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rev. John Brooks, S.J., ’49, president emeritus, then a theology professor, spurred an ambitious effort to recruit more African American students to the school. In fact, he drove to urban high schools along the East Coast to meet personally with prospective students. Though Grayson did not meet Fr. Brooks before enrolling at Holy Cross, he made lifelong friends among many of the other minority students Fr. Brooks’ efforts had attracted to the campus.

Fr. Brooks was featured in a 2007 BusinessWeek article that focused on Grayson and four of his classmates and dormmates who today have high-powered careers in different fields. The bond among those five men (including Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas ’71 and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Edward P. Jones ’72) and many other students at Holy Cross at that time, is the subject of a new book, Fraternity, by Diane Brady—the book will be published in January by Random House. [Read an exclusive excerpt from Fraternity in this issue, starting on page 32.]

“I’m excited about the book coming out,” Grayson says. “I’ve spent a lot of time in conversation with the author. It’s going to be a wonderful tribute to Fr. Brooks. He was the glue to the minority community and to Holy Cross. I’m hopeful that the book highlights that fact and his efforts in great detail. He’s a very special person.”

On the court, Grayson earned praise for his defensive skills, and was always called upon to guard the opponent’s top scorer, including the legendary Julius Erving of UMass. A starting forward for three years and captain during his last year with the Crusaders, Grayson was also a top scorer and rebounder, and was named Crusader of the Year in 1972.

After graduating from Holy Cross, Grayson received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. He joined the law department at Metropolitan Life Company before becoming New York City’s deputy mayor for finance and economic development in Ed Koch’s administration. (He served in several roles under Koch from 1984 to 1990.) With a move to Goldman, Sachs & Co. in 1990, Grayson began his career in investment banking and finance, breaking the color barrier among Wall Street executives. He later joined Prudential Securities, and today is vice chair and chief operating officer of M.R. Beal & Company, an African American-owned, New York-based investment banking firm that specializes in municipal
finance, corporate finance and equity execution.

“My plan was to live in New York for a few years after law school, then return to Detroit to settle down,” Grayson says from his Wall Street office. “I’ve been here more than 30 years and can’t imagine living or working anywhere else.”

Grayson’s love for the City began during a summer internship at a New York law firm between his second and third years of law school. The late William D. Doino ’60 P’87 helped him secure the job, and Grayson now does the same for others through his passionate support of the Holy Cross New York (HCNY) Leadership Council’s Summer Internship Program. In fact, Grayson has been named the 2012 honoree for the HCNY Leadership Council’s annual fundraising event in New York next May.

“I don’t gravitate toward honors and awards, but I greatly respect the work the Leadership Council is doing for Holy Cross students,” Grayson says. “We have participated in the internship program at M.R. Beal for seven years. I also agreed to be the honoree because the College has given so much to me, and it’s difficult for me to say ‘no’ to Holy Cross.”

Q&A:

In addition to your demanding day job, you are vice chairman of The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey’s board of commissioners, a member of the board of directors of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) and on the boards of TD Bank and New York Catholic Charities, among others. How do you do it all?

My criteria for saying ‘yes’ has evolved. I think it’s a great honor and a huge responsibility to be asked, but you can’t do it all. I first look for things that I care about and that contribute to my intellectual, spiritual or emotional well-being. I served on a museum board because I knew nothing about art.

A long time ago I made this commitment to my wife: to join a new board, I have to resign from another board. That promise has helped me to say ‘no’ when I like to say ‘yes’ to organizations.

You have a reputation for being a terrific manager. What is the secret to managing people successfully?

Being a manager is lot like being an athletic coach. The first step is to know your employees and to understand the strength and weaknesses of each member of your staff, so you can help them be better at what they do. Each of them plays a role in the team’s success. I played team sports my whole life. That’s why I stress the importance of teamwork. I tell my employees that good teams beat good players all the time. If we’re a good team, we’ll win more than our share.

What advice would you give to young alumni just starting their careers?

The key to success is to put yourself in a position where people rely on you. People will rely on you if your work is accurate, complete and timely. You advance in the business world by always doing more.

What would you do with the extra time if you suddenly had 28-hour days?

I’d definitely put time into my golf game and into some intellectual pursuits, like studying philosophy and reading. Time to read comes at a premium for me, given the combination of long days and very tired eyes at the end of those long days.

Brand New For You!

Holy Cross is excited to announce a new online community designed just for you and your fellow graduates. The Holy Cross Online Community allows you to stay connected with Holy Cross and each other, free of charge. When you log in, you’ll be able to search for and contact your friends from Holy Cross, share photos, submit class notes, post your resume, register for events and much more.

To get started, email alumni@holycross.edu to request your Constituent ID, then go to holycross.imodules.com and click on “Register Now” under the heading “First time visitors.”

Then, follow these three easy steps:

1. Enter your last name and class year, then hit submit.

2. Select your name from the list shown.

3. Enter your Constituent ID

If you have any problems logging in or any questions regarding the community, please contact alumni@holycross.edu. Have fun!

Holy Cross Lawyers Association Listserv

The Holy Cross Lawyers Association (HCLA) has created a listserv to provide alumni in the legal profession or law school the opportunity to reach out to each other for assistance and referrals as well as to share experiences. To sign up, go to www.holycross.edu/mailing_lists and scroll down to the Holy Cross Lawyers Association link.
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/memorial. 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.

1938
Francis B. Cassidy Jr.

Francis Cassidy died April 23, 2011, at the Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center in Massachusetts, at 94. Mr. Cassidy was a longtime resident of Uxbridge, Mass., where he had been involved in numerous community activities. He had also traveled extensively while serving in the Merchant Marine. A World War II veteran, Mr. Cassidy received the Silver Star and Purple Heart as a paratrooper in the Pacific theater. He is survived by three sons; a daughter; a brother; three sisters; six grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. His parents were the late Frank and Mary (Anderson) Cassidy; Mr. Cassidy’s mother designed the cover for the Holy Cross 1938 Purple Patcher yearbook.

1940
Rev. William W. McGovern

Rev. William McGovern died April 5, 2011, in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, at 93. Ordained to the priesthood in 1955, Fr. McGovern served the Diocese of Worcester for many years as associate pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Worcester; St. Luke the Evangelist Church, Westborough; Christ the King Church, Worcester; Our Lady of the Lake Church, Leominster; St. Anne Church, Southborough; and St. Stephen Church, Worcester. He subsequently became the pastor of St. Joseph Church in Barre and St. Theresa the Little Flower Church in Harvard; following his retirement in 1983, Fr. McGovern assisted at St. Mary Church in Uxbridge, and St. Leo Church in Leominster. An Army veteran of World War II, he was part of the Ninth Army Air Force in England. Fr. McGovern had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by many nephews and nieces.

1937
John P. Maguire

John Maguire died March 11, 2011, in Creve Coeur, Mo., at 93. During his career, Mr. Maguire had worked 33 years for General Dynamics, retiring in 1987 as a corporate vice president and secretary; from 1960 to 1962, he was secretary and general counsel of the New York City-based Texas Butadiene and Chemical Corp. An associate with Cravath, Swaine & Moore, from 1943 to 1949, and, 1953 to 1954, Mr. Maguire had served as a vice president and director of the Forbes Publishing Co., from 1950 to 1952, and as managing director of the Forbes Investors Advisory Institute. After retiring from General Dynamics, he founded J.P. Maguire Investment Advisors Inc. in St. Louis with his late son, Peter. Mr. Maguire’s community involvement included serving as a trustee of several universities and the Saint Louis Art Museum. He was a graduate of Babson College, Babson Park, Mass., Princeton (N.J.) University and, in 1943, Yale Law School, New Haven, Conn. Mr. Maguire is survived by a daughter.

1939
Paul M. DeLuca, M.D.

Paul DeLuca, M.D., died March 12, 2011, at 94. During his career, Dr. DeLuca had practiced neurosurgery for 58 years in Broome County, N.Y., associated with Ideal, Wilson, General and Lourdes hospitals. During this time, he established the Southern Tier Neurosurgical Group and taught at the Wilson Nursing School and Binghamton (N.Y.) University. Dr. DeLuca began his medical career at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Pittsburgh. A World War II and Korean War veteran, he served as a captain at Sampson Air Force Base in New York. Dr. DeLuca had been a member of several fraternal and professional organizations, serving as a former president of the Broome County Medical Society and delegate to the American Medical Association; he was also a past president of Ideal Hospital. Dr. DeLuca is survived by three sons; four daughters; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a brother; a sister; 20 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1941
Charles J. Lievi

Charles Lievi died March 24, 2011, at his home in Ossipee, N.H., at 94. A longtime resident of Milton, Mass., Mr. Lievi began his career operating the family-owned “Village Tavern” in Dorchester, Mass. He later relocated to New Hampshire, where he was a gentleman farmer for more than 40 years at Esquire Farm in Granite. Mr. Lievi is survived by three sons; three daughters; two sisters; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1942
Clifton R. Largess Jr.

Clifton Largess, a retired U.S. Navy captain, died March 1, 2011, at his home in North Kingston, R.I., at 90. A 31-year veteran of the Navy, Mr. Largess had served in World War II, the Korean War—and, during the Vietnam era, as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A Navy pilot in the Pacific in World War II, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with four gold stars, the Bronze Star, and the Air Medal with six gold stars. Following his retirement from the military, he served four years as the commanding officer of the Navy program at the University of Rochester in New York; he then remained on staff at the university as a member of the faculty and the interim athletic director. Mr. Largess was a 1955 graduate of the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., and a 1964 graduate of George Washington University, Washington, D.C., earning his master’s degree in international relations. Active
in numerous community and veterans’ associations, he was a tax aide volunteer for the American Association of Retired Persons, a member of the Jamestown (R.I.) Board of Assessment Review, a past delegate to the Constitutional Convention and a parishioner of St. Mark Church in Jamestown. Mr. Largess is survived by his wife, Mary; four sons; two daughters, including Mary C. Lee ’76; a brother; a sister; and 10 grandchildren, including Alexandra Largess ’10. His son was the late John J. ’70.

1943

John E. Bezemes

John Bezemes died Feb. 27, 2011, at the Lahey Clinical Medical Center, North Shore, in Peabody, Mass., at 90. Prior to his retirement in 1981, Mr. Bezemes had taught geography at Peabody High School for 30 years and, during this time, served as varsity football and baseball coach and athletic director. An outstanding athlete as a student at Peabody High, he was later inducted into its Hall of Fame; the baseball field was also named in his honor. A member of the varsity football, baseball and basketball teams at Holy Cross, Mr. Bezemes played a major role in the 55-12 football upset over Boston College in 1942; he was inducted into the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 1981. A veteran, Mr. Bezemes served as a sergeant in the Army; upon his discharge in 1946, he played with the Philadelphia Eagles football team and later tried for the Chicago Cubs baseball team. Mr. Bezemes is survived by two sisters; a brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; 16 nephews and nieces; and many grandnephews and grandnieces.

1946

Robert X. Tivnan

Robert Tivnan, of Auburn, Mass., died Feb. 13, 2011, in the Odd Fellows Home, Worcester, at 86. Mr. Tivnan had worked many years in the engineering department of Worcester County prior to his retirement. He was also a state representative for the city of Worcester from 1949 to 1958 and a former Worcester city councilor. A veteran, Mr. Tivnan served in the Navy during World War II. Born and raised in Worcester, he moved to Auburn in 1969. Mr. Tivnan had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Marie; two sons; a daughter; a granddaughter; and many nephews and nieces. His brothers were the late Joseph R. ’33 and John V. ’34.

1947

William E. McKenna

William McKenna, business leader, corporate director and philanthropist, died April 29, 2011, at 91. A 1949 graduate of Harvard Business School, Mr. McKenna had held executive positions with various companies during his career, including senior executive at Litton Industries and chairman and chief executive for Norton Simon, Technicolor, Inc. and Sambo’s. His board directorships included Drexler Technology, Midway Games and WMS Industries. Mr. McKenna was a decorated veteran of World War II, receiving an Air Medal, Air Combat Insignia and a Presidential Personal Citation. In 1996, he was a recipient of the College’s In Hoc Signo Award and, in 1998, the Sanctae Crucis Award. Mr. McKenna had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He was a 45-year resident of Beverly Hills, Calif. Mr. McKenna is survived by his wife, Marcela; three sons, including William P. ’70 and Paul V. ’75; two daughters; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a sister; five grandsons; four granddaughters; and a great-grandson.

1948

Vincent Zuaro

Vincent Zuaro, of Garden City, N.Y., died on March 4, 2011. Mr. Zuaro had been a longtime Holy Cross class agent, class chair and member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Antoinette; a brother; two sisters; and two nieces.
Holy Cross Remembers

John D. Boyd (1941 – 2011)

John Boyd, a longtime professor in the English department at Holy Cross, died April 4, 2011, in Georgia, at 70.

During his career, Professor Boyd taught English at the College from 1974 to 1992; his specialty was the British Victorians. Professor Boyd subsequently relocated to Athens, Ga., where he taught English at the University of Georgia for 15 years, retiring in 2007.

Born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he attended Washington High School, Professor Boyd received his bachelor of arts degree in 1963 from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., and his Ph.D., in 1968, from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. He served as an assistant professor of English at Cornell until 1974.

An accomplished classical pianist, Professor Boyd had been a member of the Worcester Chorus, from 1975 to 1992, and, the Athens Master Chorale, from 1992 to 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Anne; and a son.

1949

Jeremiah F. Murphy Jr.

Jeremiah “Jerry” Murphy died Feb. 25, 2011, in Brewster, Mass., at 82. A former resident of Lowell, Mass., Mr. Murphy had maintained a private law practice for 43 years; he relocated to Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., following retirement. Mr. Murphy was a 1952 graduate of Boston College Law School. He had been a member of several professional organizations and a special master appointed by the Lowell Bar Association. Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife, Helen Dorothea; three sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a sister; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert F. O’Connell

Robert O’Connell, of South Dennis and Lexington, Mass., died on March 25, 2011. During his career, Mr. O’Connell had been an attorney for many years with the Boston law firm Dike, Bronstein, Roberts, Cushman and Pfund. He is survived by his wife, Ellen; three daughters; and three grandchildren. His brother was the late Joseph J. Jr. ’49.

1950

Charles J. Chwalek

Charles “Chuck” Chwalek died Feb. 20, 2011, at the St. Ann Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Dover, N.H., at 85. During his career, Mr. Chwalek worked more than 30 years at the Portsmouth (N.H.) Naval Shipyard, in charge of the quality control organization; he retired in 1980. A Navy veteran, Mr. Chwalek served as the skipper of a patrol gunboat (PGM 19) in the Pacific theater during World War II; he was a member of the Navy Reserve for more than 30 years; retiring at the rank of captain as commanding officer of the Portsmouth Naval Reserve Unit. Mr. Chwalek had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Ellen; three daughters; and three grandchildren. His brother was the late Joseph J. Jr. ’49.

Thomas R. Kelleher

Thomas Kelleher died March 30, 2011, in Miami, at 85. During his career, Mr. Kelleher worked with the Office of Naval Intelligence and the Department of Defense, served as an executive with the Wilson Sporting Goods Co. and pursued marketing and real estate development. In addition, he had been an official with the National Football League for 33 years. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Mr. Kelleher relocated to Miami in 1963; he had most recently lived in Coral Gables, Fla. A veteran, Mr. Kelleher had served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He had been a member of the varsity football team at Holy Cross. Mr. Kelleher is survived by his wife, Grace; four sons, including Thomas R. Jr. ’74; four daughters; three sons-in-law; four daughters-in-law; a brother, George F. ’50; three sisters; 25 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Thomas F. Lewis

Thomas Lewis died March 6, 2011, in San Diego, at 84. Involved for 30 years in textbook sales, Mr. Lewis began his career at Doubleday in New York City; he subsequently relocated to San Diego, where he worked for the Catholic textbook publisher William H. Sadlier, Inc., until his retirement. Prior to joining Doubleday, Mr. Lewis had served one year as a lecturer of history and the philosophy of education at Fordham University in New York City. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Elizabeth “Betsy”; three daughters; a sister-in-law; a grandson; a nephew; and a niece.

John J. Moynihan Sr.

John Moynihan, of Holyoke, Mass., died April 3, 2011, at 86. A longtime employee of The Hartford Insurance Company, Mr. Moynihan had most recently served as assistant general attorney and assistant corporate secretary, from 1977 until his retirement in 1990. Beginning his career as an attorney with the company, he was the resident staff attorney and claims manager, from 1959 to 1971, and a claims planning
coordinator, from 1971 to 1976. Mr. Moynihan worked as the industrial relations adviser at the Springfield Ordnance District in the early 1950s and subsequently attended the Western New England University School of Law in Springfield, Mass., receiving his degree in 1957. An Army veteran of World War II, he served with the Anti-Tank Company, 222nd Infantry Regiment of the 42nd Infantry Rainbow Division, training at Camp Gruber in Oklahoma and fighting against the German Army in France, Germany and Austria. Mr. Moynihan was awarded numerous military honors, including the Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal, European Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal, and was recognized with a presidential citation for his actions with the 222nd regiment during the 1945 battle for Aliceau. He is survived by two sons, John J. Jr., M.D., ’76 and Roger P., D.D.S., ’79; two daughters, Margaret M. Lenihan ’81 and Joan M. Dietz ’85; a brother; two sisters; a sister-in-law; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nephews, nieces and cousins. His brother was the late William F. ’41.

Jeremiah J. Sheehan
Jeremiah Sheehan, formerly of Milton and Scituate, Mass., died on April 9, 2011. During his career, Mr. Sheehan had served as a pupil adjustment counselor with the Boston Public Schools. He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II. Mr. Sheehan is survived by a daughter; a son-in-law; and two grandchildren.

1951
Walter B. Coen
Walter Coen died February 19, 2011, at his home in Nashua, N.H., at 83. During his career, Mr. Coen had been active in the accounting and finance fields, working for Avis Rent-A-Car; the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the U.S. Air Force as a civilian and Cresswell Pomeroy Ltd., in Granby, Quebec, Canada, among other organizations. A World War II Navy veteran, he had served as a Quartermaster Third Class. Mr. Coen was a three-sport varsity athlete at his alma mater Newburyport (Mass.) High School. He is survived by his wife, Micheline; a son; a daughter-in-law; a brother; a sister; three brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and nephews and nieces.

Richard J. Gormley
Richard Gormley, a longtime resident of Warren, Ohio, died Feb. 19, 2011, at 83. During his career, Mr. Gormley worked for Alcan Aluminum, first in Bridgeport, Conn., and, then, in Warren, from 1960 to 1987. He was an active parishioner of St. Mary’s Church in Warren and a member of the Warren Parochial School Board, among other endeavors. Mr. Gormley was a Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Faith; four sons; five daughters, including Eileen M. Maher, M.D., ’78; four sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; and 17 grandchildren.

1952
William H. Collins Jr.
William Collins died March 23, 2011. During his career, Mr. Collins had served many years as an assistant U.S. Attorney with the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Washington, D.C. He was a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center, also in Washington, D.C. Mr. Collins was a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by two sons; a daughter; a brother; two granddaughters; a nephew; and two nieces.

B. Thomas Leahy
B. Thomas Leahy died April 24, 2011, at his home in Basking Ridge, N.J., at 80. A longtime Superior Court judge of New Jersey, Mr. Leahy was appointed to the Somerset County bench in 1969; he served as a Superior Court judge in Somerset and Essex counties until his retirement. In addition, Mr. Leahy had been a presiding judge of the Family Division for Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. A 1955 graduate of the New York University School of Law, he served in the Army’s Judge Advocate General’s Corps and, following discharge, began the practice of law with his father in Bound Brook, N.J.; Mr. Leahy had been a Somerset County freeholder from 1965 to 1967. A past president of the National Council and the New Jersey Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, he had also been involved in numerous associations concerned with juvenile delinquency. Mr. Leahy is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; and two granddaughters.

Rev. Charles F. Maloney
Rev. Charles Maloney died April 5, 2011, in Tucson, Ariz., at 81. Prior to his retirement in 2002, Fr. Maloney had served 19 years as pastor of the St. George Catholic Community in Apache Junction, Ariz.; previously, he was pastor of Holy Angels Church, Globe, Ariz., from 1977 to 1983, and Blessed Sacrament Church in Mammoth, Ariz., from 1970 to 1977. Ordained to the priesthood in 1957 in Worcester, where he was born and raised, Fr. Maloney began his lifelong ministry in Arizona at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Miami, and St. Matthew Church in Phoenix; he subsequently served at St. Patrick Church Bisbee, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Scottsdale, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glendale, prior to becoming the pastor at Blessed Sacrament Church. Fr. Maloney was also a pioneer in the ministry for migrant workers and a member of the chaplains’ association at the Valley Lutheran Hospital in Mesa. He is survived by two sisters; a brother-in-law; 11 nephews and nieces; 24 grandnephews and grandnieces; and two great-grandnieces.

Lawrence C. Salvesen, M.D.
Lawrence “Larry” Salvesen died April 1, 2011, at the Fallbrook Residential Care Facility in Portland, Maine, at 81. A longtime psychiatrist, Dr. Salvesen had most recently practiced in Maine, working at Tri-County Mental Health Services in adult, child and family psychiatry. Previously, he served many years as a child psychiatrist at Massachusetts General Hospital and the Judge Baker Children’s Center in Boston. Specializing in psychological stress and trauma, particularly as it relates to combat veterans and public safety personnel, he had been a member of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation and, also, a trainer. A Marine Corps veteran early in his career, Dr. Salvesen later entered the Army upon completion of his medical studies; he served as a psychiatrist at base hospitals in Texas, San Francisco and Oklahoma. Dr. Salvesen was a 1956 graduate of the Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. He is survived by a son; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and four grandchildren.

1953
Robert J. Lycke
Robert Lycke, of Bay Shore, N.Y., died March 20, 2011, at 80. During his career, Mr. Lycke had served 25 years with the Home Life Insurance Company as a computer analyst and, prior to that, had worked as a house mover. His community involvement included volunteering as a fireman for more than 20 years and working in his local parish. Mr. Lycke is survived by his wife, Doris; a son; two daughters; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

James H. Walsh III
James Walsh died March 9, 2011, at his home in Cohasset, Mass., at 78. Mr. Walsh had worked 60 years in the family business, Walsh Brothers, Inc., serving as chairman of the Boston-based institutional construction firm; during his tenure, he had been the recipient of numerous industry awards. A Navy lieutenant in the Korean War, Mr. Walsh served with Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, traveling worldwide with NATO. He had also been a board trustee for many banks and organizations, including Children’s Hospital Boston, as well as a member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.
Mr. Walsh had been a member of the President's Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Annellen; two sons; a daughter, Ellenann Walsh; and six grandchildren.

1954

John J. Carroll Jr.
John “Jack” Carroll died Feb. 27, 2011, at his home in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., at 78. During his career, Mr. Carroll worked for Simmons Machine Tool, R.K. Freedman & Son, Inc., and Schiabo-Hudson Scrap Metal in Albany, N.Y. An outstanding athlete and inductee of the Sports Hall of Fame at his alma mater the Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, he had been a member of the football, basketball and baseball teams at Holy Cross; following graduation, Mr. Carroll was drafted by the Detroit Lions and Montreal Alouettes professional football teams. An Army veteran, he had played on the Army baseball team. Mr. Carroll is survived by his wife, Theresa; two sons; three daughters; 10 stepchildren; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Donald F. Kapp Sr.
Donald Kapp, a longtime resident of Plainfield, N.J., died Feb. 18, 2011, in Somerset Medical Center, Somerville, N.J., at 78. During his career, Mr. Kapp had been an accountant with Goldman Sachs in New York City. He served in the Army from 1956 to 1958. Mr. Kapp is survived by four sons; a daughter; two brothers; and five grandchildren.

1955

Stanley A. Bozzi
Stanley Bozzi died Feb. 19, 2011, at his home in Hingham, Mass., at 79. Prior to his career, Mr. Bozzi had served as a vice president for AIG Insurance. He was an Army veteran. Born and raised in Morristown, N.J., Mr. Bozzi had lived in Hingham for the past five years. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Bozzi is survived by his wife, Marianne; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; three sisters; five granddaughters; and many nephews and nieces.

William J. Ryan
William Ryan died April 8, 2011, at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Conn. An English teacher at East Hartford High School for several years at the start of his career, Mr. Ryan later relocated to New York City where he worked for Universal Studios and Lebhar-Friedman, Inc. He also wrote a column for the Hartford News, titled “Nobody Asked Me But …” Mr. Ryan is survived by his wife, Mary Jean; a nephew; and two nieces.

1956

Joseph A. McOwen
Joseph McOwen, of Larchmont, N.Y., and Palm Beach, Fla., died Feb. 10, 2011, at 76. A longtime advertising sales executive, Mr. McOwen had worked for Time magazine and Newsweek, where he had been involved in the start-up of Inside Sports magazine. He had been a board director of the Halfway Houses of Westchester, Inc., located in White Plains, N.Y. Mr. McOwen was an Army veteran. Excelling at tennis and basketball at his alma mater Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle, N.Y., and serving as captain of the Holy Cross tennis team, he continued his involvement with the sport in various capacities throughout his career. Mr. McOwen is survived by his wife, Jeanne; two sons; four daughters; two daughters-in-law; a stepson; a sister; a sister-in-law; nine grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1957

William F. Grant Jr., M.D.
William Grant, M.D., died April 27, 2011, at the Rutland Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge, N.J., at 76. During his career, Dr. Grant had been associated 25 years with the University Hospital of the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), serving as a physician and a professor. During his career, he had also been involved in the creation and implementation of training for emergency medical technicians and paramedics; oversight of the New Jersey State Police Helicopter Ambulance Service; and establishment of the UMDNJ midwifery program. In addition, Dr. Grant had served as team physician for the New Jersey Generals and the New Jersey Nets and as a medical volunteer in Haiti. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Dr. Grant is survived by his longtime companion, Eileen Brady; five children; a sister; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

George F.E. Harrison
George Harrison, of Worcester and formerly of Falmouth, Mass., died Feb. 1, 2011, in Boynton Beach, Fla., at 75. A longtime real estate appraiser, Mr. Harrison had worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and later owned Central Mass. Valuations, Inc. His interests included sailing, gardening, traveling and advocacy for shelter pets. Mr. Harrison had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by a brother; an aunt; four nieces; four grandnephews; a grandniece; and many cousins.

1958

John J. Thornton Jr.
John “Jack” Thornton died April 23, 2011, at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. A graduate of Boston College Law School, Mr. Thornton served many years as a trial attorney in Massachusetts. He had been a lieutenant commander in the Navy’s Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Mr. Thornton’s interests included sailing and the study of theology, history and politics. He is survived by his wife, Carol Masshardt-Thornton; two sons; seven daughters; a brother; a sister; and numerous grandchildren.

1960

Terence J. Kernan
Terence “Terry” Kernan died Feb. 4, 2011, at his home in New Jersey, at 72. During his career, Mr. Kernan was the owner of Terry Kernan Associates in Haddonfield, N.J., for more than 45 years. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Kernan is survived by his wife, Brenda; three sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; three brothers; three sisters; two brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law; and 12 grandchildren.

1961

Henry P. Denoncour
Henry Denoncour, of Coral Springs, Fla., died Aug. 30, 2010, at 70. Mr. Denoncour was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He is survived by his wife, Joanne; a son; and a daughter.

A member of the College faculty for 32 years, Professor Dorenkamp had taught courses on Renaissance literature and contemporary fiction and published numerous scholarly essays on both areas.

He used his writing skills in a number of venues. A contributor of book reviews for the Worcester Telegram & Gazette and movie reviews for Worcester Magazine, Professor Dorenkamp was also the co-author of three guides to handicapping the Saratoga horse race course with Lowell Sun sports reporter Paul Daley. In retirement, he provided text for a pictorial history of Germantown in Clinton, Mass., sponsored by the town's historical society, among other endeavors. Forthcoming is a book written by Professor Dorenkamp about the poker games he played with Holy Cross friends over a span of more than 30 years.

Born in St. Louis, Professor Dorenkamp earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at St. Louis University, served two years with the Army in post-war Korea as a clerk-typist, and then completed his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois.

Relocating to Worcester in 1962 with his first wife, Angela Dorenkamp, and family, he joined with others in founding “The Phoenix,” a storefront discussion center, inspired by the post-Vatican II spirit of ecumenism and social justice modeled by the Catholic Worker Movement.

Professor Dorenkamp's interests included Tai Chi, ballroom dancing, Italian cooking and bread making.

He is survived by his wife of many years, Helen Whall, Holy Cross professor of English; two sons; two daughters; their partners; and two granddaughters.

A memorial Mass for Professor Dorenkamp was celebrated July 23, in the Mary Chapel (lower level of St. Joseph Memorial Chapel) at Holy Cross, concelebrated by Rev. Philip Rule, S.J., professor emeritus of English at the College, and Rev. James Miracky, S.J., also a former English department faculty member who now serves as dean of the Loyola College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Maryland. In his homily, Fr. Miracky shared this remembrance of Professor Dorenkamp:

"I marveled at John's dedication to teaching. Even a few years ago, well after his formal retirement, John was educating students at Holy Cross. In his eighth decade of life, he was still willing to teach our first-year English course ... and correct those essays! With no one else available, he would step in to advise an Honors thesis on Pynchon, and I'll never forget seeing him a few years ago tutoring a new student from Somalia once a week in our Common Room, in order to help her transition to studies in English. Such education was John's mission, and words were his tools to move others towards growth and action."

In his eulogy at the funeral service, novelist Richard DiLallo '68 shared anecdotes from his student days about his former professor, mentor and friend, noting:

"John Dorenkamp, this pipe-puffing, ever-smiling Ichabod-Crane like character from the English department taught me that nothing except the truly tragic should be taken too seriously. John believed that this great Candida-like burlesque has been laid out before us. We are required to walk through it, and the best walk-through is made better with a sense of humor."
Frederick C. Mutter III
Frederick Mutter, of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Dana Point, Calif., died Feb. 11, 2011, at 70. Prior to his retirement in 1995, Mr. Mutter had served 12 years as the vice president of marketing and operations for the Aramark Magazine and Book Division in Los Angeles. Beginning his career in marketing at Lever Brothers Company in New York City in 1962, he subsequently served as vice president of the TUP/Philip Morris Corp. in St. Louis, from 1979 to 1983. Mr. Mutter retired to Scottsdale in 1996. He is survived by his wife, Ellen; two sons; a daughter; their spouses; and six grandchildren.

James W. McManus Jr.
James McManus died March 11, 2011, at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, Charleston, S.C., at 70. Mr. McManus served as a Navy lieutenant during the Vietnam War. He is survived by three brothers; two sisters; two sisters-in-law; seven nephews; three grandnephews; and four grandnieces.

1963
Joseph J. Redington III
Joseph Redington died March 15, 2011, at 69. During his career, Mr. Redington worked 29 years for Citibank in New York, as vice president of operations; following his retirement, he relocated to Boca Raton, Fla. A Navy veteran, Mr. Redington attained the rank of lieutenant commander. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Redington is survived by his wife, Monica; a son, Joseph J. ’88; a daughter; a stepdaughter; a sister; and three grandchildren.

1964
Andrew H. Gonyea
Andrew Gonyea, of Pawleys Island, S.C., died March 11, 2011, at the Waccamaw Community Hospital, Murrells Inlet, S.C., at 68. Mr. Gonyea is survived by his wife, Carolyn; a sister; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and many nephews and nieces.

1965
James T. Callahan, M.D.
James Callahan, M.D., died Feb. 10, 2011, at his home in Fayetteville, N.Y., at 67. During his career, Dr. Callahan had been a radiologist for many years at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, N.Y., and a partner with Crouse Radiology Associates. A Navy veteran, he served with distinction as a lieutenant commander at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia, from 1973 to 1975; upon completion of military service, he worked for two years at St. Peter’s Hospital in Albany, N.Y. Dr. Callahan had been a member of several medical societies and, also, a member of the United Church of Fayetteville. A 1961 graduate of Linton High School in Schenectady, N.Y., where he was a member of the varsity tennis and ski teams, he had played rugby as a student at Holy Cross. Dr. Callahan is survived by his wife, Francie; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; a sister-in-law; six grandchildren; other in-laws; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

1966
Leo F. Amrhein Jr., M.D.
Leo Amrhein, M.D., died March 16, 2011, at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. During his career, Dr. Amrhein held the post of medical director of “Discovery,” a day-treatment psychiatric facility in Quincy, Mass., and had also maintained a private practice in Hingham, Mass. A veteran, he served three years as a physician in the Navy. Dr. Amrhein had been a Holy Cross class agent and a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his partner, Noah Yonge; a brother, J. Christopher ’71; a sister; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; an aunt; a nephew; six nieces; and 24 cousins.

1968
Thomas H. Hernacki
Thomas Hernacki, of White Plains, N.Y., died March 10, 2011, at 64. During his career, Mr. Hernacki had written and edited middle- and high-school English textbooks for several Manhattan-based publishing companies, for more than 30 years. He received his master’s degree in American studies from New York University and his Ph.D. in American literature from Columbia University in New York City. In addition to literature, Mr. Hernacki’s interests included music, art and film. He was born in Chicago. Mr. Hernacki is survived by his wife, Doris; two sons; a daughter-in-law; and two sisters.

1970
John J. Ferry Jr.
John Ferry died March 3, 2011, in New York City, at 62. Engaged in the practice of law in Massachusetts for 30 years, Mr. Ferry had served as an Internal Revenue Service attorney and, subsequently, opened his own firm in 1989, with a focus on estate and tax planning. A 30-year Navy veteran, he had been a tactical jet flight instructor during his time of active duty, as well as an aviator; he made numerous deployments while assigned to the VF-14 Tophatters Squadron aboard the John F. Kennedy (CV-67). As a Reserve officer, Mr. Ferry served as commanding officer of the USS John F. Kennedy, Oceanography Command, and Naval Air Stations Rota, Spain, and South Weymouth, Mass., among other duties; he retired in 2000 as a captain. Mr. Ferry is survived by his...
1971
John F. Healy III
John Healy, of Sterling, Mass., died April 3, 2011, in Clinton (Mass.) Hospital. Prior to his retirement in 2006, Mr. Healy had been a commissioner for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in Worcester and Boston for 30 years. He played baseball at his alma mater Tantasqua Regional High School in Boylston, Mass., and for the Main South American Legion team in Worcester. Mr. Healy is survived by his wife, Jeannine; a daughter; a niece; and two nephews.

1972
John J. Del Vecchio
John Del Vecchio, a longtime resident of Bridgeport, Conn., died Feb. 24, 2011, at 59. During his career, Mr. Del Vecchio had been employed by Jenkins Valves, Buliard Castings, the State of Connecticut Workers’ Compensation Department and SEIU Local 1199. Active in numerous local Italian-American community organizations, he had also served as an officer of the Halsey International Scholarship Committee. Mr. Del Vecchio is survived by his partner, Roland; a son; a daughter; two brothers, Richard J. ’58 and R.J. ’64; two sisters-in-law; his former wife, Nancy; and four nephews and four nieces and their families.

1973
Michael J. Greeley
Michael Greeley, of East Greenwich, R.I., died Feb. 28, 2011, in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, at 59. During his career, Mr. Greeley had served 30 years as a public relations professional in the high-tech and marketing industries. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in English at the University of Massachusetts-Boston. Mr. Greeley is survived by his wife, Susan; his mother; a son; two daughters; three brothers; a sister; a sister-in-law; two aunts; and several nephews and nieces. His brother was the late Brian F. ’75.

Lawrence D. Norman
Lawrence Norman, of Tinton Falls, N.J., died March 2, 2011, at the Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank, N.J., at 60. Mr. Norman is survived by his companion, Mildred Thayer; two sons; a daughter; his father; seven siblings; a grandchild; and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and other extended family.

1987
Robert H. French
Robert French died on April 29, 2011, at his home in Chelsea, Mass., at 45. Active in the financial services field, Mr. French had most recently been employed by Greenpark Mortgage in Dedham, Mass. A graduate of Andover (Mass.) High School, he had been a gifted athlete, playing on the first soccer travel team and participating for many years in the Andover Church Basketball League as a player, referee and coach. An economics major at Holy Cross, Mr. French had also been a member of the cheerleading team. Mr. French’s interests included politics, art, music and bicycling; he was an accomplished photographer and avid Libertarian who was instrumental in organizing the 2007 Boston Tea Party. Mr. French is survived by the late Jacob Hiatt Hon. ’73; Eugene F. Merkert, friend of the College and daughter of the late Jacob Hiatt Hon. ’73; and his grandfather and grandmothers.

1993
Alfred J. Rossi
Alfred Rossi, of Cranston, R.I., died April 14, 2011, at 40. During his career, Mr. Rossi had been an IT manager at CVS Caremark in Woonsocket, R.I. Born in Providence, R.I., he was a 1989 graduate of Cranston East High School; Mr. Rossi received his master of science degree in computer science from Pace University in New York, and a master of science degree in engineering from Brown University in Providence. He is survived by his wife, Dawn Brady Rossi ’93; a daughter; his parents; a brother; and his grandfather and grandmothers.

Friends
Ronald J. Costa Sr., father of John F. ’82 and father-in-law of Margaret Stapor Costa ’82; Estelle L. (Larivey) Gribbons, mother-in-law of Elizabeth "Liz" Gribbons, development office, and grandmother of Nicole L. Prisby ’00, Andrew D. Gribbons ’08 and Brendan P. Gribbons ’12; Thomas J. Hughes, father of Colleen M. ’04; Myra Hiatt Kraft, friend of the College and daughter of the late Jacob Hiatt Hon. ’73; Eugene F. Merkert, friend of the College; Florence Stapor, wife of the late Joseph J., M.D., ’44, mother of Margaret Stapor Costa ’82 and mother-in-law of John J. Costa ’82; Douglas Thomas, father of Beverly Bell, teacher education program; Kip Tiernan, Hon. ’89; Mary A. (Dagnello) Trent, mother of Joseph S. ’77 and aunt of Paul J. Bohdiewicz, M.D., ’77 and Francis X.J. Bohdiewicz, M.D., ’82

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As this issue of Holy Cross Magazine went to press, we learned of the death of Religious Studies Professor Frederick J. Murphy. A renowned scholar and beloved teacher, Prof. Murphy was named Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 2001. A full obituary will appear in the Winter 2012 issue.
“ON YOUR LEFT” was spoken by more riders, more often, and with more passion than any other phrase the weekend of August 6 and 7.

In the true spirit of the Jesuit philosophy, more than 5,000 cyclists, 3,500 volunteers and thousands of supporters lining a 192-mile route from Sturbridge to Provincetown, Mass., came together as men and women for others; each with their own story, but all with the same goal: to beat cancer by participating in the 32nd annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC).

Riding a bike has been my favorite outdoor activity since the age of 3. Going into the street for the first time was a defining event in my young life. My father took me down our gravel driveway to the smooth pavement ahead. I said, “OK, Daddy, take the training wheels off.” After a brief test ride to make sure I would maintain my balance, Dad reluctantly fetched a wrench from the garage, removed the training wheels, and the rest was history. I was off to the races.

In 1980, when I was 10 years old, I participated in my first fundraising bike-a-thon. A group of about 50 riders from our church rode various routes around town to raise funds for a local charity. I was too young to go it alone, so Dad, always a good sport, came with me for the 10-mile ride to which we had committed. At the time I thought 10 miles felt like 1,000, but I was up to the challenge!

That same summer, another group of 36 riders was assembling north of us, in Springfield, Mass. They would come to be known as the inaugural Pan-Massachusetts Challenge riders; a group of men and women who, unbeknownst to them at the time, were creating something that would change the face of athletic fundraising forever. They rode 220 miles that weekend, raised more than $10,000, and donated all of it to the Jimmy Fund, which supports cancer research and care at Boston’s world-renowned Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Its founder, Billy Starr, had lost his uncle, cousin and mother to cancer, and he was committed to making a difference in the lives of others still suffering from it.

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Since that first ride in 1980, the PMC has grown considerably. To date more than $300 million has been donated to the Jimmy Fund by PMC participants—making it the most successful single fundraising event in the United States. My inaugural ride was in 2003 when I decided to do it “just for fun.” One of my sponsors was Holy Cross dad Gregg Irwin P08, 06, who, as he handed me a check, said, “If you do this again, I want to come along.” In 2004 I told him I planned to ride again, and that he needed to tune up his bike. He rode with me then, and last fall asked if I wanted to go yet again.

Unfortunately, in 2010 cancer filled my life. It seemed at every turn I was being given news that friends, family members, neighbors and colleagues had been diagnosed with various forms of the disease. Some have thankfully won their personal battles, while others continue to struggle; sadly, a few close to me lost their fight. It was for all of these people in my life, and for all those I’ve never met, that I told Gregg I would ride again. This was the third time I’ve participated in the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, and it was just as emotional and moving an event as it was in the past. This is the oldest, most successful, most efficient athletic fundraiser of its kind in the entire United States—and, in my opinion, the best of its kind. This year, there were riders from 34 states and six countries.

For those of us who ride the PMC, we know a cure will one day be discovered; it’s simply a matter of time. I look forward to the day when I can say to other riders, “on your left,” and be out for a 192-mile ride just for fun.

For more information on participating in the PMC or making a donation, email Jim Richardson at jrichard@holycross.edu or visit pmc.org.
The Sept. 1 season-opener for Crusader football ended in a 24-16 loss to UMass, but the first-ever night game in College history was a success, with more than 16,000 fans in attendance.