ON THE COVER
Noted artist Warren Prosperi has created the painting of Fr. McFarland that will hang in Fenwick’s hall of presidential portraits. Prosperi and his wife, Lucia, approach portraiture in the tradition of Optical Naturalism: presenting a moment that reflects the character and environment of the subject.

PHOTO BY PATRICK O’CONNOR

18 A Portrait of a Presidency
As Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., prepares for his last days in the President’s Office, the Holy Cross community reflects and celebrates the 12 years of change, growth and sustained commitment to mission that our 31st president provided. PLUS: An essay by Fr. McFarland

30 Residence Life
Whether your memories were made in Wheeler, Mulledy, or one of the newer apartment-style residence halls, most alumni will agree that lifelong bonds of friendship are formed living on the Hill. Learn what makes the Holy Cross experience unique.
Recognizing Bravery
Reading the latest edition of Holy Cross Magazine about the events of Dec. 12, 1969, brought several thoughts to mind. The first was the obvious bravery of Ted Wells, my classmate Art Martin, and the other student leaders, as they put the bigger issue before their own separate well-being. The next was how the opposite views of Fathers Swords and Brooks evolved into one opinion that led to resolution. Fr. Brooks likely risked as much as the students by standing up and speaking out. My own regret is that in December 1969 I was more concerned with applying to law school and avoiding Vietnam than I was with the plight of my fellow students. After reading the excerpt from Diane Brady’s Fraternity, I was embarrassed at my inability to recognize the racism in the midst of our Christian community. I consider Brooks, Martin, Wells and all the other students who voted with their feet as real heroes for taking their stand and challenging the racist nature of the administration, the local press and many of us students. I hope that the students who walked away have forgiven us for not walking away with them. Most of all, I am glad that they all came back.

Bernard Monbouquette ’70
Omaha, Neb.

Seeking Justice
Reading the “Special Report: Fraternity and Diversity” brought a mix of feelings and a question. I felt pride and delight recalling the courageous resistance of black students and in Fr. Brooks’ wise compassion in the pursuit of justice. The commitment to diversity and multicultural competence expressed by administrators is encouraging when open hostility against diversity is too widespread.

As the story of the “Walkout” explains, a disproportionate number of African American students were singled out for punishment because they were “highly identifiable.” A maddening irony interrupts when the highly identifiable “elephant” goes unnamed in Diversity: Where We Stand Now. If, as the mission of the College states, we are “to seek justice within and beyond the Holy Cross community,” when will Holy Cross explore how good white people remain complicit in racial inequities that not only endure but are widening in health, housing, income, wealth, education and criminal justice? Naming and interrogating this reality goes to the heart of the mission of the College and would pay a fitting tribute to the 1969 witness of the Black Student Union and Fr. Brooks.

Alex Mikulich ’84
New Orleans

The ROTC Perspective
In the Fall issue, our excerpt of Chapter Nine: “The Walkout,” from Diane Brady’s new book, Fraternity, describes the emotions and events that stemmed from the Black Student Union’s walkout following punishments meted out after a 1969 GE recruitment incident. The chapter begins with general statements about protests and tensions of the Vietnam era on campuses across the nation. There, Brady’s description of most Holy Cross demonstrations as passing “without incident” stirred alumni to respond with their own assessment of that turbulent time:

As members of the 1970 NROTC and AFROTC class who chose to go into the Marines upon graduation we couldn’t disagree more with Ms. Brady, and any objective analysis of what occurred on campus that year will clearly show that the organization which was most discriminated against was the ROTC and some of the students involved therein.

Once the Administration barred the Marines from recruiting on campus, the Semper Fidelis Society set up a table in the Hogan lobby and referred any interested student to the Marine recruiters who established an interim office at the Holiday Inn. The Administration could bar the recruiters, but they couldn’t stop the Society, as we were a recognized student organization. This did not sit well with the SDS, so they marched on Hogan, overturned our table and threw ammonia on our recruiting literature. According to the November 21, 1969 edition of The Crusader, “a container ... filled with ammonia, was broken near the Semper Fidelis table, and its contents spilled to the floor.” This is not how we recall the incident. We knew the people involved and lodged a complaint with the President’s office, yet he refused to take action. In The Crusader, the head of the SDS acknowledged the dispersal of the ammonia but said, “... the ammonia incident was an accident,” and that it had been brought along to hinder any recruiters on campus, but was not intended to be used against students. This stretches incredulity to its maximum.

Additional anti-ROTC incidents transpired that year, including the SDS attempt to burn down the AFROTC building and other acts of violence that were dismissed by the Administration as pranks. For the first time in the school’s ROTC history, future ensigns and lieutenants were not commissioned at graduation; moreover, they weren’t even allowed to wear their uniforms at
commencement, but were forced by the Administration to wear gowns over the uniform. Yet throughout these incidents, the ROTC students maintained a stand of non-violence, and followed the rules set forth by the College for reporting acts of violence and discrimination levied against them.

In his dissent of the 2003 affirmative action case of Grutter v. Bollinger, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas ’71, referring to a speech Frederick Douglass delivered to abolitionists decades earlier, stated, “Like Douglass, I believe blacks can achieve in every avenue of American life without the meddling of university administrators.” During the 1969-70 academic year, the College administration meddled but refused to address the bias where it so palpably existed, and it is a stain on the College’s history that has yet to be redressed.

Jim Leonard ’70 (Battalion Commander, NROTC)
Peachtree City, Ga.

Pat Glynn ’70 (Commander, AFROTC)
Philadelphia

Paul Atanasio ’70 (NROTC and President, Semper Fidelis Society)
Breezy Point, N.Y.

Author Diane Brady responds: “ROTC members faced numerous challenges in 1969, including protests in Boston that made recruitment a near-impossible task. But my research indicates most of these demonstrations were essentially peaceful. The BSU walkout was a reaction to black protesters being disproportionately punished. Other groups may have experienced bias, too.”

Curran Fan
I was happy to see that a leadership award has been established to honor Bob Curran ’48 (“Honoring Leadership,” Page 45, Fall 2011 issue). Bob was a great motivator. He was coach of the freshman basketball team in ’65 when we played Boston College at Worcester Auditorium. A sell-out crowd turned out to see what was regarded as the best recruiting class in basketball history. New BC coach Bob Cousy ’50 had landed four high school All-Americans, among them Jimmy Kissane, a six-foot nine-inch scorer from Chaminade on Long Island. Miraculously, we were up by six or eight points at halftime. In the locker room, we were all pretty pleased with ourselves. Coach Curran wasn’t. He turned to me: “Akstens, you might want to try playing some basketball in the second half—instead of standing around out there while Kissane reads you his press clippings.” No player of Bob Curran’s ever rested on his laurels. I loved that guy.

Tom Akstens ’68
Bakers Mills, N.Y.

Rugby’s Start
The article on Holy Cross rugby in the Fall 2011 issue omits mention of Jim Sheridan ’63. With a couple of well-used rugby footballs and a love of the game, he organized the first club, obtained the services of an Englishman to coach and taught the importance of rugby’s “third period.” Thus started the program now 50 years old.

Rick Varco ’63
St. Paul, Minn.

Editor’s Note: Thank you for that additional information, Mr. Varco. Since the rugby story appeared, we’ve heard from several alumni readers who have been able to fill in some of the blanks uncovered in Mark Sullivan’s piece. Another reader informed us that No. 45, the player reaching for the ball on Page 44, is Tim Grossnickle ’68. And when cardiologist Bob Gatewood, M.D., ’70 saw Tom Cadigan ’02 from Alumni Relations at a reception in Buffalo recently, he revealed that he is the quick-moving player in the small color photo on Page 42.

Remembering Prof. Murphy
I just saw the news of Religious Studies Professor Frederick J. Murphy’s passing, and wanted to send a note in his memory. I took two courses with Professor Murphy during my time at Holy Cross. He played such an important role in shaping my critical thinking and writing skills, and I treasure the memories of being in his classroom and participating in lively, challenging and engaging discussions. He made me a better student, and that continues to impact my life every day, now five years out from Holy Cross.

Katie Stuart ‘06
Somerville, Mass.

Editor’s Note: Other students of Professor Murphy, including Christina Koutoudis ’08 and Caitlin LaCascio-King ’06, sent us essays in honor of their beloved mentor and teacher. Koutoudis writes, “I went to the Holy Cross homecoming after his funeral. I stopped by his office for the first time in three years since graduating, and for the first time saw his door closed. I wish more than anything that I had just one last chat with him.” To read the entire tribute, visit this issue’s Web Exclusives at http://magazine.holycross.edu/issue_46_1. A full obituary for Professor Murphy appears on Page 67 of this issue.

A Dear Classmate
On behalf of the Class of 1948, I am submitting a post script to an obituary of Vincent Zuroo ’48 that appeared in the Fall edition of Holy Cross Magazine. May he rest in peace.

Vincent had an extraordinary career after he graduated from Holy Cross in 1948. He had to do mainly with his contributions to the U.S. Olympic Wrestling Team. One of Al Smith’s favorite expressions was “Let us look at the record,” and Vincent’s record was impressive: A noted and admired...
official, he refereed five Olympic Games, 34 World Championships and six Pan-American Championships in addition to 30 years of national and collegiate tournaments. In 2010, he became the first American referee to be inducted in The International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles (FILA) Hall of Fame, an award Vincent accepted with great emotion, declaring: “The induction is like the PhD of wrestling. There is no way to go higher.” (Of course, Dr. Vincent Zuaro had also earned a PhD in philosophy from New York University in 1973.)

In 1984, the National Wrestling Hall of Fame honored our classmate as a distinguished member. In a recent tribute to Vince, the executive director of that group, John Smith, wrote, “Because of Vince Zuaro, America knows the rules. Through half a century of Olympic endeavor, USA wrestlers were handicapped by unfamiliarity with the international styles, the techniques, the rules and their interpretations. ... Today, America’s officials, coaches and athletes, know the international rules better than some of the people who wrote them, largely because of the U.S. Wrestling Officials Association founded by Zuaro in 1970 and the USA Wrestling rule book which he authored for 20 years.”

In my humble opinion, the recorded achievements of Vincent Zuaro place him in the pantheon of sports heroes on a world-wide basis. The effect that he had on his sport is startling.

Thomas Costello ‘48
Bronx, NY.

Errata
In the Fall issue, an incorrect photo accompanied the obituary of Associate Professor of English John D. Boyd (1941-2011) that appeared on Page 66. The photo of the smiling, bearded man with a pipe is actually that of Carter Lindberg, a contemporary of Professor Boyd, who taught in the theology department at Holy Cross and, who is now professor emeritus of Boston University’s School of Theology. Lindberg is the author of several books, including The European Re formations (Wiley-Blackwell, 2009).

The late Professor Boyd (left) taught English at Holy Cross from 1974 to 1992 and then moved to Athens, Ga., where he joined the faculty at the University of Georgia. Professor Boyd, whose scholarly work focused on the British Victorians, was also a serious music lover. An accomplished pianist, he enjoyed performing in choral groups, including the Worcester Chorus, from 1975 to 1992, and the Athens Master Chorale, from 1992 to 2007. Professor Boyd is survived by his wife, Anne; and a son.

Holy Cross Magazine apologizes for this error, which was due to a photo labeling mistake that occurred at the time the photos were taken.

Also in the Fall 2011 issue, the photographs of new Holy Cross Alumni Association President Brian O’Connell ’71 on Page 54 and Rev. Philip Rule, S.J., on Page 55 should have been credited to John Buckingham.

ON THE BACK COVER

In October, Holy Cross theatre students, along with other members of the Worcester community, portrayed characters from 16 treasures in the Worcester Art Museum’s permanent collection. The event, titled Tableaux Vivants (“art coming to life”), was part of a celebration for outgoing museum director Jim Welu.

In our back cover photo, Welu and longtime Holy Cross costume designer Kurt Hultgren (in white tie) join students portraying Dutch painter Judith Leyster’s “A Game of Tric-Trac,” Christian Krenek ’12, Matt Heifer ’12 and Molly Oliver ’12 brought the 17th century painting to life, right down to the thin clay pipe. Hultgren and his staff created all the elaborate costumes for the event.

The 23 actors not only dressed and posed their parts, they studied each piece so they could share with guests knowledge about the works of art.
**HAIL AND FAREWELL**

As this issue goes to press, my colleagues and I are planning our annual Christmas luncheon and marking the date for “Lessons and Carols” in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel on our calendars. (We are definitely not lacking in holiday spirit around here!) But with that cheer comes the knowledge that in just a few short weeks, we’ll be saying goodbye to the College’s 31st President, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J.

We are fortunate, of course, that our new leader, Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J., will be joining us in the new year, and the excitement of an upcoming inauguration is already bubbling up. Still, goodbyes are sad, and now seems to be the appropriate time to pause and reflect on what the last 12 years have meant to our community on the Hill, even as Fr. McFarland characteristically eschews the spotlight and the praise so many want to lavish on him.

As our cover feature explains, the lasting effect of the McFarland era is one that the entire Holy Cross community can be proud of—because Fr. McFarland made sure everyone was a part of it. From the physical evidence of amazing, state-of-the-art facilities, to alumni satisfaction and giving rates that are the envy of many in higher education, this community bears tangible evidence of the improvements that Fr. McFarland spearheaded or supported.

But simply chat with anyone on campus, and you’ll hear many more stories about our President. The private moments of concern, the homilies that lifted souls, the personal connections with students—these are the stories that have been repeated across Mount St. James ever since the plans for Fr. McFarland’s departure were announced more than a year ago.

“Any story about Fr. McFarland would not be complete without discussing these kinds of intangibles that he brought to Holy Cross,” says Alice Laffey, longtime religious studies professor. Laffey has attended hundreds of Masses celebrated by Fr. McFarland on campus. “I believe that’s where he talks. His faith life, his experience of God—it is what has given him the freedom to do this hard job and give it his all,” she says.

In fact, Laffey’s cozy office on the fourth floor of Smith Hall is lined with two things: books and a fluttering assortment of notes bearing inspirational scripture and quotes. Most are from Fr. McFarland’s homilies, either his own words or quotes he has enjoyed.

“One of my favorites is ‘There’s no traffic jam on the extra mile.’ He saw that on a student’s T-shirt and liked it,” she says. Laffey uses several others for inspiration, including “When moralism trumps mercy, the gospel is not being preached,” and “If you look for goodness and love, you will find them.”

If you would like to send Fr. McFarland a farewell message, please visit [holycross.edu/hcm/mcfarland](http://holycross.edu/hcm/mcfarland).

And if you are thinking about how to honor Fr. McFarland in the coming weeks, in lieu of a gift, you might consider making a donation to the newly renamed McFarland Center (see story, Page 6).

In closing, please know that the editorial and design team here at *Holy Cross Magazine* wishes all our readers a joy-filled Christmas, happy holidays and warm blessings in the new year.

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**EDITOR’S NOTE**

On a recent visit to Hong Kong, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., enjoyed a reception at the home of Thomas ’88 and Catherine ’89 Jessop. “There is a small but well-connected alumni community here in Hong Kong,” Tom explains, “which we informally call ‘HC in HK.’ We try to get together on a quarterly basis.” Front row, sitting or kneeling, left to right: Glen McDermott ’90, Tom Jessop ’88, Casey Quan ’92 and Susan Darwin ’83. Back row, standing: Gail McDermott, Rebecca Ganswindt, Elliot Meehen ’06, Ryan McQuade ’10, Cathy Jessop ’89, Fr. McFarland, Brendan McCarthy ’97, Megan McCarthy ’97, Christine O’Donnell ’02, Patrick O’Donnell ’02

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The College has re-named the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture in honor of College President Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., whose 12 years at Holy Cross end this month. The naming of the Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture was announced at the October President’s Council dinner. “The opportunity to connect (Fr. McFarland’s) name with an essential part of our academic enterprise—as well as Holy Cross’ mission and identity—gives all of us great joy, satisfaction and pride,” comments Kevin Condron ’67, P00, Chair of the Holy Cross Board of Trustees. The naming of the McFarland Center, which is located in Smith Hall and sponsors a range of interdisciplinary events concerned with issues of meaning and morality today, was made possible by a gift from Michael and Maureen Ruettgers P03, 99.

The naming announcement coincides with the launch of an ambitious scholarly initiative on global Catholicism called “Catholics and Cultures.” “Through ‘Catholics and Cultures’ and the ongoing work of the McFarland Center, Holy Cross intends to make a special mark in Catholic education in the 21st century,” says Frank Vellaccio, the College’s senior vice president, noting that Fr. McFarland embraced the fledgling Center’s work as soon as he arrived on campus in 2001, seeing it as important to the College’s Jesuit mission. Vellaccio adds that it is suggested alumni and friends of the College who wish to honor Fr. McFarland on his 12 years of leadership consider making a gift in support of the Center and the Catholics and Cultures initiative.

Read more about the McFarland Center’s upcoming events at holycross.edu/mcfarlandcenter
The College has hired Patricia Ring as the new registrar. Ring, who started on the Hill Oct. 3, comes to New England from Henderson, Nev., where she was the registrar at Nevada State College. We asked Ring a few “getting to know you” questions:

Q: You were a globetrotter as a child due to your father’s career as a defense contractor. What were some of your favorite places?
A: We lived in Saudi Arabia and Spain, I also went to boarding school in Rome. My favorite place though was Greece. We vacationed there a few times and just loved it!

Q: If you had to sum up your first three months on the job here at Holy Cross in just three words, what would they be?
A: Three words: I’m so lucky! Everyone has been so welcoming, and it’s easy to see why people stay when they come here.

Q: Holy Cross isn’t your first experience working at a Jesuit institution ... Was it important for you to return to a Jesuit school?
A: I believe in educating the whole person and teaching students how to think, not what to think. I am Jesuit-educated myself [Ring received her undergraduate and MPA degrees from Seattle University]. I know that my experience at Seattle U helped shape me into the person I am today. I had to step outside my comfort zone in classes and was really challenged.

Q: What’s the most rewarding or interesting part of being a registrar?
A: My favorite part is Commencement. There is just something so magical about that day. The students have worked so hard to get to where they are. It’s not just for the students, but also their families and friends and of course the faculty and staff. Everyone has done something to help contribute to them crossing the stage. It is such an accomplishment.

Q: As the registrar, you get to carry the mace into Commencement. Are you up to the task? It looks pretty heavy!
A: I really need to go check out the mace soon so I can be ready ... you’ll be seeing me at the Hart Center for sure after the holidays to get ready to carry it!

Q: If you hadn’t pursued a career in higher education, what do you think you’d enjoy doing for a living?
A: I’ve never really thought about that. I started working in the Registrar’s Office as a student worker at Seattle University and realized that higher education was the path I wanted to take. My major was criminal justice and I wanted to be a juvenile probation officer. I’m enforcing “academic law” instead.

Q: You’re new to Holy Cross, and to New England as well. What was most surprising to you: the Massachusetts drivers, the accent, or the freak snowstorm we had in late October?
A: Las Vegas drivers are worse; already experienced the accent; was excited about the snow. The biggest surprise—where are all the Starbucks?

Q: When you’re not working, how do you like to spend your downtime?
A: I like to spend my time exploring my new location. I have a sister in New York: I have that drive down to three hours. I love to travel, and it seems as though this is the perfect area for weekend day trips.

The Sanctae Crucis Award is the highest non-degree recognition bestowed by the College on an alumnus or alumna, and because many accomplished alumni are modest about their achievements, it is up to their Holy Cross friends to recognize their contributions. If you know a Holy Cross graduate who deserves consideration for this important honor, please visit http://offices.holycross.edu/scp. There, you will find a nomination form and a description of the three award categories (Award for Distinguished Professional Achievement, Award for Outstanding Community Service and Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna Award).

The deadline is fast approaching: Nominations must be submitted to the Office of the Senior Vice President by January 1. (A note about eligibility: Individuals must be Holy Cross graduates who have not received an honorary degree from the College, and current Holy Cross Trustees are not eligible while in service on the board.)
Everyone on Mount St. James knows that the Holy Cross experience is one that shapes lives, hearts and minds. But it sure is nice to hear that confirmed by sources off the Hill. Recently, the College has received several top rankings and high praise from national surveys:

- *Forbes Magazine* places Holy Cross at No. 27 on its list of “America’s Best Colleges.”
- *The Princeton Review* ranked the nation’s most beautiful campuses, and Holy Cross (which has been a registered arboretum since 1983) blossomed at No. 12.
- Holy Cross has placed high on the Institute for International Education’s list of best long-term study abroad programs.
- Our scholar-athletes post a 96% graduation success rate, making Holy Cross among the most successful in NCAA Division I athletics.

Read more accolades and comments on the new Points of Distinction website at [http://www.holycross.edu/hcm/pod/](http://www.holycross.edu/hcm/pod/)

**CRUSADERS IN D.C.**

Under the leadership of Marine Officer Instructor CAPT Chris Reinke and student captain Kyle Kavanagh ’13 of Valhalla, N.Y., 23 Worcester-area students participated in the 36th annual Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. About a dozen Holy Cross NROTC students were among the group’s runners, who raised more than $16,000 in support of the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund (IMSFf), a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting injured service members. “We wore our Holy Cross NROTC shirts in the race and helped spread the good word about Holy Cross and the wonderful students who populate Mount St. James,” Reinke says.
**New acquisitions for Cantor**

**The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery** recently acquired several new pieces for its permanent collection, including Eliot Porter’s 1959 *Aspens by the Lake* (left). The color dye transfer print is a gift to the College by Joseph C. French Jr. After the holiday break, the Gallery will welcome visitors for two new exhibitions: “Painting Borges: Art Interpreting Literature” (Jan. 24 to March 21) is curated by Jorge J. E. Gracia, State University of New York Distinguished Professor and Chair, Samuel P. Capen Chair at the University at Buffalo. “Cuban Artists Books & Prints, 1985 – Present” (Jan. 31 to May 8), curated by Linda S. Howe of Wake Forest University, features about 40 handmade books and other objects created by contemporary Cuban painters, sculptors, photographers and printmakers.

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**Messages of Support**

A stroll through the basement level of the Hogan Campus Center in late October gave visitors and students a glimpse of a breast cancer awareness project sponsored by Student Health Awareness Peer Educators (SHAPE) and HC for a Cure. “The purpose of the display was to raise awareness of breast cancer in a unique and eye-catching way,” says student organizer **Jordan Edwards ’12** of St. Joseph, Mich.

A large display of handwritten notes from the Holy Cross community answered the question “I support the cause because...”

Here’s a sample of the responses, which ranged from playful to pensive.

“...too many people I know have been fighting cancer for too many years.”

“...I know people with cancer and I am a cancer survivor.”

“...of my mom, aunt and grandmother.”

“...of my mom, she’s a survivor.”

“...breast cancer runs in my family.”

“...I love my mom (and my cleavage!)”

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**Holy Cross in the News**

**Lynne Myers**, director of financial aid, discussed President Obama’s announcement of a 10 percent cap on student loan repayments, the financial burden families and students undertake to attend college, as well as what schools do to help alleviate the burden on WGBH’s “Greater Boston” program.

**Virginia Raguin**, professor of visual arts, explained the history and meaning of pilgrimages for the PBS’ Religion & Ethics Newsweekly. Raguin commented that the concept of pilgrimage was vital in the Christian, Muslim and Buddhist faith traditions, adding, “One of the things the Christians, the Buddhists and the Muslims constantly come back to is humility. They make the effort, but God grants the grace.”

*The Boston Globe* covered the men’s ice hockey Oct. 22 upset of Boston University on the Terriers’ home ice, reporting that although a third period BU goal brought them close to a win: “Goalie **Matt Ginn ’15** (left) and the Crusaders’ defense made sure the upset would stand ... and Holy Cross skated away with a 5-4 win, its first over BU and its first over a ranked team since the 2006 NCAA Tournament.” The *Globe* also reported on the men’s basketball 86-64 win against historic rival Boston College on Nov. 18, led by senior **Devin Brown’s** season-high 32 points, five rebounds and five assists. It was the Crusaders’ second win against BC in the last 18 matchups.
THE GRIEF OF OTHERS

BY LEAH HAGER COHEN

Riverhead Books

You are lauded for your finely detailed, fully formed characters. How do you begin the process of creating these people?

A: I begin to imagine fictional characters in slices—that is, not with a general sense of their outlines, which I then fill in, but rather with a vivid impression of some minute aspect of their personality, their way of speaking, perhaps, or the way they might respond to a particular event. Sometimes I have a kind of sharp, bright snapshot of the character in a specific place, a specific moment in time, and I work from there, slowly, to understand who this person might fully be.

Q: Are you comfortable sharing how much of this book is borrowed from your own real-life experiences with grief and forgiveness?

A: Very little is borrowed directly from my own experience with grief and forgiveness. I have, of course, had ample experience with both—who reaches midlife without knowing grief, without knowing forgiveness? But the circumstances in the book differ greatly from my own. I did once have a miscarriage, and that experience informed my imagining what it might be like to have an infant die shortly after birth. Like the characters in this book, I have lied and felt ashamed; I have tried to speak truth and felt silenced. I think we all have done these things, and that common stream of human behavior—which always, in all of us, ranges from the beautiful to the monstrous—is what interests me most.

Q: New York Times book reviewer Susann Cokal wrote, “For all its deep-seated sorrows, this is a hopeful book.” Do you agree?

A: Yes! We live with sorrows every day. We live with loss every day. Folded into the very fact of our being alive is the fact of our mortality, the truth that we will die. I don’t find acknowledging these things depressing. On the contrary, there is so much joy—just impossibly much joy—in being here, alive to all experience. That joy comes not despite loss; loss is part of its very essence.

Q: How have you found teaching here at Holy Cross? Has it influenced the way you approach your own writing in any way?

A: I love teaching here more than I even anticipated. I didn’t grow up in any religious tradition; I’m a secular Jew, or as my daughter likes to say, I’m Jew-ish. I wasn’t sure how it would feel to teach in an environment with a strong religious identity and culture. But the older I get, the more I notice that much of what moves me to write seems like a close cousin to what my friend Tina, an Episcopal priest, might simply call love of God.

Q: In a recent installment of NPR’s “You Must Read This,” you recommended Brian Hall’s 1997 novel The Saskiad. If we could peek at your nightstand right now, what books would we find?

A: I just finished The Call, a short novel by Yannick Murphy that’s written entirely in the form of a veterinarian’s call log. Somehow, this stylistic choice doesn’t feel like a device or constraint; it becomes a platform for a beautiful, moving, surprising story about a family, and about the strangeness, the fragility and, also, the sparkling, cyclical hardness of life.

Q: Can you give our readers any early insight into your next project?

A: It’s a novel about a sister and brother who grew up on the grounds of a former experimental school run by their father. He raised his own children according to Jean-Jacques Rousseau’s writings, believing it best to leave them unfettered, free to spend much of their childhood roaming the woods behind their house.

The brother may well be autistic, but in accordance with his parents’ beliefs, was never evaluated. When the book begins, the children are grown, and the brother is being held in an upstate New York jail, charged with abduction and negligent homicide. The sister sets off in an effort to learn what happened and to find a way to convince others that her brother is no monster.
IN THE MEADOW
BY ISAAC W. ANDRES ’00
ILLUSTRATIONS BY JASON GAGE
Little Balloon Press
In his second children’s book, Isaac Andres ’00 tells the story of a meadow tree and flower whose developing friendship is tested by the changing seasons, providing insight into the nature of friendship, loss and the importance of faith.

A PEACEFUL, EASY FEELING
BY PHILIP R. SULLIVAN, M.D., ’53
Foremost Press
In his latest novel, Philip Sullivan tells the tale of a man enjoying life close to nature in rural Maine, until he becomes embroiled in a labor battle. Turning to the characters in his own life—including Fr. Tim, an elderly mystic—he tries to conquer his fears and his enemies.

PAP
BY DARRIN R. BERARD ’97
CreateSpace
In his first novel, Darrin Berard ’97 follows the original storyline of Mark Twain’s Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, to present new insights into the book’s characters, particularly Huck Finn’s father, Pap. The book may be read on its own or, preferably, along with Twain’s novel.

THE BEST HOMES FROM THIS OLD HOUSE
BY KEVIN D. O’CONNOR ’90
PHOTOGRAPHY BY MICHAEL CASEY ’90
Stewart, Tabori & Chang
The host of the Emmy Award-winning PBS series “This Old House” worked with his Holy Cross classmate to chronicle 10 of the finest home transformations of the past decade. The volume features more than 200 photos and insights from O’Connor and crew about every step of the process.

HOLY CROSS CLASS OF ’72 EX-MAN
BY GORDON T. DAVIS ’73
CreateSpace
An account of Gordon Davis’ experiences at Holy Cross from 1968 to 1973, this book chronicles the Philly native’s passion for activism, Civil Rights and social change, as well as his transformation from devout Catholic to Marxist-Leninist atheist.

SIMPLY FRED
BY JACK SHEA ’56 WITH JERRY SIGLER, JOHN PAGE AND LARRY MADDEN
LuLu
Simply Fred tells the story of Monsignor Frederick R. McManus ’44, Hon. ’89 and his crucial role in shaping liturgical reforms after Vatican II. It contains a brief biography, personal accounts from his colleagues and a glimpse at his enduring legacy.

THE HOLY THEOPANY
BY REV. ROBERT F. SLESINSKI ’72
Eastern Christian Publications
In his most recent book, The Holy Theophany, Fr. Slesinski offers a catechesis on the mysteries of the Incarnation and the Holy Trinity, focusing on the Annunciation, the Nativity and the Lord’s Baptism. The final chapter considers “The Twilight of Manifestation: Back to the Hidden Life.”
At the 11th Annual O’Callahan Society Dinner in September, the group honored president emeritus Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, with two awards. Fr. Brooks, who served in the Army during World War II, was lauded for being a staunch champion of liberal arts education for military officers and for the integral role he has played in maintaining an ROTC presence at Holy Cross.

For his efforts to support the ROTC, Fr. Brooks received the Superior Public Service Award from the Department of the Navy. He also received the O’Callahan Society’s first Capt. Harry T. Moore USN Award. Capt. Moore assumed his duties as the commanding officer of the NROTC at Holy Cross in 1970, the same year Fr. Brooks became the College’s president. The two men worked closely as Moore reviewed and revised the College’s ROTC curriculum to ensure its “academic and professional suitability to the College and the Navy,” according to the O’Callahan Society’s award citation. Fr. Brooks has noted that Moore’s dedication, patience and persistence saved the ROTC unit, and the Jesuit and the officer remained close until Moore’s death in 2007.

After the presentation of the awards to Fr. Brooks, the crowd of more than 150 guests welcomed keynote speaker Col. Philip “P.J.” Crowley, USAF (Ret.) ’73, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs and noted national defense expert.

The celebratory evening’s program quoted a 2009 speech in which Fr. Brooks said that he supported the ROTC at Holy Cross because he saw and continues to see a need for “military officers well-versed in the liberal arts—young men and women who have developed via their collegiate years the basic mental habits, intellectual skills, qualities of mind and judgment—all commonly referred to by philosophers and our sacred authors as wisdom.”

Fr. Brooks Receives Two Military Honors

As is tradition at the President’s Fall Convocation, the College bestowed the Distinguished Teaching Award on a faculty member who has demonstrated commitment to making ideas come alive for students both in and out of the classroom. This year David B. Damiano, associate professor of mathematics, received the honor.

“Part, but not all of my enthusiasm for teaching, is due to my love of mathematics,” Damiano shares. “I enjoy talking about mathematics, whether it is arithmetic to third graders, topology to juniors and seniors or functions to school teachers.” Damiano adds that beyond his affinity for his subject is a desire to make a difference to his students and help them realize their potential as people, not just as students of mathematics. “Whether they are first year non-majors or senior project students. At the end of the day,” he says, “the conversations with students that are about more than their coursework are the ones I take home.”

The President also honored faculty members who have served the College for 25 years or more with the Raymond J. Swords, S.J., Faculty Medal. This year there were nine recipients: John T. Anderson, Charles H. Anderton, Lorraine C. Attreed, Mark Freeman, Margaret N. Freije, Ronald M. Jarret, Joseph P. Lawrence, S. Elizabeth Sweeney and Karen G. Turner.
DESCRIPTION
Open to upper-class students, the course examines key conceptual and philosophical topics related to multicultural education in the United States. Focusing on various socio-historical perspectives for the study of race, gender and culture in the increasingly diverse U.S. educational system, students explore the impact of these issues on classroom teaching and learning and the structure and organization of schools.

FORMAT
Weekly seminar and student participation in a community-based learning component (CBL) with the Worcester Public Schools

REQUIREMENTS
Class participation; maintenance of a CBL journal; two short papers; and a final research paper and presentation

ON THE DAY HCM VISITED CLASS
Update on students’ initial experiences at their CBL sites. Lecture and discussion based on topics covered in Rafe Esquith’s Teach Like Your Hair’s on Fire and James Banks’ An Introduction to Multicultural Education (fourth edition), specifically the chapter titled “Teaching with Powerful Ideas”

The Shame of the Nation by Jonathan Kozol, In the Deep Heart’s Core by Michael Johnston, Losing Our Language by Sandra Stotsky, Why Are So Many Minority Students in Special Education? by Beth Harry and Janette Klingner

PROFESSOR BIO
Associate professor and current chair of the department of education, Ericka Fisher joined the College faculty as an assistant professor in 2003. A 1996 graduate of Holy Cross with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology, she received her master’s degree in school counseling and Ph.D. in social justice education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. A keynote speaker at conferences and events and the author of various articles for professional journals, Fisher is currently completing a book-length manuscript about public schools in America.

PROFESSOR QUOTE
“Holy Cross students become leaders in their communities and often are in roles that afford them the opportunity to make decisions that impact the lives of others,” says Fisher, above, standing. “This course provides students with a conceptual and philosophical framework that transcends the institution of education. This framework provides insight into how to contribute to transformative and structural change in our society. … My hope is that the class inspires and empowers them to collaborate with others and to make change in their future work, whether that is as a teacher, community leader, policy maker or physician. They should leave the course knowing they can contribute greatly to society, and transformation can happen anywhere.”

STUDENT QUOTE
“This course has increased my understanding of the issues related to multicultural education in the United States ... by opening my eyes not only to the reality of today, but also to the hope of tomorrow,” says Kristen Vartanian ’12 of Worcester. “… Multicultural Education is a course that goes over and beyond by teaching life lessons from inside the classroom.”

Multicultural Education fulfills a requirement for students pursuing a minor in education, a six-course program open to students of all majors that focuses on the field of education as a liberal arts discipline. This class also satisfies a course requirement for students enrolled in the Teacher Education Program, designed for students interested in either pursuing licensure at the undergraduate level or preparing for a graduate teacher education program.
Students Share Cultural Heritage

Part of the College’s ongoing commitment to diversity is student involvement, and Holy Cross students coordinate several groups whose shared goal is multicultural awareness. Here’s a primer on their names and upcoming events:

Black Student Union (BSU)

Black History Month Celebration throughout February
As part of this monthlong celebration of the rich heritage of African-American culture and experience, the BSU will host a variety of educational events including: the annual BSU Fashion Show on Feb. 3; MLK Celebration Week Feb. 6–10; and the annual Keynote Speaker Address on Feb. 27.

The Caribbean and African Student Assemblage (CASA)

Beauty and Body Image Panel on March 15
In honor of Women’s History Month, CASA holds a panel on body image and the portrayal of women of Caribbean and African descent in the media and throughout history.

10th Annual CASA Culture Night Show on March 30
The annual show includes dinner and a celebration of the Caribbean and African culture through poems, skits, dancing, singing and monologues. All proceeds of the show go to the CASA scholarship for children in Kenya and Jamaica.

Developing and Educating South-Asian Ideologies (DESI, formerly INDIA)

Henna Night on March 22
This evening promotes the traditional and ritualistic practice and art form of Henna. All proceeds will go toward fundraising for the club.

Baisakhi: A Celebration of the New Year on March 24
The annual celebration aims to educate the Holy Cross community about South-Asian culture and traditions. All of the money raised during the show is donated to a charity in South Asia. Past recipients include the One Love Charity foundation in Sri Lanka and a nursing home in Nepal.

Latin American Student Organization (LASO)

Noche Latina on April 21
LASO hosts its annual cultural night during which students interpret dances, poems or other artistic performances that come from diverse cultures of Latin America and other Spanish-speaking countries.

Students World Wide (SWW)

Annual World Cup Soccer Tournament
The annual World Cup promotes international unity and competition by encouraging students to create soccer teams, each representing a different country. The teams then compete against each other with all the profits benefiting an international organization.

In May, Yale University President Richard Levin and Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus signed an agreement that established the NROTC’s presence on Yale’s New Haven, Conn., campus for the first time since the early 1970s. The newly formed unit will fall under the command of Holy Cross NROTC commander CAPT Ronald L. Harrell. “Right now Holy Cross NROTC has 65 students spread out among Holy Cross, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Worcester State University,” says Harrell, who came to Holy Cross after serving as the deputy commander of Destroyer Squadron Fourteen and the Fast Frigate Guided Missile Class Squadron in Mayport, Fla. The addition of the Yale midshipmen could bring the number of students in the Holy Cross NROTC Consortium to 125.

Harrell explains that he and his executive officer, CDR Jamie Godwin, along with junior officers, will be splitting time between New Haven and Worcester, teaching classes and overseeing student and campus activities. “But Holy Cross, by Navy direction, is our main office,” he states, adding that “the Navy’s plan is to have full-time Navy officers, civilian staff and a Marine at Yale while keeping staff here the same.” Once the Yale battalion is fully established, Harrell and Godwin will maintain a shared presence in New Haven while each school keeps a dedicated staff. “We will occasionally have both units working together,” he says, for example, in summer and weekend training.

Part of the reasoning behind the new dual-campus command for Harrell is Holy Cross’ proven support for on-campus NROTC dating back to 1941—that historical perspective is being leveraged to assist the newly reestablished Yale NROTC find its sea legs. For example, Harrell says, “Our alumni association, the O’Callahan Society, has been working extensively with the Yale Veterans Association in developing a support base of veteran alumni to help foster the new program and give the students a sense of community and history.” In addition, Rev. Earle Markey, S.J., and Dean of the College Timothy Austin have worked with their counterparts at Yale to give them a better understanding of how the NROTC-college relationship works.

“We appreciate the wonderful support from Holy Cross for our program as well as their assistance with bringing back NROTC to Yale,” the commander says.
The inaugural Study Abroad photo contest challenged students studying around the world to view their experience through a new lens—a photo lens.

Jeanne LaPlatney, assistant director of Study Abroad, who initiated the contest, explains that students share their experiences with the campus community in essays, speeches during events such as the Academic Conference, in classroom presentations and other cocurricular activities. The photo contest is another way for students to express these experiences — which they often refer to as life-changing — to fellow students, faculty and staff.

Three prizes were awarded, plus three honorable mentions. LaPlatney says all entries were impressive.

“The photos are part of our students’ contribution to the campus as global citizens,” she says. “I hope that they inspire other students to study abroad and garner respect for what our study abroad students do when they leave Holy Cross for a sojourn abroad.”

Roger Hankins, director of the Cantor Art Gallery, served as juror. He said he chose the winning photographs because they aren’t easily forgotten.

“I was looking for photographs that held that vividness of place that a viewer could feel — somewhat like what the student must have seen when taking the picture,” he says.

—Nick Markantonatos

1ST Carson Townsend ’12, “Tannery of Tetouan,” Tetouan Medina (old city), Morocco

2ND Audrey Gehring ’12, “No Fences,” Cliffs of Moher, Co. Clare, Ireland

3RD Jamie LaCasse ’12, “Making friends with the locals,” Loreto National Park, Baja California Sur, Mexico

HONORABLE MENTION 1 Stephanie Marlin ’12, “Elephants of the Serengeti,” Serengeti National Park, Tanzania

HONORABLE MENTION 2 Carson Townsend ’12, “Stables,” Meknes, Morocco

HONORABLE MENTION 3 Nora Marino ’12, “The most beautiful street in La Coruña!”, La Coruña, Spain
On Nov. 2 the Holy Cross Alumni Association, Office of Alumni Relations and Career Planning Center hosted the annual Student Alumni Networking Reception in the Hogan Ballroom. About 50 alumni participated, sharing career insights with approximately 200 students. We asked a few of the attendees, “What is the best career advice you ever received?”

“I would say make certain you send a personal, handwritten thank you note to anyone who gives of his or her time, interest, experience, knowledge to further your career, especially if you have a face-to-face meeting with that person. This is especially true in an age of email, tweets, voice mail, texting, where a handwritten note will set you apart and above others making it more likely that person will remember you.”

—Duffy Brent ’74, vice president of organizational advancement, West Suburban YMCA in Newton, Mass.

“The best career advice I ever received is to find good mentors. Don’t necessarily pick the most senior person (they will probably be really busy), but rather someone about 10 years ahead who is living a life similar to what you envision for yourself. A good mentor should have the time to meet with you on a regular basis and should affirm your passion for your career. It’s often helpful to have several mentors, who can speak to the different facets of your career. In my medical career I have mentors for my clinical work, my research work and my education work.”

—Kitty O’Hare, M.D., ’99, pediatrician at Children’s Hospital Boston

“The best career advice I ever received was to be the best at whatever it is you’re doing. If you do quality work, people will notice and want to challenge you with more. That is how you make an impact on a job, company or profession.”

—Alex Zequeira ’94, president of the Nativity School of Worcester

Read more sage alumni advice for job seekers in this issue’s Web Exclusives, and find out more about services offered by the Career Planning Center at http://offices.holycross.edu/careerplanning

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After a slight delay due to the Halloween weekend snowstorm that blanketed New England, about two dozen pint-sized ghouls and goblins descended on campus, taking part in a trick-or-treat event sponsored by Student Ambassadors Developing External Relations (SADER). The group invited families from local neighborhoods to have refreshments and fill their candy bags at participating College Hill neighborhood homes and residence halls on campus. “It was so much fun seeing all the kids dressed up and meeting with families from the College Hill area,” says Paige La Bella ’12 of Port Chester, N.Y., who helped organize the fun. “We really hope that this becomes an annual event and will strengthen our ties with the College Hill community.”
Following is a sample of events taking place on the Hill this winter and early spring. 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

**JANUARY**

23 Senior Convocation, St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 5 PM

24 Classes Begin.

24 Campuswide Multifaith Prayer sponsored by the Chaplains’ Office, inviting the community to reflect on the start of spring semester classes. Mary Chapel, 4 PM

24–Mar. 21 The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery presents: “Painting Borges: Art Interpreting Literature.” Curated by Jorge J.E. Gracia of SUNY-Buffalo, the exhibition explores the artistic interpretation of literature in the context of 12 stories by Argentinean author Jorge Luis Borges depicted in works by contemporary Argentinean and Cuban artists (see photo, far right).

28 & 29 Holy Cross Dance Marathon sponsored by the newly formed student organization by the same name, to raise funds for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. Hogan Campus Center Ballroom, 9 PM to 9 AM

29 Holy Cross Chapel Artists Series: Neil Cockburn, organist, The Conservatory, Mount Royal University, Calgary, Canada. St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 3 PM

31 Deitchman Family Lectures on Religion and Modernity: “Along the Boundary of Faiths: Christianity and Islam on the 10th Parallel,” by Eliza Griswold, senior fellow of the New America Foundation and author of *The Tenth Parallel*. Rehm Library, 4:30 PM

31–May 8 The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery presents: “Cuban Artists’ Books and Prints, 1985–Present.” Curated by Linda S. Howe of Wake Forest University, the exhibition features about 40 pieces, including handmade books and other objects created by contemporary Cuban painters, sculptors, photographers and printmakers.

**FEBRUARY**

2 Deitchman Family Lectures on Religion and Modernity: Talk on bioethics, by Lisa Cahill, J. Donald Monan Professor of Theology at Boston College and author of *Bioethics and the Common Good*. Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

16 Lecture by Sherry Turkle, professor and director of the Initiative on Technology and Self Program in Science, Technology and Society at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and author of *Alone Together: Why We Expect More from Technology and Less from Each Other*. Rehm Library, 4:30 PM

19th Annual Leonard C. Sulski Memorial Lecture in Mathematics: “The Hypercube and Hypersphere: Breaking them down and building them up,” by Professor Davide Cervone of Union College. Hogan Campus Center, Room 519, at 8 PM

**MARCH**

5-9 Executive Leadership Workshop, an intensive immersion program for students in understanding the nature of business, conducted by Holy Cross alumni executives. Sponsored by the Ciocca Office of Entrepreneurial Studies.

24 Holy Cross Cares Day
“Through the years, together we have worked hard to pursue our mission and to become the best we can possibly be.”

—Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J.
31st president of the College of the Holy Cross
October 2011
Together with Fr. McFarland, the Holy Cross community reflects on and celebrates 12 years of change, growth and sustained commitment to mission.

For the 11,000 young men and women who have been Holy Cross students over the course of Fr. McFarland’s presidency—from the academic year that began in 2000 through the end of the 2011 fall semester—he has been “their” president.

Most are now among the 30,000-plus members of the Holy Cross alumni family—a group whose bond with their College has been shaped and strengthened by critical strategic decisions made during an eventful 12 years.

And for the 1,000 Holy Cross faculty and staff, a number of whom have worked alongside him during his entire tenure, the years with him have been marked by significant changes to the campus landscape, new perspectives and lasting memories.

As you may glimpse in his official portrait, previewed for the first time on the cover of this issue, our College has been blessed with a visionary and highly intelligent leader, a humble man, an inspiring and caring educator, a scholar and nationally recognized expert in ethics in the information age. Our 31st president is a priest who has presided at weddings and funerals, whose homilies are quoted and remembered. He is a Jesuit who sees God in all things, who has a scholarly and critical outlook, and a drive for the more, the magis.

Look again more closely at the portrait, and you may also glimpse that the serious demeanor belies a fine sense of humor, expressed in his rich, resounding laugh … his cheers (and, occasionally, jeers of frustration at a referee’s call) from the stands of Fitton Field and the Hart Center … and his pure joy upon hearing about someone else’s success and good fortune.
IN THE PAST 12 YEARS, REV. MICHAEL C. MCFARLAND, S.J., HAS WORKED—AS HE ALWAYS EMPHASIZES—TOGETHER WITH A COMMITTED BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TALENTED COLLEAGUES AMONG FACULTY AND STAFF, DEVOTED ALUMNI AND FRIENDS AND EXTRAORDINARY STUDENTS TO HELP BUILD A FOUNDATION THAT HAS BOTH HONORED HOLY CROSS’ HISTORY AND MISSION AND SET THE STAGE FOR OUR FUTURE.

As he departs Mount St. James, the community he so loves has joined together to bid him Godspeed in numerous and varied ways, while reflecting on how Holy Cross has grown, changed and prospered during his tenure. From the naming of the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture in his honor (see Page 6), to tributes by students at the halftime of a December basketball game to his last Midnight Breakfast in Kimball, to impromptu and more formal farewell gatherings—the well-wishes and memories have flowed.

Throughout, and, as Fr. McFarland himself notes on the eve of leaving campus to his successor (see Page 27), it is the people he has met in the greater Holy Cross community that deserve praise and gratitude for 12 years of accomplishments.

The respect and gratitude have been mutual. Talking about his presence on campus and attendance at a multitude of events, games, student presentations, Paul Maloney ’12 observes: “He really wants to be part of the community rather than overseeing the community. And when that mentality comes from your leadership, it just transcends all aspects of campus.”

Senior Vice President Frank Vellaccio, who, along with Jacqueline Peterson, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, has been part of Fr. McFarland’s leadership team since he arrived in the summer of 2000, views his impact on campus from an even longer lens.

“The effectiveness of Fr. McFarland’s leadership is best reflected in areas where there is a complex relationship between understanding the numbers and strengthening the mission,” says Vellaccio. “That’s particularly true in terms of the Integrated Science Complex and financial aid for our students. The decisions in these two areas during his presidency required his sharp grasp of balance sheets and long-range planning assumptions combined with his keen understanding of what is required to teach undergraduates science and to keep Holy Cross accessible and affordable.”

Peterson, who arrived on campus in 1997, says that his leadership style is also distinguished by an ability to listen and connect with students.

“I vividly recall my very first meeting with Fr. McFarland when he arrived at Holy Cross as president. He wanted to know what I had identified as the needs for improvement from listening to students,” Peterson says. “The operative word was listening. When I think about his leadership style, it is the invaluable quality of truly listening and being present with others.”

Vice President of Administration and Finance Michael J. Lochhead, who received his MBA from Boston College and worked at another Jesuit institution, the University of San Francisco, before joining the Holy Cross staff in 2004, agrees that Fr. McFarland’s continual focus on mission was not only distinctive, but directive.

“During his tenure, the importance of ‘mission’ permeated the institution so much that when NEASC was conducting its accreditation review in 2010, the team commented that they had not come across any other college where the mission is so apparent across all aspects of the institution,” says Lochhead. “They saw this as a core strength of Holy Cross. I believe Fr. McFarland was the key factor in making that happen.”

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In the 11 years since Fr. McFarland arrived on campus, the College has spent $212 million on buildings and equipment and added nearly 400,000 square feet of building space.

Smith Hall ($17m) • Parking Garage ($7m) • St. Joseph’s Renovation ($3m) • Williams Hall ($18m) • Soccer Stadium ($3m) • Seelos Theater ($4m) • Synthetic Turf Practice Field ($3m) • Smith Labs and Haberlin Hall Renovation ($64m) • Tennis Court Renovations ($1m) • Loyola Wellness Center ($1m) • Figge Hall ($21m)

administrative experience at Holy Cross, including two years as acting president, described Fr. McFarland’s deep understanding of Jesuit education as inspiring.

“I always loved and was motivated by the words of the former Superior General of the Jesuits, Pedro Arrupe, who said: ‘Our prime educational objective must be to form men and women for others; men and women who live not for themselves but for God … men and women who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors.’ I didn’t truly understand what those words meant until I worked for Fr. McFarland.”

Rev. Paul Harman, S.J., vice president for mission, says Fr. McFarland has been quick to support and encourage whatever might help to strengthen and deepen the Catholic faith among the majority of Holy Cross students, and to find ways and means to support the
faith development of students from the other religious traditions represented among the student body.

"In welcoming new programs and initiatives that have taken place during his presidency, he has always called attention to the ways in which they carry forward Jesuit principles," Fr. Harman continues. "His interest in dialogue with other cultural and religious traditions flows from his grasp of the contemporary mission of the Society of Jesus. Plus, the establishment in recent years of both the College Committee on Mission and Identity (made up of some 30 faculty, students and administrators) and a Trustee standing-committee on Mission and Identity have provided means for the ongoing promotion and assessment of the Catholic and Jesuit nature of the College."

Fr. Harman adds: "I believe his own personal hope was always that the Holy Cross community could be a model of commitment and openness, witness and dialogue, faith and critical inquiry."

Peterson echoes that view. "He has been committed to building a community that understands that we are all better for our diversity; that understands it is part of our mission as an institution to prepare all students for a very global, diverse world," she observes.

Balancing strategic priorities, overseeing a complex organization and promoting Jesuit and Catholic identity hasn’t always been an easy mix, especially when the past dozen years included the attacks of September 11, 2001, two recessions, and what is still a highly uncertain economy.

When the credit markets were in crisis in 2008, Lochhead says Fr. McFarland made an unforgettable impression. "He was a bit like Tom Brady from the New England Patriots—calm, cool and collected as the pocket was collapsing around him, then delivering a precise strike," he recalls. "Fr. McFarland was very discerning in listening to the various proposals for cost-saving opportunities and continually insisted that we not sacrifice quality in pursuit of bottom-line savings. I found him to be a very steady hand during this difficult period."

Lochhead ticks off other numbers that paint a picture of the presidency. Since 2000, the College endowment increased 61 percent. The operating budget increased 62

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* Persons of African-American, Latin American, Asian-American and Native American heritage
percent (or 27 percent in “real” inflation-adjusted terms). Holy Cross earned operating surpluses that totaled $47 million. The College’s debt rating from Moody’s was upgraded in 2002 to a highly regarded “Aa3,” where it has since remained.

Beyond the numbers and the physical changes on campus (from new buildings to renovations to other capital improvements as itemized on the preceding pages), the enhancements to curricular offerings during this presidency have been remarkable. Timothy R. Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, highlights both the high-profile Montserrat and the incremental improvement to the educational infrastructure in his essay on Page 26. In addition, the list includes (among so many other initiatives) the Donelan Office of Community Based Learning; the Ciocca Office of Entrepreneurial Studies; month-long study abroad programs; and three new majors: Italian, computer science and Chinese.

And the work extends beyond the gates on College Hill, most notably with the opening of the Nativity School of Worcester in the fall of 2003. To date, six successful classes of boys from Worcester’s most vulnerable neighborhoods have graduated from the all-scholarship Jesuit middle school. Nativity graduates attend 12 different colleges and universities—including Holy Cross.

Mirroring the priority Jesuits worldwide have for environmental issues, Fr. McFarland was a founding signatory to the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) in 2007. Two years later, the College announced a goal of reducing its carbon emissions 20 percent by 2015. By fall 2011, the reduction has amounted to 28 percent. Holy Cross aims to become carbon-neutral by 2040.

With that forward-looking goal, perhaps it is most appropriate to evaluate this presidency by quoting the president himself. In October, he addressed members of President’s Council and ended his remarks with characteristic eloquence, clarity and inclusion:

“Through the years, together we have worked hard to pursue our mission and to become the best we can possibly be. We strengthened our student body, our educational program, our facilities and our faculty. Through it all, we celebrated and emphasized our Catholic and Jesuit values, the foundation of this College.”

How has the work of the last 12 years built a foundation for strategic priorities ahead? Read Fr. McFarland’s essays on various areas—from residence life to athletics to Catholic and Jesuit identity—that Holy Cross will be focusing on in the coming years. Links to his essays—newsletters to President’s Council members—are available in this issue’s Web Exclusives at http://magazine.holycross.edu/issue_46_1

“Fr. McFarland’s interest in dialogue with other cultural and religious traditions flows from his grasp of the contemporary mission of the Society of Jesus.” —Rev. Paul Harman, S.J.
Ask Ruth Ann Elias ’76, Fr. McFarland’s executive assistant, to share her thoughts on the man who is leaving Holy Cross after a successful 12-year Presidency, and her first words are, “There is really nothing I can say that will accurately tell my affection for this man.”

But as she begins to try, the stories she shares show not only the great respect Elias has for Fr. McFarland’s leadership of and passion for Holy Cross, but also the depth of the friendship they have formed over the past few years.

Elias already had great love for the College, of course, being a member of the Class of 1976, so returning for a job interview in the President’s Office in 2007 was in some ways a homecoming. But the Winthrop, Mass., native says she still had all the nervousness one might expect when applying for a key role with a president of a highly prestigious institution.

“In my interview, Father asked me how I would deal with stress,” she recalls. “I said that with intelligence all problems can be solved, but when it gets really bad, I just hide in the ladies room and collect my thoughts for five or 10 minutes. He laughed. That might have been when I had my first clue that we’d get along.”

Elias got the job, and found herself in awe of the environment and her boss. “When I started the job, it was a little intimidating, walking down the hall in Fenwick to our offices, past the portraits of all the presidents of Holy Cross through the years. I was very conscious of both their faces and the history I was walking past every day.”

She says she got to know Fr. McFarland quickly. “Because I had to ask for help to learn my job, we had a lot of interaction right away. We developed a strong working relationship, and I immediately came to appreciate his intellect, grace, spirituality and sense of humor.”

Elias says that anyone who has gotten to know Fr. McFarland recognizes immediately his dedication to further strengthening the academic core of the College and that his deep affection for students is paramount. “Day to day, even though we don’t have hundreds of students coming through our office, you can always feel the presence of students, because every decision he’s making is for them.” Elias refers to Fr. McFarland’s willingness to dive into any request the students make of him, including delivering talks, participating in various programs and service projects, even taking a turn on the floor in the Ballroom Dance Team’s “Dancing with the Holy Cross Stars” event.

“As the keeper of his calendar,” Elias says, “there are many times when he receives invitations from students, but being protective of his time, I’d sometimes have to think..."
about cutting those. But those are the first ones he wants. He never says no.”

The two created a routine that Elias treasures. “In the winter months, when it gets dark so early, I would go around the office and shut off the lights and lock up. He stayed later than I did, so I’d bring him his winter coat and gloves, and leave them in his office so all he had to do at the end of the night was slip out his side door and not worry about the office,” Elias says, adding that she was charmed one afternoon when Father turned the tables on her. “He had to leave early for something, and he stopped by my desk and said, ‘Do you want me to bring you your coat and gloves?’ He was joking with me ... and that was a perfect example of his sense of humor.”

Fr. McFarland’s humble bearing is well known. As Elias says: “He really looks past all of the pomp and prestige that someone else might enjoy in this sort of position.”

As for her happiest times in the President’s Office, Elias recalls Christmastimes past. “I would never miss ‘Lessons and Carols’ in St. Joseph Chapel. It’s a wonderful tradition. And it is always fun sending out Father’s Christmas card to alumni and friends,” she said, noting that she has visited Holy Cross friends’ homes where all his cards are a treasured display.

Preparing for meetings and working with the Board of Trustees—and seeing Fr. McFarland do the same—has also been an enjoyable and gratifying part of her work at Holy Cross. “Three times a year there are the Trustee meetings and every other year the Trustee Retreat. Those are challenging, logistically, and a great deal of organization is needed to get the studies, documentation and materials prepared. But I love those Trustee meetings—both the work involved and the little bit of social interaction we get to do. I’ve loved watching these people—most of whom are Holy Cross alumni—on the board. They are dedicated to the College, highly accomplished in their fields. Seeing them learn who Father is and appreciating his leadership has been extraordinary.”

Asked to share a somewhat sillier moment in the President’s Office, Elias was quick with an anecdote involving the bane of any man’s existence: Carrying a woman’s purse. “Occasionally I’ve gotten to travel with Fr. McFarland on business. And several times, I have looked down a hotel hallway or made my way through an airport, and realize he is carrying my pocketbook because I had my hands full with something for work! And I don’t have just a neutral pocketbook, I have brightly colored bags; nothing that would ever blend in. And I would think: ‘There goes the president of Holy Cross again, carrying my bright yellow purse!’”

Elias has also experienced personal growth during her years with Fr. McFarland, who helped her “gain more confidence,” she says. “But I think the biggest gift he has given to me is the room to act like myself. And I think I’ve given that to him as well.”

The most difficult times in the job, have been when the College community has suffered the devastating loss of a beloved professor or staff member; or when a student has been seriously ill or injured. “I will never forget the words of comfort and strength he has offered at a funeral when the campus is still struggling with grief,” she says. “Or seeing him head out to a hospital to visit a student and meet with a stricken family.”

One day, in early January 2011, Elias wondered why Fr. McFarland had been hovering around her desk. “At the end of that day, he finally said, ‘Will you come in and talk to me in my office?’ I said, ‘If you’re about to tell me you are leaving, you better have a big box of Kleenex with you!’” Fr. McFarland picked up the box of tissues off Elias’ desk. “It was hard to hear he was leaving. Goodbye will be hard, but on the side of my refrigerator, under many magnets, I have homilies he has delivered over the years and his thank you notes to me ... things that are personal and inspirational as well,” Elias says. “They are a reminder to me of this man. When he is gone from this office, I will still have his words.”

The person who at times has been the closest to Fr. McFarland, who had said that there were no words to describe him, ultimately had no trouble summing up the priest she calls a mentor and friend: “He is first and foremost a Jesuit, in God’s service. He is truly accomplished, and he has made a great difference to this place and its people. And I got to experience that every day.”
GUIDING AND STRENGTHENING THE HEART OF OUR MISSION

BY TIMOTHY R. AUSTIN, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College

When a president steps down, it is natural to seek out high-profile “signature” programs as indices of his success as a leader. In Academic Affairs, we can certainly point to exciting and innovative programs that have emerged during Fr. McFarland’s tenure—one of which I shall describe in a moment. But a president’s enduring impact often depends on an influence that he exerts less overtly; that is, on his ability incrementally to improve the vital infrastructure on which the institution relies day by day.

At the heart of Holy Cross’ capacity to fulfill its educational mission lies its faculty (as Fr. McFarland himself has reminded us time and again). Throughout his presidency, therefore, he has worked steadily with the Trustees to create new faculty lines, to provide our teacher-scholars with the resources they need to create rigorous academic programs and pursue cutting-edge scholarship, and to ensure that faculty members and staff alike are compensated appropriately for the extraordinary work that they do. These efforts—even during the recent period of unprecedented economic challenges—have been critical to the steady enhancement of the College’s profile.

This having been said, it is surely Montserrat (the College’s living and learning program for all first-year students) that stands out as the single most influential change to the College’s academic landscape since 2001—a change as striking as the mountain range from which it takes its name. It is fitting, therefore, that his presidency should have extended at least halfway into the 2011-2012 academic year, since this is the first year in which every student on campus either experienced Montserrat as a first-year student or is experiencing it as you read this essay.

Bold curricular and cocurricular initiatives like Montserrat do not come about without energetic but diplomatic support from the highest level, and throughout the lengthy discussions that determined what form Montserrat should take, Fr. McFarland combined steady encouragement with characteristic patience, recognizing that the key decisions belonged to the faculty and would take time to emerge.

Let me finish on a personal note. Even after five years of working quite closely with Fr. McFarland, I am still surprised almost daily by his detailed awareness of the professional and personal accomplishments and challenges of each member of the Holy Cross community individually – whether student, faculty member, or staff member. You can certainly see this pastoral cast to his leadership style in the close attention he has paid to matters of compensation and inclusion. And the same spirit surely informs the goal of creating personal relationships that characterizes Montserrat. While nobody would question Fr. McFarland’s commitment to the ideal of the *magis*, therefore, I think many would see his commitment to *cura personalis* as an equally, if not more, important characteristic of his leadership at Holy Cross.

“Bold curricular and cocurricular initiatives like Montserrat do not come about without energetic but diplomatic support from the highest level.”
—Dean Timothy Austin
Goodbyes are hard. This one is especially wrenching. There is so much I have come to love about Holy Cross, including the uncompromising commitment to excellence, not just in educational achievement but in all aspects of the College, the devotion to service, and the strong sense of community that has spawned so many lifelong friendships. But most of all I will miss all the wonderful people I have come to know and cherish here, including the many bright, energetic and caring students, the talented and dedicated faculty and staff, and our loyal and passionate alumni. I have also been blessed to work with administrators and Trustees who care deeply about the College, have always given their best and been tremendously helpful and supportive. Together we have been able to accomplish a great deal in the last decade. Not only have we improved the campus infrastructure with several new buildings, including the spectacular Integrated Science Complex, with new playing fields and landscaping, and with many other physical improvements; but we have done a great deal to strengthen our fundamental identity as a highly selective, liberal arts college fully committed to its Jesuit mission. We have increased the number of faculty, lowered the student/faculty ratio and the standard teaching load and added new academic programs in environmental studies, various aspects of international studies, and community-based learning. A major curriculum review resulted in Montserrat, a program for all first-year students that integrates a rigorous, year-long seminar built around fundamental questions, with a community living experience that brings intellectual, social and religious formation into the residence halls. With a strong commitment to need-based financial aid, the percentage of low-income students and students of color has more than doubled. The chaplains have added new retreats, Christian Life Communities, service and immersion programs and other opportunities for prayer and reflection. The Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture has developed a dazzling variety of colloquia, conferences, lectures, panels and other events that explore the intersection of faith and reason, both within Catholicism and across other cultures and religions. All of this was made possible through the very successful Lift High the Cross Campaign, fueled by the tremendous generosity of our Trustees and many other loyal benefactors.

While there is much to celebrate, however, there is no room for complacency. Holy Cross still faces many challenges, from affordability, to fierce competition from other institutions, to the daunting requirements for forming the next generation of faith-and-values-based leaders in a complex, dynamic global society. The Trustees and the administration have been working for more than two years on a new strategic plan that will address these challenges over the next decade, along with a comprehensive fundraising campaign to support it. Holy Cross is fortunate to have a gifted new president in place to lead this effort. Fr. Philip Boroughs has the vision, the experience, the knowledge and love of Holy Cross, and the personal qualities needed to move the College ahead so that it can fulfill the mission that is so crucial and meaningful to all of us.

By Rebecca Smith '99

- Though the papacy may face some challenges today, the office has endured more difficult times in the past. Two centuries ago, the pope was taken as a prisoner to France by Napoleon’s troops. Many people thought that was the end of the papacy, but the pope outlasted Napoleon’s imperialism.
- Technological developments, more than theological ones, have been central to how the papacy has changed. The airplane, especially, made possible an itinerant pope, a phenomenon that simply did not exist before. Also, the Internet, faxes and email, help to make the pope known and present—at least electronically—throughout the world.
- Some ideas we take for granted about the papacy are relatively recent. Today, bishops are selected by the pope; until the 19th century, most were chosen by heads of state or local clergy.
The residence life experience at Holy Cross integrates opportunities to grow in academics, faith, spirituality and, of course, friendship.

More than a place to hang a backpack at night, the College’s residence halls are designed to foster meaningful moments for students.

The photographs on the wall and the dress code may have changed, but the students in this archival photo from 1938 (inset) seem as relaxed as Mulledy roommates Connor May ’15 of Wakefield, Mass., (with basketball) and Andrew Sullivan ’15 of St. John’s, Newfoundland, Canada.
The Holy Cross campus isn’t called “the Hill” for nothing. The architecture and the panoramic view take one’s breath away. So does the topography.

“I don’t think anyone gains the Freshman 15,” says Raven Tukes ’15, a member of the College’s cheerleading squad. “You walk off all your meals just returning to your dorm afterward. And the Hart Center on top of the hill—you get a workout just getting there.”

In fact, there’s only one row of residence halls that sits along a flat road, earning that thoroughfare the nickname “Easy Street.” Living on a slant is a shared experience that leads to a distinct camaraderie, students say.

“It’s a commonality we all share,” says Solon Kelleher ’15, who hosts a Friday-morning radio show on WCHC. “Everybody needs to truck up the hills. You can extend that to other aspects of life. Everybody has challenges in life.”

Someone suggests a Jesuit could do something with that metaphor. “Absolutely,” Kelleher agrees, with a smile.

That communitarian spirit is part and parcel of the student experience at Holy Cross, where a cornerstone of the residence life system is the Jesuit concept of cura personalis, or care for the whole person. At Holy Cross, a residence hall is not just a place to sleep and store clothing, they featured custom study and activity spaces, kitchens, common living rooms and programs for personal growth and community interaction.

Those involved in residence life at Holy Cross use the term “dorm” when referring to a physical structure, and “hall” when discussing the building, its residents and its community.

RESIDENCE HALL VS. DORM

In the United States, colleges and universities had traditionally referred to the living quarters of their students as dormitories, or “dorms.” But when the importance of an enhanced student experience began to take hold on campuses across the country, those in student affairs began to incorporate the term “residence halls.” No longer were the buildings just a place to sleep and store clothing, they featured custom study and activity spaces, kitchens, common living rooms and programs for personal growth and community interaction.

Giggling is not an uncommon occurrence in the Wheeler Hall room of Georgia native Raven Tukes ’15 and Kelly Garcia ’15 of Chelsea, Mass.

See more current students’ rooms in Web Exclusives: http://magazine.holycross.edu/
he says. “The residential experience is where ideas are discussed, concepts explored and skills practiced.”

Ben Kadamus, associate director of residence life and housing, agrees. “Residence halls provide an outside-the-classroom education. A lot of life skills are learned there,” he explains. “We stress community.”

Coolbaugh notes that the resident assistants (RAs) in each hall encourage the *cura personalis* concept. “Each RA is integral to the development of floor communities that role model care of self and others,” he explains. “This and the other three cocurricular cornerstones—reflective habits, community and citizenship, and multicultural competency—serve as the foundation of the out-of-class learning experience.”

RAs, whose positions are considered premiere leadership opportunities at Holy Cross, are the “lifeblood of our residential campus,” Coolbaugh says.

The residence life staff, which prides itself on the welcoming atmosphere of their offices in the Hogan Campus Center, shares the belief that a student’s residence hall is a place where he or she can learn and grow. “And maybe make some mistakes,” Kadamus adds, “which is all well and good. It’s a synthesized education. It’s important to be a whole person. Overall, we try to help students develop a balanced life.”

Consider Montserrat, a program that “introduces first-year students to a liberal arts education,” director Denise Schaeffer explains. The freshmen enroll in a two-semester Montserrat seminar from one of five thematic clusters: Self, Divine, Natural World, Global Society and Core Human Questions. The students from each cluster are assigned to the same residence hall, so they can engage with each other in their living space as well as the classroom. It is, quoting an oft-used phrase when describing the programs, a “living, learning and doing experience.”

Montserrat helps students connections on several levels, Schaeffer continues. “In the small seminar, students and professors really get to know one another, setting the stage for long-term mentoring relationships and friendships,” she says. “Also, the common texts and events in each interdisciplinary cluster foster connections among the different seminars in that cluster. Students learn to look at issues from multiple perspectives and to connect the specific topic of their course to broader questions and themes.”

But the icing on the cake is how the concepts raised in their Montserrat courses carry over to their home life. “The program fosters a connection between what students learn in the classroom and the other parts of their lives, as they continue their discussions in the residence hall and participate in off-campus activities,” Schaeffer says.

When Montserrat’s living-in-community plan was introduced, Coolbaugh says, the Division of Student Affairs was involved from the very beginning. “During implementation many residence life programs were modified to complement Montserrat,” he says. “And Montserrat faculty have office space in the three first-year halls as well as seminar space.” In addition, all RAs participated in Montserrat their first year and are able integrate their experience into their leadership positions.

Tukes, from Jonesboro, Ga., lives in Wheeler in the Divine cluster, whose seminar focuses on religion and literature. Already she and her Divine classmates have taken field trips to a synagogue and to the DeCordova Museum, where, in keeping with an assigned reading on the place of quiet in religious faith, they toured the art exhibitions in silence.

In her Divine seminar class taught by Helen Whall, professor of English, Tukes and her classmates this fall
considered creation myths from different cultures; in the spring, they will take up good and evil and the role the latter plays in the world, in a course titled “The Devil Made Me Do It.” (“That’s going to be interesting to have on my transcript,” Tukes says, with a laugh.)

For a self-described “interdenominational Christian” from an African-American evangelical background in Georgia an “18-hour drive away,” the intellectual give-and-take in this Jesuit and Catholic milieu on a hill in central Massachusetts has been both invigorating and eye opening, she says. “It has been very refreshing to experience not just going to a liberal arts college but being open to other beliefs,” she comments, describing the Holy Cross classrooms and the residence halls as great melting pots, places to engage in dialogue about different ideas and concepts.

Kelleher brings a Worcester native’s perspective to what he calls Holy Cross’ “community within a community.” For more than 90 years his family has operated a local landmark, George’s Coney Island Lunch on Southbridge St., where he has worked since he was a kid, and where he now brings his college friends. “I like to consider myself a bit of a tour guide, showing classmates where to go and what to do in Worcester,” he says.

Kelleher lives in the Nature cluster on the fourth floor of Mulledy with 30 other men and a female RA, Sam Fregenti ‘13 from Melville, N.Y. They all call Fregenti “Mom.” In a very mom-like maneuver, she provided cookies and soda to her charges at a Halloween shaving party, the last time many of them would touch their razors before the end of “No Shave November” (a fundraiser for cancer research).

“One night we all went to the movies—about twenty 18-year-old guys with our RA going to see The Lion King in 3D,” Kelleher recalls, with a laugh. “I’m into music, some of the guys are into hockey, some are into football—but we all went to The Lion King together.”

There is a friendliness about Holy Cross, where people walking past one another tend to exchange little pleasantries, Kelleher notes. “People care about you, and they assume you care about their lives,” he says. “When I bring friends from outside Holy Cross on campus, they’ll say, ‘Wow, you know so many...’
people here.’ I’ll say, ‘No, that’s just how we talk to each other.’

“Looking past the outer beauty of campus, there is an inner beauty to the place,” he adds. “The place has beautiful personalities as well as a beautiful landscape.”

It’s all part of the shared experience of living on the Hill, students say.

In the wintertime, snow brings the need to spread lots of sand and salt, which inevitably is tracked into the rooms, explains Figge RA Caitlin DiMaina ’12, of Annandale, Va. “Very quickly you come to appreciate the housekeepers,” she says. “They are the nicest people in the world.”

Students add live-in professional staff—community development coordinators (CDCs)—to that list of “nice people.” There are several at Holy Cross who call the residence halls their home.

Having prepared for their positions by obtaining masters’ degrees in education and working as interns, CDCs often invite students to their apartments for meals and to interact with their friends and families. “In addition they are available 24/7 to help students with the transition to college life,” says Chuck Stanley, associate director of residence life and housing who resides in Alumni Hall. “They supervise the RAs and advise the House Councils, the elected leaders in the residence halls.”

This is the sixth year Kadamus and his wife, Katie, have lived on campus. Their apartment in Williams Hall bustles with daughters, Ellie, 4, and Anna, 1.

“We enjoy it a lot,” he says. “There are a lot of upsides, especially having children. They’ve lived on campus their whole lives. Everybody knows who Ellie is. People joke our daughter is famous on campus.

“Having children and wives and husbands around gives students a long view of what they might expect later in life, Kadamus says. “It gives a perspective on families and on the larger world beyond campus.”

But for now, the larger world waits while students enjoy their homes away from home. Sloane Burns ’15, from Tucson, Ariz., who sings with the chapel choir and competes in the butterfly for the swim team, says she has come to know “everybody, practically” living in her hall, Mulledy. “At Holy Cross, you have a feeling you’re at home.”

Mark C.N. Sullivan has written for newspapers and college publications in New England.
With the dedication of Figge Hall on Oct. 1, Holy Cross opened the doors to a state-of-the-art new apartment complex, giving more fourth-year students an attractive on-campus living option.

The $19.5 million building on upper campus in the inside loop of McCarthy Lane reduces the number of students in triples while bringing more off-campus students back to residence halls. Named for John Figge ’59, a late Trustee and benefactor of the College, Figge Hall is Holy Cross’ 11th residence hall, and the second apartment complex for fourth-year students, joining Williams Hall.

Volleyball player and chemistry major Katherine Slusarz ’12 of Canton, Mass., has the distinction of being the first person to rest her head in Figge Hall. “It was great to be here early for preseason and know I was the first person to spend a night in these new apartments. Because we are out on the edge of campus, you really get to know who you are living with and form a community.” The location of the newest hall puts its students just a few steps from the Hart Center.

In a video tour of the new hall, students shared their first impressions of their new space. “They are amazing ... love the wood floors, love the furniture,” says Joe Whittaker ’12 of Dallas.

Tiago Martins ’12 of Ludlow, Mass., mentioned the open common spaces that were an integral part of the design: “The concept of having a lot of social space for the students to congregate was well thought out and planned.” View the video tour at holycross.edu/hcm/figgehall/
Many will recall a time in Holy Cross history when Jesuits lived among students, interacting with and influencing the men in their dormitories. Generations later, the College looks to revive this rich tradition and reinstate ministers in its residence halls.

Although the ministers will be laypeople this time around—with the exception of chaplain Rev. James Hayes, S.J., ‘72 (far left), who lives in Hanselman Hall—the concept remains the same: By having adults who are people of faith present where the students are, Holy Cross will be better able to support and engage the faith life of every student.

In the coming years, the College plans to establish a Chaplains’ Ministry Interns-in-Residence program, through which local theology graduate students will live in the residence halls. In exchange for room and board and a stipend, the interns will work approximately 20 hours per week for the Chaplains’ Office, leading students on retreats and in small faith-sharing groups, which will help lay the foundation for the undergraduates’ long-term practice of faith.

The ministers-in-residence program is already proving quite successful in Mulledy Hall, where Megan “Meg” Fox-Kelly ’99 (second from left) and Martin “Marty” Kelly (third from left), both College chaplains, reside in an apartment with their two young boys. Through informal interactions with the residents in their hall—many of whom may not seek out faith exploration opportunities on their own—the Kellys are serving as faith mentors to hundreds of students.

“Many students come to Holy Cross without any sense of a faith tradition, so we have to meet them where they are,” explains Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84 (fourth from left), director of the Office of the College Chaplains. “It’s like the Jesuit saying goes: ‘Walk them in their door and walk them out yours.’”

—Rebecca Smith ’99
THE MEMORIES

Holy Cross Magazine asked three campus-dwellers to give us a good “dorm story” that captures the flavor and fun of their residence halls, and then posed this question: Twenty years from now, what will you remember most fondly about living at Holy Cross? Here are their replies.

Connor May ’15 (Wakefield, Mass.), Mulledy Hall
We had a war of the most embarrassing photos we could find on each other’s Facebook accounts. Everyone in the hall had a photo of himself in an embarrassing moment with a little comment above the photo. We actually made a “Wall of Shame,” right in front of the door to get on our floor, so everyone could look at the pictures. It was funny to see who would come up with what next.

Looking back on it, that was our first really great bonding experience we had as a hall together. We were able to make fun of each other in good humor, and it was a great way to get to know each other better. This is definitely something I will remember 20 years from now. As brothers love to rag on each other, the first glimpses of my floor molding into that kind of brotherly love emerged through these pranks that we still laugh over today.

Linsey Barker ’12 (Bedford, N.H., shown far left with her roommate Lisa Amble ’12 of Hastings, Minn.) Williams Hall
One of the perks of living in the senior apartments is that we have our very own kitchen to cook in. Our kitchen even comes with a variety of fancy appliances such as a garbage disposal, oven, stove and dishwasher. The one thing our kitchen does not come with, however, is a set of directions on how to use these appliances. Therefore, the first time I used our dishwasher I accidentally used dishwashing liquid instead of dishwasher detergent. So naturally, when my roommate came back to our room 20 minutes later, she was surprised to find a kitchen that more resembled a winter wonderland than our actual room! During our efforts to clean up the suds, our friends from across the hall wandered into our room and, being attracted to the shininess of the soap, couldn’t help but pick them up and throw them into our faces. A bubble war broke out! Even though it took more than an hour to clean up the mess, it was the best study break I could have asked for, and our room was the freshest it had ever been!

In 20 years, when I look back at my experience on campus, I will remember dorm life fondly. There is something special about having the ability to walk across the hall or down a couple flights of stairs to share something, or watch an episode of your favorite show or just to say hello. I think we, as students, often take for granted the fact that, on any given night of the week, we are having a giant slumber party with all our friends on campus. Even though it sometimes means we sacrifice time that would be spent doing work (or filling out applications), it doesn’t feel as though time is being wasted. After all, part of college is being social and appreciating time spent with friends!

Nick Whalen ’15 (Sutton, Mass.), Mulledy Hall
On Halloween, several of my friends and I dressed up as Vikings for the night and proceeded to “raid” various parties in Mulledy and around campus despite the snow. Needless to say, it was fairly amusing when a group of freshmen with horned helmets and plastic weaponry descended on some unsuspecting party yelling wildly and then dispersing before anyone knew what happened. It was made all the better by the addition of a lone Smurf to our group—Tiaran Doherty ’15, from Doolin, Ireland, decided that what he really wanted from life was to paint himself blue and pretend to be a Smurf.

While I’ve only lived at Holy Cross for a few months so far, I’d suspect that the thing I’ll remember most fondly is living with a large group of my friends. Although there are some drawbacks to living with so many 18-year-old males—I put a sign up on the bathroom quoting Dante’s Inferno: “Abandon all hope, ye who enter here”—I think the positives outweigh the negatives. There’s always someone to hang out with, and I think when I’ve moved on from college that I’ll really miss that. I love that we all live there together, and we share so much more than common space.
Friends, shenanigans, a place to grow and learn—see more archival photographs of the residence life experience at Holy Cross in this issue’s Web Exclusives: http://magazine.holycross.edu/
As Bill Waters ’67 approached retirement after more than three decades with the Rhode Island Department of Health, he clearly envisioned his life’s next chapter.

“I wanted to find something that would combine community service with spiritual enrichment,” he says.

An article in a diocesan newspaper led the East Providence resident to the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC), an organization founded in 1995 that offers men and women of Waters’ vintage opportunities to serve the poor or work for social justice while pursuing Ignatian spiritual reflection. In 2006, after learning that IVC did not have a New England chapter, Waters began collaborating with fellow Holy Cross alum Dave Hinchen ’65 to establish one.

After three years of planning, IVC New England launched in January 2009, and, that April, Waters began volunteering at Mary House, the social service ministry of St. Patrick Church in Providence. For the next two years, he spent the equivalent of two days a week working with the city’s poor. He prepared food every Monday for Mary House’s meal kitchen, distributed clothing and helped start mentoring and health-promotion programs aimed at improving lives.

Waters’ experience put him in contact with those living on society’s margins, including a Holy Cross classmate he encountered at the meal kitchen. “It’s good to realize that this type of misfortune can happen to anybody, really,” the former psychology major says.

In April, Waters will be one of three individuals IVC New England honors with a Della Strada Award, which recognizes contributions to the materially poor and work in building a more just global society. Joining him as an honoree will be Rev. Simon Smith, S.J., IVC New England’s chaplain.

After co-founding IVC New England, Hinchen served on its regional advisory council before becoming director last year. A former Jesuit who, from 1974 to 1982, served as regional director for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC)—an organization that has offered many Holy Cross alumni yearlong service opportunities upon graduation—he finds the idea of bringing service and spirituality to a different age group appealing.

“Working with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps was one of the peak times in my life,” Hinchen says. “What’s exciting to me about IVC is that it has its roots in the program I loved so much.”

IVC New England has 14 volunteers serving in Worcester, Providence and Boston. As director, Hinchen is responsible for recruiting volunteers and matching their skills to the needs of agencies that serve the poor or work for social justice.

Waters and Hinchen aren’t the only Crusaders involved in IVC, which now has more than 350 volunteers in 16 regions across the country. In fact, Mary (Cahoon) McGinnity ’77 is the organization’s national executive director, and her predecessor in that role was Suzanne Geaney ’76. “The unique thing about it is that we are putting people who have a rich and full life experience into service,” McGinnity says of the group’s members and their simple mission to serve people in need. “They bring a real level of talent and skill into their volunteer work.”

McGinnity notes that Holy Cross alumni are involved in IVC projects across the country, and in a variety of roles up and down the organization’s chain of command. “There are Holy Cross graduates working as volunteers, as staff members and on the board of directors,” she says.

During his career as an educator and musician, IVC volunteer Warren Howe ’63 spent time as a GED instructor at a federal prison. Today, the Washington, D.C., resident volunteers as a mentor to inmates at Maryland’s Montgomery County Pre-Release Center, helping them reintegrate into society.

“When you help them achieve something that they need,
whether it’s getting a driver’s license or getting a job, it’s kind of a bright spot,” Howe says. “You’ve actually helped somebody in a meaningful way, and you enhance your own sense of purpose at the same time.”

Retired dentist Jerry Sheehan ’59 volunteers as the alumni coordinator for Cristo Rey Boston High School, one of 24 Cristo Rey high schools nationwide that employ an innovative work-study program to provide an affordable Catholic education to students with limited financial means. By interacting with Cristo Rey graduates who have gone to college, Sheehan gathers information to assist current students with their college choices.

At his former dental practice in Lowell, Mass., Sheehan frequently employed high school students from Asian immigrant families and helped them get into college. His work for Cristo Rey Boston is a logical extension of that experience. “I’ve always been a proponent of the underdog,” the former biology major explains. Now in his second year at the school, Sheehan struggled at first to find his way as a volunteer, he admits. To help volunteers navigate the trials of service—and probe the spiritual questions it evokes—IVC offers them support through group gatherings and individual meetings with a “spiritual reflector” who guides their journey.

Tricia Brennan ’78 is a spiritual reflector who serves on IVC New England’s regional advisory council. A Unitarian Universalist minister, she meets monthly with a volunteer serving a refugee ministry near Boston. She strives to support the volunteer’s work by being a good listener and asking good questions, she says.

“I think what is so great about IVC is that volunteers aren’t just sent to their placements,” adds Brennan. “They are accompanied in their experience.”

Brennan’s IVC involvement has roots in her experiences at Holy Cross—where she was director of Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD)—and as a JVC volunteer. “At Holy Cross, I was really deeply inspired by the liberation theology that I learned about and got a chance to live through my opportunities there,” she says. “The worship life very much had a justice orientation to it, and the culture was spiritually rich, pointing me deeper toward a life of commitment to justice-making.”

Similarly, Hinchen considers his experiences in and out of the classroom at Holy Cross the catalysts for a life devoted to service. “I was in the sodality with Fr. (Joseph) LaBran (former Holy Cross chaplain), and we had an outreach to a nearby orphanage at the time, so I had kind of a big brother relationship with a kid there,” he recalls. “And I had a course in Latin American history in which I got very captivated with some of the countries, especially Chile, and that helped my desire to go into the Peace Corps there after graduation.”

Waters, by contrast, opted for graduate school after his four years on the Hill, but is grateful for the later-in-life service opportunity IVC offered him. “The Ignatian Volunteer Corps gave me a second chance to do something that I had thought about as a college senior but didn’t do,” Waters says. “So I got a second bite at the apple.”

For more information on the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, visit ivcusa.org.

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On Oct. 15, after an exciting football victory over Dartmouth in the afternoon, members of President’s Council gathered to celebrate Fr. McFarland’s 12 years of leadership at Holy Cross. During the black-tie event, Senior Vice President Frank Vellaccio announced that the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture would be re-named the Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, in honor of the College’s 31st president (see story, Page 6). The naming of the McFarland Center was made possible by a gift from Michael and Maureen Ruettgers P03, 99. Guests also viewed a video tribute created for the evening, featuring students and administrators commenting on Fr. McFarland’s legacy to Holy Cross.
President’s Council is Holy Cross’ premier giving society. The group’s annual dinner took place in Kimball’s main dining hall. 

3 Bill Teuber ’73 and Fr. McFarland
4 Michael and Maureen Ruettgers P03, 99, Dick Connolly ’61, Fr. McFarland and Ann Marie Connolly ’74
5 John Hamill ’61 and John Halleron ’60
6 Rev. Charles Dunn, S.J., Don Burns ’49, Eileen White W39, Jack ‘47 and Mary Facey P94, 76, 72
7 Rev. Paul Harman, S.J., with Tim Sheehan ’80
8 Tara Neary ’11, Andrew Malloy ’10, Fr. McFarland, Marguerite Malloy, and Michael and JoAnne Malloy P10
9 Park B. Smith ’54 and Linda Johnson Smith
10 Brian ’92 and Jeanne McKenzie, and Megan and Greg Buscone ’86
11 Kathleen and Chris Matthews ’67 with Michael Ruettgers
12 Bernadette Semple ’82, Fr. McFarland and Jacqueline Peterson
ADDRESSING THE AFFORDABILITY DILEMMA FOR MIDDLE-CLASS FAMILIES

A new $1 million scholarship fund endowed by Jim ’90 and Lisa Mooney targets middle-class, Boston-area families who are finding it increasingly difficult to finance a Holy Cross education.

BY CHRISTINE HOFMANN-BOURQUE

Tuition, room and board at Holy Cross—now $52,758—can send cold shivers down the backs of the parents of potential Crusader students far more than the biting winds and snows of a January nor’easter. Today, Holy Cross is in danger of being viewed as out of reach for a group of students that has traditionally enrolled in significant numbers: students from high income middle-class families.

Many middle-class families face this financial dilemma: Their annual income and financial assets are too high for them to qualify for financial aid, as defined by both the federal government and most colleges and universities that administer financial aid on the basis of need, and yet have expenses and obligations that make it difficult for them to meet the tuition cost. This problem is especially prevalent in families committed to Catholic school education, who have had the additional budget burden of 12 years of tuition for Catholic grade schools and high schools, often for multiple children, even before college payments kick in.

The new Jim ’90 and Lisa Mooney Scholarships are aimed at addressing this challenge. Funded with a gift of $1 million, the scholarships will help to meet the cost of a four-year education at Holy Cross for high-achieving, middle-class students from Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. The scholarships, which take into account both merit and financial need, will be given out starting in the 2012-13 academic year.

“There is a whole category of kids who can’t pay a substantial portion of their tuition, but are terrific students and would be a terrific part of the Holy Cross community,” says Jim Mooney ’90. “This helps Holy Cross more effectively compete for this great student. It all fits with the objective of making Holy Cross accessible.”

Losing middle-class students due to financial considerations creates the danger that the College’s makeup would begin to mirror that of many other elite colleges—very wealthy students, plus a small group of high-need students. “It’s an issue we’ve been addressing for a long time, but it’s increasingly a bigger issue because of the recession,” says Lynne Myers, director of financial aid. Middle-class students who decline Holy Cross acceptance, she says, most often cite affordability as the issue.
“These middle-income families have always been a part of Holy Cross history,” says Frank Vellaccio, senior vice president of the College. “We look at the Mooney Scholarships as a way to recruit really great students and help middle-income families that would have trouble financing the tuition, given all their other expenses.”

STANDING UP FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION
By targeting students at high schools in the Boston Archdiocese, this new Holy Cross scholarship reflects Jim and Lisa’s passion for Catholic schools. “Catholic education is our primary philanthropic focus,” says Jim, who sits on the board of Boston’s Catholic Schools Foundation, which provides financial assistance for Catholic primary and high school educations. “Support of Holy Cross is an incredibly good way to articulate that priority.”

The Mooneys know Catholic schools work. “On a pragmatic level, Catholic education gets results,” says Jim. Catholic high schools have a 99 percent graduation rate, according to Boston’s Campaign for Catholic Schools, and 97 percent of students go on to college. The corresponding rates in many public schools are significantly less impressive. “On a higher level, I believe the value system of Catholic schools, which strives to instill in students a strong moral character and an ingrained sense of obligation to make a positive impact on the world around them, is unique and incredibly important,” he says.

Providing resources that give Catholic high school students the opportunity to continue their education at a Jesuit college is a logical extension of the Mooneys’ vision. “When you look at a Holy Cross education, it creates a framework for someone to follow many paths in life, but with a foundation of ethics, morality and a sense of responsibility to others,” he says. “That’s enormously valuable to the individual and, hopefully, to the community they are part of.”

MOONEYS ON THE HILL
Jim followed his father, James F. Mooney Jr. ’52, to Holy Cross and majored in political science. He received an MBA from Georgetown University and is currently a partner at The Baupost Group, an investment firm in Boston. Jim’s time on the Hill set him up for success, both personally and professionally. “My experience at Holy Cross very much shaped me as a person,” Jim comments. He hopes that one or both of his two children—James IV, 12, and Catherine, 10—will also make it to the Hill, but he jokes that his son has other goals: “Right now, my son is seemingly a lot more concerned with being drafted into the NHL.”

This is not the first scholarship Jim has helped create. During the Lift High the Cross Campaign, Jim and his father established a scholarship in honor of his mother, named The Joan Marie Mooney Scholarship Fund. “We get incredible letters of thanks from students who describe how the scholarship support has made an enormous impact in their lives, and that, of course, is tremendously gratifying.”

TARGETING “PERCEIVED” FINANCIAL NEED
The Jim ’90 and Lisa Mooney Scholarships are unique in that they combine merit and financial-need qualifications. The challenge is identifying those middle-class students who fit the bill. After all, if a thousand people were asked today for their definition of “middle class,” it’s likely there would be a thousand different answers.

To find potential Mooney scholarship recipients, the Admissions Office at Holy Cross will first identify students who meet the scholarship’s rigorous academic qualifications. The Financial Aid Office will then narrow down that list to those students with “perceived financial need,” says Myers. “Perceived need” describes students and families who don’t feel that they can afford the full cost of Holy Cross, so they apply for financial aid. When their income and assets are run through the school’s standard need analysis, however, they qualify for very little, if any, financial assistance.

“The buying power of a middle-class income has changed. ...We need to find a way to make Holy Cross accessible to middle-income Catholic families.”
— Senior Vice President
Frank Vellaccio
“The buying power of a middle-class income has changed,” says Vellaccio. “Take the case of a fireman and nurse with four children who appreciate Catholic education and together have a combined income of $170,000. They would not qualify for significant financial aid. Maybe they could get a federal loan, but they would find it very difficult to take $50,000 a year off of their gross income and use it to pay for one child’s Holy Cross education, particularly when they’re likely to have been investing in primary and secondary Catholic schools for multiple children, have a reasonable mortgage, car payments, etc.”

Vellaccio emphasizes that the increased cost of higher education is forcing colleges to re-think how they should do need analysis, and yet only a handful of schools have the resources to be more liberal in their need analysis. At the same time he stresses, “Middle-income Catholic families have always been a strong foundation for Holy Cross, and we need to find a way to make the College accessible to them. Merit scholarships like the Mooney Scholarships are a means by which we can do it.” He argues that these scholarships really help families to make the right decision. “It is unfortunate if investing in Catholic education at the primary and secondary levels leads a family to make a different college choice.”

GOOD FOR THE COLLEGE AND THE STUDENT

The hybrid merit/need-based Mooney Scholarships join only a handful of merit-only scholarships at the College, including The Rev. Henry Bean, S.J., Scholarships for Classics Study and The Rev. John Brooks, S.J., ’49 Music Scholarships. “The most highly qualified students have all the choices in the world. We want them to make the right choice and choose Holy Cross,” says Vellaccio, who equates putting together a great student body with assembling a winning athletic team. “You go out and try to recruit a great quarterback, and he can have a great impact on the football team,” he says. “He can’t do it by himself, but as part of the team he makes a tremendous difference. Recipients of merit scholarships have a similar effect. They lift the level of dialogue and competitiveness in the classroom and are tremendous for other students to interact with and faculty to work with.”

Because merit scholarships are offered at the time of acceptance, they’re a powerful recruiting tool and have been used successfully to lure students away from other elite schools. “If a student is accepted by Duke, Middlebury, Georgetown and Holy Cross—and we’re the only one offering him or her a merit scholarship—the student is likely to choose Holy Cross,” Vellaccio notes.

ALUMNI CAN CREATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

“We’ve decided we want to do more merit scholarships, and we’d love alumni to fund them,” says Vellaccio. “Someone who loves literature could fund a merit scholarship for an English major.” Merit scholarships, however, will never be funded at the expense of the College’s absolute commitment to meeting the full demonstrated financial need of all its accepted students. “The balancing act is this: The College has been able to finance and afford its policies of need-blind admissions and meeting the full demonstrated need of all admitted students, but cannot afford to do so and also offer a significant number of merit scholarships,” Vellaccio explains. “In order for us to offer more merit scholarships, we need to raise funds from alumni, parents and friends to endow them.”

As for the Mooney Scholarships, Jim has big plans for these awards that are still in their infancy. “Now, it’s a relatively small number of kids who benefit,” he says. “But it is our sincere hope that we will be able to grow this scholarship over time.”
THE POWER OF ONE

Donato L. Monaco ’94

Hometown
Cromwell, Conn.

Family
Married to Juliet; daughter, Gianna, 2

What he did at Holy Cross:
Student Government (class treasurer), volunteer activities (CCD teacher and Habitat for Humanity), Eucharistic Minister, a number of on-campus (intramural referee) and off-campus (security guard at the Worcester Centrum) jobs, Holy Cross Rugby Football Club

How did Holy Cross affect your life?
“I was fortunate to have been brought up in a tight and supportive Catholic family, so I was able to build upon an existing foundation during my four years at Holy Cross. My experiences on campus and in the community helped me appreciate all that I had been given and to which I had access, which was instrumental in starting my personal journey of being a ‘man for others.’”

The working life
Vice president, The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.

“Ideally, I would never have to leave my wife and daughter, but until I retire, believing in what I do and what my company stands for is most important. Treating customers, partners and employees with respect results in both good business results and job satisfaction, and maintaining a healthy work-life balance for myself and my family is very important to me.”

Memorable Holy Cross moments
“Spending spring break in a small town in Mississippi, building Habitat for Humanity homes with 12 other students was a life-changing event for me. Fr. Ford [Rev. Michael F. Ford, S.J.] was a major positive influence and became a close friend. I still participate in and support Habitat to this day and remain in close contact with Fr. Ford almost 20 years later. And I’d be remiss not to include beating Boston College in the New England Rugby Football Union championship game our senior year to end the season undefeated.”

Why he stays connected to Holy Cross
“I’m convinced the quality of the experience and depth of friendships we establish during our four years on Mount St. James are unique among all college graduates. I enjoy returning to campus, spending time with classmates and staying current on recent happenings.”

Why he gives to Holy Cross
“I give to pay it forward. Whether it’s making a donation to the general fund or planning a restricted gift with a few close friends to honor Todd Isaac, a classmate and friend killed on 9-11-01 at the World Trade Center, it’s incredibly important for me personally to give back to Holy Cross to ensure others have the same opportunity.”
His curly-topped head would bob along through the stands like a purple buoy on a concrete-grey sea. The women hockey players would follow his path with amusement. Here he comes: Little Jeff Reppucci picking up speed, bubbling over, arriving just in time to open the rink door and high-five his sister and her teammates as they skated off the Hart Center ice.

“We ordered him a team shirt to wear with my number 22 on it,” recalls big sister Dara Reppucci ’04. “The girls all loved him. He’d open locker room doors, make ‘Go Holy Cross’ signs and hold them up during games. He was our special mascot, the most enthusiastic kid on the planet!”

Dara played at the dawning of Crusader varsity women’s ice hockey, a first-year student in 2000 when the College joined the Division 3 ECAC, and coach Peter Van Buskirk took command of the fledging program. Fans were few, so jubilant Jeff was easy to spot. Shellackings were not uncommon, so his cheering was a welcomed echoing noise.

Fast-forward seven years. Jeff ’14 is all grown up. He’s 5-foot-9, but a rock-solid 170 pounds. The “mascot” is now a sophomore, a spark-plug defenseman for the Crusaders. His parents, Linda and John Reppucci ’78, are rinkside for every game, often there with sister Dara and brother John, cheering for the baby in their ice-bound family.

Dara and Jeff are the first Crusader sister-and-brother hockey act to perform at Holy Cross, and that oddity came about in a rather strange way. “I was the baby in a basket, being dragged to Dara’s endless figure-skating lessons,” says Jeff, nearly nine years younger than his sister.

Heading off to The Groton School in Groton, Mass., Dara wanted a break from the demands of competitive figure skating. Here fate intervened when Dara jumped into a roughhouse pickup soccer game on the quad with the Groton boys. She crashed into a beastly lad and tore her ACL knee ligament. “That injury (and surgery) sealed the deal,” she says. There would be no more fancy skating or landing twirling jumps. Yet her competitive fires would not die. Fortunately Groton had a girls hockey team. “I fell in love with hockey right away. I had never played team sports and enjoyed the injection of a little violence,” she quips. Her dad played hockey briefly at Holy Cross before an injury sidelined him. Her brother John played club hockey at Georgetown University. Now she was one of the Reppucci “boys.” She attended her brothers’ camps and workouts back home in Newburyport, Mass., sharpening her slap shots and stick-handling skills.

Holy Cross with women’s hockey under construction provided a perfect program for Dara. “She was a gifted skater and could shoot,” says Van Buskirk. “I remember my recruiting visit to the North Shore and seeing her brother scooting around the house.” Early on she took some ribbing. When she flashed her figure skating prowess, Van Buskirk would holler, “Dara, go get your tutu on!” She moved from defense to forward at Holy Cross, playing 97 career games and, as a junior, helped the 17-7-1 Crusaders to an ECAC title.
Jeff’s hockey talents developed at a much higher level. His father, a real estate developer, and his mom, a high school English teacher, carted Jeff all over creation to play at the best camps and for the best youth traveling teams. “My dad coached a lot of the teams. We’d travel to Canada maybe 10 times a year to play in weekend tournaments in Montreal, Calgary, Toronto, Edmonton,” says Jeff. “We’d head out with teammates and their dads and have a blast.”

After graduating from Phillips Exeter Academy in N.H., Jeff took an academic year off to play 80 games for the Alberni Valley Bulldogs in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League. “I lived on an island with a host family in the tiny mill town of Port Alberni,” he says. “Playing against 27-year-old Canadians made me a stronger player and gave me time to focus and prepare for Holy Cross.”

Jeff is excelling on the Hill. A Russian major, he made the Atlantic Hockey All-Academic team and its All-Rookie team as a freshman defenseman. Coach Paul Pearl’s icemen ran off a 12-game unbeaten streak during that successful season. This season Reppucci assisted on junior Brendan Baker’s winning power-play goal as the Crusaders pulled off a stunning 5-4 road upset over national power Boston University.

Meanwhile, enduring the rigors of hockey and Jesuit educations continue to be a successful formula for the Reppucci kids. John is an analyst for a private equity firm in Philadelphia. Dara, a Northeastern Law School grad, is serving a prestigious federal clerkship in Boston for Judge George O’Toole, who hails from Boston College.

As for the little mascot, Jeff is still darting about the Hart Center, only now he is inside the rink wearing his own purple shirt, number 24.
Rain fell hard last Columbus Day in the small northern Vermont town of Warren. People stayed inside, save for two artists fussing over their work on the covered white porch of a rambling country inn. The first, gallery owner Don Mosher, was attempting to complete an oil painting he had started in Warren while passing through the previous week. The second, a bearish figure, lorded over the watercolor taking form on his canvas. Lights started to show through windows, and the growing dark mixed with the rain to mute color from the red and silver maples that filled the town. But Tom Heinsohn ’56 P79, after more than three decades of painting New England landscapes, never makes a bad choice with his location or subject.

Consider the original destination of this trip—another small Vermont town called Jeffersonville. Heinsohn, Mosher and six other painters annually converge on this rural little corner to avoid the crowds. “That’s a place where a lot of artists go at this time of the year,” says Heinsohn. “That area is almost virgin territory—like Vermont was 70 years ago. You cross Smugglers’ Notch—it’s closed down in the winter because you can’t get through the road. To get to this area, you have to go way out of your way to get around a mountain. New Yorkers don’t do that. So it’s a different atmosphere entirely from Stowe, which is very New York-ized.

“Jeffersonville is old Vermont,” he continues. “There’s scenery there, there’s farms, there’s Mount Mansfield, every kind of scene you’d want. [Artists] go up there on Columbus Day because they don’t like to paint when it’s at full color. They like to see it when it’s on its way past full. There are some tree limbs exposed. People come from all over the country to do that.”
The image is incongruous but valid. The 6-foot-7 Heinsohn, known for his volatility as an NBA coach and his referee-baiting rants as television voice of the Boston Celtics, seamlessly mellowed into a Zen state with the help of his oils, watercolors, brushes and easel.

Landscape painting has been a passion since Heinsohn coached his last game for the Celtics in 1978. Drawing had become an eternal itch before the Union City, N.J., native arrived on the Hill for his first year at Holy Cross in the fall of 1952.

He was even “discovered” by the man who founded Holy Cross’ art program—a Jesuit named Rev. J. Gerard Mears, S.J. “He was my corridor prefect,” recalls Heinsohn. “There would be two Jesuits at the end of each corridor, and they would check you to see if you were at your desk studying. You’d have to be in at 10:30 p.m., lights out. You couldn’t get off that floor without a pass to go to the cafeteria. So one day Fr. Mears walked in and he saw me drawing. I was a freshman. He looked at it, and it was a drawing of Joe Welch, who was on the cover of Life Magazine. He was the attorney in the McCarthy Hearings.

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“Fr. Mears said, ‘That’s pretty good, why don’t you take the art course? The class is at 4.’ I told him, ‘Well, Father, that conflicts with basketball practice.’ He said, ‘Well, take it until practice starts, and we’ll see where it goes after that.’

“So for three years I went for four weeks, and then dropped it. Two weeks at the end of the year, I’d slip it in as an elective. That was my first art course,” Heinsohn recalls.

Heinsohn, whose Crusader jersey was retired along with those of Bob Cousy ’50, George Kaftan ’49 P84 and Togo Palazzi ’54 P83 in 2008, was named the NBA’s rookie of the year with the Celtics for the 1956-57 season, and the art itch only intensified. Jim Luscotoff, Heinsohn’s burly roommate during road trips, wasn’t amused on those frequent occasions when he woke up to the realization Heinsohn was using him as a snoozing model for yet another sketch.

But that’s how Heinsohn filled his time. He’d sketch scenes outside hotel windows, or pull his car over to the side of the road to get something down on paper. He had a talent for capturing the texture and detail in weathered brick walls. And when he visited museums—a guaranteed trip in every NBA city—it was generally alone.

“We were playing down in Washington D.C., at the Maryland Field House,” Heinsohn says. “There was a gallery called the Corcoran Gallery—a renowned art museum. I asked if anyone wanted to go with me, and they all looked at me like I was crazy. They wanted to sleep and get ready for the game.

“So I got a cab, and it dropped me off at the wrong entrance, so I had to walk around the building to the other side,” he says. “As I’m walking around, I looked through a window in the basement and there’s a life class. This is the ’60s, and there’s this gal standing there nude, and everyone is painting and drawing her. I stayed there and watched. When I got back, I told the story to my teammates, and all of a sudden they wanted to become art lovers.”

An enticing idea at the time, anyway. Heinsohn retired in 1965, in the midst of the most prolific championship run by any team in NBA history. Coaching followed in 1970, and Heinsohn’s Celtics won NBA titles in 1974 and 1976. By then, drawing had evolved into painting. Heinsohn’s first oil, of a brick wall in San Francisco, still hangs in his living room. It took him five years to complete.

“People have offered to buy it, but like I’ve told them, it’s not for sale,” he says. This thing. But she never complained. She knew she was going to die, she just didn’t want to die in the hospital. So we went home, and she got homecare. After she passed away, I took all of the good things I had with her and moved on.”

Before long he was painting another landscape, for the sheer love of capturing another scene, with no strings attached.

“I could make some money at this,” he says. “I’ve made some money at this. But I don’t want this to be a business. I don’t want to spend my time as a business.”

Heinsohn’s artwork can be viewed at the Mosher Gallery in Gloucester, Mass., and at the Watertown Arsenal Art Center in Watertown, Mass.

Writer Mark Murphy has covered the Celtics and the NBA for the Boston Herald since 1988, and lives in Brookline, Mass.
Scholar-athlete Manny Mendoza ’14 has earned a spot on the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll and aids the Crusaders with his skills as an offensive lineman. But when the #70 jersey comes off, what makes this Bronx native tick?

Q&A

What is your favorite place on campus?

It has to be Kimball. People + friends + food = awesomeness.

Do you have any ideas about a major or possible career path?

I still have not picked my major, but I just got into the pre-health program and am very interested in pediatric medicine as a prospective career path.

If you couldn’t play sports for some reason, what activity would take up most of your time outside the classroom?

I think my roles on the College Activities Board (CAB) and with the Multicultural Student Organizations (MSOs) on campus would take up most of my time.

Finish this sentence: “People might be surprised to learn that I am really good at ...”

Picking women’s outfits. What can I say? I have an eye for fashion.

—Cecile Rivera Llorens ’12

The deadline for nominations to The Holy Cross Varsity Club’s Athletic Hall of Fame is Dec. 31, 2011. The Hall of Fame has been celebrating the accomplishments of Crusader student-athletes since 1956. Nominations can be mailed to James A. Maloney, Secretary, Holy Cross Varsity Club, 862 Pleasant St., Worcester, Mass. 01602, or via email, to jmaloney_law@yahoo.com.

Each candidate should meet the following qualifications:

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

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

To be considered, candidates must be nominated anew each year, even though they may have been nominated in prior years.

For a list of previous Hall of Fame inductees, please visit goholycross.com/hallfame/index
As director of communications for the champion Boston Bruins, Matt Chmura ’03 (holding trophy, on right, with the Bruins’ Assistant Director of Media Relations Eric Tosi ’03) had a chance to share the team’s Stanley Cup with anyone he chose. Happily for the Crusader ice hockey teams and a group of 20 students from the Nativity School in Worcester, Chmura chose Holy Cross. The Cup also made its way to the president’s office and surprised some Wheeler residents on its first-ever visit to the College on Oct. 1. Chmura told The Worcester Telegram & Gazette that his love of alma mater and Worcester prompted him to bring the symbol of hockey dominance to the Hill, adding “It was something that I had to do, I knew that I wanted to do, and I wanted to share it with the school and the students.”
HCAA President’s Note

A SCHOLAR AND A GENTLEMAN

HCAA President
Brian A. O’Connell ’71

Leadership transitions in college culture are often times of mixed emotions—a retrospective on the progress of the recent past, with a focus on the impact the change will bring. This is true for all of us who have worked closely with Fr. McFarland since he arrived on Mount St. James in 2000, and who are grateful for the extraordinary accomplishments during his tenure.

Father’s entire career has pointed to the future. A 1969 Cornell graduate, he devoted much of the following three decades to technology, earning his doctorate in electrical engineering. He has long focused on the sensitive and evolving intersection of technology and ethics—a vital concentration that will be at the heart of the distinguished Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, which now bears his name.

Father’s imprint on Holy Cross is well known. It is most visible in his successful capital campaigns and in the new structures sited on campus during his tenure. Less easily quantified, but ever more vital, is his imprint on the world-class academics that epitomize Holy Cross, and the Jesuits’ spiritual and ethical values that vibrantly infuse the culture and the instructional epicenter of HC. The trajectory of growth that characterized Fr. Brooks’ tenure has continued unabated—with its own distinctive focus—under Fr. McFarland.

As alumni, we are most grateful for his work with us. He has been a strong proponent of our regional clubs, visiting 20 to 25 clubs for their president’s receptions each year—an extraordinary record of time, travel, outreach and support. Yet he is equally visible on campus, known and respected by students and staff. He is a wise counselor, a patient listener, a calm, deliberative and thoughtful presence: a modest gentleman with an extraordinary record of achievement.

In 1842, Bishop Joseph Fenwick wrote of his intent to “lay the foundation of a splendid College in Worcester.” Almost 170 years later, we are grateful that, for 12 of those years, we have had the visionary leadership of a scholar and gentleman who preserved the best of the “splendid” traditions of our College, while shepherding it into a future of potential, possibilities and promise. Ad multos annos, Father!

Brian A. O’Connell ’71
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WHAT OTHERS SAY...AND WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Here’s proof:
More than 50 percent of alumni made a gift to the College last year — among the top 10 giving rates of colleges nationally.
REQUIRED

Alumni Education invites new Assistant Professor of English Lisa Fluet ’96 to share her book recommendations—and her thoughts on “love problems.”

READING

Three New Love Problems

George Eliot titled the fourth book of her 1871-1872 novel Middlemarch “Three Love Problems,” as it addresses itself to the circumstances of three couples. For one couple, the imminent conclusion to their difficult marriage prompts the dying husband to plan a way to thwart a future competitor for his wife’s love. For another, a young woman who knows, only too well, the constraints upon who she might become, must wait, indefinitely, for a young man unable to focus upon any of the options his future presents. And, for the couple who most exemplify “young love-making—that gossamer web,” impending marriage will mean the shared circumstances of debt, and tragically limited time.

Often, when we encounter “problems” like these in literature, our impulse as readers might be to designate the relationships between these couples as not really “love” at all. We might say the “problem” is that these people think they love each other, when in fact they are poorly matched; or, in any case, they need to be transformed utterly, in order to be made fitting vessels for the love they claim to feel. Eliot was smarter than us, however—then and now. As she suggests, we know love best neither by its endurance nor in its capacity to produce happiness, but rather in the ways it produces problems for lovers. Or, what we talk about when we talk about love is precisely what we would never talk about in our Facebook “relationship status” lines. “It’s Complicated” hardly begins to cover this darker territory.

Eliot’s Middlemarch would be an excellent way to begin navigation of this emotional territory, where, as she describes, “men and women look round with haggard faces at the devastation their own waste has made.” As my own field of specialization is 20th-century and contemporary literatures in English, I want to suggest three recent narratives that return us to love as problem. Adam Ross’ remarkable debut novel Mr. Peanut (Knopf, 2010) expresses a considerable debt to Alfred Hitchcock’s 1954 film Rear Window, which serves as a touchstone for Mr. Peanut’s three interlocking love problems: an attractive wife dies mysteriously in her Manhattan apartment, and her husband seems in some way to blame; one detective on the case deals with the fact that his own wife has inexplicably taken to her bed; another detective had been accused and ultimately exonerated of his own wife’s murder years before. These three plots recall Rear Window’s central murder—Lars Thorwald (Raymond Burr) murders his wife in view of a common apartment courtyard. But Mr. Peanut asks questions that Rear Window avoids:

What if we, as viewers, were required to observe the everyday affections, hatreds, recriminations and exasperations of the Thorwalds’ long-term relationship? Would we want to be voyeurs, like Jimmy Stewart’s laid-up photographer L.B. Jeffries? Instead of Jeffries’ titillated speculation over the last days of the Thorwald marriage, we would get Adam Ross’ often harrowing, sometimes hopeful depiction of what happens when two people in a relationship have the “problem” of very little to distract themselves from an intense, everyday focus on each other.

Of my three chosen readings, Patti Smith’s Just Kids (HarperCollins, 2010) is arguably the most hopeful, perhaps because Smith treats the inevitable problems that love brings as given parts of the structure of the relationship—rather than as situations that can be dealt with and discarded. Just Kids is not fiction, but rather Smith’s moving account of the life she spent in the late 1960s and early ’70s in New York City with the artist Robert Mapplethorpe. Here, love presents problems only in the sense that the converging circumstances that create its possibility—1970s New York, youth, a single relationship with one other person, health and life—cannot last. And yet, the desire to experiment artistically and sexually that Smith and Mapplethorpe share creates remarkably few traditional “love problems,” like jealousy or resentment. When Smith recalls the famous photograph Mapplethorpe took of her, eventually the cover for her 1975 album Horses, she observes, “When I look at it now, I never see me. I see us.” Love may have its problems, but Smith also can lucidly witness the fleeting moments when it can be utterly unproblematic.

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But it is still, in the end, a problem.
A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

On Sept. 16, more than 200 alumni, family and friends gathered at the Holy Cross Alumni Association dinner to honor the recipients of the 2011 In Hoc Signo Award. Gregory H. Cahill ’81, Kathleen Troidle Jackson ’83 and John R. Hayes ’91 (above, from left, with Fr. McFarland) were bestowed the Association’s highest honor, in recognition of their volunteerism and dedication to alma mater. The HCAA also paid tribute to Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., for his years of service to Holy Cross and for his promotion and support of the Alumni Association.

The dinner’s other special guests included the 2011-12 Patrick L. McCarthy ‘63 scholars and their families. The 16 recipients of the $5,000 scholarship are all fourth-year students and children of alumni who have demonstrated high academic achievement.

Scholarship recipient Kelsey Dillon ’12, a mathematics major from Barrington, R.I., says she was surprised, humbled and honored when she opened the letter with the McCarthy news, adding that her parents, Bob ’78 and Dawn Dillon, were “overjoyed!” After graduation in May, Dillon will be working for the Nielsen Company in its Financial Leadership Program.

“The Holy Cross community has given so much to me and my parents and has truly shaped my life,” shares another McCarthy scholar, Caroline Cataldo ’12, the daughter of Joe Cataldo Jr. ’84 and Kate Cataldo ’83. “To be recognized in this way only further exemplifies the truly fantastic alumni network at Holy Cross.” Cataldo is an English major with a minor in anthropology and a concentration in creative writing non-fiction from North Andover, Mass. Before pursuing graduate studies, she hopes to take a role with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

This year’s other McCarthy scholars are Alison Bruno, Kathleen Connelly, Kelly Coonan, Justin DeFrancisco, Clare Dougherty, Kathryn Kennedy, Colleen Melaugh, Robert Morrissey, Andrew Novicki, Peter Renehan, Michael Rogers Jr., Adelaide Stout, Camille Trainor and Emily White.

Alumni and friends are invited to meet Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J., during his first regional alumni receptions as president of Holy Cross. Invitations will be mailed in January and February. For a full list of this spring’s regional receptions, please visit alumni.holycross.edu.

**MIAMI**: Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012

**VERO BEACH**: Monday, Feb. 13, 2012

**PALM BEACH**: Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012

**NAPLES**: Tuesday, March 13, 2012

**TAMPA**: Sunday, March 18, 2012
The Holy Cross Alumni Association invites nominations for the 2012 In Hoc Signo Award, the Association’s highest honor. The deadline for submitting nominations, noting the qualifications of each nominee, is Feb. 8, 2012. Nominees must be an alumnus/a who has completed at least one year, whose class has graduated and who has performed “meritorious service” to Holy Cross, meaning “unusual service in the form of faithful and continued effort in maintaining class or other alumni organizations, active participation in alumni and College affairs or assisting directly in expanding the usefulness, influence and prestige of the College.” For more details on the standards of eligibility and nomination forms, visit alumni.holycross.edu and click on “In Hoc Signo Call for Nominations.” Questions about the In Hoc Signo Award can be directed to the Office of Alumni Relations at (508) 793-2418 or hcaa@holycross.edu.

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**BIENVENIDOS, HOLY CROSS!**

Thirty-one alumni and friends travelled to Barcelona, Spain, in October and experienced the beauty and history of Catalonia’s capital city. The group stopped for a pose in front of the landmark La Sagrada Familia Basilica, designed by Catalan architect Antonio Gaudi.

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**HOLY CROSS ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD**

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**ADD A LITTLE PURPLE TO YOUR WINTER!**

**HOLY CROSS WINTER HOMECOMING**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 18, 2012**

- Family skating and swimming in the Hart Center
- Kimball brunch
- Special family movie in renovated Seelos Theatre (1 PM)
- Men’s Basketball vs. Patriot League rival, Bucknell (4 PM)
- And much more!
Which of these women (above) played a historic role at Holy Cross, earned her medical degree at a top-notch institution and now is an active advocate for children's access to healthcare? If you guessed “both,” you’re right.

Marian Earls, M.D., ’76 was one of 30 women admitted to the first coed class of Holy Cross in 1972. Her daughter, Naomi Earls Leslie, M.D., ’00, was the first daughter of an alumna to graduate from the College. *Holy Cross Magazine* featured the first mother-daughter alumnae pair on a 1997 cover celebrating 25 years of women at Holy Cross (above, right), and the duo returned last year to recreate that portrait (above).

Earls is now a practicing developmental and behavioral health physician and a powerful voice for children's access to health care nationally. Leslie is in her final year of a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at Stanford University Medical Center. Earls' medical practice focuses on the “whole child,” spanning early childhood to adolescence. She has a particular focus in early childhood and early brain development. In contrast, Leslie works primarily with troubled but “neurotypical” adolescents who have experienced psychological traumas.

Earls and Leslie both chose careers that demand intelligence and compassion. “I heard a lot about being a person for others from my dad and during my Holy Cross experience,” says Earls, “but I realized I was affected by that message beyond college, too—at the 25-year anniversary of women at Holy Cross celebration, I really saw the legacy of being a person for others.”

Earls didn’t go right to medical school after graduation: She went to Harvard Divinity School, earning her master’s degree in theology. While there, she was encouraged by others to apply to medical school. At the University of Massachusetts Medical School, she began turning her philosophical beliefs into practical action. Earls has been active in the Greensboro, N.C., community where she is the medical director at Guilford Child Health—a large, nonprofit, private pediatric practice that serves families at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. And she is passionately committed to her work with the North Carolina Pediatric Society (of which she was president from 2008 to 2010) and the American Academy of Pediatrics—where she has played leading roles in the early education and child care section, the national mental health leadership workgroup, the Quality Improvement Network Steering Committee and the Committee on Psychosocial Aspects of Child and Family Health.

Leslie says, initially, she wasn’t sure she wanted to commit to medical school: “My mom has always been a fantastic role model, but I also saw how hard her work was. As a young adult, I didn’t know if I wanted to put myself through that.” So she worked for a year at the Key Program, Inc., a Worcester-based nonprofit focused on helping troubled youth and their families develop life skills that yield rewarding life experiences.

While there, Leslie says she felt at home working with “kids who were labeled ‘bad kids’ by someone—school, parent, truancy officer.” Noting that she found it “exhilarating and fun,” she adds, “I realized that these were kids facing normal, usual childhood problems ... just complicated by difficult living situations, lack of support, and ineffective coping mechanisms. For me, this was a way to be a person for others.” She considered getting her master’s degree in social work, but became convinced that biology was too important to be ignored in diagnosis.
and treatment of mental health issues. So she attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s School of Medicine, then completed her residency at the University of California-San Francisco Medical Center before beginning her fellowship at Stanford.

**Women on Campus: Then and Now**

When Earls came to the Hill in 1972, there were rumors that the newspaper photo featuring female students was used as a dartboard in some male residence halls. Earls says she didn’t face much animosity, though, and recalls, “This was the time of the post-1960s social upheaval. The campus was probably blown wide open and certainly wasn’t as traditional or staid as many people would have thought.”

On the other hand, her daughter’s matriculation class was approximately 50 percent women—about the same as the current classes—and Leslie says that “having a 50/50 gender split on campus just seemed natural. I can’t imagine there being any negativity about women on campus, and there were many very dynamic women who were students and teachers there.”

The campus has changed a lot over the years—Earls’ favorite spot for R&R, the lounge in Fenwick, is no longer there—but the buildings and grounds still hold memories for both women. “The campus changes so rapidly!” Leslie says. “But I always try to visit Beaven Hall to look at my old classrooms. Just being anywhere on campus evokes a strong nostalgia for me.”

Both mother and daughter were profoundly influenced by the intellectual rigor of the Jesuit tradition and the exceptional professors at Holy Cross. Earls cites religious studies Associate Professors Les Kline and John Worrell, in particular, and Leslie notes psychology Professors Daniel Bitran and Andrew Futterman, among others. Both women studied organic chemistry with Associate Professor Mike McGrath, the legendary former premed advisor whom Earls described as “much more than just a chemistry professor … very supportive, a Renaissance man.”

“A place where I am known and I belong”

Before Naomi and Marian, the Earls family of Southbridge, Mass., has many entries on the Holy Cross alumni family tree, including Marian’s father, the late Kevin ’43, and his cousins the late Gerald ’40, Martin ’33, Francis ’39 and Arthur ’34—as well as Marian’s cousin Monica ’77. But the Earls’ oldest alumni connection—Marian’s great-uncle, poet Rev. Michael Earls, S.J.—is perhaps the most famous. An 1896 graduate, Fr. Earls served as a professor and administrator, and referenced *alma mater* in some of his poetry, including the wartime piece, “The Towers of Holy Cross.”

For generations of the Earls family, Leslie says, Holy Cross has been synonymous with an exceptional education. “On top of all that,” she continues, “the fact that my mom was in the first class of women was really important to hear about when I was growing up. A feminist identity was a very important part of my upbringing—women are equal to men, and we should pursue the same goals and look for the same type of accomplishments as our male counterparts. Mom was really proud of the fact that her father was proud of her, and that became part of who I was at Holy Cross.”

As a new undergraduate in 1996, far from her North Carolina home, Leslie admits to feeling homesick, but having so many family connections to Holy Cross made her feel secure and tied firmly to the College. In her words, “This is a place where I am known and I belong.”

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IN MEMORIAM

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

1942

Robert F. Corsiglia
Robert “Bob” Corsiglia died June 17, 2011, at Viera Hospital, Sanford, Florida, at age 90. Beginning his career with TWA in its corporate offices in Kansas City, Mr. Corsiglia subsequently worked more than 30 years for Air Canada in Cleveland and Montreal, serving as manager, North American passenger sales, director of marketing and planning, and director of air cargo. He then operated the management consulting company Management Sciences and Services in Seattle prior to relocating to Murrieta, California. Mr. Corsiglia enlisted in naval aviation as a seaman second class on Dec. 8, 1941, and received his wings in September 1942 and promotion to second lieutenant, USMC; serving in various capacities as a pilot during World War II, he worked on adapting the newly designed Corsair F-4U for acceptance by the Marine Corps, became a member of Maj. Joseph Foss’ Squadron 115 and served as the personal pilot for Vice Adm. John Hoover and several admirals, among other duties. Mr. Corsiglia is survived by his wife, Marian; two sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; three grandchildren; four nephews; and six nieces.

Edward F. Morgan III
Edward Morgan died May 1, 2011, in the JFK Medical Center, Atlantic, Florida, at age 90. During his career, Mr. Morgan had served as president of Conley Supply Co., Inc., in Boston and then became northeast regional manager for Jenkins Bros. Valves. A World War II veteran, he had been a communications officer for the Amphibious Training Base, Solomons, Maryland. Mr. Morgan played varsity baseball at Holy Cross; an avid golfer, he was a longtime member of the Wollaston Golf Club in Milton, Massachusetts, and, also, the Atlantis Golf Club in Florida. Mr. Morgan is survived by his wife, Abigail Burns Morgan; two sons; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and, also, his wife Abigail’s children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1938

James R. Morris
James Morris, of Warwick, R.I., died May 15, 2011, at age 94. A graduate of Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., Mr. Morris practiced law for 50 years, primarily in Providence, R.I. He was also a former Democratic city councilman in Warwick as well as the city solicitor. During World War II, Mr. Morris served with the Pacific Fleet as a naval officer based in Perth, Australia; in 1943, he assumed the post of executive officer of the destroyer USS Childs. Mr. Morris had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by three sons, including Edward T. ’71; a daughter-in-law; and two grandchildren.

1939

Herbert P. Minkel
Herbert Minkel, M.D., of Centerville, Massachusetts, and formerly of Milton, Massachusetts, died July 20, 2011, at age 93. A longtime physician, Dr. Minkel was a former lecturer of the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work and a clinical professor at the Boston University School of Medicine and Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. He served with the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Dr. Minkel had been a member of the First Order of Friars Minor. He was a former trustee of St. Sebastian’s School in Needham, Massachusetts. Dr. Minkel is survived by a son, Herbert P. Jr., ’68; three daughters, including Ann Minkel Corkery ’76; and three sons-in-law.

1944

Rev. John F. Burns
Rev. John Burns died July 9, 2011, at Regina Cleri Residence in Boston, at age 89. Ordained to the priesthood in 1948 in the Archdiocese of Boston, Fr. Burns had most recently served as parochial vicar of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Newton, from 1979 to 1987, when he was appointed senior priest in residence at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Waltham; previously, he was pastor of St. Adelaide Parish in Peabody, from 1973 to 1979. Fr. Burns began his ministry in the archdiocese as an assistant at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish in Waltham, from 1948 to 1951; subsequently serving as chaplain at the House of the Angel Guardian in West Newton, he was named an assistant at St. Margaret Parish, Lowell, where he ministered from 1953 to 1959. His subsequent assignments were: St. Joseph Parish, East Boston, from 1959 to 1962; St. Ann Parish, Somerville, from 1962 to 1963; St. Patrick Church, Roxbury, from 1963 to 1966; St. Joseph Church, Quincy, from 1966 to 1967; and St. John the Evangelist Church, Canton, from 1967 to 1973. In addition, Fr. Burns served briefly at St. Ann Parish in Kingston, Jamaica, and Sacred Heart Church, Bremerhaven, Germany—and, at St. Kilian Church in New Bedford, Massachusetts, immediately following ordination. He had also been a columniast for the weekly Catholic newspaper Twin Circle and a chaplain at the former Metropolitan State Hospital in Waltham, among other duties. Fr. Burns is survived by several nephews and nieces. His brother was the late Eugene P. ’45.

John J. Leary Jr.
John “Jack” Leary, of Marion, Massachusetts, and formerly of Milton, Massachusetts, and Worcester, died July 10, 2011, at age 88. During his career, Mr. Leary taught at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, worked in personnel at the Bethlehem Steel Corp., in Quincy, Massachusetts, and at the Iteco Corp., in Lexington, Massachusetts, and served as associate director of the Center for Management Development at Northeastern University in Boston, until his retirement in 1986. An active member of the Boston Catholic Men’s Society, he had been a past president of the Boston chapters of the American Society for Training and Development and the Society for Advancement of Management as well as an active volunteer with the Milton Youth Club. Mr. Leary had
Holy Cross Remembers
Frederick J. Murphy (1949 – 2011)

Frederick J. “Rick” Murphy, a longtime professor in the religious studies department at Holy Cross, an internationally renowned scholar and a prolific author, died Sept. 13, 2011, at 62.

Joining the College faculty in 1983, Professor Murphy was named the Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 2001 and was appointed the first Class of 1956 Professor in New Testament Studies in 2007. His areas of specialty included the New Testament, Hebrew Bible, Second Temple Judaism, Historical Jesus and Apocalypticism. A member of almost every major committee at the College and the chair of many of them, he led the search for two endowed chairs and two deans of Holy Cross.

Professor Murphy was the author of numerous scholarly articles and seven books, including The Religious World of Jesus: An Introduction to Second Temple Palestinian Judaism, which received the Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award in 1991, and Early Judaism: The Exile to the Time of Jesus. His most recent work, Apocalypticism in the Bible and Its World, is scheduled for publication in summer 2012.

Receiving his bachelor of arts degree from Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass., in 1971, he then entered the Society of Jesus. During his seven-year time with the Jesuits, Professor Murphy taught high school, pursued studies at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass., received a second bachelor’s degree—in divinity—from the University of London and worked among the poor in South America. He married in 1980 and, subsequently earned his master of arts and Ph.D., degrees at Harvard University.

Professor Murphy was a graduate of St. John’s High School in Shrewsbury, Mass., where he earned the Xaverian Award.

He is survived by his wife, Leslie; a son, Jeremy T.; a daughter, Rebecca M. McCormick ’06; a son-in-law, Sean T. McCormick ’06; two sisters; four nephews and two nieces.

The funeral Mass for Professor Murphy was celebrated Sept. 17, at Christ the King Church in Worcester, with Holy Cross Professor of religious studies Rev. William E. Reiser, S.J., serving as presider and homilist; Holy Cross Professor of religious studies Avery Alan-Peck offered the eulogy. A memorial Mass for Professor Murphy took place Sept. 20 in the Mary Chapel at Holy Cross, with College President Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., serving as celebrant and homilist.

Professor Avery-Peck, who is the Kraft-Kiatt Professor in Judaic Studies and current chair of the religious studies department, offers the following remembrance of his longtime colleague and friend:

Rick Murphy represented, perhaps better than anyone else on campus, what it means to teach, to do research, and to offer oneself wholeheartedly to a community such as ours. He was an internationally renowned and prolific scholar and a significant, if always unassuming, presence on campus. But what motivated him was our students and his desire to give them the many tools they will need to make their own marks on the world.

Students loved Rick, and their experience in his classrooms hints at what made him so special to all of us. Nothing was better than simply to hang out with Rick. He knew and loved politics, opera, classical and contemporary music, literature and history, theology. In his 50s he learned to pilot a plane, and in that same period he assembled, by himself, from the ground up, a computer that was years ahead of its time.

But more than all of this, everyone wanted to be around Rick because he had an endless supply of himself to give. I came to Holy Cross 40 years into my life and considerably more than a decade into my academic career. But I learned anew from Rick how to be a colleague, what it means to be a friend, and, in the past five years, I learned from him how a person can confront a devastating illness with such dignity and lack of self-pity as to truly astound.

So we learned from Rick, from his approach to life, from his words, from his ideas and ideals, from his books and articles, but more than anything from the way he lived—an unparalleled life of dignity and integrity that changed us all and that leaves a cherished, everlasting legacy.

Former students of Professor Murphy have also shared their memories of their mentor in an online forum: http://magazine.holycross.edu/issue_46_1
been a member of President’s Council at Holy Cross. He belonged to St. Francis Xavier Church in Acushnet, Mass., and, also, for many years, St. Agatha Church in Milton. A World War II veteran, Mr. Leary had served with the Army Quartermaster Corps in Paris and England. He is survived by a son, John J. III ‘81; a daughter, Mary (Leary) Hadley ’79; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and a grandson.

1945

Paul W. Braunstein, M.D.

Paul Braunstein, M.D., died June 18, 2011, at his home in Janesville, Va., at 86. Prior to his retirement in 1989, Dr. Braunstein had been a general surgeon and director of surgery at Southside Hospital in Bay Shore, N.Y.; he served two terms as governor for the American College of Surgeons. A Navy lieutenant from 1943 to 1945 in the V-12 program and a graduate of Harvard Medical School in Boston, Dr. Braunstein pursued his surgical residency at Cornell University-affiliated New York Hospital, from 1947 to 1950 and from 1952 to 1955; in the interim, he served as a surgeon at U.S. Naval hospitals in Yokosuka, Japan, and Annapolis, Md., during the Korean War. Relocating to Jamestown following retirement, Dr. Braunstein belonged to St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Onley, Va. He had been a Holy Cross class agent and a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Dr. Braunstein is survived by his wife, Barbara, and 12 children: four sons, including Paul W. Jr., M.D., ’76, Mark A. ’81 and James L. ’93, and eight daughters, including Julia B. Dailey ’88, Carrie B. D’Angelo, M.D., ’90 and Emily Braunstein Nazarian, M.D., ’91; seven sons-in-law, including Michael E. Dailey ’88 and Andrew W. D’Angelo ’90; three daughters-in-law, including Mary W. Sheridan ’93; 43 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and several nephews and nieces. His brother was the late Edward A., M.D., ’44.

1946

Edward M. Barczak, M.D.

Edward Barczak, M.D., died July 19, 2011, at his home in Timonium, Md., at 85. During his career, Dr. Barczak had maintained an obstetrics-gynecology practice for 40 years in Baltimore; he had been affiliated with the Mercy Medical Center and Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, and St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, Md. He received his degree from Georgetown Medical School, Washington, D.C., in 1949 and enlisting in the Navy as a medical officer, Dr. Barczak pursued an internship at the U.S. Naval Base in Bethesda, Md. Upon return from active duty, he completed a residency in obstetrics-gynecology at the former Mercy Hospital in Baltimore, where he later served as president of the medical faculty. He retired from Mercy Medical Center in 1994. Dr. Barczak had been a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and a member of state and local medical associations. He is survived by three sons; two daughters; a sister; 10 grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

1947

Robert E. Gaffney, M.D.

Robert Gaffney, M.D., a long-time resident of Fairfield, Conn., died July 3, 2011, at 88. During his career, Dr. Gaffney practiced medicine in Fairfield for many years in partnership with Dr. Robert Nevis; he retired in 1999. Dr. Gaffney had been a senior attending physician in family practice at Bridgeport (Conn.) Hospital. His professional affiliations included the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Connecticut State Medical Society and the Fairfield County Medical Association. A World War II Army veteran, Dr. Gaffney had been a member of the 97th Division, 386th Infantry, Medical Headquarters, serving in Europe—and, also, in Japan, for the Army of Occupation. He had been a member of the Marching Band at Holy Cross and a founder of the “Doctors’ Band,” a local musical group. Dr. Gaffney is survived by six sons; two daughters; 13 grandchildren; and Susan M. Zahry ’97; and five great-grandchildren.

1949

Thomas S. Moroney

Thomas Moroney died May 9, 2011, at his home in Belmont, Mass., at 82. During his career, Mr. Moroney had maintained a private solo practice prior to his retirement in 2008. Beginning his career in 1952 with his late father and brother in the law firm Vaughan, Esty, Crotty and Mason, he subsequently became a partner in its successor firm, Mason, Crotty, Dunn and McCarthy. Mr. Crotty had been a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and a member and past president of the Worcester County Bar Association. A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he served in the Asiatic-Pacific theater, participating in the
U.S. occupation of China. Mr. Crotty had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; three sons; two stepsons; a sister; two grandchildren; and four nieces.

Robert A. Duffy

Robert "Bob" Duffy died June 8, 2011, at Hospice of Connecticut in Branford, at 85. During his career, Mr. Duffy had been a special agent for 28 years with the FBI; his assignments included Knoxville, Tenn., Chicago and Connecticut. A World War II U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, Mr. Duffy served as a tail gunner on a B-29, from 1943 to 1946. He had been a longtime parishioner of St. Margaret's Parish in Madison, Conn. Mr. Duffy is survived by five sons, including Thomas F., 76; two daughters; two sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law, including Maureen O'Carroll Duffy; 77; 14 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

John H. Gallagher

John Gallagher died May 8, 2011, at 82. During his career, Mr. Gallagher first worked in international trade at the export firm W.D. Blood & Co., in New York City; he later became a realtor, joining Murphy Realty and, then, Coldwell Banker in Saddle River, N.J. Mr. Gallagher was a veteran, serving two years in the Army during the Korean War. A longtime resident of Saddle River, he relocated to Allendale, N.J., in 2000. Mr. Gallagher is survived by his wife, Liz; two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and a cousin.

Donald A. Lemire

Donald Lemire died May 31, 2011, in Wilmington (Del.) Hospital, at 86. During his career, Mr. Lemire worked 35 years for Atlas Chemical Industries as a marketing manager. A veteran of World War II, he served as a sergeant in the Army Air Corps. Mr. Lemire received a master of science degree in chemistry from Holy Cross in 1951. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; a son; two daughters; a brother; and six grandchildren.

Richard E. Mannix

Richard Mannix, a lifelong resident of Larchmont, N.Y., died July 11, 2011, in his home, at 82. A longtime attorney, Mr. Mannix attended the Fordham University School of Law in New York City evenings, while clerking at the firm Sullivan, Donovan, Hanrahan, McGovern & Lane; he was graduated from Fordham in 1956 and, later, named a partner in the practice. In 1974, Mr. Mannix established the firm Coogan, Mannix, Hicks & Allano in White Plains, N.Y., and, in 1982, became a sole practitioner. His civic involvement included serving as a Larchmont Village justice, from 1967 to 1971, and as a New York State assemblyman, from 1972 to 1976; Mr. Mannix subsequently held the post of legislative counsel in the New York State Assembly until 1999. Also active in community affairs, he had leadership roles in the Larchmont Community Chest and the Red Cross, among other duties. A veteran, Mr. Mannix served as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, from 1950 to 1952. He is survived by four sons; five daughters; four sons-in-law; four daughters-in-law; and 21 grandchildren, including Gina Mannix ’13 and Timothy J. Farrell ’15.

Rev. John F. McKenna

Rev. John F. McKenna died May 31, 2011, in the Notre Dame du Lac Assisted Living Center, Worcester, at 82. Ordained to the priesthood in 1954, Fr. McKenna served in the Diocese of Worcester as an associate pastor for several parishes and as pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish, Worcester; St. Mary Parish, Jefferson; Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, West Boylston; and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Gardner. In addition, he had been a chaplain for the Boy Scouts and the Massachusetts State Police at the Holden and Brookfield barracks. Retiring from the priesthood in 1970, Fr. McKenna later worked as a car salesman for Central Auto Sales in Leominster, Mass.; he resided in Westminster, Mass., and belonged to St. Edward the Confessor Church. Fr. McKenna is survived by a sister; and many nieces and nephews. His father was the late Charles F., Class of 1910.

1951

Francis R. Adzima

Francis "Bob" Adzima died May 16, 2011, at 81. During his career, Mr. Adzima had been a photo finisher for Frank's Photo Service in Bridgeport, Conn., and, later, for the New Britain (Conn.) Camera Shop. Born and raised in Bridgeport, he relocated with his family in 1977 to New Britain, where he belonged to Saint Jerome Roman Catholic Church. A Marine Corps veteran, Mr. Adzima served at Camp Lejeune, N.C., as a pay records clerk, attaining the rank of sergeant. He is survived by three sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law; a sister; a brother-in-law; numerous grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1952

Joseph G. DiGiacomo

Joseph DiGiacomo died May 16, 2011, in Rockford, Ill., at 81. A retired U.S. Navy captain, Mr. DiGiacomo had served 23 years as a submariner; he was a 1953 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Mr. DiGiacomo is survived by a daughter; a son-in-law; a brother; four grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

R. Paul Harney

(Russell) Paul Harney, PGA Tour champion and long-time owner of the Paul Harney Golf Club in East Falmouth, Mass.; died Aug. 24, 2011, in Falmouth, at 82. An outstanding golfer, Mr. Harney earned seven PGA Tour victories, international wins and five consecutive Massachusetts Open titles. Playing full time on the PGA Tour from 1955 to 1963, he was named "Most Improved Player" by Golf Digest magazine in 1957, after back-to-back victories at the Carling Open and the Labatt Open. Playing part time on the Tour when his oldest child started school, Mr. Harney was the head pro at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, Mass., from 1964 to 1973; during this time, he won L.A. Open titles in 1964 and 1965 and his final PGA Tour event at the 1972 Andy Williams-San Diego Open. Mr. Harney relocated with his family to Cape Cod, Mass., where he established the Paul Harney Golf Club, a 61-par course that his family continues to manage. A former president of the New England section of the PGA, he was an inaugural inductee into the New England PGA Hall of Fame in 1996. In addition, Mr. Harney was named PGA Golf Professional of the Year in 1974 and was elected into the PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame in 2005. Dedicated to community service, he gave lessons at the Paul Harney Golf Academy; taught religion classes at St. Patrick’s Church in Falmouth; and, from 1967 to 1971, served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the U.S. State Department, conducting golf clinics and playing exhibitions with the leaders of Myanmar, Malaysia and Singapore. Captain of the golf team at Holy Cross, he posted a 52-4 record and won NCAA medalist honors his last year; he was inducted into the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 1963. A Navy veteran, he served as an officer during the Korean War. Mr. Harney is survived by his wife, Patricia “Patti”; three sons; three daughters,
including Helene Pyne ‘88; two brothers, including Frederick B. ’49; two sisters; brother-in-law Donald E. Burke, D.D.S., ’51; and 16 grandchildren. Rev. Earle L. Markey, S.J., ’53, vice president emeritus at Holy Cross and associate director of Jesuit Relations, Admissions, delivered the homily at Mr. Hamey’s funeral Mass, which he concelebrated with Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49, Holy Cross president emeritus, at St. Patrick’s Church in Falmouth. Fr. Markey concluded his remembrance of his longtime friend in this way: “The College of the Holy Cross is proud of his integrated life of athletic accomplishment on the highest level, family devotion, service to country and a life guided by moral and religious values. It is that of which St. Ignatius would be proud, and it is that of which we are proud. May Paul rest in the peace and love of the Risen Lord, and may Patti and her family, Chris, Erin, Anne Marie, Tim, Helene and Michael, share their love for Paul forever, and he for them.”

Richard K. Himmelsbach, M.D.
Richard Himmelsbach, M.D., died May 13, 2011, in St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Conn., at 88. During his career, Dr. Himmelsbach had practiced family medicine in Simsbury, Conn., for 35 years prior to his retirement. A longtime resident of Simsbury, he had lived in Farmington, Conn., for the past 12 years. Dr. Himmelsbach was an Army veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, B. Joan; three sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law, a sister; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; seven grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. His brother was the late William J., M.D., ’42.

1956

Donald P. Medler
Donald Medler, of Southampton, N.Y., and formerly of Rockville Centre, N.Y., died May 14, 2011, at 76. During his career, Mr. Medler had been an entrepreneur in the international garment industry. He served in the Navy as an officer, stationed in New York. Mr. Medler is survived by his wife, Bonnie; a son; six daughters, including Christine Medler Ford ’87 and Mary Medler Viviano ’93; five sons-in-law, including Douglas P. Ford ’87; a brother, Raymond F. Medler, M.D., ’52; a sister; and 15 grandchildren.

1957

John L. McClusky
John McClusky died May 18, 2011, at 79. During his career, Mr. McClusky had worked for the Miller Brewing Co., in Milwaukee, retiring after 23 years of service. He had been a Trappist novice monk prior to attending Holy Cross. Mr. McClusky is survived by five sons; two daughters; a daughter-in-law; three sisters; a brother-in-law; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces and other extended family. His brother was the late William J., M.D., ’57.

George J. Waddleton
George Waddleton died July 30, 2011, at The Athenaeum at Hamilton Park, Jersey City, N.J., at 77. During his career, Mr. Waddleton was fleet manager of the Oldsmobile division of General Motors in New England, retiring in 1993. A veteran, he served as a captain in the Marine Corps. Mr. Waddleton had been a member of the varsity basketball team at Holy Cross, serving as captain his final year and earning All-New England honors. He was also an outstanding athlete at his alma mater St. Peter’s Preparatory School in Jersey City, where he played football, basketball and baseball. Mr. Waddleton was inducted into the Holy Cross, St. Peter’s Preparatory School and Hudson County athletic halls of fame. He is survived by two sons; a brother; and three sisters.

1961

John F. Spain
John Spain, of Bethel, Conn., died June 22, 2011, at 71. A graduate of the New York University School of Law, Mr. Spain had maintained a private law practice in Bethel since 1965; at the start of his career, he was a public defender and prosecutor in Danbury, Conn. Mr. Spain’s community involvement included serving as a coach in youth programs sponsored by the Bethel Parks and Recreation Department; a volunteer at the Dorothy Day Hospitality House in Danbury; and a member of the Bethel chapter of the Board of the American Red Cross and the Vocational Education Committee, Bethel. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; a sister-in-law; two grandchildren; and nephews, nieces and cousins.

1962

William J. Dehey, D.D.S.
William “Bill” Dehey, D.D.S., died May 16, 2011, at the Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield, Mass., at 70. During his career, Dr. Dehey had practiced dentistry for 45 years, maintaining a partnership since 1966 with Dr. James Nesti in Pittsfield. An attending dentist at the Berkshire Medical Center and member of its selection committee for residents, Dr. Dehey also served as a dentist for the Pittsfield public school system’s Head Start program. Master of the Academy of General Dentistry and member of the American Society of Dentistry for Children, he was past chairman of the Massachusetts Dental Society’s Ethics Committee and a past president of the Berkshire District Dental Society. Dr. Dehey was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of captain. He was an active member of St. Agnes Church in Dalton, Mass., and a board director of the Catholic Youth Center. Dr. Dehey had been a member of the Holy Cross Marching Band. He is survived by his wife, Rita; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a sister; a brother-in-law; four grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

James J. Freeman
James Freeman died July 13, 2011, in Bethesda, Md., at 70. A graduate of Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Mass., Mr. Freeman practiced communications law in Washington, D.C., for more than 38 years; he retired to Bay Colony, Del. Mr. Freeman had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Carol; two sons; a daughter, McLiss L. Reingruber ’88; a brother; and eight grandchildren.

Francis J. Viozzi, M.D.
Francis Viozzi, M.D., of Harrisburg, Pa., died May 2, 2011, at his home in McKean County, Pa., at 70. Dr. Viozzi began his medical career at the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pa., in 1972, where he was an associate in rheumatology prior to his appointment as chief of rheumatology; he also served there as the assistant medical director and the interim chief of medicine. Involved in research during this time, Dr. Viozzi published many articles on rheumatologic diseases, prior to leaving Geisinger in 1988. He then joined Saint Agnes Hospital in Baltimore as medical director and continued in this capacity until his retirement in 2000. Dr. Viozzi had been a member of The Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick in Harrisburg, a lifetime member of Trout Unlimited, and a member and president, for many years, of the Doc Fritchie Chapter of Trout Unlimited in Dauphin and Lebanon counties, Pa. An Air Force veteran of Vietnam, he had served at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, from 1970 to 1972. Dr. Viozzi is survived by his wife, RoseAnn; two sons; two daughters; and nine grandchildren.

1964

Joseph H. Bastien
Joseph Bastien, of Florida, died May 13, 2011, at 69. Mr. Bastien is survived by a sister, two nephews; and a niece.

Robert J. Dumouchel
Robert Dumouchel, of East Greenwich, R.I., died July 19, 2011, at 68. During his career, Mr. Dumouchel had been a partner in the Providence, R.I., law firm Higgins & Slattery for almost
40 years. A 1968 graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., he subsequently served four years as a lieutenant in the Navy Judge Advocate General Corps. Following graduation from Holy Cross, Mr. Dumouchel had spent a year with the Jesuits teaching at Baghdad College in Iraq. A member of the American and Rhode Island bar associations, he had been a corporator for the East Greenwich Free Library, a longtime member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish and a soccer and baseball coach in the town leagues, among other endeavors. Mr. Dumouchel is survived by his wife, Mary Beth; a son; two daughters, including Claire Dumouchel Shields ’66; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and three grandchildren. His brother was the late Paul J. ’56.

John P. Haran Sr.

John Haran, of Worcester, died July 8, 2011, at 70. During his career, Mr. Haran had worked in the Worcester District Attorney’s Office, from 1975 until his retirement in 2006; he served many years as a first district attorney, responsible for prosecutions in Superior Court. A graduate of Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Mr. Haran had been a member of the Massachusetts and Worcester County bar associations. Prior to joining the District Attorney’s Office, he served as an attorney for the Travelers Insurance Co. Mr. Haran was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves. He belonged to St. George’s Church in Worcester. Mr. Haran is survived by his wife, Donna; a son; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; two sisters; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law; three grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Santo M. Lanava

Santo Lanava, a longtime resident of Worcester, died May 7, 2011, at 68. Mr. Lanava was the founder and president of Ironside Industries Inc., in Worcester and the holder of several patents. During his career, he also founded several restaurants in Maryland and Massachusetts. An Eagle Scout, Mr. Lanava had been active in Boy Scout Troop 70 as well as a member of Our Lady of Loreto Church. He was a Navy lieutenant during the Vietnam War and a recipient of the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the National Defense Medal. Mr. Lanava is survived by his companion, Kathy Smith, a brother; a sister-in-law; a nephew; a niece; and several uncles, aunts and cousins.

1966

Rev. Martin T. Kelly

1967

Robert E. Naylor, M.D.

Robert Naylor, M.D., died June 9, 2011, at Grand Oaks Assisted Living in Washington, D.C. Dr. Naylor had most recently been a cardiologist for 25 years in the Sunnyvale, Calif., area; he relocated to the Washington, D.C., area in 2008. A retired Air Force colonel, Dr. Naylor had served 40 years on active duty and in the reserves; he was a veteran of Vietnam and Desert Storm. Dr. Naylor is survived by three brothers, including William M. ’72; a sister; their spouses; 14 nephews and nieces; and other extended family.

1968

Michael L. Minasz

Michael Minasz died July 24, 2011, at 64. A longtime attorney, Mr. Minasz had maintained a private tax practice in New York City; he was a graduate of the Villanova (Pa.) University School of Law. A resident of Staten Island, N.Y., for many years, Mr. Minasz was an active parishioner of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Minasz is survived by his wife, Marie; three daughters; two sons-in-law; a brother, Richard J. ’61; five grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1971

James O’Connor, M.D.

James O’Connor, M.D., died July 15, 2011, at his home in Eau Claire, Wis., at 61. An orthopedic surgeon, Dr. O’Connor first practiced in Marshfield, Wis., and, then, in 1984, joined Middletown Clinic in Eau Claire; he retired in 2010. A 1975 graduate of the Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., Dr. O’Connor had been a member of several professional associations, including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He is survived by his wife, Colleen; two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; his mother; a brother; a sister; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; nine grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

1975

Frank J. Serafin

Frank Serafin died July 11, 2011, at his home in Worcester, at 58. During his career, Mr. Serafin had served as a clerk with the U.S. Postal Service prior to retirement. He is survived by a daughter; a granddaughter; a brother; and a sister-in-law.

1979

John P. McCue

John McCue died May 12, 2011, at his home in Falmouth, Mass., at 84. During his career, Mr. McCue had worked almost 30 years at the Steamship Authority on Cape Cod, Mass. Mr. McCue is survived by a son; a daughter; his mother; two brothers; and a granddaughter.

Friends

Robert K. Cording, father of Robert K., English department, and grandfather of Robert W. ’06, Daniel C. ’09 and Thomas E. ’20; Joseph P. Fitzgerald, father of Rev. Kevin T., S.J., Holy Cross Trustee; Leonard J. Germano, father of Amy R. ’83; Joseph P. Kane Jr., father of Paula M. ’80, former Holy Cross Trustee, Stephen J. ’83 and Brian P. ’85; Walter “Bill” Kane, formerly of the athletic department, varsity men’s hockey program, and father of Nancy Kane Goodwin ’79 and Timothy P. Kane ’90; Elizabeth M. (Minola) La Camera, mother of Paul A. ’64, former Holy Cross Trustee, and grandmother of Mark A. ’92, Peter P., M.D., ’93 and Christopher W. ’99; Rev. Robert E. Lindsay, S.J., former Holy Cross chaplain; Dolores M. Massa, mother of Rev. Mark S., S.J., Holy Cross Trustee, Norma G. Mitchell, mother of L.J. III ’85; Claire R. Molloy, wife of the late Philip J. III, D.M.D., ’50; May Britt Quinn, stepmother of Maggie Quinn, environmental services, and grandmother of Jeffrey Trainor; grounds; Maria Schreyer, wife of H.T. Richard ’62; Lori A. Studt, mother of Eric M. Studt, S.J., ’04; Randolph Swillo, father of Sara, student affairs; Mary B. Tomsello, wife of the late Anthony N. Sr., ’43; Rudolph West, father of Michael R., history department; Mary M. Wild, mother of John F. Jr., ’89
His face is right there on the puck—a screened photo of his smiling face, looking up at me from the ice. The souvenir puck, the only one I could find in the house after a lifetime of playing hockey, was inscribed: “Bob Skinner Tribute, October 12, 2004.”

What had served as a useful paperweight on the desk in my home office these last seven years now lay at my feet as I began a rare mid-winter skate on thick, black ice on the lake a few miles from my home. Encircled by a ring of bare trees, the lake stretched almost as far as you could shoot a puck—no one on the ice but Coach Skinner and me. For an old hockey player, older than I’d like to admit, it was skating heaven.

Bob Skinner was the assistant coach for men’s ice hockey at Holy Cross from 1966 to 1974. He worked under Bill Kane, head coach from 1965 to 1976, another great guy who loved the game and the kids he coached. They blended their coaching styles in a way that got the most out of those who were lucky enough to lace up the skates for Holy Cross. Those two good men were an effective, if unlikely, team, working well together “behind the bench” at the old Worcester Arena in Webster Square in the years before the on-campus rink.

Many of my teammates from the Class of 1973 (Captain Rick Callahan, Steve Daly, Mike LaVigne, Joe Carey, Rich Pelletier, Pat Thornton, Mike Siclari) remain connected after all these years in no small part because of our hockey experience at Holy Cross and the influence of our revered coaches.

Coach Kane would sometimes stand aside and let his assistant have the locker room floor for a between-period speech (or, in some cases, rant). Many of our most touching memories of Coach Skinner were from these motivational talks. In the early 1970s, the Vietnam War was almost all consuming, particularly on college campuses. With Coach Skinner, the locker room was not immune from the social unrest, soul-searching and questioning that the war caused. He used the locker room to educate players about life and life’s lessons. He had, by then, already mentored scores of young men, some of whom went right from college to serve in Southeast Asia, not to mention many more of his former Norwich University teammates and friends who were also serving their country.

Between periods of our games, Coach Skinner would sometimes read, always with great emotion, excerpts from letters he had received from his soldier friends stationed on a ship or fighting in some far-off jungle. And then, as though he were our platoon leader, he’d order us back out into hockey battle, having conveyed to us through the words of others what was really important in life.

“Coach Skinner used the locker room to educate players about life and life’s lessons.”

Not all his speeches were gems, of course. Once we were playing a school known for its strong hockey program, but not, perhaps, its academics. We were being throttled, losing 5-0 after just the first period. That day, before going back out on the ice for a continued drubbing, Coach Skinner offered us, his over-matched troops, some words of consolation: “They may be better hockey players than you … but you are Holy Cross men, and they’ll be working for you someday!” Most of us, as I recall, were not sure if those words of consolation really had the message we were looking for.

Back out on the ice, I found myself tangling in front of the net with a defenseman who was much bigger than me and certainly more committed to his hockey career than was I to mine. The ref blew the whistle, thankfully separating us before my diminutive frame was put at more risk. I looked up at that big, imposing defenseman and barked, “You’ll be working for me someday!” He thought about that for a second and scowled, shooting back a withering retort that is not fit for print. My skating skills and survival instincts took over quickly as I skated backwards to exit the scene. Perhaps not all of our locker room pep talks were top-drawer.

Coach Skinner succumbed a couple of years ago to a variety of converging illnesses. In 2004, former players and friends gathered in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom for a tribute to our ailing friend and leader. After dinner, he ambled up to the podium to the roar of thunderous applause to do what he loved to do—take over the room with his wit and rough-hewn charm. He was anchored to his portable green oxygen tank, wheeling it along side with the hissing plastic hose hanging from his bent frame. A crowd left Hogan that night having laughed and cried in another memorable encounter with Coach Skinner, and we left with that token now lying at my feet on the ice—a puck with his printed image on it.

I finished my early morning skate. At this point in my life, the effort to reach down to unlace the skates seems as exhausting as the skating itself. But despite the onset of some new aches and pains, it was a wonderful glide on black ice, through hockey heaven with Coach.

Jay McGovern ’73, a nonprofit fundraiser, played hockey and four years of varsity soccer at Holy Cross, being named twice to the New England Collegiate All-Star Soccer Team. He lives with his wife, Susan, in Newburyport, Mass., close to their three daughters.

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