ON THE COVER
Ashley Piemonte ’14, Byron Udegbue ’16, Kendall Presti ’14 and Elad Covaliu ’16 (from left) share a booth (and some French toast) at The “Miss Woo” Diner, a perennial favorite for Crusaders since 1948. Diners are just one of the gems that make the College’s hometown unique. HCM explores a few more in this issue’s cover feature.

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DO YOU KNOW WOO?

The 1953 Purple Patcher opens with a message from the graduating students about the city Holy Cross calls home. It reads, “There are cities like New York or Chicago, where everything is measured in size, speed, time, bulk and sound. And there are cities like Worcester, where everything is proportioned by people ... in this case a quarter of a million of them, spread out in an uneven arc in the low wooded hills 40 miles west of Boston. Abrasives and abstract paintings; mills and minds and manufacturing; railroads and Rachmaninoff, all find a place here. As often as Holy Cross has been a part of its people, so often has it been a part of Holy Cross.”

Sixty years later, as HCM takes a look at our city for this issue’s cover story, much of this statement still rings true. The way Worcester measures its worth and shares itself with the rest of the world is still about its people. Significant contributions—particularly in the sciences—have come from the minds of Worcester. One of our most precious exports, the hundreds of thousands of students educated each year in the Worcester area’s 12 colleges and universities, is built on the relationships formed among dedicated scholars. And it is the people of Worcester—Crusaders among them—who are bringing this place, often described as “a city of hidden gems,” out of hiding.

As I write this note to you, the students who will populate the Class of 2017 are just outside my window on the Hogan Courtyard, enjoying the Gateways orientation program and preparing to become Worcester’s newest residents this fall. I can’t help but think of the gems they will discover as they explore “The Woo.”

Now for a little housekeeping: You’ll notice we’re a little low on letters to the editor in this issue. We crave your feedback, so please don’t be shy about jotting us a note with your thoughts on the latest batch of stories. In light of our cover feature on Worcester, I’d love to hear about your favorite spots in the city from your student days!

You may also notice that in this issue we have made a slight change to our Milestones section. To make more room for images, the captions on the Milestones pages will no longer include a list of all the guests in each photo. Remember, we’re not just showcasing weddings anymore: Items about Crusader christenings, ordinations, special reunions and other celebrations are also welcome.

Finally, I’d be remiss if I didn’t point out what has become one of our most-anticipated annual features: The Sanctae Crucis Awards. Each year, as a handful of alumni are selected to receive the College’s highest non-degree honor, the HCM team enjoys preparing a special feature to showcase the winners’ achievements. Once again, I am impressed by the humble nature of the honorees. During the photo shoot for the story, we got a chance to chat—each of them is quick to mention the support of
their family, the deserving deeds of other alumni or the teams who help them in their daily work. Their chosen paths and their attitude about being selected as people who have brought honor to the College make them quite admirable. Not everyone gets the chance to meet the Sanctae Crucis honorees, but we hope that the story that starts on Page 34 makes you feel as though you have.

All the best from Mount St. James,

Suzanne Morrissey  
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P.S. I thought you’d enjoy a few outtakes from our Worcester feature photo shoots (below). We love the one of Ashley Piemonte ’14 of Dover, Mass., watching Byron Udegbe ’16 of Greenbelt, Md., attempt to eat the deep-fried Oreo that topped his French toast at the Miss Woo Diner!

Spring Notes

Wonderful spring edition!
I liked the combination of usual alumni and faculty material with the many interesting tidbits of current student exploits. I know that took a lot of staff effort, and I just wanted you to know this alum appreciated it.

So much great stuff, including the fascinating book Getting Genki in Japan by Karen Pond ’91. I was a junior high kid in Japan (my dad was also in the Air Force) and will go get that interesting book for sure.

Lt. Col. C. J. Hoppin (USAFR Ret.), ’64  
Peaks Island, Maine

Remembering a Friend

Brian Donaher ’59 went on to glory March 8, 2013. He was my roommate for all four years at Holy Cross, from Wheeler to Hanselman. We actually got the first pick of rooms for the ’58-59 year! Brian was a true scholar of the Latin and Greek classics, electing to teach for 51 years at his beloved Boston College High in lieu of the higher halls of academia. He was the farm team (Triple A) for the classics department at Holy Cross (the Red Sox could learn something!), producing a steady stream of young scholars from B.C. High. Reflecting on his life, I’m reminded of prominent philosopher Cardinal John Henry Newman’s essay “A Definition of a Gentleman.” The label “Renaissance Man” comes to mind as well.

Farewell, old friend.

Dick Kane ’59  
Stewartsville, N.J.

Addendum

In our last issue, we highlighted the new autobiography Dr. K: A Surgeon’s Life, by Dick Kempczinski, M.D. ’62. We noted his academic success at Holy Cross and Harvard, and his impressive work at some of the most prestigious surgical centers in the country (including the Mayo Clinic and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center).

We failed to mention that a large part of the book describes Dr. K’s life after 1994, when an accident left him paralyzed from the neck down. Readers will draw inspiration from the life story of this surgeon, who as a quadriplegic continued his scholarly research in the field of vascular surgery, and who received the Holy Cross Sanctae Crucis award in 2000 for his intellectual rigor, courage, clinical contributions to his profession and the care of patients.

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Congratulations, 2013!

In her address at the College’s 167th Commencement exercises held May 24 in the Hart Center, acclaimed author, essayist and teacher Anne Fadiman encouraged the graduates to see things from a different point of view and “never give up.”

A total of 701 students were awarded baccalaureate degrees before an audience filled with the graduates’ families and friends, Holy Cross faculty, administrators and staff, and honored guests. Due to inclement weather, the ceremony was held indoors.

The Francis Writer in Residence at Yale University and recipient of an honorary degree from Holy Cross, Fadiman shared with graduates the story of two individuals, now deceased, whose lives taught her profound lessons in determination and resilience: Lia Lee, who was the inspiration for her first book, *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures*, and Marina Keegan, one of her former students at Yale.

In her speech, Fadiman explained that *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* chronicles the conflicts faced by Lee’s family, Hmong refugees from Laos, and their American doctors regarding treatment for Lia, who had been diagnosed with severe epilepsy.

“What kept these good people apart was not language, though that was a part of it,” she observed. “It was culture, specifically, the inability of each side to get out of the groove of its own culture and understand the other’s.”

Fadiman shared that in the 25 years she knew Lia, the young woman never said a word, and went on to describe the profound influence the Lee family had on Fadiman’s profes-
Sional and personal life, as well as on the staff of the hospital.

She noted that the ambition of Lee’s parents to have their daughter grow up to be a distinguished shaman came true, remarking: “And what is a shaman, but a teacher and a healer. Lia Lee is teaching at Holy Cross right now. I am just the conduit.”

Fadiman then asked the graduates, “So what lesson might Lia’s life have for you?” And replied, “It’s deceptively simple: See things from the other point of view.”

Observing that it’s not easy to walk a mile in someone else’s shoes, “especially if you wear steel-toed Carharts and they wear ballet flats,” she said, “Learning to do so will change your life and the lives of those around you.”

Fadiman next described the impact on her life of Marina Keegan—a former student in her creative writing seminar at Yale, whom she described as “fierce, edgy, provocative, feisty, a little wild, more than a little contrarian, absolutely, ineffably, quintessentially cool” whose “writing would make you laugh out loud, and then it would turn on a dime and break your heart.”

Noting that Keegan’s work was published on the website of The New Yorker, where she was to work after her 2012 Commencement, Fadiman said that Keegan wrote about “how to combine art and activism because she wanted her words to make people march and vote and shake their fists and make a difference.” She died in a car crash five days after graduation from Yale.

“Marina’s lesson is even simpler than Lia’s,” Fadiman told the graduating class: “Never give up.”

She recalled that on a list of aspects of her writing she wished to improve Keegan had written, “Don’t get too attached to things. It only took you a minute to write that
sentence” and, then, in all capital letters, “THERE CAN ALWAYS BE A BETTER THING.”

“In other words,” Fadiman said, “Never stop writing, never stop revising, never give up.” She added that, at the time of her death, Keegan had left enough writing for an entire book, to be published next year by Scribner.

Describing in detail a grueling sailing competition that Keegan completed at 14 years old, Fadiman told the graduates, "Marina did not give up, and I hope you won't give up either. After you drive down Linden Lane and into your adult lives, don’t confine yourself to the fair-weather races, the easy races, the races you know you can win. Get out in gale-force winds. Know you will capsize again and again and again. Know that it will not be easy to right your boat, but you can do it. Because the most magnificent triumphs are the hardest ones, the ones that include failure, the ones that you get through, not because you were smart or because you were skilled, but because you don’t give up.”

The valedictory address was given by Travis J. LaCouter, of Concord, N.H., a political science and Catholic studies double major and member of the College Honors Program. In his speech LaCouter invited his classmates to resist an “impulse toward idyllic recollection” and to reflect instead on the challenges they had to overcome to make Commencement possible, viewing them as a source of strength to meet future demands: “For the struggles will only get harder once we pass beyond those wrought-iron gates on College Hill later today,” LaCouter said, “and we will need the fortitude, the friends, the wisdom and the strength we have acquired here over the past four years in order to keep going.”

**Employee Kudos** Five employees of the College received the Claire B. Burns Award, and Robert Holley Jr. of the physical plant and environmental services received the Rev. William J. O’Halloran, S.J., Award at a luncheon ceremony in March.

**Teaching Moment** In recognition of National Autism Awareness Month, the Office of Disability Services and Multicultural Peer Educators hosted a pizza and movie night on April 12, showing “Fly Away.” The film examines the relationship between a single mother and her severely autistic daughter.
In addition to Fadiman, Holy Cross awarded honorary degrees to Sister Janet Eisner, S.N.D., president of Emmanuel College in Boston, the nation’s longest-serving female college president now sitting, whose leadership since 1979 has led the college to experience a time of exceptional innovation, achievement and growth; and to Jack D. Rehm ’54, P88, 85, 81, philanthropist, influential media executive, former Holy Cross Trustee and current member of the Advisory Board who has assumed a strong leadership position in the advancement of Holy Cross.


On Friday morning, May 24, the NROTC Commissioning ceremony was held at 8 a.m. in the Hogan Ballroom. This year, nine Holy Cross midshipmen were commissioned; six students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute commissioned on May 11 were also recognized at the event, as they were members of the Holy Cross unit. The guest speaker was Capt. John J. Schneider, USN, ’86, who currently works at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. Fr. Borroughs, Capt. Schneider and the unit commanding officer, Capt. Calvin Slocumb, handed out the commissioning certificates to the new Naval and Marine Corps officers. – Pamela Reponen

**Online Only** For more Commencement coverage, including photo galleries of events, speeches and honorary degree citations, visit http://offices.holycross.edu/commencement.

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**Cultural Awareness Part 1** Asian Students in Action (A.S.I.A.) presented ExplorAsian 2013, a popular event featuring music and dance performances, student testimonials and Asian cuisine. All proceeds from ticket sales were donated to the nonprofit group Kiva Microfind.

**... and Part 2** The Caribbean African Student Assemblage (C.A.S.A.) also hosted its annual Culture Night, entitled, "Embodying Our Heritage: Re-Emergence of the Diaspora." The event included music, dance, poetry, prayer and a fashion show, plus a presentation by guest speaker Linford Cunningham of the Worcester AIDS Project.
Senior Service Awards

Patrick O’Neil ’13 of Bradford, Mass., (above) received the 2013 George B. Moran Award, the highest honor given by the College to a graduating senior in recognition of exemplary scholarship and leadership. O’Neil was honored at the Senior Awards Presentation on May 23 in the Dinand Library Main Reading Room. The 10 Presidential Service Award honorees for 2013—Suzanne Crifo, Vivian Daly, Jeffrey Godowski, Jeanie Johnson, Michaela Johnson, Paul Misci, Kevin Molloy, Kimberly Monaco, Haley O’Connor and Antonio Willis-Berry—were also honored at the event.

“The Presidential Service Award honors graduating seniors who have, to an exceptional degree, used their time, talents and resources in service to the College, their fellow students and the Worcester community,” says Holy Cross President Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J.

Keeping the Emphasis on Undergraduate Education

Selected from among more than 100 private colleges in the Northeast, Holy Cross has received the Excellence in Career Related Undergraduate Education Award from the George I. Alden Trust. The $500,000 award recognizes institutions that have best excelled in retaining, educating, graduating and placing students.

“This award, which will be used to help fund the College’s Summer Research Program, will provide new opportunities for our students to perform cutting-edge, graduate level research in a variety of academic fields,” says Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J., “better preparing them to make significant contributions in graduate school and in their careers.”

The Alden trustees were particularly impressed by Holy Cross’ outstanding retention and graduation rates relative to its peers, as well as the loyalty and support the College fosters in its students and alumni. (Holy Cross has a 95 percent first-year retention rate, among the best in the country, and is consistently among the national leaders in graduation success and alumni giving rates.)

“Holy Cross should take justifiable pride in this award,” says Alden trustee Douglas Q. Meystre. “The quality of the applicants made the award process a very challenging one. In addition to Holy Cross’ best in class’ retention and graduation rates, the Alden Trustees were notably impressed by Holy Cross’ high placement rates in graduate schools, its longstanding policies to be need blind in admission while meeting the full need of students, and the more recent Worcester initiative to support low income students.”

In addition to the $500,000 grant awarded to Holy Cross, five other institutions, including Mount Holyoke College, Vassar College, Franklin & Marshall College, Saint Peter’s University and St. John Fisher College, each received $100,000 awards from the Alden Trust.

“This recognition from the Alden Trust reaffirms Holy Cross’ standing as truly one of the nation’s best,” says Charles Weiss, director of grants, foundation and corporate giving. “We are truly appreciative of their generous gift, which will enhance the educational experiences of our students for years to come.”

Important Doc  The public was invited to Seelos Theater on April 30 for a screening of the documentary, “A Place at the Table,” which shows how hunger poses serious economic, social and cultural implications in the United States, and how it could be solved. Hosted by U.S. Rep. James McGovern (D-MA), who is featured in the film, the event was followed by Q&A with the Congressman and the film’s co-director Kristi Jacobson.
Military Excellence

Each year, the Holy Cross NROTC Unit thanks the presidents of Holy Cross, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Worcester State University for their support of the ROTC program by holding a “Presidents’ Review.” The ceremony is also a chance to recognize the midshipmen who have excelled in leadership and academics, and is attended by family, friends and representatives from local military organizations.

Before the midshipmen marched into the Hart Center and placed themselves in formation, NROTC Executive Officer Lt. James Lee offered some background on the ceremony:

“Present day reviews in the Naval Service have their basis in both history and tradition ... the massed formation of troops on one line at close interval made possible the concentration of firepower from muzzle-loaded muskets. In those early days, the line of battle was just that: A line of two or three ranks, and looked much like the parade formation you will see today.”

Online Only For a full list of the ROTC honors given at the Presidents’ Review, and to learn where our NROTC graduates are headed next, please see this issue’s Web Exclusives at http://magazine.holycross.edu.

For “Fr. K” The Holy Cross rowing teams dedicated a new boat in honor of Rev. Anthony Kuzniewski, S.J., professor of history and athletics chaplain, at a ceremony at Lake Quinsigamond. The teams recognized Fr. K’s devotion to the College and to its student-athletes.

Pedal Faster! The Holy Cross community was invited to kick off spring with the annual Wellness Fair, where about 44 vendors from on and off campus offered samples and information. Joseph Vara ’15 tried the blender bike set up by Fallon Community Health Plan. As the bike is pedaled, it powers a blender making healthy smoothies. Pat McHugh from Fallon helped with the demo.
Inclusion and Diversity

With ambitions to become a campus where absolute inclusivity is the norm, Holy Cross has ramped up its diversity efforts by charging a diversity leadership team with the dual tasks of forming and then realizing goals that will make such efforts come to life. “One of the things that makes an institution excellent is diversity,” says Greta Kenney, the leadership team’s coordinator.

Kenney also notes that the team is composed of members from all parts of the campus community, including student affairs, human resources, campus ministry and athletics. While researching best practices as well as studying the procedures of other schools, the team aims to bolster the campus climate, culture and curriculum. Noting that diversity includes variance in race, gender, religion, socio-economic status, sexual orientation and physical ability or disability, Kenney urges not to define it, but rather to “just work on it.” Then, painting a bigger picture, she explains, “Diversity is an imperative. If we’re preparing students to be out in the world and be leaders in whatever they may pursue, then we all have to be able to work effectively, successfully and productively within diverse communities.” Notably, the team will soon present recommendations to the president of the College, and will then work to implement multiple College-wide policies. ■

—David Cotrone ’13

News from Student Affairs

Women of Wealth magazine honored Jaqueline Peterson (above, left, with Fr. Boroughs at last year’s Aptissimi Luncheon), vice president for student affairs and dean of students, at its Global Summit on Financial Empowerment & Philanthropy in Atlanta. Peterson was named one of the summit’s distinguished honorees for 2013.

Mable Millner (above, right), associate dean of students for diversity and inclusion and director of the Office of Multicultural Education, was also honored this spring with a Katharine F. Erskine Award from the YWCA of Central Massachusetts. The award acknowledges the recipients’ commitment to the YWCA mission: eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Millner, who has served on Worcester’s Human Rights Commission and the city manager’s Community Coalition against Bias and Hate, accepted the honor at the YWCA’s annual Tribute to Women event. ■

Art in August

Here’s something to look forward to at the end of the summer: The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery will kick off the fall semester with a new exhibition called “ReThink Ink: 25 years at the MixIt Print Studio.” Part one of the exhibition opens Aug. 23 and will run until Oct. 26. The second half runs from Nov. 7 through Jan. 31, 2014. The show celebrates the work of MixIt Print Studio and the artists who have worked there over the 25 years since its founding in the former MixIt soap factory in Somerville, Mass.

Visitors will see 150 works from more than 70 artists from throughout the United States. Organized by Randy Garber, Jane Goldman and Catherine Kernan, partners and founders of the MixIt Print Studio, the exhibition was first shown at the Boston Public Library in the spring/summer of 2012. ■

Above Part of Catherine Kernan’s woodcut monoprint, “Chiarisco”

A Hand for History

Professor Sahar Bazzaz has received a $6,000 award from the National Endowment for the Humanities for her project entitled, “Natural History, Local Knowledge and Global Science in the Middle East (18th-20th Centuries).”

Language Plaudits

Professor Claudia Ross has received an award of almost $100,000 to further her project entitled, “Read On: Training Modules for Reading Literacy in Chinese II.”
Farewell, Dean Austin

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College Timothy R. Austin (above, with his wife, Megan Overby, at the President’s 2013 spring reception in the Hogan Ballroom) announced he would be leaving Holy Cross after seven years to accept a position at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Although he oversaw many significant changes at the College—including the creation of the Center for Teaching—it is the people with whom he worked that Austin says he values most. “The true strength of this remarkable institution lies in the high quality, the diverse gifts and talents, and the extraordinary commitment of the men and women I see before me today,” he said at his final spring address to the faculty in early May. “Both individually and collectively, you represent the future of Holy Cross.” Margaret Freije will serve as the interim dean until Austin’s successor is chosen.

—Christine Gemme

Students Hear from Former Massachusetts Governor

Former Governor William Weld (at right in photo) spoke to political science students in Rehm Library as part a class, titled, “State and Local Politics,” taught by David Forsberg (at podium), adjunct professor of political science. Weld served as the Commonwealth’s 68th governor from 1991-97.

No Snow After Worcester was named the snowiest city in the United States this winter, seeing the campus back in bloom was especially grand. Here, shades of purple and white tulips grace the main gate.

Classics News Associate Professor Mary Ebbott of the classics department has received an NEH grant of almost $100,000 for her project: “Editing as a Discovery Process: Assessing Centuries of Scholarship in One 10th Century Manuscript of the Iliad.”
Bringing Connections to Life

Holy Cross is one of four liberal arts colleges in the United States that have been awarded a $243,000 grant from The Teagle Foundation. The grant will be used to identify best practices in “gateway courses,” including common core curricula and first-year programs and seminars, and then to communicate the benefits of liberal arts education to a wider audience. (The other three colleges are Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa.; Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn.; and Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis.)

In a series of four conferences beginning this summer, faculty from the four schools will discuss ways in which interconnected seminars, or common text shared across seminars, enhance the development of essential skills that prepare students for fulfilling careers and lives as responsible citizens after college.

“As our students begin their education, we want to encourage them to ask big questions, to see the underlying connections among different fields of knowledge, and to strive to integrate the various dimensions of their lives,” says Denise Schaeffer, associate professor of political science and director of Montserrat, the College’s living and learning program for all first-year students. “Montserrat helps to bring those connections to life.”

—Cristal Steuer

Crusaders Earn Elite Scholarships

Two Holy Cross men have been recognized for leadership and exceptional promise. David Cotrone ’13 (left), from Plymouth, Mass., is one of only 20 college students nationwide selected to receive a 2012 Beinecke scholarship. Each scholar receives $4,000 immediately prior to entering graduate school and an additional $30,000 while attending graduate school. “I wouldn’t be able to afford graduate school without the award, so it really has opened a door for me,” he says.

Cotrone majored in English with a minor in anthropology and a concentration in creative writing. He is now planning to attend NYU for a master of fine arts program in creative writing, where he will concentrate in fiction writing. “I so appreciate the generosity, patience, and support of English professors Stephanie Reents, Leah Hager Cohen and Leila Philip, who have served as mentors, coaches, inspirations and most importantly, teachers,” he says.

Cotrone’s fiction has appeared in magazines such as Fifty-Two Stories (Harper Perennial), Paper Darts, Necessary Fiction and Vol. I Brooklyn. His essays and non-fiction have appeared in several outlets, including The Rumpus (then excerpted in The Atlantic’s “Daily Dish”). He founded the literary website Used Furniture Review, which houses the work of contemporary writers.

Established in 1971, the Beinecke Scholarship Program provides scholarships for the graduate education of young men and women of exceptional promise.

Jeffrey Reppucci ’14 (above), a Russian major and defenseman on the men’s ice hockey team from Newburyport, Mass., has been selected as a 2013 Harry S. Truman Scholar. The highly competitive scholarship, which provides $30,000 for graduate study, was awarded to 62 college juniors from across the country with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to a public service career.

Selected from among 629 candidates nominated by 293 colleges and universities, Reppucci is the founder and president of the 501(c)3 nonprofit organization Students Helping Children Across Borders. In 2012, he established Playing For Peace, a $25,000 community-building project in rural Russia, focused on promoting community wellness for children through sports and anti-alcohol education. He is also the founder and CEO of the project Working For Worcester 2012-13, an initiative designed to provide infrastructure improvements to Worcester’s recreational spaces.

—Nick Markantonatos and Kristine Maloney

Welcome Back! More than 2,800 alumni and friends returned to campus for reunions during the weekends of May 31-June 2 and June 7-9. For the Class of 2008, it was the first reunion back on campus as alumni; for the Class of 1963, 50 years had passed since graduation.

Econ Grant  Associate Professor Melissa Boyle ’00 of the economics department has received $36,000 from the National Institutes of Health to further her project, entitled, “Labor Market Effects of Public Health Insurance on Married Couples.”
ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS  Professor Katherine Kiel

DESCRIPTION  Open to economics majors and environmental studies majors and concentrators, the course analyzes natural resource usage and environmental issues from an economic perspective—with coverage of the basic concepts of environmental economics and development of the analytical and policy tools used in this field. Students examine the issues of air pollution, water pollution and hazardous waste management, considering causes and reduction strategies.

OVERVIEW  Examination of market failures and their correction through government intervention (command and control), taxation and permit trading; determining the “optimal level of pollution,” with analysis of benefits/costs to companies and the citizenry; group project that applies principles learned in class to a current environmental issue at Holy Cross

DETAIL OF SPRING ’13 PROJECT  Students researched costs/benefits associated with banning the sale of bottled water on campus, sharing their findings in executive summaries and oral presentations—with the overall conclusion, according to Kiel, of the need for much more study on the issue.

PRIMARY TEXT  Environmental Economics & Management Theory, Policy, and Applications (sixth edition), by Scott J. Callan and Janet M. Thomas

REQUIREMENTS  Completion of calculation and essay-question problem sets; class work; written executive summary and presentation of a group project; two midterms and a final examination

ON THE DAY HCM VISITED CLASS  Lecture on calculating the benefit for an environmental good. Using various examples, Kiel presented three models to obtain data for demand curves without a market: Contingent Valuation Method (CVM), use of surveys to inquire about individuals’ willingness to pay for an environmental initiative; Travel Cost Method (TCM), based on the complementary relationship between the quality of a natural resource and its recreational use value; and the Hedonic Price Method (HPM), based on the theory that “a good or service is valued for the attributes or characteristics it possesses.”

PROFESSOR BIO  Professor and chair of the economics department, Kiel joined the College faculty in 1998. Receiving her Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego, she previously taught at several area colleges, including Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., and served as a visiting scholar at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. Kiel, whose research interests include the impact of various types of pollution on housing prices, currently serves as co-chair of the Presidential Task Force on the Environment at Holy Cross.

PROFESSOR QUOTE  “One of my goals in teaching this course is to illustrate for the students the way economists approach problems, in this case, environmental ones,” says Kiel. “Recognizing that the basic tools learned in introductory economics classes are very powerful, they can then use them to think about why we have pollution—whether we want to reduce it and by how much and, if so, how to achieve that. I focus on questions that are currently being asked so that the students realize there are usually no easy answers—rather there are various options, each with trade-offs. Class work and assignments are designed to encourage students to understand and appreciate their problem-solving skills, graphical, mathematical or verbal. The student projects allow them to share those strengths, teach others and learn from their peers.”

STUDENT QUOTE  “Environmental Economics with Professor Kiel has taught me about the contrast between the demands of consumers, environmentalists and economists, and the science that meets them all in the middle,” says Ryan J. Mitchell ’15, of Manchester, N.H. “Aside from learning more about our planet’s needs, it’s been exciting to discover the market that exists for environmental goods, such as opportunities to invest in abatement technology and ultimately a cleaner earth. I’ve also learned the importance of informing the public on environmental needs.”

NOTE  Associate Professor of economics Victor A. Matheson also teaches environmental economics at Holy Cross.
SOUND IDEAS: HEARING AND SPEAKING POETRY
BY B. EUGENE MCCARTHY, PROFESSOR EMERITUS AND FRAN QUINN Hobblebush Books

B. Eugene McCarthy (above, left) taught English at Holy Cross from 1965 to 2000, focusing on Restoration and 18th-century drama. As his interest moved into the poetry of the 18th century, McCarthy teamed with fellow educator Fran Quinn to develop a teaching plan that benefited first-year scholars as well as upper-level literature students. Quinn, a poet himself, founded the Worcester County (Mass.) Poetry Association in 1971 and conducts poetry workshops across the country.

McCarthy and Quinn have now collaborated on Sound Ideas, which begins with the premise that reading, speaking and listening to a poem are three distinct experiences. The authors hope to show readers how "to move the poem off the page," allowing them to benefit from the richest levels of any piece.

Texas Tech University Professor of English William Wenthe '79, whose third book of poetry, Words Before Dawn, was featured in the Spring 2013 issue of HCM, offers this commentary on his former professor’s latest work.

Sound Ideas appeals to me as a reader, as a poet, as a teacher of poetry and as a teacher of the writing of poetry. There have been many books about poetry and the craft of poetry in the last 10 years, but Sound Ideas stands above the others—for sheer insight and joy in its subject—in a way that compares only to Kenneth Koch’s Making Your Own Days (Touchstone, 1999). Yet the subject matter of Sound Ideas is unique—and it is all the more praiseworthy that it focuses on what is so often neglected in the study of poetry: the life of the poem in its spoken and heard form.

It seems amazing that such a book as this should even be necessary, for what is more fundamental to poetry as it has been understood for millennia than its spoken nature? And yet, today, when poems are taught as "texts" rather than poems, when poets will often read their own poems badly, when performance poetry and hip-hop have stepped in to fill the gap of our craving for the dynamic orality of verse, the need for this book is mighty and acute.

Professors McCarthy and Quinn have written a book that is readily accessible yet sophisticated—which is exactly what the sound texture of poetry is. The book is organized in familiar categories—line, imagery, and so on—yet each topic is presented in a fresh way, with incisive attention that merges with devotion.

Elements such as pitch and tempo—vital aspects of the poem that traditional metrics are not prepared to handle—are brought to light and discussed with clarity. Furthermore, the discussions are not merely descriptive, but functional and performative: Poetic techniques are not merely descriptive, but functional and performative: Poetic techniques are studied for what they do in a poem. The excellent chapter on rhyme, for example, shows how rhyme’s gravitational pull on our attention interacts with the complementary pull of syntax. The various techniques discussed, both prosodic and rhetorical, are also brought into relation to each other, most helpfully when a certain poem or passage is illuminated in different chapters.

The emphasis, ultimately, is on the whole poem, as the final chapter on memory makes clear. Examples of poems are well chosen from a wide range of centuries and cultures; a person newly approaching poetry will come away with a diverse menu of poems intimately understood, and the skills to explore further. For me, Sound Ideas aced the final test of a poetry handbook: It makes me excited about poetry all over again.

Holy Cross English Professor Robert Cording uses the insights of T.S. Eliot to frame his take on McCarthy and Quinn’s Sound Ideas.

T.S. Eliot once said that a poem tends to “realize itself first as a particular rhythm before it reaches expression in words, and that this rhythm may bring to birth the idea and image.” Sound Ideas suggests that if Eliot is right, then perhaps the usual methods of reading the poem on the page are not enough.

As the wonderful pun in the title of their book suggests, ideas are only sound (reliable) when they are embodied in the sounds (music) words make. The study of poems, then, needs to include what this book so aptly provides: instruction in speaking and listening to words since the “sound of a word itself expresses meaning and emotion.”

While the opening chapters guide the reader (and teacher) through the methodology of reading by speaking—how the use of the line affects meaning and emotion; how a poem’s matrix of vowels and consonants embodies the poem’s meaning; how rhythm is always the motion of the poem’s emotional life—the latter chapters work through the more usual aspects of poetry (meter, image, metaphor, form).

But throughout, the unique appeal of this book is its emphasis on how to speak and hear the poem. In the end, speaking and learning how to “hear” the poem brings the reader closer and closer to the poem’s “sound ideas,” that mysterious and startling moment when tongue, ear and brain are all sounding together.
The present study examined whether English and Indonesian naming practices are predictive of children's and adults' conceptions of animal, specifically, the hierarchical relationships between human, mammal, and animal.


WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Anggoro, who studies conceptual development and science learning, examined whether cross-linguistic differences in names for biological concepts are reflected in children's acquisition of these concepts. In English, but not Indonesian, "animal" applies to humans and non-human animals. She found that English-speaking children agreed that "mammals are animals" and "humans are mammals" earlier than Indonesian-speaking children. Indonesian adults continued to deny that "humans are animals." Thus, the Indonesian naming practice may be related to the delay in people's appreciation of the human-mammal-animal relationships.

Anggoro recently served—along with Visiting Assistant Professor of education Benjamin Jee—as special issue editor of the International Electronic Journal of Elementary Education.

The eccentricities of scientist Nikola Tesla are well documented, but Carlson's new book—which draws on original documents from Tesla's private and public life—demystifies the celebrity inventor, placing him within the cultural and technological context of his time, and focusing on the inventions themselves as well as the creation and maintenance of his celebrity.

TO REPAIR THE WORLD
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An impressive list of influential leaders, including former President Bill Clinton, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr. Sanjay Gupta, are among those praising To Repair the World (edited by Jonathan Weigel), a collection of speeches by global health equality pioneer Paul Farmer, M.D. His 2012 Holy Cross commencement address is included in the book.
Now more than ever, as a city of hidden gems comes out of hiding, Holy Cross students embrace the spirit of their College’s hometown.
The Miss Worcester Diner on Southbridge Street is a city icon. Sitting amid old factory buildings beneath the rusted overpass of the Providence and Worcester Railroad, it serves up comfort food in an unlikely setting. The roar of Harley Davidsons mixes with the aroma of home fries and the diner’s signature French toast. Blue-collar workers and artists, bikers and college students share stools at the narrow counter.

Gritty exterior notwithstanding, the place is welcoming. It is a microcosm of Worcester, a city of 182,000 that is undergoing a renaissance.

“People not from around here think this area is shady and sketchy,” says the diner’s owner, Kim Knistern, spatula in hand, sleeves of tattoos on both arms. “But when they come in here, they become regulars.” Certain time of the year, she says, “not a day goes by that we don’t have a parent in here with a kid looking at colleges.”

Above the door at the “Miss Woo” hangs a Holy Cross baseball cap. The players on the team have been coming to the diner since they were freshmen, Knistern says. Located a mile or so from campus, within walking distance for students who aren’t allowed cars until junior year, the Miss Woo has been a longtime Holy Cross favorite. For its 50th reunion party, the Class of 1960 rented the entire dining car and decked it in purple and white.

On a Sunday morning in late April, four members of the Holy Cross men’s lacrosse and women’s soccer teams were in a booth sharing a French toast sundae covered with whipped cream and chocolate sauce. Living in Worcester “definitely adds character” to the Holy Cross experience, said Emily Gallagher ’15 of Duxbury, Mass., who described the circa-1948 flagship of the old Worcester Lunch Car Co. tucked beneath the railroad trestle as “kind of cool.”

At the counter, Sarah Webster, Holy Cross assistant professor of biology, was having the blueberry ricotta-stuffed French toast. “I’m really glad I moved to Worcester,” says Webster, who joined the faculty four years ago after doing her postdoctoral work at Children’s Hospital in Boston. “It has a lot to offer that I didn’t realize living in Boston.”

“Hidden gems” is a phrase you hear a lot in connection with New England’s second largest city, home to 10 colleges, a lively restaurant scene and a world-class art museum. “If you go looking for things to do, you will find them,” says Victoria Aramini ’14 of Westborough, Mass. “I’ve come across plenty.”

Shrewsbury Street has become Worcester’s “Restaurant Row.” Holy Cross students head there for guacamole and chips at Mezcal Tequila Cantina, for velvety cupcakes at Sweet Bakery, and for espresso and cappuccino at InHouse Coffee. It’s also the scene of the popular Shrewsbury Street Shuffle. Nicholas Tasca ’13 of Cranston, R.I., says the event, held in the fall and only open to college students, is one of his “best Worcester memories.” For $10, students get to sample dishes from the eateries up and down the street. “Each restaurant invites the ‘shufflers’ to walk in and taste a specialty off their menu,” Tasca explains. “Be sure to go hungry, because you’ll certainly leave satisfied.”

On Highland Street, the Sole Proprietor seafood
restaurant is the place to take visiting parents. Wooberry, across the street, is a frozen-yogurt mecca. Owner Ted Domville is used to seeing Crusader purple coming in the door. “When we opened, we were really hoping to see a lot of Holy Cross students, even though of all the colleges in Worcester, they’re the farthest away from us,” he says. “And we really have. They’re one of the schools we see the most of.”

Wooberry hosts twice-monthly fundraisers, and Holy Cross groups including the women’s crew team have taken part. “One of the groups that fundraised with us from Holy Cross set up a shuttle that ran to Wooberry on the hour and returned on the half-hour, from 6 until close,” Domville recalls. “That was a great idea.”

The city’s Canal District, with restaurants and bars along Water and Green streets at Kelley Square, comes alive on weekends. Flavor fans flock to The One Love Cafe on South Main for Jamaican food at a Sunday jazz brunch.

Just two blocks away from campus on Southbridge Street, George’s Coney Island Lunch, another favorite of students and locals alike, serves up classic hot dogs and pickles.

Worcester’s appeal extends beyond its culinary offerings, of course. The Worcester Art Museum (WAM)—the second largest art museum in New England—draws visitors from around the world with its impressive collections of European and North American painting, prints, photographs and drawings; Asian art; Greek and Roman sculpture and mosaics; and contemporary art. Monet, Pollock, Homer, Gauguin, van Gogh and Picasso all live under the WAM’s roof.

Holy Cross President Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J., who visits the WAM a few times each semester, says the museum has become his favorite place in Worcester. “I am totally amazed that such a fine collection is housed in a city of our size,” he observes. “I recently took 12 students there as a pilot for a larger program I will begin in the fall, which involves taking groups of first-year students to various sites in Worcester and environs that interest me and hopefully will interest them.” Born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Fr. Boroughs was raised in Seattle; just before moving to New England, he lived for nine years in Washington, D.C. In other words, this is a man who knows good museums. “I want Holy Cross students to get off of Mount St. James and discover the rich resources of our city,” he adds, noting the Worcester Historical Museum, Elm Park and the EcoTarium. “Further, I hope they can see the wonderful architectural gems of our city and, in light of all the development going on, participate in the re-envisioning of Worcester’s future.”

The American Antiquarian Society on Salisbury Street is another Worcester gem on Fr. Boroughs’ “must see” list. It is both a learned society and a major independent research library, housing the largest collection of books and other materials printed through 1876 in what is now the United States.

With financial help from the city’s colleges and universities, including Holy Cross, the extensive renovation of an empty downtown theatre was completed in 2008, transforming the historic building into The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts. Now recognized as one of the finest venues in the country, “The Hanover,” as locals call it, enjoys a robust schedule, from Broadway shows to dance to concerts. Upcoming productions include “Jersey Boys” and “Man of La Mancha.”
Over the years, Admissions Director Ann McDermott ’79 has been pleased to see how Holy Cross students discover these local gems and embrace them as they adopt Worcester as their hometown. “It’s the perfect ‘give and take,’” she says. “Worcester has so much to offer our students, and our students have a lot to give the city in return.” McDermott notes that the College makes it very easy for students to engage Worcester and make it their own. “Our students are do-ers,” she adds. “They seek out where they can take part in the life of the city and celebrate the unique opportunities here.”

A concerted effort is now being made to tie together the attributes that make Worcester unique. A major piece of that effort is a multi-million-dollar redevelopment that opens downtown Worcester to Shrewsbury Street, Union Station and the Canal District, an endeavor that is designed to bring new life to the heart of the city that calls itself the “Heart of the Commonwealth.”

“Worcester’s really coming back,” says Edward Augustus Jr., a former state senator from Worcester who currently serves as Holy Cross’ director of government and community relations. “And when Worcester shines, Holy Cross shines.”

City Manager Michael O’Brien recalls a comment made to him by a JetBlue executive on a tour of the city prior to the airline’s recent announcement that it would begin flights out of Worcester Airport: “How come I didn’t know about this city before?” Adds O’Brien, “I don’t want to be the ‘best-kept secret’ anymore,” as he seeks to promote the message: “Rediscover Worcester. Who knew Woo?”

“The Woo,” an affectionate nickname for a city plagued by mispronunciation (newcomers are warned not to call it “Worchester”), is part of a campaign to encourage residents to enjoy the city’s vibrant cultural scene. The “WOO card” program, sponsored by the Worcester Cultural Coalition, gives cardholders discounts at restaurants, shops, concerts, street festivals, museums and more. The initial card fee is waived for Worcester’s thousands of college students.

This winter, the city of Worcester invited area college students to the new Worcester Common Oval skate rink for an evening of free ice skating. The event was a thank you to the colleges, including Holy Cross, which sponsored the Oval project—a 12,000-square-foot rink (that’s 4,000 square feet larger than the rink at Rockefeller Center) that offers skate rentals and concessions. “It is yet another success story for our downtown,” notes O’Brien. “I am grateful to those in the community who continue to recognize the potential of our great city and step up time and time again to make things happen.”

What is happening in Worcester is “not a buzz,” says Ben Forman, research director for independent think tank MassINC. “It’s real.”

The $565-million CitySquare project, one of the largest public-private development projects ever in Massachusetts outside Boston, is seen transforming downtown Worcester into a hub that connects many of the city’s most prominent destinations, while creating more than 2.2 million square feet of commercial, medical, retail, entertainment and residential space.

Express commuter rail service between Worcester and Boston has accompanied the move of the CSX rail facility from Allston-Brighton to Worcester, which has become the busiest rail port in New England. The two largest cities in the state are now potentially less than an hour away by train.

“This is a game changer,” Augustus says. “If you look at
what a house costs in Worcester versus a house in Boston, you can have a four-bedroom, three-bath house with a huge yard here for $250,000, or what you would pay for a 700-square-foot condo in the South End.”

The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has more than doubled its presence in downtown Worcester, while Quinsigamond Community College is opening a satellite branch in the former Telegram & Gazette building. The influx of college students is seen adding to a demand for shops, restaurants and cultural amenities that, it is hoped, will create a vibrant “18-hour day” downtown. Though none of the city’s 10 colleges has been large enough to sustain a business district of its own, MassINC’s Forman says a revitalized downtown potentially could be the college-town hub this city, with its more than 30,000 student population, has been missing.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute is partnering with the city and private developers on Gateway Park, a life-science and bioengineering complex that will boost research and development in Lincoln Square at the north end of downtown. And the University of Massachusetts Medical School, the city’s largest employer, continues to grow with the addition of the $400-million Albert Sherman Center, which has doubled the campus’s research capacity.

“Education and medicine — ’eds and meds’ — are the two biggest parts of the Worcester economy now,” says Augustus. “Once we made steel products and corsets. Now we’re helping figure out how to cure HIV and cancer, and how to educate the next generation of leaders in every field imaginable.”

Worcester once manufactured hoop skirts and wire for telegraphs, suspension bridges and the fencing of the Western prairie. This city made 75 percent of the crankshafts in America, says John Anderson ’57, associate professor emeritus of history at Holy Cross and a former mayor and city councilor. The monkey wrench was invented here, as was Robert Goddard’s prototype rocket.

But over the course of the 20th century, Worcester experienced the fate of other mid-sized industrial cities in New England, Anderson explains. Manufacturing jobs left. Residents, businesses and shoppers departed for the suburbs. The Massachusetts Turnpike bypassed Worcester, while the I-290 expressway bisected it. The downtown that once had five department stores deteriorated.

The Galleria, later the Worcester Common Outlets, attempted to recreate the suburban mall downtown—and failed. The downtown was cut off by a mall that acted as a “Berlin Wall,” says Augustus.

Holy Cross, too, was effectively walled off from the city, says former longtime Telegram & Gazette editor Harry Whitin. Industrial Southbridge Street was a physical barrier, and then, so was I-290. The isolation was both geographical and psychological: A perception grew of the College as an ivory tower, Whitin says.

On March 16, 1926, Worcester resident Robert H. Goddard didn’t quite launch a rocket to the moon, but rather a little over 40 feet into the air. It then crashed into a desolate field. The good news? The rocket was the very first of its kind: liquid-propelled, which was nothing short of a scientific breakthrough.

What do legendary figures Mark Twain, Harry Truman and Teddy Roosevelt have in common? Not only have they visited Worcester, but they’ve spoken at one of the city’s most elegant venues: Mechanics Hall. Internationally renowned for its ear-embracing acoustics and staggering architecture, it is no wonder such historical titans have paid the Hall a visit.

In 1963, Worcester artist Harvey Ball changed the world one smile at a time. That’s right, the man behind the iconic “smiley face” conceived that simple, bright yellow beaming grin right here.

Anyone for some greasy spoon grub? If so, Worcester’s your best bet. Between 1906 and 1961, the Worcester Lunch Car Company built a series of diners that are as authentic as they are delicious. The first of their kind (featuring bathrooms and separated dining areas), many of them are still standing today, including the Boulevard Diner, which is now affectionately called “The Bully.”
Mary Beth (Hearn) Burke ’84, now an adjunct professor of political science at Assumption College, recalls when she attended Holy Cross in the early 1980s, “We didn’t leave campus. The buses stopped running at 8 p.m.”

Today, the walls are coming down.

The College has created a transportation department within the division of student affairs and public safety, centralizing the scheduling of vans and allowing a whole new flow of shuttles into the city, according to Jerry Maday, the College’s transportation manager. “Students are getting daily shuttles to Shrewsbury Street, Wal-Mart, White City, the Auburn Mall and the Shoppes at Blackstone Valley,” Maday says. Since the centralization, shuttle activity alone has nearly doubled as students take advantage of the availability of transportation.

And students aren’t just leaving campus to grab a bite with friends or see movies—Crusaders are pitching in to remake their city. They provide more than 91,000 hours of volunteer service annually at family shelters, nursing homes, health clinics and schools in Worcester County. They are cutting trails at Cookson Park and engaged in the College’s effort to extend the Blackstone Valley National Park to the Middle River at the edge of campus. They are speaking to high school athletes about teamwork and modeling respect for fellow players. They are using their tech skills to help the elderly learn how to connect with their grandkids in the digital age. (Maday notes a downtown shuttle runs three days a week during peak volunteer times.)

Most of these opportunities are organized through Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD), a student-founded, student-run community service operation sponsored by the Chaplains’ Office. Consisting of more than 45 different outreach programs and boasting 700 active members, SPUD is the largest student organization at the College. This year, SPUD celebrated its 45th anniversary and continues its Jesuit tradition of standing in solidarity with and serving people in need.

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Massachusetts is an eclectic state and a proud home to the unconventional. For proof, head on over to the bowling alley and play some candlepin. While you’re at it, keep in mind that the sport was first played in 1880 ... in Worcester.

In 1812, publisher Isaiah Thomas took thousands of books from his personal library and archived them. Sound like the work of an obsessive bookworm? Maybe so. But luckily, Thomas kept it up and eventually founded the American Antiquarian Society. Located on Worcester’s own Salisbury Street, it houses a wealth of printed materials through 1876.

A comforting fact: Worcester will always hold a special place in the history books. Raised for a time in the city, Dorothea Dix, the social reformer who lobbied for the first U.S. mental institutions, successfully campaigned in 1840 for Worcester’s own hospital to be expanded and made sanitary, welcoming and accommodating.
people of Worcester, either through Community-Based Learning opportunities or service projects,” Fr. Boroughs notes, “I hope that they let the people of our city teach them how to see the world from a variety of different perspectives. What does the world look like if you are a single mom raising your children alone with very limited resources, or a recent immigrant trying to find one’s way in this country, or a middle school student of great intelligence but limited means trying to use his or her education to create a future?

“From these perspectives,” he continues, “our students will gain a deeper sense of empathy and compassion as well as an increased desire to work for social change and justice.”

Students often see a need and fill it with volunteer programs they create from the ground up. A couple of years ago, for example, a group of community- and environment-minded Crusaders noticed that each spring, as students cleared out of their residence halls, hundreds of perfectly usable items were being tossed in Dumpsters. They formed an effort dubbed “Trash or Treasure” and encouraged their classmates to donate those items instead. The collection effort now yields about five truckloads of lamps, televisions, clothing, housewares and more that head over to the Salvation Army and other Worcester organizations.

The ultimate grassroots effort was this year’s “Working for Worcester,” the brainchild of hockey player and Russian scholar Jeffrey Reppucci ’14. “Working for Worcester is a city wide project designed to promote pride and ownership while, at the same time, providing necessary improvements to Worcester’s recreational spaces,” Reppucci explains. With a core cadre of friends as site managers who adopted his infectious passion for the project, the group held its inaugural project day on April 20. Working for Worcester mobilized a group of about 600 students, faculty and local volunteers who fanned out across Worcester to make more than $60,000 of improvements at 12 community sites.

“Projects like Working for Worcester go beyond the impressive physical improvements made to our recreation spaces,” says Margaret Kettles, a child advocate at The Village Shelter for families transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing. “They help Worcester college students learn about and gain connection to the Worcester community and help strengthen relationships between colleges and neighbors.” Working for Worcester volunteers modernized the shelter’s teen lounge with a computer station and game tables, and upgraded the blacktop basketball court and the play area for younger children.

At Worcester’s South High School, another Working for Worcester site, principal Maureen Binienda marveled at the updates tackled by volunteers from Holy Cross and Unum, which funded the South High projects. The group expanded the play space that serves the children of current South High students by installing a new fence, play structure and sandbox. “The children in the day care and preschool are so happy with the new play area. Everything is so beautiful!” Binienda says. “They finally have the play space that these wonderful children deserve.”

Children are, perhaps, where Holy Cross’ efforts in social justice and community building have the most significant impact. Every second-grader in the city this past year received a library card through Libby, the mobile library the College sponsors. And, in addition to the big splash made this spring by Working for Worcester,
TOGETHER: “We talk about everything at home, how school has been, troubles—and then we just have fun.”

ELIESER ON A BENEFIT OF HAVING A BIG BROTHER: “When we play basketball, he forces me to my right.” Conor: “He’s a lefty, so he’s got to work on his right hand.”

WHAT ELIESER HOPES TO DO WHEN HE GROWS UP: “Be in the NBA.”

CONOR ON HAVING A LITTLE BROTHER: “I’m from Worcester, so this is my hometown. As we got to know each other better, it became like having another younger brother, which is awesome. It’s too bad it’s only once a week.”

KELCEY GERMAIN ’13 HAMMER THROWER, WOMEN’S TRACK & FIELD AND PERSIS, AGE 10

PERSIS ON WHAT SHE LIKES ABOUT HAVING A BIG SISTER: “I like the feeling of being noticed.”


WHAT PERSIS HOPES TO BE WHEN SHE GROWS UP: “A doctor.”

KATIE DEGENNARO ’14 FORWARD, FIELD HOCKEY AND ALI, AGE 9

ALI ON WHAT SHE LIKES ABOUT HAVING A BIG SISTER: “It’s fun. We go out to dinner, get ice cream, do homework, get our nails done.”

WHAT COLOR? “Orange.”

KATIE ON HAVING A LITTLE SISTER: “I love the way Ali grounds me. When we’re together, there’s never a dull moment. We never stop talking.”

ALI ON WHAT SHE WANTS TO DO WHEN SHE GROWS UP: “Go to Holy Cross and be a Big Sister.”

KATIE DEGENNARO ’14 FORWARD, FIELD HOCKEY AND ALI, AGE 9

JOHN HANNAN ’13 MIDFIELDER, MEN’S LACROSSE AND LANDON, AGE 12

LANDON ON WHAT HE LIKES ABOUT HAVING A BIG BROTHER: “Having a good time. Basketball, football and baseball, of course—I love baseball.”

WHAT LANDON WANTS TO BE WHEN HE GROWS UP: “A fireman.”

JOHN ON HAVING A LITTLE BROTHER: “I love going down to the Canterbury School and just hanging out with him and his friends and helping them out with homework. It’s nice to get away from school for a while and hang out with the kids. It’s really changed my last four years, because I’ve done it every year I’ve been here. It’s been a really nice experience, and it’s great that our whole team does this as well.”

GARY ACQUAH ’14 DEFENSIVE LINEMAN, FOOTBALL AND FERNANDO, AGE 13

FERNANDO ON WHAT HE LIKES ABOUT HAVING A BIG BROTHER: “We get to play sports and go to the football games. My favorite time was when we had box seats at the Celtics game.”

FERNANDO ON WHAT HE HOPES TO DO WHEN HE IS OLDER: “Play in the NBA. Holy Cross is my first college choice. Kentucky is my second.”

GARY ON HAVING A LITTLE BROTHER: “There’s a lot of stress between school and sports. One hour a week makes a difference for us—and our ‘Littles.’”
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— REV. PHILIP BOROUGHS, S.J.
hundreds of Holy Cross students serve as Big Brothers and Big Sisters all four years they are on the Hill (see related story, Page 22). Dozens more work each week as tutors and mentors in the public schools, including Elm Park Community School, Quinsigamond Elementary School and Vernon Hill Elementary.

“You’re that friendly face who is there every week, someone to count on, who can help kids with their multiplication, be there to talk with them about how their day at school was, and instill academic aspiration,” says Brittany Geoffroy ’13, who oversaw school volunteer opportunities for SPUD this past year. “You’re that college example. We really take pride in being that for kids.”

Debbie Mitchell, principal of Quinsigamond Elementary School, concurs. “The Holy Cross volunteers who work in the classrooms at our school provide not only academic support, but even more important, they are excellent role models for urban students. Having your teachers tell you that getting a great education is the key to success is expected,” she says, “but seeing young college kids who are living examples of this truth makes it real for our students.”

During their visits, Crusaders get to play games and go to the gym with the young students, and they “serve as great listeners to children who crave the one-on-one attention,” according to Mitchell. “Quinsig’s affiliation with the Holy Cross volunteers has been a win-win situation. Our students are inspired by these bright, caring and fun young people, and the volunteers experience that great feeling you get when you reach out to others.”

A spirit of coming together to get things done animates the Worcester comeback, says Frederick Eppinger ’81, president and CEO of Hanover Insurance, developer of the CitySquare project and naming benefactor of The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts. Eppinger points to the Theatre’s renovation efforts as an example of how Worcester’s comeback strengths differ from those of other cities.

“When you go to the theatre, look at the people who have contributed,” he says. “Just look at the names. We don’t have millionaires in Worcester. We don’t have lots of wealthy people. These are people who have lived here their whole lives. These are people who come from every neighborhood in this city, who decided they wanted to be part of that.”

He says he finds the “grassroots commitment to the city” remarkable. “A lot of other cities have four wealthy families that do everything. We don’t have that in Worcester. Here, it takes a village. That is what I like most about this city.”

The College shares that feeling of being invested in its hometown.

“Holy Cross has been a major educational resource in Worcester for 170 years,” Fr. Boroughs says. “In years past and continuing today, you can find our alumni serving in our city’s political, business, health sciences, educational and ecclesial leadership, making Worcester a great place to live and work.”

Mark Sullivan, a freelance writer in Ashland, Mass., has written for newspapers and college publications across New England.
I’m bullish on Worcester. It’s an important moment in the city because there is so much opportunity here. We can attract great science—if you look at the building we’ve done, the folks we’ve been able to attract, the fact that a relatively new medical school can already have had a faculty member win the Nobel Prize, the fact that we’re the state’s medical school and part of a great state university—these are all very important formulae for our success. We’ve been able to leverage our position to acquire the Biotech Park, to build some new facilities here, both the Ambulatory Care Center and the Albert Sherman Center over the last decade. That positions us very well, and it also positions us to attract additional business to the community.

Worcester is the second largest city in New England. I think we’ve got a lot going on here that perhaps isn’t fully appreciated. We have no problem recruiting faculty to come and live in our community. There’s a vibrancy now in the arts, with The Hanover Theatre, and the leadership of the Worcester Art Museum. There’s a vibrancy in the social fabric of the city, and there’s a group of people who work and live here who find it a very attractive place to raise their families and educate their children and...
actively engaged. There are a lot of leaders in the community who went to Holy Cross. We all know who we are, and we respect that.

**Fred Eppinger ‘81**

**PRESIDENT and CEO, The Hanover Insurance Group**

Worcester is a very strong, vibrant city with unlimited potential. It’s well poised to grow and prosper moving forward—to be a distinctive second city for the state.

With Boston situated on the ocean, growth obviously must occur to the west. With that in mind, Worcester is uniquely positioned, given its proximity to Boston, its location in the heart of New England and its successful transition from an old industrial-based economy to a new, innovative, technology- and information-based economy. Young professionals and businesses are attracted to urban settings like Worcester, with, among other things, a strong arts and education culture, including our colleges and universities. Very few cities have everything we have to offer.

The ability for us to take off here is real. To do that well, you have to have an energetic downtown. We’ve made great progress on that front in recent years, and we continue to do so. A lot of what we’ve tried to accomplish has been creating a vibrant downtown that attracts people, particularly young professionals, [so] people want to live here. It’s why we’ve been doing so much around things like The Hanover Theatre, which has brought people downtown and made Worcester more of a 16-hour city. The theatre blows people away: You walk into the building and can see how incredible it is. And once you go the first time, you go again. If you look at the demographics of all the people from the western suburbs who are now coming to Worcester for entertainment at the theatre, it’s extraordinary.

Our company is actively involved in the redevelopment and revitalization of the city. We’ve been involved in CitySquare, for instance, because we think it can be a catalyst for much more growth and development. The CitySquare project will connect the neighborhoods with the downtown and will create some additional settings for mixed use and corporate headquarters. I think Worcester is going to be one of the great stories of the next couple of decades.

The biggest change I have seen in the last 10 years is attitudinal. We’ve largely turned away the cynicism that once inhibited our progress. Is it all gone? No. But, compared to 10 years ago, it’s like night and day. Success breeds success. When we started to renovate the theatre, they said, “You can’t raise $5 million to get that theater done.” We raised $30 million. When we sought to bring a minor league baseball team to the city, they said, “You can’t bring a baseball team in.” We brought in a baseball team. Today, there is a much greater sense of optimism and a can-do attitude. People and organizations are committed to working together and we are having great success.

This city is small enough to know everybody, and it’s small enough to know that you can make a difference.
HCM asked 100 students to name their favorite spots in "The Woo." Here's what came out on top.

... AND THE WINNERS ARE ...

1. HCM
2. Sole Proprietor
3. House Coffee
4. No. 99
5. Rose Home
6. House Coffee
7. House Coffee
8. House Coffee
9. House Coffee
10. House Coffee
1 BEST RESTAURANT FOR A SPECIAL DATE
   Via

2 BEST LIVE MUSIC/THEATER VENUE
   TIE The DCU Center, The Hanover Theatre and Mechanics Hall
   (Lauren Nepomuceno ’14 also suggests Bocado: “Thursday night salsa dancing!”)

3 BEST PLACE TO TAKE THE FOLKS ON PARENTS’ WEEKEND
   The Sole Proprietor
   (“Happy hour with half-priced entrees; Mom and Dad will love it ... and hopefully pay,” says Sean Hagan ’14)

4 BEST MOVIE THEATER
   TIE Holy Cross’ Seelos Theater and Blackstone Valley Cinema de Lux
   (“Because of the half-off movie tickets on Tuesdays!” advises Michaela Johnson ’13)

5 BEST PUB
   Mahoney’s
   close second The Blackstone Tap

6 BEST BAKERY
   Sweet

7 BEST BREAKFAST
   TIE Culpeppers and “Kimball on a Saturday morning,” says Tim Konola ’15

8 BEST PIZZA
   Corner Grille

9 BEST FANCY DESSERT
   The Flying Rhino
   (“They have this awesome fried dough,” raves Julietta Gratta ’14)

10 BEST PLACE FOR VEGETARIANS
   EVO

11 BEST SPA/SALON
   Orange Salon

12 BEST COFFEE
   InHouse Coffee

Summer 2013
John Declan Crowley ’15 tours with “Lord of the Dance,” but plans a return to Holy Cross in a later act
When John Declan Crowley '15 was 5 years old, he remembers that his parents and grandparents went to see “Lord of the Dance,” Michael Flatley’s Irish stage extravaganza. His mother Trish recalls popping a VHS tape of the show into the recorder at their Ballston Lake, N.Y., home shortly afterwards.

“He was smitten. He couldn’t tear his eyes away from the screen. He jumped around the house watching that tape at least once per day,” she says.

“I was instantaneously addicted,” is how Declan, who has always been called by his middle name, describes it.

From then on, he embraced the world of Irish step dancing, beginning lessons at a local school at age 6 and moving on to the competition circuit with the prestigious Broesler School of Irish Dance in New Jersey until 2008. He racked up multiple eastern region, North American and All Ireland championship titles en route to ultimately capturing his dream gig.

As a high school senior in April of 2009, Crowley competed at the world championships, placing fourth. “For many dancers, it’s your curtain call (for competing),” he says. Believing it was probably his last competition as well, he turned his ambitions to performing in shows. Crowley and a few friends were delighted to learn that the “Lord of the Dance” director was in attendance at the event. After the awards ceremony, they approached her, asking, “Hey, are there any spots available?”

She told them that Michael Flatley would be launching a return to the stage at year’s end and encouraged them to submit audition materials.

After sending in an audition tape, Crowley carried out his plans to enroll at Holy Cross, thinking that, whatever the outcome, he’d like to dance in shows during breaks and summer vacations. Like his instant bond with Irish dance, the English major and political science minor had quickly developed an affinity for the Hill.

“Something struck a chord the minute I stepped foot on campus during a visit,” Crowley says. “I had a list of possible schools, but Holy Cross was where I felt at home. I used to drive by on my way to Maine and for some reason, I felt like I belonged there.”

In July, he received an email from the company manager offering him a spot as one of 100 dancers on the “Feet of Flames” tour, marking the stage comeback of his idol, Michael Flatley. The tour would take the troupe to several large stadiums across Taiwan.

“Feet of Flames’ began after final exams in December,” Crowley recalls. “As I walked out the door two days earlier than my freshman roommate and varsity baseball player Patrick Puentes ’13, he said, ‘Don’t come back here next semester. Take advantage of this opportunity for as long as possible. This is what you’ve wanted for much longer than I’ve known you. I can tell. We’ll be here for you when you get back.’”

Taking his words to heart, Crowley applied for and was granted a leave of absence from school and embarked on his once-in-a-lifetime gig. “It was a real big deal because Flatley hadn’t danced in eight years,” he says of the large-scale production across Taiwan, which featured gigantic arena crowds and fireworks.

Rehearsing and performing alongside the dancer he admired for years was “a surreal experience,” Crowley says. “I grew up watching him, idolizing him. He was my favorite. It’s like a kid having a poster of a sports star on his wall who ends up playing on the same team at the Super Bowl!”

Crowley describes his idol with a string of adjectives, including “gracious … a task master … perfectionist … down-to-earth,” summing up with, “He’s kind of ‘the man.’”

When “Feet of Flames” ended, Crowley returned to Holy Cross for about a year, but in 2011, he got another job offer, this time to dance for a seven-country European tour with “Lord of the Dance.”

He met with Nancy Baldiga, his class dean, to make the unusual request for a second leave of absence. “I had no hopes they’d let me off again,” he recalls. But the leave was granted. Although his class graduated in May, Crowley is currently considered a second-year student. “Holy Cross has been amazing about letting me in and out. I’m very grateful. And, I will be back,” he says.

Holy Cross Registrar Patricia Ring explains the difference between a leave of absence and withdrawing from the College: “The door is always open for a student who withdraws or requests a leave of absence to return and resume classes. But those who request a leave of absence intend to return within a semester or two.”

While acknowledging that most students graduate with their class in four years, Baldiga says that Holy Cross is willing to be flexible and let students complete their education in a way that makes sense to them.

“Declan is doing something very special. There aren’t many people who perform at this top level. He’s a role model for others,” Baldiga says, adding that Holy Cross wants to attract individuals like Declan, who are curious, passionate and have interests that overlap with academics. “Declan strikes me as an extremely hard working, strong and talented person who is pursuing his dream. That takes courage.”

As part of the “Lord of the Dance” ensemble, Crowley has traveled across the United States, Eastern Europe, France, Canada and other parts of the world. He says touring is hectic and “crazy in a good way,” but mostly fun. The cast members travel from city to city on a bus equipped with bunks, a refrigerator and a bathroom.

“We set up shop like a big home for all of us—a group of really fun friends,” he says. Though movies like “Black Swan,” and recent incidents of competitive sabotage (like the January 2013 acid attack on a Bolshoi Ballet director reportedly orchestrated by a jealous lead dancer) conjure up images of cutthroat backstage misdeeds, Crowley insists his experience has been exactly the opposite.

“People are surprised to hear that there is no jealousy backstage and minimal drama. The best part of this job is traveling the world with my best friends. I don’t know where
it’s possible with any other occupation to do that,” he says. “The other best part is the performance itself. That’s what I came here to do.”

On the flip side, touring can be draining, and Crowley is mindful of staying on top of stretching and icing before, during and after a show to avoid overuse injuries which are always a danger. Proper nutrition is also a factor. “There’s no babysitter to tell you what to eat, but it’s in the back of everyone’s mind to keep fit.”

Every seven or eight days, cast members get a day off, usually on Mondays. They typically perform eight or nine shows per week with matinees and work a total of five hours per day, including rehearsals. Mornings and early afternoons are often free for the dancers to explore their surroundings and other interests.

For Crowley, that involves weight training and immersing himself in music. Although he plays ceili band drums and the bodhran—both used in Irish folk dance music—as well as other percussive instruments, he would like to do more.

“As I get older, I realize that these few drums aren’t going to be enough for me. Being around Irish music for so long has made me appreciate and crave it even more, to the point that I plan to start learning the box accordion and/or the Irish flute this summer,” he says. “I can’t dance forever, but hopefully I will be able to play music for a long time.”

Audiences respond differently to the troupe’s performances in various parts of the world, and Crowley gets a kick out of witnessing their reactions. “In Asia, they are very respectful in the beginning,” he observes. “We get modest, mellow applause. But then at the end, it’s crazy. Americans are usually kind of rowdy and applaud throughout. I love when the response builds up and explodes by the time of the encore.”

On the 2013 tour from January through April, Crowley played Don Dorcha, the Dark Lord, alternating the part with a few dancers. (Here’s a fun twist: The name Declan, which Trish Crowley picked for her son from a Maeve Binchy novel, means “full of goodness.”)

“I was never interested in playing anything other than the villain. I only practiced the bad guy role,” Declan explains. “The story has a good guy, a good girl and a bad girl. The Dark Lord is rising to take them down!”

Noting that the role is more suited to his stronger, more masculine style, he adds, “I’m not light on my feet. I’m bigger and stockier.”

His mother confirms that Crowley is portraying his dream role. “To play the villain was his idea, and he didn’t let go of it. That’s definitely something he can cross off his bucket list,” Trish Crowley says. When she and her husband John see their son perform, it is “serendipity,” she says. “The stars are aligned. I’m happy to see him so enthusiastic.” During the recent stop at Worcester’s Hanover Theatre, the proud parents offered their support in the crowd. “The Hanover was one of our favorite venues,” Trish adds. “It’s incredibly lovely and reminds us of our Proctors Theatre in Schenectady, N.Y., which was also restored with great success.”

When he returns to Holy Cross, Crowley hopes to get on a prelaw track with an eye toward law school and a career as an attorney and owner of his own dance school. But for now, his focus is on this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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12 QUESTIONS WITH DECLAN CROWLEY (AND HIS MOM)

Q: You’ve been all over the world with “Lord of the Dance.” What has been your favorite place to perform?
A: There’s more than one. The Fox Theatre in Detroit, Palace in Albany, N.Y. … Palace of Congress in Paris. Croatia. Any place where the crowd is crazy and screaming through the whole show is the most fun for us.

Q: What was your most memorable fan experience?
A: In Taiwan, after a show, we were going to get to the bus, and when we came out, the Taiwan full security team was standing shoulder to shoulder from the stage door entrance to the bus, holding back all of the screaming fans. That doesn’t happen every night!

Q: Do cast members have other direct interaction with fans?
A: Definitely. We do “meet and greets” with local dance schools. The leads come out and sign autographs and pose for pictures a lot. At the Hanover Theatre (where the troupe performed March 7, 2013), students from a dance school in Worcester came and, also, the wife of one of my former professors. It was cool.

Q: Do you have a trick for helping sore feet?
A: Sure, roll a tennis ball.

Q: What was the worst injury you ever had?
A: It was a lower back repetitive injury.

Q: Hours and hours on the tour bus must get boring—what’s your favorite way to pass the time on the road?
A: I’d say grilling steaks and watching European football with my English and Irish castmates.

Q: Did you get picked on or bullied as a kid because you were a dancer?
A: Maybe that happened a little bit, but I don’t really remember it bothering me at all. I have no bad memories. I went to the Broesler School, which was voted the best Irish dance school in the country, and there were about 25 other boys there, so it wasn’t a big deal fitting in.

Q: What are your plans for the summer after this tour ends?
A: I’m going to work with my Dad painting (at the home base in New York). There are a lot of things to keep me busy like summer classes and Irish music classes and festivals.

HCM also chatted with Declan’s Mom, Trish Crowley, about her son’s unusual path:

Q: You followed Declan on the dance circuit when he was competing. Do you consider yourself a dance mom or stage mom?
A: Definitely not. We went as a family just for fun, and if we couldn’t all go, we didn’t go. There was no pressure, and I made a major effort to be the anti-stage mom.

Q: Is it true you and your husband were skeptical about Declan leaving Holy Cross to pursue dancing on tour?
A: We weren’t for it initially. We were thrilled he was going to Holy Cross and didn’t want to see that jeopardized. But the second time, I put myself in his shoes. If that was my dream, how would I feel if I had to pass it up? So we supported him and left it up to him to work it out with his dream school.

Q: Are there other dancers in the family?
A: No, it’s been more about music, writing, singing, sports … Declan was into karate and lacrosse, too, growing up. And my son Shane plays tennis—and he will be a freshman at Holy Cross this fall.

Q: Would you describe Declan as a leader or a follower?
A: He was definitely never a follower! Not many boys who dance are followers. He does his own thing, goes his own way and is pretty individual and unique.
One of the hallmarks of the Holy Cross experience is connection: connection to learning and scholarship, to fellow students and faculty and to the world around us. On May 3, the College had a chance to connect with five alumni who embody the best Holy Cross has to offer. In receiving the Sanctae Crucis Award, these men and women accepted the highest non-degree honor that alma mater bestows. They were selected for their outstanding professional accomplishments or extraordinary community service—and for demonstrating devotion to the Holy Cross mission.

Before the evening’s dinner was served to the gathered guests, which included Trustees, Advisory Board members, families and friends, College President Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J., introduced the honorees: Richard Connolly ’61, Kara Dallman ’87, Peter Deckers, M.D. ’62, Mary Cahoon McGinnity ’77 and Katherine Volk ’00. Fr. Boroughs then acknowledged the 40th anniversary of coeducation at Holy Cross, a milestone that was celebrated throughout the academic year and will wrap up with more events in the fall. “I would like to take this opportunity to recognize women who have served Holy Cross at the very highest levels of leadership,” he said, “our devoted alumnae and other leaders who serve on our Board of Trustees and our Advisory Board.

“Our accomplishments over the past four decades—and our dreams and goals for tomorrow—owe so much to these leaders who maintain a deep devotion to our mission,” Fr. Boroughs continued. “We are forever in debt to these ‘women for others.’”

After a prayer of grace offered by Vice President for Mission Rev. Paul Harman, S.J., Senior Vice President Frank Vellaccio, who chairs the Sanctae Crucis selection committee, gave an etched glass book-shaped award to each of the honorees. Vice President for Academics and Dean of the College Timothy Austin read the citations that celebrated the achievements of the honorees in their various vocations of medicine, public health, military service, philanthropy and education. Connolly, Dallman, Deckers, McGinnity and Volk each took a turn at the podium, sharing words of gratitude and humor.

In this special feature, HCM presents the citations that were read at the dinner, as well as the award winner’s responses to a special question posed to them by HCM.

To watch video interviews with the honorees and see photos from the Sanctae Crucis Dinner, please visit http://holycross.edu/sanctaecrucis
P. Kevin Condron ’67, Chair of the Board of Trustees (far left) and Holy Cross President Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J., (far right) with the 2013 Sanctae Crucis Award winners (from left): Mary Cahoon McGinnity ’77, Peter Deckers, M.D. ’62, Kara Dallman ’87, Richard Connolly ’61 and Katherine Volk ’00. Family and friends also had a chance to pose with the honorees at the celebration dinner (below).
"For spring break my senior year, about 10 of us drove to Vanceburg, KY, one of the poorest areas in our country. We worked with migrant farmers there, and truly, I had my eyes opened to what real poverty is. I’d grown up blessed, as many of the students here did. The experience was very moving and motivated me to look into how I could give back. Rev. Bob Manning, S.J., mentioned JVC to me, and that started me on the path of my whole life of service."
Like many Holy Cross graduates before and after her, Mary Cahoon McGinnity entered the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. So began a three-decades long career devoted to the service of faith and the promotion of justice, and to setting new standards for lay leadership in the Catholic Church.

The young philosophy major stayed on after her JVC assignment in Newark, N.J., teaching at Essex Catholic High School and St. Vincent’s Academy. Then followed her work as a mental health clinician for underserved populations. She developed and served as Executive Director of a parish-based nonprofit community counseling and mental health center in N.J. She continued her vocation by providing leadership in furthering the social justice outreach of the Catholic Church in faith formation, Catholic social teaching, direct service and advocacy.

As director of the Department for Service and Justice for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., McGinnity developed and oversaw the Leadership Institute for Applied Catholic Social Teaching, a collaboration between the Archdiocese and the Washington Theological Union. She forged a diocese-to-diocese partnership with the Jeremie Diocese of Haiti; was responsible for diocesan advocacy on social policy issues; and directed activities related to Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Today, she has returned to where her commitment to social justice began, and is leading the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC), a national organization headquartered in Baltimore with 16 regional chapters across the United States. As executive director, she helps provide women and men over the age of 50 with opportunities to serve the needs of people who are poor, to work for a more just society and to grow deeper in Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition. She has said that her work allows her to “bring all that I have learned since JVC and to give back so that others might experience the blessings that come from faith in action and in service to people in need.”

McGinnity is also co-founder of Rosaria Communities, Inc., providing housing to people with intellectual disabilities, and co-founder and president of Prison Outreach Ministry Inc. We join her husband Peter and their two children in thanking God for McGinnity’s gifts, and for allowing all of us to benefit from her exceptional leadership and extraordinary faith life.

Holy Cross presented Mary Cahoon McGinnity ’77 the Sanctae Crucis Award for patterning her life to that of Ignatius Loyola, for proceeding in both a pilgrimage and a labor in Christ, for her ceaseless desire to bring men and women to God’s reconciliation and the Spirit’s love and for her committed care for the poor, the marginalized and the abandoned.
As Ignatius Loyola devoted himself to the magis—to seek always the greater—so has Dr. Peter J. Deckers shaped his life as a superb surgeon, an excellent teacher, an accomplished scholarly investigator and an acclaimed academic leader.

Highly respected for his work in breast and gastrointestinal tumor surgery, Deckers is dean emeritus of the University of Connecticut’s School of Medicine and former executive vice president of the university’s Health Center. During his 15-year tenure as dean, he was responsible for a major transformation at the medical school by supporting the development of a new educational curriculum; by overseeing a dramatic increase in patient care provided by John Dempsey Hospital and the UConn Medical Group; and by spearheading strong growth in public and private research awards to biomedical scientists and clinicians.

Joining the university’s Health Center in 1987, he assumed the top administrative position on an interim basis in 1999 and, then, permanently in 2000. At the time, the Health Center was in a period marked by low reimbursement rates from Medicare, Medicaid and health insurers looking to rein in skyrocketing costs. Deckers was instrumental in the lobbying effort that won for the Health Center special financial assistance of $20 million from the state legislature. He then helped engineer the turnaround that achieved $74 million in cost reductions and revenue enhancements; focused resources on areas of excellence; stepped up recruitment of nationally prominent physicians and researchers; and brought more patients to the Health Center.

During his tenure, Deckers was adamant that the Health Center’s special strength came from its combined mission of research, education and clinical care—helping propel the School of Dental Medicine to a No. 1 ranking, building new facilities, developing signature programs and nearly doubling research expenditures.

Deckers has published more than 150 scholarly contributions and served as president of the New England Cancer and New England Surgical societies. A Boston University School of Medicine graduate, he garnered top awards as a student and resident and completed his fellowship training in the surgical branch of the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health.

Deckers and his wife, Barbara, are parents of seven children, two of whom—Elizabeth ’87, a Connecticut physician like her father, and Charles ’91—are also Holy Cross graduates. After stepping down from the dean’s position in 2008, he has continued to be involved with the University’s Health Center, sees patients, teaches and assists with philanthropic and outreach efforts.

Holy Cross presented the Sanctae Crucis Award to Peter J. Deckers ’62 for his farsighted leadership, for his contributions to surgical oncology and to the advancement of medical education that will shape the learning and development of new generations of physicians and healers.”
“BEYOND THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS, THEY NEED TO LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE. WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER, I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE A MEDICAL ASSISTANT AT ST. VINCENT’S HOSPITAL. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I LEARNED WAS HOW TO TALK TO PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND I ENJOYED IT. MEDICAL STUDENTS HAVE TO BE COMFORTABLE DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE HURTING. SOMETIMES WE CAN MAKE PATIENTS COMPLETELY BETTER, SOMETIMES WE CAN’T, BUT WE CAN ALWAYS MAKE THEM MENTALLY MORE SECURE EVEN IF WE CAN’T ACCOMPLISH SOME PHYSICAL GAIN.”
“Really take advantage of every opportunity that you can while you’re here at Holy Cross. I was fortunate to be able to be an athlete, I was in ROTC, I was an English major, I was a residence assistant and all of those different interests and experiences really came together in the end to make me a better person upon graduation. There are so many opportunities here.”
At Holy Cross, Kara C. Dallman '87 was a scholar (English major in the premed program) and an athlete (varsity volleyball). And she had two other career-shaping experiences as an undergraduate: Dallman received a Navy ROTC scholarship, and she was a resident assistant (RA), first in Beaven, then in Mulledy as head RA. Her experience as a student leader in residence halls, she has said, prepared her to mentor, support and positively influence hundreds of military spouses and families. That, in turn, inspired her current work helping to unite military families through a unique nonprofit called United Through Reading.

After graduation, where she was the recipient of the Rev. Joseph T. O’Callahan, S.J., Award and honored as the Distinguished Military Graduate, Dallman served as an officer and a reservist, distinguishing herself as a leader with every assignment—from undersea surveillance in Bermuda and Hawaii, to teaching in San Diego, to a posting at the NATO base in Naples, as well as Reserve assignments to Bahrain and Singapore—until her retirement as a Commander in 2008.

Juggling assignments, responsibilities and a growing family, Dallman and her husband, Peter, knew firsthand the pressures that dual-career military families face when one parent is deployed. Dallman’s work with spouses and families on base increased, and she became more involved with United Through Reading, a nonprofit organization giving deployed service members the opportunity to stay connected to their children through the simple but profound act of reading a storybook aloud on DVD. After volunteering while in Yokosuka, Japan, and co-chairing the organization’s Washington, D.C., advisory committee, she became a part-time liaison to the USO in 2006.

With Dallman’s involvement, the number of USO host recording sites grew from 40 to 70, and participation resulted in more than 250,000 recordings. Promoted the next year to director of the military program, her team increased the total number of families benefiting by 70 percent; ushered in the largest single donation; forged a cataloging partnership with novelist James Patterson; and created a model for conducting virtual book drives and employee giving campaigns with major donors. Today, United Through Reading benefits more than 325,000 individuals annually.

Now, as the Senior Director for Operations, Dallman leads a team working directly with the Department of Defense service branches, military medical facilities serving Wounded Warriors and program partners like the USO. She also directs volunteers who provide training and support.

Holy Cross presented Kara Dallman ‘87 with the Sanctae Crucis Award for championing the best quality of life for United States military personnel and their families and for her distinguished service and leadership in building an innovative nonprofit organization.
Chances are Mount St. James did not recognize what great gifts were in store for the world when this joyful, smart, hard-working, golf-loving son of Woburn and Malden Catholic High School arrived on The Hill in the late 1950s.

The journey began with Dick Connolly lugging golf bags as a pre-teen caddy at Woburn Country Club, a nine-hole public course in a proud blue-collar town. He entered Holy Cross with help from the Francis Ouimet Fund, founded in 1949 to provide college scholarships to young people who advanced the sport of golf in Massachusetts.

A student of history at Holy Cross, Connolly continued playing golf, forging great friendships, serving as a Big Brother, impressing all with his energy and zest for life. He went on to earn his MBA at Babson and entered the business world as a trainee at Ford.

He joined Merill Lynch in 1968, then it was on to Blythe, Eastman, Dillon in the early 1970s to run the fixed income desk. Blythe was bought by Paine Webber, which eventually was bought by UBS, where Connolly enjoyed a successful 34-year career. He was the top-producing broker at UBS for better than 20 years.

Connolly then joined Morgan Stanley, earning the firm’s elite Chairman’s Club recognition in only 10 months. Today, he oversees an estimated $3.7 billion in assets and is in the top 100 of Barron’s annual ranking of stockbrokers. With a universe of 300,000, that puts him in the 99.96th percentile of financial advisers.

Meanwhile, Connolly has spent decades raising millions and millions of dollars for scholarships, medical research, direct service and operations at the organizations about which he cares most deeply. Connolly doesn’t just write checks. He rolls up his sleeves, works the phones, leads the charge, rallies support—and gets results. With Ann Marie—his partner in life and co-chair of many a fundraising gala—Connolly has transformed the lives of countless people from all walks of life.

Because of the funds raised for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, city kids go to the Berkshires for a week to study at Tanglewood. Funds for Boston’s Bridge Over Troubled Waters help high-risk runaway and homeless youth. The list of beneficiaries is vast and varied: the Joey Fund for cystic fibrosis research, Inner City Catholic Schools scholarships, the Society of Jesus, Massachusetts Affordable Housing, the Fenn School, Children’s Hospital, Concord Museum, Tobey Hospital Golf Tournament, Catholic Charities, Holy Cross and so many other colleges, museums and causes. And for the past two decades, Connolly has become the Ouimet Scholarship Fund’s biggest benefactor and fundraiser—providing access to college to countless students and giving back to the organization that gave him his start.

Holy Cross presented the Sanctae Crucis Award to Richard F. Connolly ’61 for his extraordinary professional achievement, for his great generosity and even greater spirit and for being a man for and with others.
‘I’d tell students what my father told me: ‘When you walk into a room, or you leave a room, all you want those people in the room to say is THAT’S DICK CONNOLLY. He’s a good guy and you can trust him. The rest just doesn’t matter. Doesn’t matter one iota.’ You can be the smartest person, the greatest athlete, the whole deal – if you don’t have that reputation, it doesn’t matter.’
"Go to Holy Cross! Truly. I tell people this is a world-class education. I wouldn’t have traded it for the world. I’m so grateful to be a Crusader. On the day I graduated, I kissed my diploma and pointed to my parents when I walked across the stage. I was so glad they were with me the night of the Sanctae Crucis dinner, as well.”
Devastation wrought by hurricanes, floods, violence, economic and other disasters arrives with ferocity and immediacy. Then, for weeks, months, even years, trauma can upend the lives of survivors—as well as the lives of first responders, counselors and others who help in the wake.

As the leader of an institute committed to improving the knowledge and skills of people working in human services, Katie Volk trains thousands around the world each year on the best practices for assisting men and women who are homeless, children who are victims of violence and anyone dealing with trauma.

Volk is managing director of t3 (think. teach. transform.) and a senior associate at the Center for Social Innovation in Needham, Mass. Prior to joining the Center, Volk spent seven years at the National Center on Family Homelessness, where she worked with communities in the post-Katrina Gulf; was lead author of a Homelessness and Traumatic Stress Training Package; and developed a physical and emotional awareness program for children living in transitional settings. She was co-author of the seminal 2010 report, “Homelessness: Minimizing the Impact, Ending the Epidemic,” and played an integral role in the conceptualization, writing, design and release of the report, “America’s Youngest Outcasts: State Report Card on Child Homelessness.”

Today, in addition to writing and leading training programs at t3, she is frequently called upon to lecture and participate in symposia and conferences.

In the words of her nominator: “Katie has taken her Holy Cross education; her love of language, books and writing; and applied it to a cause and mission that is so integral to the betterment of our communities.”

An English major and Peace and Conflict Studies concentrator at Holy Cross, Volk graduated with honors and membership in the Alpha Sigma Nu and Sigma Tau Delta honor societies. She was co-chair of the Student Government Association (SGA) and a leader in Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD).

Following graduation, she worked two years at Stand for Children as a membership coordinator before earning a dual master’s degree in child development and urban policy at Tufts University.

Her faith life has continued to parallel her work for justice, and over the years, she has served as a CCD teacher, played an active role in her parish communities and participated in Contemplative Leaders in Action, organized by the Jesuit Collaborative in Boston.

Holy Cross presented Katherine T. Volk ’00 the Sanctae Crucis Award for her radical compassion, for her fearlessness in taking on complex social problems and for her constancy in meeting people “where they are.”
“God, please stay with us.”
These five words, written on a poster in the Hogan Campus Center, sum up so clearly what many of us were feeling on April 15, the day two bombs tore through the finish line of the Boston Marathon and the heart of the city just 40 miles from Holy Cross. Three people were killed and more than 250 were wounded, many with life-altering injuries. In the days—even hours—after the incident, it was clear that this strike was very close to home for members of the Holy Cross community. Alumni and students were running the race that day. Countless Crusaders were at the race to cheer on friends and loved ones. We have employees who live in Boston and Watertown, where the five-day manhunt ended. The father of one new graduate is a Boston Police captain who was at the scene—one of those heroic first responders we all saw on TV.

This may have been 40 miles away from Mount St. James, but it felt a whole lot closer.

As students, alumni, parents and employees of the College all began to process what had happened, a large white poster with colorful paper cards—small notes of prayer and peace—went up above a staircase in the Hogan Campus Center. Each card carried a handwritten message of support from someone in the Holy Cross community. “God, please stay with us” was, perhaps, one of the most powerfully succinct.

In the uncertain hours immediately after the bombings, when there were still many questions, inaccurate reports flying through TV and social media and a manhunt under way, the College’s administrators reassured our community that the campus was safe, and made services available to any student who needed them: The Chaplains’ Office provided extra hours for students who wanted to stop by Campion to talk. Employees were reminded of the counseling that is available through the Employee Assistance Program. College President Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J., was in Los Angeles for a “Holy Cross on the Road” event (see story, Page 69), and asked the prospective students, their families and the alumni gathered to remember the victims and their families. Those in attendance commented later about how comforted they were to be with members of the Holy Cross community that evening as the news and disturbing images rushed in.

Action quickly became part of our healing. Student organizations held fundraisers to add dollars to One Fund
Boston, and four of our Public Safety officers represented Holy Cross at the memorial service for MIT officer Sean Collier, who was killed in the line of duty by the alleged bombers. Fr. Boroughs called us all to join cities and towns throughout Massachusetts in a moment of silence on Monday, April 22, at 2:50 p.m., exactly one week after the bombings. And Marybeth Kearns-Barrett, director of the Office of College Chaplains, invited the campus to an Interfaith Prayer of Lament two days after the bombings to “give voice to our grief, offer our prayers for the victims and lift up our desires for a more peaceful world.” Faculty, staff and students gathered on the Chapel Plaza for the special prayer. “The Boston Marathon witnesses to the best in the human spirit, to our ability to inspire one another and to the values of commitment, perseverance and overcoming obstacles to achieve one’s dreams. These are values which we at Holy Cross hold dear,” Kearns-Barrett explains. “By gathering together as a community to reflect and pray at this painful time, we reaffirm our commitment to these values and to our collective vocation to be peacemakers.”

As reports trickled in from students and alumni who had been running the marathon that day, we were relieved to find that no one in our community had been physically injured. We were also touched by the way Crusaders were able to communicate their fear, their anger and their resolve to see light drive out darkness.

Marathoner Andrew Cook ’15, a blogger for the College’s website from Lowell, Mass., shared a detailed account of his experience and was interviewed by local media. He and his dad, who had joined him for the last half mile of the race, were in the finish chute when they heard the explosions. Like many people that day, the younger Cook thought the first blast might be celebratory cannon fire. But then he realized, “One’s an accident, two’s something bad.” An exhausted Andrew was stunned, but Dad, with his fresh legs, “was able to keep his bearings about him and was able to react accordingly,”Cook explains. Dad led them both away from the danger zone. (You can read all of Cook’s blog entries about the marathon and the days that followed at http://apcook15.me.holycross.edu/)

Tom Moroney ’77, the Boston bureau chief for Bloomberg News, lives in Hopkinton, Mass., where the marathon starts. His unique account of the people and businesses along the route on April 15 is a powerful look at how small communities outside of Boston rally to cheer on the runners—and how they rallied that day to support them in a much different way. “There was no loss of life or limb here in Monday’s hideous blasts. Thank God,” he wrote. “Still, there’s a deep hurt and a suspicion that tradition, in its sunniest, winter-is-over hues of rebirth and redemption, is gone.” (Read Moroney’s entire essay here: http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-04-22/my-innocence-gone-in-hopkinton-where-we-felt-the-bombs.html)

After news of the bombings hit the international media, another alumnus sat up late into the night at a desk across the globe, burdened with the news of the attack. Michael Rogers, S.J., ’02 was grateful his brother, a runner that day, was
unhurt, and that his sister and parents, who were at the site of the explosions, were also uninjured. He worried for a friend who was hit by shrapnel from the blast.

Rogers, a Jesuit scholastic, was studying to be a priest at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome on April 15. To help his own healing, he wrote an open letter to the alleged bomber who was taken into custody. He posted it on Facebook. And then something happened. The letter went viral.

Something about the way Rogers—now Rev. Michael Rogers, S.J., after being ordained last month—expressed his anger at the same time he pledged forgiveness struck a chord with readers all around the world. The 35,000 “likes” on his Facebook page was just the beginning. The open letter, which begins, “Dear Dzhokhar, You don’t know me, but you tried to kill my family,” was picked up by several news outlets and reprinted in the national Catholic weekly magazine, America. (You can read the Open Letter from Fr. Rogers here: http://americamagazine.org/content/all-things/dear-dzhokhar)

History Associate Professor Ed O’Donnell heard from a former student, Liz Burke ’11, who was heading toward the finish line when the bombs went off and wanted to share her experience with him. O’Donnell, who has run the Boston race himself, has a tradition of encouraging his students to challenge themselves to do the same.

Burke graciously agreed to allow us to share her words here.

April 17, 2013
Dear Professor O’Donnell,
I took your Irish American class in the spring of 2011 before I graduated as a history major. On Marathon Monday that year, you sent us an email and told us that we should all consider running one some day. I learned a lot in your class—mostly about the Irish—but this really stuck with me and I knew I had to dig up this email. For a number of different reasons, I took your advice this year and ran the Boston Marathon two days ago. For the last six months, I pictured the day ending in a thousand different ways—crawling across the finish line, finishing strong, even tearing my ACL in Wellesley and dropping out—but never did I imagine it ending the way it did.

I moved to Brookline after graduation and joined a marathon charity team, Team Brookline, in November. I raised $5,000 in support of the Brookline Community Mental Health Center and in honor of my grandfather who is currently suffering from dementia. For the last six months I have woken up almost every Saturday morning at 7 a.m. (no Friday nights for a 24 year old is tough!) and run up and down Heartbreak Hill with my 25 teammates. I have knee alignment issues, which caused me some serious pain, and after MRIs and X-rays, I was advised not to run the marathon. I had already raised the money and was getting so excited about all of the support that I decided to go against my doctor’s advice. I ended up in physical therapy and had to get knee braces and be taped up for every run, but completed the 23-mile-long run three weeks before the big day and was ready to go.

I was at mile 25.5 when a policeman walked out onto the course and told us the race had been cancelled. I looked at my GPS watch and laughed and said to him, “Very funny sir, it’s only been four and a half hours, the course isn’t closed yet.” He responded “Ma’am, there’s been an explosion. The race is cancelled for the safety of the people of Boston.” Chaos ensued. People were running by me screaming and crying. FBI jeeps and ambulances flew by me on the street. A former co-worker of mine who was running the race happened to walk by me and she was just in shock. She is much faster than I am, so she made it closer to Boylston Street. She told me people had died. I had just passed my family back at mile 24, so knew they were all right, but my friends (Holy Cross roommates included) were waiting at the finish line (back at mile 24) in a haze.

That next mile and a half is what I will remember about that day. I was easily identifiable by my astronaut blanket, bib number and overall disheveled experience. Three strangers hugged me. A group of teenagers stood with me and dialed different numbers of my family members on their phones. Another group of people my age invited me inside and gave me water and Gatorade and then offered to walk me home. Another guy used the 3% battery life left on his iPhone to MapQuest the best way for me to walk back. Then, when I was
about a half a mile from my house, a woman pulled over and told me she was going to bring me home. That mile and half reminded me of the good in the world.

The Boston Marathon, in general, is truly an event that brings people together. I was given a lot of advice about how to prepare for my first marathon, but I was told that if I did anything I should make sure to write my name somewhere on my jersey. The thousands of strangers who screamed “Go Liz!” for those first four and a half hours carried me through the race. I listened to exactly two songs the entire race, and the rest of the time was feeding off the crowd.

I didn’t get to cross the finish line, but the next day the BAA told everyone to come downtown to claim their bags. When we arrived, they had us walk across a makeshift finish line and then put finisher medals over our heads. I had tears in my eyes.

But not finishing doesn’t seem to matter now. What happened at the finish line is truly tragic, and I cannot stop thinking of the victims and their families. I don’t think anyone in Boston can. What is important is that we rally around those families and not let whomever did this win. It didn’t take me long to decide that I have to run it again next year.

So I wanted to write this email to let you know that your advice on running a marathon at least once really stuck with me, and regardless of Monday’s events, I am glad that I did.

Best,
Liz Burke

In the midst of a tragedy that hit very close to home, the Holy Cross community had us a chance to show, quite powerfully, how the bonds of friendship born here hold strong.
Our Brothers’ Keeper

Ben Ticho ’68 strengthens bonds—and communities—through his life’s work with Big Brothers Big Sisters

By Rebecca Smith ’99

When Benedict “Ben” Ticho Jr. ’68 agreed to give a buddy a ride one morning more than 40 years ago, he had no idea that the errand would affect the rest of his life.

That Saturday, Ticho drove his friend, a volunteer mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BB/BS), to his Little Brother’s home in South Worcester. After walking his friend to the front door, Ticho was greeted by a young boy, who, after sizing him up, posed the question that would change the course of his life: “Are you a Big Brother? Because my younger brother needs one.”

Ticho spent the morning shooting baskets with his new young pal and, after a few days, became his official Little Brother. And what started out as a volunteer activity became a vocation. This past January, Ticho retired as executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/MetroWest. His nearly 40-year career of service and dedication to the nonprofit youth mentoring organization was recognized this spring at the agency’s 50th anniversary gala.

Making an Impact

“I didn’t have ‘the plan,’” confesses Ticho, as he reflects on his post-Holy Cross days. After earning his
bachelor of arts degree, the political science major got married and settled in Worcester. He attended law school for two years before taking a job selling insurance and mutual funds. Feeling unfulfilled at work, Ticho relished his newfound role as a Big Brother, taking his Little Brother to the circus and sporting events and being a trusted friend.

In the process, he came up with recommendations for the program, ways to make the matches between adult volunteers (“Bigs”) and children (“Littles”) more lasting and meaningful. He called the agency with questions, made suggestions and ultimately wrote the grant that got him hired.

“Once I got involved, I couldn’t imagine not being involved,” he recalls. “I didn’t know I’d eventually work for the organization, but it became a very easy step.”

In 1974 Ticho joined the staff of what was then called Big Brothers Big Sisters of Worcester County, Inc.; four years later, he became executive director. Under Ticho, the agency grew from a staff of three to 17. Merging with Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Middlesex, Inc. in 2002, it currently encompasses a service area of 40 cities and towns in Central Massachusetts and the Metrowest area. By professionally supporting the mentoring efforts of responsible and caring volunteers, the organization enhances the quality of life of approximately 1,400 at-risk children each year—contributing to better schools, brighter futures and stronger communities.

According to a national study, Little Brothers and Little Sisters are 52 percent less likely to skip school and 46 percent less likely to begin using illegal drugs. And the benefits of the program are long-term: 84 percent of adults who were mentored as children said that they learned the importance of helping others, and 81 percent said the experience changed their perspective on what they thought was possible in life, according to the results of a 2009 survey.

“One of the greatest things about the job was that I could see the direct impact on kids—and on volunteers,” Ticho says. And there are few institutions in the region that have felt that impact as strongly as Holy Cross.

Starting in 2000, when, with Ticho’s help, a Big Brothers Big Sisters program was formed at the College in memory of John Price ’01, a lacrosse team captain who was killed in an accident, Holy Cross students have been serving as Bigs to Littles throughout Greater Worcester. The College’s athletic teams in particular have a strong track record of volunteering with the program, serving as role models both on and off the field. Last year, of the more than 300 Holy Cross student volunteers at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/Metrowest, more than 200 of them were varsity athletes and cheerleaders.

“Obviously the students are doing it because they want to help someone else,” says Ticho. “But it’s also a great team-building experience. Students get closer talking about their Littles, the Littles come to see the students play; it’s one of those win-win situations.”

In addition to its athletic teams, the College also partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters through SPUD and the Summer Internship Program. In fact, two current agency employees, Shala Murray ’10 and Lauren Kassira ’10, began their affiliation with the organization as students.

**BROTHERLY LOVE**

**Throughout his career,** Ticho practiced what he preached, serving as a Big Brother to five young men. (There is pride in his voice when he recounts the story of how one of his former Littles, “the ultimate character,” joined the military and rescued people from a fire on an aircraft carrier.) One of seven siblings, Ticho knows a little something about being a brother.

“I’m a very lucky person: Among my five sisters, one brother and my parents, someone was always there to encourage me—sometimes I thought maybe I could use a little less [encouragement]!” he quips. “But there are so many kids who don’t have any of that, and being involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters is something I can do to pay it forward.”

According to Edward Augustus Jr., director of government and community relations at the College, “Ben’s work with Big Brothers Big Sisters has had a profound impact on literally thousands of children. Not only have the lives of the Littles been enriched, but also those of the Bigs, in ways few could have predicted. Lifelong connections and vocations have resulted from the work Ben has done to build the organization into what it is today.”

For his long-standing commitment to the program, Ticho was recognized at the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/Metrowest’s Golden Gala in April. He accepted his honor humbly and was quick to point out the many contributions of his staff over the years.

“Ben’s the type of person who does what he does because he wants to—not for the award,” explains Melanie Perreault, vice president of programs at the agency, who has worked with Ticho for 10 years. “He’s certainly been a role model in my life.”

Adds Augustus: “Ben is the embodiment of the mission of Holy Cross. He has used his many gifts and his passion to enrich and improve the lives of so many.”

It’s no surprise that, in addition to all the work he has done through Big Brothers Big Sisters, Ticho still finds time to give generously of himself to the College: He is a class agent, a member of the Career Advisor Network and a member of the board of the Holy Cross Club of Worcester. Together with his wife, Lynne, he volunteers on Move-In Day and Holy Cross Cares Day, and the couple can often be seen cheering on the Crusaders at the Hart Center or Fitton Field.

“Certainly, I am very grateful for the experiences I had at Holy Cross,” explains Ticho. “I do whatever I can do in a small way to make sure other people have those same opportunities. I don’t want to sound too altruistic, but I think when you give back, you always get more.”

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MARK T. MAYBURY '86

The former Fenwick Scholar, valedictorian and expert in artificial intelligence serves as the Air Force’s top scientist

BY BENJAMIN GLEISSER

To get a better idea of what military pilots undergo while performing their duties, Mark T. Maybury '86, chief scientist of the United States Air Force, has experienced a few heart-stopping events. To understand how decompression sickness affects pilots, for example, he donned a NASA space suit and was flown 70,000 feet in the air in a U2, a jet nicknamed “Dragon Lady.” As the aircraft zoomed across the top edge of the stratosphere, he looked up with awe into the limitless star-splattered canopy of outer space. He marvelled at the graceful green and blue majesty of planet Earth below.

Yet nothing moved his heart and soul more than meeting wounded soldiers at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. He was there to see what kind of medical and social services military personnel who were wounded in Afghanistan were receiving—and came away with a deeper appreciation for our military men and women.

“I visited two men who are double amputees,” he says. “I was moved by these amazing, patriotic and selfless soldiers who literally have given life and limb to support and defend democracies around the world. We’re lucky to have people like that who are willing to defend our nation. Meeting them was a very humbling experience.”

Appointed to the post of chief scientist in October 2010, Maybury says he never has an average day on the job. “I work with inventors and top scientists,” he explains, “visit manufacturing plants, check out new robotic applications, meet ambassadors and get to see a lot of really cool stuff—like the first prototypes of lasers, the development of cold atoms for GPS-free navigation and machines that create 3-D printed airplane parts. And today, I had lunch with several two-star and three-star generals.”

As a youngster, Maybury says he enjoyed math and put together model airplanes and ships and programmed (or played with) computers. “I didn’t have a military upbringing, but I was curious about how things worked, and I wanted to understand people and machines.”

The Air Force gave him a scholarship to attend Holy Cross, where he was year behind his brother, Edward ’85, a premied student who was in the Navy ROTC program. (Edward served in the Navy for about 12 years and is now an anaesthesiologist in Jacksonville, Fla.)

Maybury majored in mathematics and graduated with the title of valedictorian. In his senior year he was named a Fenwick Scholar, wrote his thesis on artificial intelligence and built Neuropsychologist, a software system for automated diagnosis of brain dysfunctions.

After graduation, he served four years in the Air Force and left with the rank of first lieutenant. While in the service, he earned a master’s degree in philosophy in computer speech and language processing at Cambridge University in England, and an MBA at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He later received a Ph.D. in artificial intelligence from Cambridge. Following his stint in the Air Force, he joined MITRE, a federally funded research and development center that develops intelligence and defense systems for government agencies. Maybury took a leave of absence from his job as executive director of MITRE’s information technology division to accept the Air Force’s chief scientist role. Ordinarily, the position is a two-year term, but Maybury was asked to stay on for another year. He will step down from the post this fall and return to his work at MITRE.

Maybury smiles remembering his time at Holy Cross, when he was a bit of an anomaly. “I was the first kid on campus to have his own computer,” the former Wheeler Hall resident says with a laugh. “I had my own terminal and dial-up modem, and was the only kid who could type up his papers in his dorm room.”

Birthplace Lowell, Mass. Family Three children (Zachary ’12, Max and Julia) with wife Michelle
Residence Chelmsford, Mass. Pets Brady, a golden retriever
Birthday Dec. 13, 1964 In the genes? Maybury’s brother, Edward A. Maybury Jr., M.D. ’85, was a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy
In 1987, Maybury made an important visit to alma mater: He and his wife, Michelle, were married in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel by Rev. Raymond A. Schroth, S.J., former academic dean of the College. And in more recent years, Maybury has returned to campus to visit his son, Zachary ’12, giving him a chance to visit the state-of-the-art Integrated Science Complex. “It’s a beautiful facility,” Maybury says, adding that he’s glad to see Holy Cross paying so much attention to the teaching of math and science. “Science and technology are strategic areas for our country’s economic viability, and investing in science helps to keep America vibrant,” he continues. “Our military capability depends on science and technology.”

QUICK QUESTIONS

Q What’s your favorite number?
A Pi. 3.1415 ... is a never-ending sequence that contains every number series in existence, including your PIN number, your phone number and your birth date.

Q As a mathematician, do you place any special significance on the date of your 50th birthday: 12/13/14?
A I didn’t know that! My birthday falls on the 13th, and whenever it’s a Friday, people say “Oh, no!” But to me, it’s all just coincidence.

Q What scientist, alive or dead, would you like to meet?
A The obvious answer is Albert Einstein. But I think I’d rather have dinner with Thomas Jefferson. He was an inventor, and a very creative individual who understood people and society.

Q Would you like to ride in the International Space Station?
A I’d go in a heartbeat. I’d love to look back at the Earth, but I’d also like to go to better understand life and weightlessness, and the capabilities of space control.

Q We hear you’ve been in some dangerous spots while visiting Baghdad as a civilian adviser to the Office of the Secretary of Defense.
A Yes. The high-speed convoys to and from Baghdad International Airport are often shot at. And there was a mortar attack at Saddam Hussein’s former palace while I was working there for the Coalition Provisional Authority. Another time there was a deadly rocket attack on the Al Rasheed Hotel. I certainly felt blessed to be alive and come back safely to my family.

Q What happened at Roswell? Does the government have any crashed aliens in cold storage?
A (Laughs) They’re not aliens. [Many years ago] they used weather balloons with crash dummies to test atmospheric conditions, and occasionally the balloons fell down, and a farmer saw a crash dummy. I can confidently say I’ve never met any aliens, alive or dead.

Q The government has lots of secrets. Can you tell me one?
A Here’s a top secret: Science is fun and working for the public interest is amazing!

Awards Fenwick Scholar, Rotary Scholar, IEEE Fellow, ROTC Distinguished Graduate, Presidential Recognition Award, among others
It is somewhere in the '50s, and I am a teenager, flopped like a frog in front of my folks’ new black and white 14-inch Philco TV, watching the NBA Game-of-the-Week. The Boston Celtics are one of the teams. Suddenly a skinny Celtic guard, who looks like a refugee from a POW camp, but who the announcer is calling the “Houdini of the Hardcourt,” dribbles swiftly downcourt—a high, dead-steady dribble—on a fast break, and when he reaches the top of the key, he slaps the ball behind his back with his right hand to blow by a defender, then picks up the dribble with his left hand, forays to the hoop, fakes a behind-the-back pass to a teammate by cuffing the ball on his hip and flips up a half-hook.

Doosh!

Wow!

Hoops becomes the only language I want to speak and think in. In this one apocalyptic tour de court—the same move he made on Jan. 11, 1949, to win the game for Holy Cross when the Crusaders were trailing Loyola of Chicago by a point with just seconds left—I am reborn in basketball. I dream of playing like Bob Cousy, pitching passes blind and over-the-shoulder, behind-the-back, angling, hooking passes at such precise angles, seemingly bending space like a physicist; or casually dropping behind a screen and measuring a one-hand push shot—sometimes off the wrong foot.

“I used to get letters from high school coaches all over the country,” he once told me during a round of golf up on Cape Cod Bay, “begging me to get out of the game and saying I was a bad influence on kids, doing more harm than good. Kids all over were copying my style, dribbling and passing behind-the-back, in-between-the-legs, and coaches didn’t like it. I kept on doing it.”
Now The Cooz is 84 years old.

Once upon a time I wanted to be Bob Cousy, as did many kids growing up in that era—not James Dean or John Wayne or Elvis, but Bob Cousy. A Philly kid, I grew up on cheese steaks, soft pretzels, the Mummers—and Bob Cousy and the Boston Celtics. Being a Celtics’ fan in Philly was tantamount to flipping on the mob. One day, when I was 14, and in a choose-up game on the playground, I came down on a fast break, dribbled the ball behind my back, then pitched a no-look, over-the-shoulder pass to a teammate cutting to the hoop, who deposited an easy deuce.

Running back upcourt, with the wrong amount of hubris, I blurted, “Just like Bob Cousy.”

Then the fistfight broke out. Philly kids hated The Cooz and the Boston Celtics.

To understand my love for Cousy, you must understand that it was no more complicated than watching him push the ball downcourt with that high dribble on a fast break and then turn the basketball court into his own gigantic chess board on which he moved living pieces. He calibrated his teammates speed so precisely—Bill Sharman or Tommy Heinsohn ’56 on the wings, Bill Russell trailing—it seemed as if he carried a slide rule in his shorts when he dished off those miraculous passes for a Boston bucket. He was too quick, too speedy, too tricky for the rest—a blur, then a basket. He made this teenager ignore Ike in the White House, Dick Clark on Bandstand, Gable and Grabel on the silver screen, muscle cars and racy pictures in Playboy.

I never did become Bob Cousy, but I did see him on the court as a player. As a two-year starting point guard for Temple University under legendary Hall of Fame coach Harry Litwack, I played against Cousy’s first Boston College-coached team at Philly’s famed Palestra in December of 1963.

I don’t even remember the game. I simply remember staring at Bob Cousy standing in front of the BC bench as I warmed up with my Temple teammates.

In 1950, when Cousy entered the NBA after an All-American career at Holy Cross, the league was four years old and operated primarily to fill in the empty dates between the circus, the hockey games, the college b-ball games, the boxing matches and anything else owners of arenas in New York, Philly and Boston had already scheduled.

The product was primitive. Players, for the most part, were slow and plodding. They would set screen after screen to free-up a shooter for an uncontested two-hand shot; or one of the guards would toss the ball to the pivot man and, like a merry-go-round, the other four players would cut off of him, hoping to receive a pass for a layup. If no one was open, the pivot man would take a seeping hook or pass the ball back out and the offense would start all over again—remember, there was no shot clock then.

Then came Cousy with the first great revolution in the league: the fast break. It was to be a blueprint—sealed and final as DNA—for the future of the league. In fact, many credit Cousy with keeping the NBA afloat in the early years.

He put fans in the seats with his exciting style. At home, fans turned on the TV, which had become the physical center of family life, to watch The Cooz.

Yet he didn’t win an NBA championship until 1957, when Bill Russell joined the Celtics. Russell fueled the Celtics’ fast break with even higher octane with his prolific rebounding and pinpoint outlet passes to Cousy, making The Cooz’s game even more electrifying. “Nobody could keep up with us once Russ got here,” Cousy says. “He would get every rebound, kick it out to me, and we would jam it down the other team’s throat for quick scores. From 1957 to 1969, when Russell retired, the Celtics won 11 NBA championships.

Cousy didn’t reserve his passion just for the court. His personal beliefs were noted outside the game as well. Cousy befriended the Celtics’ first black player, Chuck Cooper. One day the Celtics were in Raleigh, N.C., for an exhibition game. Cooper was told he couldn’t stay in the team’s hotel that night because of his color, so he decided to take a train to New York after the game. Cousy, worried about teammate, decided to go with him, and both waited five hours on the platform for the 3 a.m. train to come through.

That experience had a profound effect on Cousy’s social conscience. Realizing that there were Catholic churches in the South that wouldn’t accept blacks, Cousy, a practicing Catholic, threatened to quit his church. “That didn’t sit well with me,” he once told me. “I figure if a priest gives up his life for Christ, I can’t allow him the prerogative of being a bigot, because his basic premise is the equality of the individual.”

He often reflects on his education on the Hill, and on the spirit of the Jesuit tradition to give back and pay forward. He became a member of the Big Brothers Association. One Sunday he marched down the aisle of his lily-white Blessed Sacrament Church in Worcester with his black Little Brother Kevin at his side.

Another time he invited his mother-in-law, Mary O’Hagan, to go to the movies with him, his wife, Missy, and Kevin.

“You’re going to love this little boy, Kevin Murphy,” he told his mother-in-law. Mary O’Hagan beamed.

“Well,” Cousy continues, “I pull up to this complex where Kevin lives and blow the horn. Now, my mother-in-law is sitting on the passenger side, and out comes Kevin, a six-foot, two-inch, 14-year-old black kid, running right at her. She sees him and starts slapping down the doorjams in panic. She figures we’re under attack. I say, ‘Mom, would you let Kevin in the car?’”

Cousy clearly understood teammate Bill Russell’s angry feelings about the racial epithets he had to endure in Boston. He empathized with Russell. Cousy grew up poor in the Yorkville section of East Side Manhattan—his pop was a cab driver. One summer after his senior year in high school, just before entering Holy Cross, Cousy bussed tables at Tamarack Lodge in the Catskills. He came home at the end of the summer with $1,300 in ones and fives in a brown paper bag and dumped the money onto the kitchen table. “My pop immediately ran to the phone to call the cops,” Cousy says. “He was sure I had held up something.” Cousy was
also a minority—a kid speaking French and struggling with English, a difference kids picked up on that landed him in a lot of fights, he recalls.

Cousy’s senior thesis at Holy Cross? The persecution of minority groups.

How do many of today’s NBA fans remember Bob Cousy? If you asked those under 50 to select their top 20 players of all time, how many would include The Cooz? Most would say the best point guard in NBA history is Magic Johnson or John Stockton or Steve Nash. Not me. I will always declare Bob Cousy the greatest point guard to play the game, the player who changed basketball’s pace from the meandering gait of a parade to thrilling breakneck speed, the one who was the sum of all the parts of the game little guards like me wanted to copy on the playgrounds all over America.

The dimmest stains of Celtic Green always remind me of the times I ached to play like Bob Cousy, not merely for a couple of games, but for games that stretched out all day … indeed, forever. Even these days when I am in a gym shooting ’em up, from my still point of infinity I will hear a voice: Russell rebounds, outlets to Kelley, Kelley dribbles downcourt, behind his back to Heinsohn. Swish.

Mathematics major and art history minor Sarah Weber ’14 of Summit, N.J., is a dynamo on the lacrosse field and a self-confessed iced tea addict. HCM asked Weber about her life on and off the Hill.

Q: Who have been some of your favorite professors here at Holy Cross?
A: Cristina Ballantine is one of my favorite math professors. I had her for multivariable calculus and she is so friendly to all of her students and wants them to do well in her class. David Karmon is also a great art history professor. I took two classes with him last semester and the curricula were interesting, and he always appreciates when someone participates in class.

Q: What have you learned here on the Hill that you don’t think you could have learned anywhere else?
A: I think Holy Cross has taught me how to effectively balance my schoolwork, social life and lacrosse. It was hard to balance those three things my freshman year, but now as a junior I’ve figured it out and am enjoying every aspect of my life here.

Q: So besides lacrosse, what are some of your hobbies?
A: I love watching good TV shows and movies, my favorites being Game of Thrones and Pitch Perfect. I also love cooking, even though I can’t do that much of it at school.

Q: What’s your favorite meal to make?
A: I really like cooking everything, but my go-to is grilled cheese.

Q: Sounds delicious. What’s your favorite spot on campus?
A: Cool Beans. I’m addicted to their iced tea, and it’s a good place to sit and relax, socialize or do some homework.

Q: Don’t look now, but next year’s already your senior year. How does that make you feel?
A: I can't believe that I’m going to be a senior next semester. The time flew by, and I’m definitely going to cherish every moment on the Hill next year.

Q: Before that, though, any big plans for summer?
A: I’ve accepted an internship at Cushman & Wakefield, which is a commercial real estate company in New York City. It’s going to be a new experience for me, but I’m excited and eager to learn.

Q: One more question: We hear your brother also plays lacrosse here. Not to start a sibling rivalry, but which team’s got more flair?
A: I’m obviously biased, but I’ll say that the women’s team is a very tight-knit group on campus. I can genuinely say that I am friends with every member of my team.
Since the formation of the Patriot League in 1991, men’s lacrosse has struggled to be competitive, but this year the program took giant steps forward with a first-ever win against Navy. They also beat traditional powers Rutgers of the Big East and Dartmouth of the Ivy League (it was only the second time beating Dartmouth in 32 tries). The men’s team finished the season with their most wins since 1988, and head coach Jim Morrissey was named Patriot League Coach of the Year.

The women’s team has a more winning history. Head coach Stephanie Ridolfi just completed her 11th season and is the College’s all-time winningest coach. In 2006 and 2007 she led the program to its first two Patriot League titles and NCAA Tournament appearances. The women’s team finished this season with a loss to Navy in the championship final.

Both programs are feeling a groundswell of support from alumni and parents who believe Holy Cross lacrosse can compete and succeed at the highest level.

**COMPETING IN A PREMIER CONFERENCE**

The women finished the regular season with an 8-9 record and made it to the Patriot League Tournament in Annapolis, Md. There they beat American University in the semi-finals and fell to Navy in the finals. Four players earned All Patriot League honors, and in the regular season the team beat Harvard for the first time in the program’s history.

“We had our ups and downs during the regular season, so to get to the semi-final game was very gratifying,” says Ridolfi. “Unfortunately we didn’t perform as well as we would’ve liked against Navy, but we were in the championship game, and not many teams can say that.”

The men’s team finished with a 7-8 record. For the second year in a row, senior captain James Kennedy ’13 was named to the watch list for the Tewaaraton Award, lacrosse’s equivalent to the Heisman trophy, which is awarded to the top men’s and women’s collegiate players in the country. Last year was the first time a Holy Cross player made the watch list.

One of the many highlights of the season for Morrissey’s team was defeating Navy for the first time in college history at Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y. Hundreds of Holy Cross alumni, parents and fans were at the game, which was broadcast on ESPN3.

Not only was the Holy Cross-Navy game a great win for the men’s program, but it was also a chance for alumni to gather, cheer on the players and mobilize their support for the team.

“It was a great opportunity for the College to showcase itself on ESPN and for alumni and parents to rekindle their support for the future of the program,” says George Paletta, M.D., ’84. A former Holy Cross lacrosse star and Varsity Club Hall of Fame member, Paletta says he has seen a dramatic upswing in lacrosse alumni support and interest over the past two years. Paletta, a two-time All American, was the Crusaders’ leading scorer and MVP for three consecutive years. Upon completion of his career he was then the school’s all-time leader in assists, goals and total points scored. During Paletta’s time as a player in the mid-1980s, the men’s lacrosse team experienced huge success, beating larger schools and going 12-2 in 1983 and 12-7 in 1984. Paletta returned to the Hill to serve as a graduate assistant coach in 1987. An orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine, he is currently in his 16th season as team physician for the St. Louis Cardinals. His daughter, Sarah, is a rising junior at Holy Cross.

“There’s a renewed energy among lacrosse alumni,” Paletta says. “With the hiring of Coach Morrissey two years ago and a renewed commitment from the College, the alumni are excited to get behind the team in a more meaningful way.”

After the Holy Cross-Navy men’s game at Citi Field, hundreds of alumni and parents celebrated the victory at a reception, where lacrosse alumni decided to develop a more structured approach to supporting the team and nominated Paletta to chair the leadership committee.

Paletta is happy to take on the role and feels lacrosse is an ideal sport to bring Holy Cross back to its athletic glory days. "It’s a sport that can be successful in a small school setting like Holy Cross,” he says. “Many alumni and I would love to see the program return to its heyday that many of us were fortunate to play in.”

Men’s lacrosse has taken off in the Patriot League, which has established itself as the second-best league in lacrosse in the country, behind the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). Several teams have been ranked nationally, adding to the already highly competitive nature of the league. Next season Boston University and defending national champions Loyola University Maryland both join the Patriot League.

“The Patriot League has elevated itself to a premier conference,” says Morrissey. ‘And with the addition of BU and Loyola, the Patriot League is right there competitively.’

**SPORT OF THE FUTURE**

Despite the fact that lacrosse originated hundreds of years ago, the sport has been dubbed the “sport of the future” because of its rapid growth among youth. For nine consecutive
Patriot League Coach of the Year Jim Morrissey at Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y., where his Crusader men sank Navy 7-5.
years participation has grown at least five percent annually. More than half the participants nationwide are children or teens. According to US Lacrosse, the sport’s governing body, it is the fastest-growing high school and NCAA sport. Since the organization started surveying lacrosse participation nationally in 2001, the number of lacrosse players has grown 184 percent.

This amazing growth leads to what Holy Cross Athletic Director Dick Regan ’76 calls a “volatile cost structure” for the program. Other varsity sports have predictable costs year after year, but as lacrosse continues to grow at the youth level, the program’s budget is more variable. The women’s program has started offering scholarships, and the men’s program will do so in the near future, according to Regan.

**ALUMNI AND PARENT SUPPORT**

Heather Palmer, associate director of the Holy Cross Fund for Annual Athletics Fundraising, says: “In order for our programs to compete in Division I and challenge for league championships, we need additional resources. The Crusader Athletics Fund (CAF) is the main vehicle for alumni, family and friends to provide these resources. CAF has seen a tremendous increase in gifts to lacrosse, which pays for travel expenses, equipment, recruiting costs and video equipment.”

Alumni and parents are also working to build an endowment to provide operating support to lacrosse. In 2006, William “Bill” Brine Jr., ’52, made a challenge grant to the lacrosse program, pledging to match $100,000 in donations from other alumni. Bob Guillocheau ’82 is one lacrosse alumnus who has risen to the challenge. He has been an active supporter of the program and currently serves as a member of the leadership committee being chaired by Paletta. Guillocheau looks back fondly on his time as a lacrosse player at Holy Cross. He injured his knee as a junior and required surgery, but he says even the time spent recovering taught him valuable lessons about perseverance and discipline that have served him well in his career in financial services.

Guillocheau, who lives in Malvern, Pa., says he and other alumni supporters contribute to the program to help level the playing field for the men’s team. Many teams that the men face off against have more funding for scholarships and coaches. “We would like to see the program reach a point where it can consistently compete as one of the top four teams in the Patriot League and be a team to be reckoned with nationally,” he says.

Trish Sutton ’07 knows firsthand the impact that alumni and family support has on the lacrosse program. Sutton is the all-time leader in points, goals and draw controls for Holy Cross women’s lacrosse, and she joined the women’s team as an assistant coach in 2010. She points to the team’s spring break trips to play out-of-conference games in (continued on page 71)
“Before he died, he said he wanted to be buried in the Holy Cross cemetery, and I said, ‘I am sorry, absolutely not!’” chuckles Mrs. Williams, a retired lawyer and grandmother of 15. “I said, ‘You have to be a Jesuit to be buried in the cemetery! That is a non-starter. Where is your second choice of a place to be buried?’ So he was buried in his second-choice cemetery.”

That cemetery turned out to be in Potomac, Md., where Mrs. Williams has lived since she and Edward moved there in 1972 and where the couple built a life together with their seven children. Soon after his death, Mrs. Williams was invited to join the Board of Trustees, and she embraced the challenge as a perfect way to honor her late husband’s deep affection for Holy Cross. “I thought, this is a way to continue his legacy,” she says. “After I’d been on the Board for a while, it wasn’t so much continuing his legacy, but a personal—rather than a derivative—relationship. I felt a personal commitment.”

Indeed, for the last 20-plus years, Mrs. Williams has been intimately involved in shaping the current and future plans for Holy Cross. She established the Edward Bennett Williams Fellows Program with a substantial gift to fund tenure-track positions in psychology, religious studies, English and sociology/anthropology. She created the Agnes N. Williams Fund I with another major gift to enable the College to compete with faculty salaries offered by its competitors. The Agnes N. Williams Fund II, also created with a leadership gift, supports the prelaw program, a particular interest as Agnes and Edward both practiced law. Currently, she is a member of the Advisory Board, a member of the College’s Cornerstone Society, and a lifetime member of the President’s Council.

Frank Vellaccio, senior vice president of the College, has known Mrs. Williams for decades and finds it impossible to overstate her family’s impact on the College. “Agnes’ love of Holy Cross has truly been a grace to us at the College—a gift so amazing we could have done nothing to truly deserve it,” he says. “She gives of her time, her wisdom and her wealth not out of an obligation, but out of a genuine desire to do good in the world. After Agnes has listened to you, the wisest thing you can do is be quiet and listen to her.”

The Williams’ ties with the school now stretch to three generations, something that would no doubt have thrilled Edward. The couple’s son Ned graduated from Holy Cross in 1983 and daughter Dana married a Holy Cross graduate. And last spring, Mrs. Williams headed to campus for the commencement of her granddaughter, Adair Bender ‘12. “Adair had a wonderful experience in every way,” her grandmother says. “At Holy Cross, she had a wonderful education. She met friends who will be her friends for life.”

Mrs. Williams herself is a product of Catholic education, graduating from Georgetown Visitation in Washington, D.C.; College of New Rochelle in New York (1951); and Georgetown Law (1954), where, in 1951, she was in the first class to include women—breaking down gender barriers more than 20 years before Holy Cross went coed.

Becoming a pioneer in coeducation, she admits, wasn’t her motivation in enrolling at Georgetown Law. In fact, her decision to apply came about rather... (continued on page 71)
THE POWER OF ONE

Erin B. Robert ’06

Hometown Broad Brook, Conn.

Family Parents (Maureen and Paul ’77); sister (Allie ’04); brother (Matt)

What she did at Holy Cross “I built a strong foundation as an über-nerd while on The Hill, getting involved in mock trial, moot court, and as a student government co-chair and White House intern through the Washington Semester Program. When I wasn’t camped out in the student government office in Hogan, I was overstaying my welcome in the political science department in Stein.”

How Holy Cross affected her life “Holy Cross cultivated my interests, helped define what I am passionate about and reassured me that we all have our own missions to live, whether working as a Jesuit volunteer or on Wall Street. Holy Cross introduced me to people who were and continue to be incredibly influential in my life—the girls I lived with on Hanselman 4 freshman year and innumerable alumni in the financial services industry who were so generous with their time as I tried to discern my path after graduation. The strength of the Holy Cross alumni network is unparalleled.”

The working life “I am a vice president at J.P. Morgan in the global commodities group. My team provides alternative forms of capital and structured products to energy, power, metals and mining companies. It’s incredibly important to me to work in a field that challenges me intellectually and in a manner that makes a difference. I’m fortunate to have found a company and colleagues who are committed to serving their clients and community. To that end, my “other” job is serving on the board of a group called Part of the Solution (POTS), a Bronx-based organization that offers support to the community through an array of services, in the form of a hot shower, safe mailing address or legal representation.”

Memorable Holy Cross teacher “[The late] Rick Murphy, professor of religious studies, remains one of the most influential people in my life; the spectrum of what I learned from him spans the interconnectedness of major modern religions, a plethora of ‘Seinfeld’ quotations and the difference one person with a solutions-oriented approach makes. I think of him often and miss him.”

Why she stays connected to Holy Cross “I don’t think I truly understood or appreciated the concept of “Magis” while I was on the Hill, but it’s in the water and stays with you. Holy Cross changes your worldview, and you want to stay connected to the community that formed you.”

Why she believes in Holy Cross “There is something audacious about the Holy Cross mission and unapologetically Ignatian about encouraging a crop of 18- to 22-year olds to be ‘men and women for others’ in a world that glorifies perfecting the art of an Instagram self-portrait.”

Why she gives to Holy Cross “I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities Holy Cross afforded me, and I believe that Holy Cross graduates go on to do more and make a difference. That is worth investing in.”
The Holy Cross Alumni Association welcomed 701 new members to its ranks as the Class of 2013 graduated. Welcome!
HCAA President’s Note

WHO WE ARE

Two days after bombs rocked the Boston Marathon, a small group of young alums gathered at the Elephant & Castle Pub in downtown Boston for an event called “God on Tap.” Rev. Jim Hayes, S.J., ’72, led them in an Examen, then invited those present to share how they were feeling in the wake of this devastating event.

It was merely coincidence that the “God on Tap” event occurred so soon after the Marathon bombing—but it was also fortuitous. The 21 young adults who came together that night had the opportunity to gather in community and solidarity following a crisis, much as they might have done during their time at Holy Cross.

The “God on Tap” event illustrates how the Holy Cross Alumni Association serves as a vital link between alums’ four years on Mount St. James and their lives following graduation. A dynamic organization that adjusts and repositions itself to reflect our members’ changing needs and demographics, the HCAA seeks to support and enhance the relationships among alumni/ae, as well as between graduates and the College.

The HCAA is developing innovative ways to engage our members on numerous fronts—spirituality, communication, constituent outreach. We are revising our circa 1980s mission statement to ensure it reflects who we are in the 21st century. We’re also revamping the HCAA section of the Holy Cross website to make it easier to navigate.

In 2012, we expanded the programming offered at Fall Homecoming to broaden its appeal to a wider range of constituencies; those efforts continue as we plan Fall Homecoming 2013. Every spring, the HCAA sponsors a nationwide “Holy Cross Cares Day” to give alums the opportunity to serve their community as well as renew their commitment to the mission of being men and women for others. Our Young Alumni Committee plans numerous events, including “Welcome to Your City” gatherings held in cities across the nation each September, to introduce the HCAA to the College’s newest graduates.

With 35,000 members, the HCAA is the largest organization affiliated with Holy Cross. Our goal, as well as our responsibility, is to engage alumni for life.

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TWO NEW AFFINITY GROUPS JOIN HCAA

Looking to connect with fellow Crusaders who share special interests, passions or career fields? Get involved with one of the Alumni Affinity Groups ... you’ll be happy you did! ■

Career-Based Groups:
- Entrepreneurs Group
- Financial Markets Alumni Network
- Lawyers Association
- Real Estate Group of New York ■

Interest-Based Groups:
- GLBTQ Alumni Network ■
- Marching Band Alumni Association
- O’Callahan ROTC Society

Learn more at http://alumni.holycross.edu/affinity

On March 23, the new GLBTQ Alumni Network held its spring kick-off event, which included a campus tour, discussion sessions and a reception in Crossroads Pub.
REQUIRED READING

A recent read that has stuck in my mind is *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. The authors, the first married couple to win a Pulitzer Prize for journalism, highlight human rights abuses against women in the developing world and challenge readers with a call to action. Each chapter deals with a specific human rights violation (e.g., human trafficking and forced prostitution, mass rape and other gender-related violence and maternal mortality). The authors accessibly review the results of academic studies that assess the success of various aid endeavors, such as microfinance and girls’ education programs. They also tell personal stories of courageous women who have triumphed over these horrors and have started their own successful grassroots movements for change.

My favorite thing about the book is the inspiring evidence that the authors provide regarding the impact that one ambitious person can have on the lives of thousands of women. They give numerous examples of “social entrepreneurs”—individuals in the developing world and in the West who have been moved to help and have effected enormous change. They introduce readers to Zach Hunter, a teenager who started the group Loose Change to Loosen Chains, which successfully organizes students around the United States in a campaign against modern slavery. Readers also meet Mukhtar Mai, a Pakistani gang-rape victim who fought to have her attackers brought to justice and then used the compensation that she received to start a successful school for girls.

For their Western audience, the authors present many specific suggestions of effective ways to contribute to a solution. They highlight organizations that have achieved particular success at helping women in the developing world and are worth supporting with our charitable dollars or as volunteers. The authors also demonstrate that the U.S. government’s stance against these atrocities can contribute to their demise.

*Half the Sky* very successfully makes the point that ending the oppression of women and providing women with the health and education resources that they deserve is a key to economic success for developing countries. The book also impresses upon the reader a moral obligation to speak out against human rights abuses and contribute to the solution. Although at times a gut-wrenching read, its message is one of hope and inspiration.

ENJOY THE ARTS IN AUGUST!

Join Holy Cross alumni and friends for two very special events this summer. For more information go to [http://alumni.holycross.edu/artsinaugust](http://alumni.holycross.edu/artsinaugust)

**Saturday, August 3**
*The Bridges of Madison County*, Williamstown Theatre Festival
Williamstown, Mass.
3:30 p.m. showtime
This world premiere production is directed by Tony Award winner, director and Holy Cross alumnus, Bart Sher ’81.

**Sunday, August 25**
Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood Lenox, Mass.
2:30 p.m., gates open at 12 noon
Bring your chairs and picnic lunch and enjoy an afternoon on the lawn for a performance of Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9.
The Holy Cross Alumni Association has announced the 2013 recipients of the In Hoc Signo and Young Alumni Leadership Awards, which recognize significant and exceptional service to alma mater.

Constance A. Eagan ‘81, Brian A. O’Connell ‘71, David J. Martel ‘65 and Francis X. Stankard ’53 (above, from left) will be honored with the In Hoc Signo Award. Cymetra M. Williams ’03 (above, right) will be presented with the Young Alumni Leadership Award.

**Constance A. Eagan ‘81**

Connie Eagan ’81 has consistently invested herself in service to Holy Cross for more than three decades. A Holy Cross Advisory Board member since 2007, she was a College Trustee from 1996 to 2004 and served on a variety of Trustee subcommittees, including finance, student affairs, audit and institutional advancement. She is the first woman to have served as national chair of the Holy Cross Fund (2001-2006).

Eagan has taken on wide-ranging leadership and other volunteer roles in support of advancing the Holy Cross mission. She has served on the Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York since its founding in 1998. She helps to raise funds for summer internships as a member of its annual dinner committee. She was an *ex officio* member of the Lift High the Cross Steering Committee and chaired the New York regional campaign committee. She has been an active member of the Class of 1981 reunion committees since her *cum laude* graduation.

Eagan, who joined Bank of America as a managing director in 2001, is a senior vice president in the bank’s global corporate and investment banking group in New York City, where she lives. She counts her father, Bill Eagan ’49, four siblings and two uncles among her strong ties to the Holy Cross family.

**Brian A. O’Connell ‘71**

Brian O’Connell ’71, a Holy Cross Trustee from 1971 to 1973, was president of the Holy Cross Alumni Association from 2011 to 2012. O’Connell holds the distinction of having served on virtually every Alumni Association committee during his 30-plus years of volunteer service to the College. Since his 1978 election to the board of directors of the Alumni Association, he has served continuously as either a director or a member of the Alumni Senate. He was also a Class Chair from 1974 to 1986.

O’Connell, who was vice president of the Alumni Association from 2007 to 2010, currently serves as chair of the HCAA committee on spirituality. President of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Worcester from 1980 to 1981, he has
served on the club’s board of directors since 1974. A class agent, he was also a gift chair for his 40th reunion.

O’Connell is an attorney and the director of finance and chief of staff of the Killingly (Conn.) Public Schools. A graduate of Harvard Law School, he has been re-elected to the Worcester School Committee for continuous terms since 1984. He is a member of the board of trustees of Anna Maria College and Worcester Academy, and serves on the Parish Council of St. John’s Church in Worcester.

DAVID J. MARTEL ’65

David Martel ’65 has worked faithfully for nearly half a century to keep his classmates communicating with each other and informed about today’s Holy Cross through his twice-yearly “Poop-Basic Dispatch” newsletter. A highly effective class chair, Martel is also a past president of the Holy Cross Club of Pioneer Valley. His efforts to engage alumni have extended beyond his class and his region, adding strength to other regional clubs. He organizes a golf tournament each July and has hosted an annual dinner in New York City for the past decade. Martel was honored with the Holy Cross Fund’s Matthew P. Cavanaugh Award in recognition of his efforts as an outstanding class chair.

Martel’s efforts to maintain cohesiveness among his classmates and a strong connection to the College have been demonstrated in the annual impact of the Class of 1965 members’ participation level in support of the Holy Cross Fund. The class has won seven Group Awards in support of the Holy Cross Fund since the early 1990s. In 2011, the Class of 1965 recorded an enviable 66-percent participation rate.

Martel, a partner in the law firm Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury & Murphy, earned his law degree in 1972 at The Catholic University Columbus School of Law. He and his wife, Jane, live in Longmeadow, Mass., and are the parents of two children.

FRANCIS X. STANKARD ’53

Francis Stankard ’53 has served Holy Cross faithfully for more than six decades through his high-profile leadership and behind-the-scenes service. A Holy Cross Trustee from 1984 to 1992, Stankard also has served as gift chair for every reunion year for the Class of 1953 and as a class agent. He has been a member of the Holy Cross Advisory Board since its inception in 2006. He was national chair of the Holy Cross Fund from 1980 to 1983 and an inaugural member of the Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York, established in 1998.

During his years as executive vice president for international banking with Chase Manhattan Bank in New York and, later, as vice president with American Express Bank, Stankard provided valuable career counseling and, when possible, employment opportunities to dozens of Holy Cross alumni and mentored new graduates as a volunteer with the College’s Career Advisory Network. In addition to his service to alma mater, he has given generously of his time in volunteer service as a man for others through his church and his community.

Stankard lives in Raleigh, N.C., with his wife, Elsa. They are the parents of three children, including Charles ’84 and John ’89.

CYMETRA M. WILLIAMS ’03

Cymetra Williams ’03 has been a committed volunteer for Holy Cross and the Alumni Association since graduation. An active and engaged member of the Bishop Healy Committee as well as its executive committee, she has served as a mentor for countless Holy Cross students over the past 10 years. In addition, she is a board member of the Holy Cross Alumni Association and member of the nominations and elections and Fall Homecoming committees. Williams served on the advisory planning committees for the 40th Anniversary of Coeducation Retreat sponsored by the Chaplains’ Office as well as the 40th Anniversary of the Black Student Union. She is an active alumni admissions volunteer and alumni career advisor and participates in the Metro New York regional club’s Holy Cares Day project.

Upon graduation, Williams spent two years teaching English in Japan. She received master’s degrees in public health and public administration in health policy from Columbia University. Having spent the last five years working in health care management, Williams is currently a student at the Seton Hall University School of Law. This summer she will be a summer associate at Foster Pepper PLLC in Seattle. Williams is originally from Seattle and now resides in Newark, N.J.

THE HCAA FALL HOMECOMING DINNER

OCTOBER 4, 2013

Alumni, family and friends are invited to attend this annual gathering to honor the In Hoc Signo and Young Alumni Leadership award recipients. For tickets or sponsorship information, visit http://alumni.holycross.edu/hcaadinner or call 508-793-2418.
Participants in the panel discussion on April 15 at the Paley Center for Media were (above, left to right): Meredith Lavender ’00, producer and screenwriter of ABC-TV’s “Nashville”; Eddie Hairston ’09, teacher at Verbum Dei High School; Bill Simmons ’92, columnist and commentator for ESPN and Grantland; Charlotte Eyerman ’87, art historian, curator and director of FRAME (French Regional American Museum Exchange), North America; Peter Jankowski ’86, president and COO of Wolf Films, creator of the “Law and Order” franchise; and Ann McDermott ’79, director of Admissions, who moderated the discussion.
Purple pride was fully evident April 14 and 15 when Holy Cross went “on the road” to Los Angeles.

In what has become a signature initiative, the Mount St. James experience was transported directly to southern California, to high school students, parents, teachers and alumni. For high school students who may not have a chance to visit campus, it was a highly personal introduction to Holy Cross, a unique chance to meet the College president and get a glimpse into the power of the alumni network. For grads, it was a reminder of what makes their alma mater truly distinctive.

Over the course of two days, Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J., president of Holy Cross, celebrated Mass, music Assistant Professor Daniel DiCenso ’98 gave a talk on cultural messages in pop music, lunch was served beachside in Santa Monica and alumni reconnected at the hip Paley Center for Media in Beverly Hills, where they visited an exhibit of Warner Bros. television artifacts (including the diner from the “Seinfeld” set). The highlight was a panel discussion, moderated by Admissions Director Ann McDermott ’79, featuring local alumni working in a variety of fields and sharing how Holy Cross shaped their lives.

Said Blaze Hilario, an accepted student from St. Monica Catholic High School in Santa Monica, “I wasn’t sure about committing to Holy Cross. But meeting everyone and seeing this community helped me make up my mind.” Welcome to the Class of 2017, Blaze!”
This spring, more than 400 alumni, families and friends across the country put the Holy Cross “mission in motion” by taking part in the 4th Annual National Holy Cross Cares Day.

The “day” was actually spread over a series of events throughout March and April, allowing regional clubs from Boston to San Francisco to show purple pride while volunteering in their local communities. On April 13 in Worcester, while students cleared brush in Middle River Park on the east side of campus, alumni volunteers and their families tackled Cookson Park, just off the west side of campus. The alumni team raked and removed a lot of branches and sticks downed during the harsh winter months, preparing the neighborhood park for summer enjoyment.

Fifteen alumni volunteers came out on Holy Cross Cares Day to tame the rough areas of Cookson Park. Many brought their children to help in the effort. According to Associate Director of Alumni Relations Tom Cadigan ’02 (above, kneeling, in purple shirt): “It was a great day to get outside, celebrate spring and make an impact in the local community. Together, we cleared a big pile of brush and opened up several paths in the park. We went home tired … but happy.”

Have you recently moved to a new city? Are you looking to connect with fellow Crusaders? Be sure to attend National “Welcome to Your City” Day on Thursday, Sept. 12, sponsored by the Holy Cross Alumni Association.

From Atlantic to Pacific, this program helps you make connections in fun, happy hour gatherings. Visit http://alumni.holycross.edu/awtyc for a list of the participating cities and locations.
(continued from page 60) places such as Florida, Colorado and North Carolina. “Without alumni and parent support, there’s no way we could make those trips,” she says. And there’s nothing like a home cooked meal when you’re traveling to help boost team spirit. “Parents host us for team meals when we’re on the road,” she says. “It’s a fun time for the girls, and it’s great for team bonding.”

“The parents have been the best cheerleaders for the program,” adds Coach Ridolfi. “They’ve really supported us both at home and on the road and have made a huge difference.”

Myles and Kim Gillespie, parents of Myles ’13, senior captain of the men’s team, both played lacrosse at Franklin & Marshall College. They support the Holy Cross program financially and in other ways, such as serving dinner at their home in Rye, N.Y., when the men’s team travels for away games nearby.

“Holy Cross is very demanding academically, and I give these kids credit for balancing that kind of class work with the demands of a Division I program. We want the best for the program and will support it in any way possible,” says the elder Myles.

Some parents from the men’s team also helped fund a two-night stay in New Jersey during the team’s spring break travels so they wouldn’t have to drive back to campus after a game at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut. They were scheduled to leave campus to drive to New Jersey to play Rutgers in two days. Instead, the team stayed in a hotel and practiced at a player’s high school field in New Jersey. The team went on to beat Rutgers. “Beating a Big East team like that was huge,” says Morrissey.

Parent and alumni fundraising has also helped pay for the men’s goalie coach, Dan McKeon, to work with the women’s goalies on a part-time basis.

“Coaching three goalkeepers and more than 20 players with just the two of us is a daunting task,” says Ridolfi. “Having someone in house who knows the position to work individually with our goalies has been great,” she says. The one-on-one attention has paid off—junior goalie Sarah Weber was named Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week after the team’s victories over Central Connecticut and Lehigh in April, in which she tallied a 6.00 goals against average and a .571 save percentage. Weber is ranked third in the Patriot League in saves per game.

Ridolfi acknowledges that for the women’s program, alumni financial support isn’t as strong as for the men’s program, but encourages women alumni to consider supporting their former team. “However much or however little, it does make a difference and enhances the student athlete experience,” she says.

The tremendous amount of alumni and parent support, financial and otherwise, is vital to the lacrosse program. Their commitment to the teams’ success bodes well for Holy Cross lacrosse as the coaches plan for the future in a league that’s more competitive than ever.

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(continued from page 61) accidentally. Agnes was at a friend’s wedding when a guest’s date mentioned that the law center was opening itself up to women for the first time. She had already been accepted to a master’s program at Georgetown, but her mother—who knew her daughter’s heart wasn’t sold on the path she was pursuing—persuaded her to apply to the law school and defer admission to the other program. And off she went.

Agnes’ first day didn’t start quite as smoothly as she had hoped. “I arrived at the school by bus,” she says. “There was a bus stop at the front door, and the entire sidewalk was covered with returning male students. I didn’t have the courage to get off the bus, so I rode to the next stop. But you know? Once I got there, I did not feel intimidated at all.”

It didn’t take long for her to know that she fit in. “After a couple of weeks, I thought this is my cup of tea!” says Mrs. Williams, who was one of only two women in the law school’s day division. She was also the first woman on the staff of The Georgetown Law Journal, though her journey to get there was a tad roundabout. “Actually, I was either the victim or beneficiary of sexual stereotyping, because a couple of the [male] editors invited me to join the staff as a first-year student to do the typing,” she says. “They were doing the typing, and they were sure that I must be able to type. And I said, indeed, I had a summer job typing and had passed the civil service examination, so they welcomed me. But I got to know them in a very nontthreatening way, and then the next year I was a staff member.”

Due to her hard work and burgeoning love of the law, Mrs. Williams had no problem winning over the faculty. “One of the faculty members, who had the reputation of being quite a curmudgeon, called me aside after a few months,” she recalls, “and said, ‘I wanted to tell you that I was one of the faculty that most bitterly opposed women. I thought they’d just be coming here to get dates.’ And he said, ‘I want to apologize to you and to [the other female student in the day division]. You are both very serious students, and I’m very happy to have both of you in my classes.’ And that made me feel very good.”

Although her generous giving makes her a person of interest to many, Mrs. Williams wishes she could avoid all the special fuss over her. In fact, when she was told in 2000 that she would be awarded a papal medal for distinguished service to the Church, she tried to turn it down. “I would have said ‘no thank you,’ but there isn’t any way to say no thank you,” she says. “I’m not very much for medals and honors—or magazine articles. I almost said no [to this interview], but it’s hard to say no to Holy Cross.” Or, apparently, the Pope.

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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 email to Karen Harney at kharney@holycross.edu, attaching a copy of a newspaper obituary, if available.

1938
Joseph B. O’Malley Sr.
Joseph O’Malley died Dec. 26, 2012, in the Shrewsbury (Mass.) Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, at 96. During his career, Mr. O’Malley was a longtime senior executive for the U.S. government in Boston and Washington, D.C., retiring as deputy assistant commissioner for the General Services Administration. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. O’Malley is survived by a son; a daughter-in-law; and two granddaughters.

John W. Cavanaugh
John Cavanaugh, of Grand Island, N.Y., died July 11, 2012. Mr. Cavanaugh was a Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by two sons; three sisters; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Vincent de Paul Holland
Vincent de Paul Holland, of Palm City, Fla., died Dec. 26, 2012. During his career, Mr. Holland was the owner of a beverage company on Long Island, N.Y. He was an active member of the community, serving as president of the Patchogue (N.Y.) Kiwanis Club among other endeavors, and an active parishioner of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Palm City. A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, Mr. Holland had been a battalion commander in the Pacific theater. He was captain of the basketball team at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Holland is survived by his wife, Ethel; two daughters, including Patricia H. Forts ’81; two sons-in-law, including Jeffrey B. Forts ’81; several stepchildren; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Anthony J. Parisi, M.D.
Anthony Parisi, M.D., died Sept. 20, 2012, at 92. A graduate of the Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, Dr. Parisi was an attending physician, throughout his career, at the Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven, Conn. A Navy Medical Corps veteran, he served aboard the USS Livingston and the USS Juneau—and, later, at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., as a member of the Reserve. Dr. Parisi is survived by four sons; their spouses; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a nephew; and three nieces.

Joseph W. Pratt
Joseph Pratt died Oct. 31, 2012, at 93. A lifelong resident of Hopkinton, Mass., Mr. Pratt had been a local builder, farmer and insurance agent and, also a member of the Woodville Rod and Gun Club for many years. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Pratt is survived by his wife, Mary; four sons; two daughters; their spouses; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1941
Lee F. Bartlett Jr.
Lee Bartlett, a lifelong resident of Worcester, died Dec. 16, 2012, in St. Vincent Hospital, at 93. Involved for many years in the field of education, primarily with Worcester Public Schools, Mr. Bartlett had most recently served as the director of school public relations in Worcester, from 1958 to 1966, and as the director of non-instructional personnel, from 1966 until his retirement in 1970. A teacher and principal in the Auburn (Mass.) Public Schools at the start of his career, he became a guidance counselor in 1950 at the former High School of Commerce in Worcester. Active in the community after retiring, Mr. Bartlett had been the director, for many years, of the Greendale Retired Men’s Chorus and director/ Violinist of the Trinity Symphonette “Big Band.” Additional pursuits included serving as chairman of the Worcester Memorial Auditorium Committee, member of the Worcester Commission on Elder Affairs, coordinator for New England activities of the Co-Workers of the Mother Teresa of Calcutta organization and past president of several professional educators associations. The recipient of the Holy Cross Alumni Association In Hoc Signo Award in 2007, Mr. Bartlett was a past president of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Worcester; a Holy Cross class agent and a 1942 class correspondent. He was a parishioner of Our Lady of the Rosary Church. A first lieutenant in the Army during World War II, Mr. Bartlett served with military intelligence in the Aleutian Islands. Receiving his master’s degree in education from Worcester State University and his Ph.D. from the former Calvin Coolidge College in Boston, he pursued graduate studies at Harvard, Boston and Fitchburg State universities. Mr. Bartlett is survived by a son, Rev. Lee F. III ’67; a daughter, a son-in-law; and four grandchildren, including Liam B. Kelly ’03, Aislinn B. Kelly ’07 and Patrick B. Kelly ’10.

William E. Neagle Jr.
William Neagle, of Lincolnton, N.C., died Oct. 16, 2012, at 92. Born in Baltimore, Mr. Neagle was raised in Floral Park, N.Y. He had been a scholar and an avid reader. Mr. Neagle is survived by his wife, Josephine; two sons, William E. III ’69 and Thomas J. ’70; two daughters; son-in-law Edward P. Smith ’60; a sister; 12 grandchildren, including Michael E. ’98, Edward P. Smith III ’07, Caitrin E. O’Sullivan ’07 and Thomas E. Smith ’10; and three great-grandchildren. His brother was the late Thomas H. ’43.

1943
Paul M. Phipps
Paul Phipps, a lifelong resident of Hopkinton, Mass., died Dec. 23, 2012, in Westborough, Mass., at 91. During his career, Mr. Phipps owned and operated the Paul M. Phipps Insurance Agency, Inc., from 1950 until his retirement in 1995. Involved in community affairs throughout his career, he was founder and past chairman of the Hopkinton Chamber of Commerce, which honored him as its “Man of the Year.” In addition, Mr. Phipps was active in numerous veterans groups, civic organizations, educational associations, the Boy Scouts and St. John’s Parish, as well as in fundraising efforts for the American Cancer Society and other charities. A star athlete at his alma mater Hopkinton High School, he was inducted into its Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996. Mr. Phipps was founder, president and coach of the Hopkinton Little League; board director and tournament chairman of the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, Mass.; a member of the board of governors for the Boston Athletic Association; and a longtime supporter of runners of the Boston Marathon. A Marine Corps veteran of World War II attaining the rank of captain, he fought in the 1945 battle of Iwo Jima in the Pacific theater. Mr. Phipps had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; two sons; a daughter-in-law; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1944
Ernest F. Duhaime
Ernest Duhaime, of Westerly, R.I., died Sept. 28, 2012, at the South County Hospital in Wakefield, R.I., at 92. During his career, Mr. Duhaime co-founded, co-owned and operated Forestville Lumber Co., Plainville, Conn., from 1946 until his retirement in 1986. A pilot with the Army Air Corps in World War II, he attained the rank of first lieutenant. Mr. Duhaime lived in Plainville and Bristol, Conn., before relocating to Rhode Island in 1965. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn “Mary” (Crumbs) Linndell Duhaime; two sons; three daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; four
stepdaughters; 25 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. His brother was the late Richard E. Sr. ’47.

1945
Vincent L. Maloney
Vincent Maloney, of Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y., died April 12, 2012. Mr. Maloney is survived by his wife, Claire; two sons; a daughter; and two granddaughters. His brother was the late William J. ’41.

1946
J. O’Neill Duffy
J. O’Neill Duffy died Nov. 17, 2012, at his home in Rumson, N.J., at 87. Mr. Duffy was the co-founder and president of Duffy Inc. Space Planners and Designers in New York. A community activist, he served as a member of the borough councilman for the Borough of Rumson and a member of Holy Cross Church in Rumson. A World War II Navy veteran, Mr. Duffy served as a色彩官 aboard the USS Mogge in the Pacific theater. He is survived by two sons; a daughter-in-law, a brother, a sister-in-law; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Frederick M. Mansour, D.M.D
Frederick Mansour, D.M.D., of Lancaster, Mass., died Sept. 11, 2012, in UMass Memorial Hospital, Worcester, at 87. During his career, Dr. Mansour worked many years as an orthodontist in Fitchburg and Gardner, Mass., while also volunteering his services at a clinic in a Virginia town. Receiving his degree in 1950 from the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, he was graduated from the orthodontic program at Tufts in 1961. Prior to becoming a dentist, Dr. Mansour had been employed as a chemist in Worcester and New York. He is survived by his wife, Bernadette; two sons; two daughters; their spouses; a brother; a sister; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1947
Joseph P. Lynch
Joseph Lynch, of Cherry Hill, N.J., died Sept. 24, 2012, at 85. Mr. Lynch served as senior corporate counsel for RCA in southern New Jersey for more than 30 years, retiring in 1987; he was a 1950 graduate of Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass. An Army veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Lynch worked several years as an attorney for the Navy in the 1950s. He is survived by a son; two daughters; their spouses; a sister-in-law; five grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces, including John J. Jr. ’69, Eleanor A. ’79 and grandnephew Brian J. ’07.

Walter Majsk
Walter Majsk died Dec. 27, 2012, at Apple Rehab of Farmington Valley, Plainville, Conn., at 86. During his career, Mr. Majsk had worked 20 years as a salesman for Torrington Plumbing and Heating in Waterbury, Conn., retiring in 2002. Involved in community affairs in Plainville, he had been a long-time member of the board of education, past president of the Rotary Club, and lifelong member of Our Lady of Mercy Church. Captain of the track team at Holy Cross, Mr. Majsk had been a three-sport star athlete at alma mater Plainville High School, where he was inducted into the sports hall of fame; he had been active over the years as a high school and college football official. Mr. Majsk was an Army veteran. He is survived by four sons; a daughter; their spouses; nine grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1948
Thomas J. Joyce
Thomas Joyce, a lifelong resident of Clinton, Mass., died Dec. 25, 2012, in the Shrewsbury (Mass.) Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, at 89. Prior to his retirement in 1986, Mr. Joyce taught business for 23 years at Clinton High School and, during this time, served as the distributive education director. Previously, he worked at the former Wickwire Spencer Steel Corp. in Clinton. Mr. Joyce was a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, financial secretary for the Clinton District Nursing Association and an active parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Mr. Joyce is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; three sons; a daughter; their spouses; a brother; a sister; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1949
John F. Hefferman Jr., M.D.
John Hefferman Jr., M.D., of Seafood, Del., died Dec. 5, 2012, at 84. A graduate of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, Dr. Hefferman practiced medicine in Little Silver, N.J., until his retirement in 1991; subsequently relocating to Seafood, he became a physician with the Cheaptown Community Health Services in Frederalsburg, Md. Dr. Hefferman had been a physician in the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his wife, Iwanka; a daughter, a son-in-law; his mother-in-law; and two granddaughters.

1950
Peter Driscoll Jr.
Peter Driscoll, formerly of Connecticut, died Sept. 13, 2012, on Saint Helena Island, S.C., at 83. During his career, Mr. Driscoll was the principal for 35 years, of the family insurance business J.C. Driscoll Agency, in Georgetown, Conn. He had also been active in community affairs, serving as director of the Norwalk Savings Society, among other endeavors. Mr. Driscoll resided in South Carolina for the past 20 years. He was a first lieutenant during the Korean War and a recipient of the Purple Heart with Gold Star. Mr. Driscoll is survived by his wife, Lois; two sons, including Peter ’74; five daughters, including Jennifer D. Petrin ’78; 13 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a niece. His brothers were the late James C. Jr. ’43 and John R. ’45.

Charles J. Hart Jr.
Charles Hart died Dec. 21, 2012, at Francis House in Syracuse, N.Y., at 86. A lifelong resident of the Syracuse area, Mr. Hart had owned and operated Hart Jr. Real Estate for 31 years, retiring in 1992. He began his career with Egan Real Estate in residential sales and, later, in management. He had been a long-time, active member of St. Theresa Church, now All Saints Parish. Mr. Hart was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific theater. He is survived by a son, Charles J. III ’75; a daughter-in-law, a brother, a sister, and a brother-in-law.

The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, Mr. Manahan had also been active for many years in the Little League program as a coach and manager. A Navy veteran, he served in the Pacific aboard the USS LST-807. Mr. Manahan is survived by his wife, Ilene; four sons, including Kevin P. ’81; a daughter; their spouses; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.
Henry J. Heim, D.D.S.
Henry “Hank” Heim, D.D.S., died Sept. 12, 2012, at his home in Bethesida, Md. Dr. Heim is survived by his wife, Eileen; a son; four daughters; their spouses; a brother; and 16 grandchildren.

Thomas M. Lofts
Thomas “Murray” Lofts, of Cambridge, Mass., died Sept. 17, 2012, at 86. During his career, Mr. Lofts had worked almost 25 years for the former W.T. Grant Co.; prior to his retirement in 1985, he had been employed by the Veterans Administration. Mr. Lofts lived with his family for many years in West Harwich, Mass. An Army veteran, he served in the European theater during World War II. Mr. Lofts is survived by three sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and four grandchildren.

John J. Nolan Sr.
John “Jack” Nolan, a longtime resident of Winchester, Mass., died Dec. 14, 2012, at 84. During his career, Mr. Nolan served 45 years on the faculty of Suffolk University Law School in Boston, retiring in 2001. He had received his Juris doctor from Suffolk and his L.L.M. from Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Nolan was an active member of St. Mary’s Church in Winchester. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Nolan is survived by his wife, Adrienne; four sons; a daughter; three daughters-in-law; a brother; two sisters; their spouses; five grandchildren; and six nephews and nieces.

Thomas L. O’Hara Jr.
Thomas O’Hara died Sept. 29, 2012, at 83. Active for many years in the insurance industry, Mr. O’Hara had worked for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. in Philadelphia, the Metropolitan Insurance Co. in Boston, founded and served as president of the Trans-Tech Insurance Agency and held the post of vice president of the Frank B. Hall Insurance Agency. A former member of the Army Reserve in Philadelphia, Mr. O’Hara was subsequently an ensign in the Coast Guard, serving two years on active duty, followed by 29 years in the reserve as the commanding officer of five reserve units in New England and five group commands. Additional duties included membership as senior Coast Guard officer on the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee in Washington, D.C.; ambassador, Massachusetts, for the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; and executive reservist for the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and several Coast Guard medals, Mr. O’Hara retired from the service as a captain. Active in community affairs, he held leadership positions in several hospice organizations, among other endeavors. A longtime resident of Weston, Mass., Mr. O’Hara had most recently resided in Wayland, Mass., where he was an active member of St. Ann Church. He is survived by his wife, Maureen; two sons; three daughters; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a brother, Richard S., M.D., ’52; two sisters; eight grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and many nephews and nieces, including Holy Cross alumni.

Charles V. Reynolds Jr.
Charles “Charlie” Reynolds died Jan. 25, 2013, at 83. Receiving his master’s degree in international politics from Boston College in 1967 and his Ph.D. in history from Boston University in 1978, Mr. Reynolds taught for 33 years, first at the former Boston State College and, later, at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay; he specialized in American and U.S. Maritime history. In 1994, Mr. Reynolds taught six months at Xavier High School in Trujk, the Federated States of Micronesia. At the start of his career, he owned and operated with his brother the family construction business, Reynolds Brothers Inc., based in Canton, Mass.; Mr. Reynolds served as treasurer of the company from 1955 to 1960. In addition, he was treasurer of the Ponkapoag Realty Corp., also based in Canton, from 1960 to 1966, and director of the Canton Cooperative Bank for 50 years. A Navy veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Reynolds served as a gunnery officer and navigator aboard the USS Sturtevant. Following retirement, he had been an active supporter of the Holy Cross equestrian team and a volunteer at St. Francis House in Boston; during his lifetime, Mr. Reynolds received many awards in trail rides and sailing regattas. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Reynolds is survived by a son; five daughters, including Ellen Reynolds Meckel ’79, Betsy Reynolds Powers ’80 and Alicia Reynolds McGrath ’82; three sons-in-law, including James P. McGrath ’79; a daughter-in-law; a brother; a sister; and 13 grandchildren.

1951
William R. Goltermann, D.D.S.
William Goltermann, D.D.S., died Nov. 26, 2012, in Staten Island (N.Y.) University Hospital, at 83. A graduate of the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine in New York City, Dr. Goltermann practiced dentistry in Great Kills, N.Y., for 45 years, retiring in 2003; he had been a member of the staff of Richmond Memorial Hospital on Staten Island, from 1970 to 1977. Past president and co-chair of the Fluoridation Committee of the Richmond County Dental Society, Dr. Goltermann received the society’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 1995. His community involvement included holding leadership positions in the Staten Island Zoological Society and the South Shore Rotary. Dr. Goltermann was a captain in the Air Force from 1955 to 1957. He is survived by four sons; two daughters; a brother; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1952
John King, M.D.
John King, M.D., died Oct. 21, 2012, at his home in La Selva Beach, Calif., at 85. During his career, Dr. King had maintained a practice in general surgery for 47 years in Santa Cruz, Calif.; chief of staff at the Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, from 1978 to 1982; he was also appointed to the California State Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. King was an Army veteran of World War II and a 1955 graduate of St. Louis (Mo.) Medical School. He is survived by his wife, Julia; four sons; three daughters; two sons-in-law; four daughters-in-law; a brother; and nine grandchildren.

George D. Lynch, D.D.S.
George Lynch, D.D.S., died Dec. 11, 2012, at the John Scott House Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Braintree, Mass., at 85. A 1957 graduate of the Georgetown University School of Dentistry, Washington, D.C., Dr. Lynch maintained a private dental practice in Whitman, Mass., for almost 50 years. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. A part-time national college talent scout for 50 years for the New England Patriots and the New York Football Giants, Dr. Lynch recruited students for the Holy Cross football program in the 1960s and 1970s. He was a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Dr. Lynch is survived by two sons; three daughters, including Catherine C. Leary ’77 and Kara P. Harty ’87; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law, including Maureen Handley Lynch ’77; two brothers; a sister; 11 grandchildren, including Meghan D. Leary ’04; and his longtime companion Elizabeth Puffer.

Howard J. Moragan
Howard Moragueh died Nov. 26, 2012, at his home in New Milford, Conn., at 87. A member of the Connecticut judiciary for more than 40 years, Mr. Moragueh had been a Superior Court judge from 1974 until his retirement in 2000; he then became a judge trial referee. Mr. Moragueh’s previous assignments were judge of the Court of Common Pleas, from 1975 to 1978, and judge of the Circuit Court, from 1969 to 1975. He was also administrative judge of the Judicial District of Danbury for 11 years and a member of the Judicial Review Council for 16 years. A 1957 graduate of Boston College Law School, Mr. Moragueh began his career in private practice with Robert L. Sullivan in New Milford, Conn.; subsequently joining in partnership with probate judge Harry B. Bradbury in 1958, he was named assistant prosecuting attorney in the Circuit Court in 1961 and prosecuting attorney in 1967. Mr. Moragueh had been a member of several bar associations, a parishioner of St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady of the
Lakes parishes in New Milford and a board member of the town’s baseball league. A Navy veteran, he served aboard the USS Loser during the Korean War and later became a member of the Naval Reserve. Mr. Morahan is survived by his wife, Linda; three sons, including Paul F. ’78 and David A. ’80; a daughter-in-law; two grandchildren; and several cousins.

Robert J. Moylan
Robert Moylan died Nov. 27, 2012, at his home in New Canaan, Conn., at 82. A 1957 graduate of the New York Law School in New York City, Mr. Moylan had worked for Dewey Ballantine LLP and the American Can Company, as the director of real estate. Active in town and community affairs in New Canaan, Mr. Moylan had previously resided in Greenwich, Conn., and Pleasantville, N.Y. He was a Navy veteran. Mr. Moylan is survived by his wife, Barbara; four sons; two daughters; a sister; and nine grandchildren.

Dudley J. Sanderson
Dudley Sanderson died Oct. 18, 2012, at 82. During his career, Mr. Sanderson had worked for IBM. He was an Army veteran. Mr. Sanderson is survived by his wife, Betty Jean; two sons; three daughters; their spouses; two brothers; two sisters, including Peter J. ’54; a sister, a brother-in-law; three sisters-in-law; 10 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1953
Martin B. MacInnis
Martin MacInnis, of Towanda, Pa., died Nov. 6, 2012, at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa., at 87. During his career, Mr. MacInnis had been employed by GTE Sylvania, Oram and Global Tungsten Products; involved in obtaining numerous patents for their tungsten business; he was elected to the GTE Hall of Fame for Science. A graduate of St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada, Mr. MacInnis received his master of science degree in chemistry from Holy Cross in 1953 and his Ph.D. from McGill University in Montreal. He had been a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Towanda. Mr. MacInnis is survived by a son; two daughters; their spouses; nine grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

H. Michael Schiffer
H. Michael “Mike” Schiffer, of Claryville, N.Y., died Sept. 15, 2012, at 80. Active in the insurance industry for 37 years, Mr. Schiffer had been the director of government and industry relations for the CIGNA Corp. of Hartford, Conn., retiring in 1993; he subsequently served four years as a consultant for CIGNA and the Healthcare Leadership Council. A Marine Corps veteran, Mr. Schiffer was a commissioned officer at Quantico, Va., and Camp Lejeune, N.C. As a resident of Bloomfield, Conn., Washington, D.C., Claryville and Tucson, Ariz., he had been an active member of the parish communities located there. Mr. Schiffer is survived by his wife, Margaret; four sons; seven daughters; their spouses; two sisters; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1954
Paul J. Otis
Paul Otis died Nov. 28, 2012, at his home in San Diego, at 80. During his career, Mr. Otis taught history and English in the San Diego city schools for 40 years. Graduating from Holy Cross with a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps, he retired as a colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves. Mr. Otis had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; a son; a daughter; their spouses; two sisters; a grandson; and many nephews and nieces.

Robert A. Seidel, M.D.
Robert Seidel, M.D., of Scituate, Mass., died Sept. 24, 2012, at 79. A 1963 graduate of the New Jersey College of Medicine in Jersey City, Dr. Seidel practiced internal medicine in Scituate for 45 years, retiring in 2012; he had been affiliated with the New England Medical Center in Boston, Boston City Hospital, Quincy (Mass.) City Hospital and South Shore Hospital in South Weymouth, Mass., where he served in many leadership capacities. From 1966 to 1980, Dr. Seidel held academic positions at the New Jersey College of Medicine, Tufts University in Boston and Boston City Hospital. His membership in professional organizations included the Infectious Diseases Society of America. A veteran, Dr. Seidel served in the Army from 1955 to 1957. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. Dr. Seidel is survived by his wife, Jean; a son; two daughters, including Elizabeth A. ’90; a son-in-law; three sisters; two brothers-in-law; a sister-in-law; and several nephews and nieces.

1955
John J. Drislan Jr.
John Drislan, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., died Oct. 17, 2012, at 78. Mr. Drislan was a retired lieutenant colonel of the U.S. Air Force and, also, retired classified personnel director for the Charleston County (S.C.) Schools. He is survived by his wife, Eileen; a son; three daughters; their spouses; a sister; and five grandchildren.

Donald K. McLaughlin
Donald McLaughlin, of Mt. Lebanon, Pa., died Oct. 25, 2012, at 80. Mr. McLaughlin had been a Marine Corps veteran and a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; a son; a daughter; their spouses; two sisters; a grandson; and many nephews and nieces.

1956
Rev. Frederick J. Allen, M.M.
Rev. Frederick Allen, M.M., died Sept. 23, 2012, in Osning, N.Y., at 77. A Maryknoll priest for 47 years, Fr. Allen entered Maryknoll College in Glen Ellyn, Ill., in 1959. Ordained to the priesthood in 1965, he completed a master’s degree in Latin American studies at Saint Louis University prior to beginning his assignment in the Maryknoll’s mission region in Chile; during his long-time ministry there, Fr. Allen served San Miguel Parish in Licantrén for many years. Returning to the United States in 1995, he was assigned to the Maryknoll residence in Los Altos, Calif.; following retirement in 1997, Fr. Allen relocated to St. Teresa’s Residence in Osning. A Navy veteran, he had been a lieutenant junior grade engineer officer aboard the USS Courtney. Fr. Allen is survived by three brothers, including his twin; a sister; and numerous nephews and nieces.

1957
Morgan M. France
Morgan “Rick” France, retired captain of the Navy, died Dec. 24, 2012, at 77. A member of the NROTC program at Holy Cross, Mr. France served 30 years in the military as a naval aviator, undertaking a variety of assignments that included air transport service and carrier jet aviation. First designated a materials transport Atlantic aircraft commander and flight examiner with the VR-22 Squadron, he was later a command pilot in S2F flying with the VS-26 Squadron off the USS Randolph, in Meridian, Miss.; and commanding officer of Attack Squadron 75, deployed to Vietnam aboard the USS Kitty Hawk. Mr. France then became navigator of the USS Independence and flag secretary to commander, U.S. Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Prior to his retirement from the military, Mr. France was chief of staff, Amphibious Group Two. He subsequently worked in the ship repair industry in Norfolk, Va., serving 21 years with George G. Sharp Inc. as program and division manager. Mr. France was the recipient of numerous honors during his career, including Legion of Merit Awards, Meritorious Service Awards, Air Medals and the “Order of the Medal of Honor” by the president of Lebanon. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. France is survived by his wife, Kay; three sons; two daughters-in-law; a sister; and four grandchildren.

Peter L. Matthews
Peter Matthews, most recently of Spring Lake, N.J., died Aug. 27, 2012, at 76. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Matthews had been an administrator for the Department of Community Development and Housing Rehabilitation for Baltimore County. He was previously
the director of development and planning at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala. Mr. Matthews had served many years in the Society of Jesus; ordained to the priesthood at Fordham University in New York City, he earned his Ph.D. in music at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore. Mr. Matthews is survived by a brother; a sister-in-law; and many nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces, including Holy Cross alumni. His father was the late John A. Sr. Hon. ’58, and his brothers were the late John A. Jr. ’34, Sanford J., M.D., ’47 and Rev. Donald C., S.J., ’53.

Gaetano F. Molinari, M.D.
Gaetano Molinari, M.D., died Dec. 14, 2012, at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Md., at 76. During his career, Dr. Molinari had been a professor and chair of the neurology department, for many years, at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C. He was previously assistant professor of neurology at the University of Rochester in New York and head of stroke research at the National Institute of Health, from 1972 to 1975. Following his retirement from George Washington University Hospital in 1993, Dr. Molinari served eight years as medical director of the Delaware Medical Foundation for Medical Care, based in Easton, Md., and later continued his association with the foundation as a medical consultant. An Air Force captain, he served as the chief of neurology at Andrews Air Force Base in Prince George’s County, Md., from 1966 to 1968. Dr. Molinari received his medical degree from the Seton Hall College of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey and his master’s degree in public health at George Washington University. He is survived by his wife, Alice “Li-Lita”; four sons, including Capt. Gregory H. Molinari, USN, ’89; a daughter; their spouses; two brothers, including Nicholas 5’9’; 12 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Arthur R. Sergi Jr., D.M.D.
Arthur “Ring” Sergi, D.M.D., of Duxbury, Mass., died Nov. 16, 2012, at 77. A graduate of the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Dr. Sergi had owned oral surgery practices in Quincy and Norwell, Mass. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Dr. Sergi is survived by his wife, Maryann; a son; three daughters, including Suzanne Sergi Murphy ’91; their spouses; a brother; and seven grandchildren.

Francis T. Strzepek
Francis “Frank” Strzepek, of East Hampton, Conn., died Oct. 12, 2012, in Hartford (Conn.) Hospital, at 76. During his career, Mr. Strzepek worked for Gerber Scientific Inc. in Tolland, Conn., serving as the director of personnel. He had been a member of the U.S. Army Reserves. Mr. Strzepek is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law, four stepsons; and six grandchildren.

1958
Rev. Richard J. Butler
Rev. Richard Butler died Sept. 30, 2012, in the Regina Cler residence, Boston, at 76. A longtime priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, Fr. Butler had been a pastor or an administrator of five parishes: Immaculate Conception, North Cambridge; Sacred Heart, Lexington; St. Lawrence, Brookline; St. Timothy, Norwood; and St. Isidore, Stow. From 1994 to 1996 he was director of the Archdiocese of Boston Permanent Diaconate Office; following retirement, he had been an administrator of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Brookline and Incarnation Parish, Melrose. Ordained to the priesthood in 1962, Fr. Butler was assigned to St. Mary’s Church, Foxborough, Blessed Sacrament Church, Cambridge, and Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Sharon. Appointed director of The Center for Pastoral Liturgy at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in 1975, Fr. Butler returned to the archdiocese in 1978 to become the chaplain of Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree; from 1981 to 1985, he was parochial vicar of Holy Cross Church in Rockland. Active in various liturgical and ecumenical endeavors, Fr. Butler also served as a longtime columnist for the archdiocesan newsletter The Pilot and as an adjunct professor at Stonehill College, Easton, Mass., Emmanuel College, Boston, and Merrimack College, North Andover. Receiving his bachelor’s degree, and master of arts degree from St. John’s Seminary in Brighton, Mass., Fr. Butler later earned a master’s degree at The Catholic University of America and a doctor of divinity degree at Boston University. He is survived by two brothers; a sister; four nephews; seven nieces; seven grandnephews; seven grandnieces; and a great-grandniece.

1959
John A. Durkin
John Durkin, who was a longtime resident of Manchester, N.H., died Oct. 16, 2012, at 76. During his career, Mr. Durkin had been the assistant attorney general of New Hampshire, from 1966 to 1968, state insurance commissioner, from 1968 to 1973, and U.S. senator from New Hampshire, from 1975 to 1980. He was a 1965 graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. A member of the NROTIC program at Holy Cross, he served two years in the Navy. Mr. Durkin was born and raised in Brookfield, Mass. He is survived by a son, John E. ’95; two daughters; and four grandsons. His brother was the late Lawrence A. ’47.

1960
John J. Hamilton
John Hamilton, of Sea Girt, N.J., and Miami Beach, Fla., died Sept. 19, 2012. A graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, Mr. Hamilton had been a practicing attorney in New York City for more than 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; a son; a daughter-in-law; and two granddaughters.

Anthony F. DeAngelis
Anthony DeAngelis died Nov. 12, 2012, at 74. A longtime business owner in Worcester, Mr. DeAngelis operated with his wife TelServ Corp., Apex Answering Service and the Medical Bureau Telephone Exchange, retiring in 1998; he began his career with IBM. A veteran, Mr. DeAngelis served as a naval officer. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. DeAngelis is survived by a son, David A. ’92; a daughter-in-law; a sister; and many nephews and nieces. His daughter was the late Dana L. DeAngelis-McDonald ’86.

1961
John M. Avento
John Avento, of Freehold, N.J., died May 23, 2012, at 72. Receiving a bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Holy Cross, Mr. Avento had served as an executive for many years with various chemical companies, including the Rohm and Haas Co. in Philadelphia, M&T Chemicals Inc. and Atochem North America. He is survived by two
William J. Coffey

1962

Robert M. Graca, D.M.D., M.D.

James E. Burke

James Burke '47, former chief executive officer of Johnson & Johnson and past chairman of the Partnership for Drug-Free America, died Sept. 28, 2012, at 87.

Burke was a 1949 graduate of Harvard Business School and a 1952 graduate of Harvard Medical School.

During his tenure as executive director of the company, Burke oversaw the handling of the Tylenol crisis and, in 1970, took Tylenol capsules that had been laced with cyanide—crimes that have remained unsolved. Under Burke's direction, Johnson & Johnson recalled all bottles of Tylenol from the shelves, while speeding up the development of tamper-resistant packaging and the replacement of capsules with caplets.

For 10 years the chairman of the Partnership for Drug-Free America (now called The Partnership), Burke fought the drug abuse epidemic. The health minister of the United Kingdom awarded Burke a 1995 honorary degree from the College in recognition of his contribution to the field.

In the early 1970s, Burke was named president of Johnson & Johnson's consumer-products division, and, in 1975, he became chief executive officer. He was later named chairman of the board.

In 1981, Burke became chairman of the board at Johnson & Johnson. He was later named chief executive officer. He was later named chairman of the board.

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H.T. Richard Schreyer Jr.
H.T. Richard “Dick” Schreyer died Oct. 23, 2012, at his home in Kilmarnock, Va., at 72. Receiving his MBA from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Mr. Schreyer had been a partner and certified public accountant with Ernst & Young for more than 30 years; he retired in 1998 as the senior managing partner in Milwaukee. Mr. Schreyer had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by two sons; two daughters; their spouses; a brother; a sister; and nine grandchildren.

1963
Philip J. Fina
Philip Fina died Oct. 9, 2012, in Naples, Fla., at 70. A longtime attorney in the investment fund industry, Mr. Fina began his career with the Securities and Exchange Commission after receiving his Juris doctor from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He subsequently served as an associate and, then, as a partner of Bradley Ronon Stevens & Young in Philadelphia, where he was instrumental in creating the fund-shareholder-owned structure of the Vanguard Group. Mr. Fina joined the Boston office of K&L Gates LLP in 1993, becoming a managing partner and key figure in the development of its mutual fund practice. He had also been a volunteer trustee, for almost 20 years, of Fair Share Housing Development Inc., founded by his classmate Peter O’Connor. Manager of the football team as a student at Holy Cross, Mr. Fina taught two years in Kingston, Jamaica, with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps following graduation. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Fina was born in Milwaukee and raised in Whitefish Bay, Wis.; following his retirement in 2004, he relocated with his wife to Cape Cod, Mass., and Florida. Mr. Fina is survived by his wife, Kathleen; two sons; a daughter; a brother; and three granddaughters.

Paul D. Morano Sr.
Paul Morano, of Worcester, died Sept. 4, 2012, at 71. A longtime educator in the Worcester public school system, Mr. Morano taught foreign language and served as department chair at numerous schools, including Bumcoast Junior High, Providence Street Junior High, South High and Doherty Memorial High; during his tenure, he was also citywide foreign languages liaison and citywide advanced placement liaison. Mr. Morano began his career teaching foreign language for nine years at Worcester Academy and later served three years as a counselor for the Quinsigamond Community College Adult Basic Education program. A member of the Holy Cross 1962 and 1963 NCAA Division I New England baseball championship teams, he was a coach for many years at Worcester Academy and Holy Cross, receiving many honors during his career. Active in several professional organizations, Mr. Morano was a former board director of the Massachusetts Foreign Languages Association, and member of its Curriculum Framework and Assessment committees. He is survived by his wife, Judith; a son; two daughters; their spouses; a brother, Victor J. ’58; three sisters; six grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1964
Michael F. Branon
Michael Branon, of Cary, N.C., died Dec. 11, 2012, in the Hock Family Pavilion, Durham, N.C., at 72. During his career, Mr. Branon had been employed by Boston College, Jostens Inc. and Downs Rachlin Martin P.L.C. In addition, he was the owner and proprietor of Mountain Lake Cottages on Lake Willoughby in Vermont and the grand juror in Westminster, Vt. Receiving his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from SUNY-Plattsburgh, Mr. Branon also attended Vermont Law School in South Royalton. He had been a member of the Army Reserve. Mr. Branon is survived by two sons; a daughter; two brothers; three sisters; five grandchildren; and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

1965
Robert J. Cotter
Robert Cotter died Nov. 12, 2012, in Baltimore, at 69. During his career, Mr. Cotter had been a scientist and professor for more than 30 years in the department of pharmacology and molecular science at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore. Internationally recognized for his work in the field of mass spectrometry, he was the recipient of numerous honors, including awards from the American Chemical Society and the American Society for Mass Spectrometry. Receiving his Ph.D. in chemistry from Johns Hopkins University in 1972, Mr. Cotter subsequently taught at Towson (Md.) University and Gettysburg (Pa.) College; joining the faculty at Johns Hopkins in 1987, he taught biophysics, pharmacology and analytical methods to graduate and medical students. Mr. Cotter is survived by his wife, Catherine; his mother; a son; two stepsons; four brothers; a sister; and two grandchildren.

Thomas F. Flynn
Thomas Flynn, of Cape Coral, Fla., and, formerly, of Brookline and Mainsfield, Mass., died Dec. 20, 2012, at 69. Working many years in medical sales, Mr. Flynn recently retired as an employee of the U.S. Postal Service in Florida. He is survived by a son; two daughters; their spouses; three brothers; a sister; and eight grandchildren.

1967
John F. Burke
John Burke, of Marco Island, Fla., and West Yarmouth, Mass., died Oct. 6, 2012, in Cape Cod Hospital, Hyannis, Mass., at 66. During his career, Mr. Burke had worked many years as a teacher and an information system officer with the Worcester Public Schools; he had also coached football, basketball and junior varsity baseball at South High School. Mr. Burke had been a member of the Massachusetts Army National Guard. He is survived by a son; three brothers; two sisters; a granddaughter; and many nephews and nieces.

1968
Anthony J. Ciurczak, D.M.D.
Anthony Ciurczak, D.M.D., of Great Meadows, N.J., died June 29, 2012, at the Cape Regional Medical Center, Cape May Court House, N.J., at 65. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Ciurczak maintained a private dental practice in Hackettstown, N.J., from 1978 until his retirement; he was also the former chief of the dental staff at Hackettstown Regional Medical Center. Dr. Ciurczak was an active member of the Lions Club and a parishioner of Saints Peter and Paul Church in Great Meadows. He is survived by his wife, Carole; a son; and his mother.

Casimir T. Mitchell
Casimir “Casey” Mitchell, of Michigan City, Ind., died Nov. 20, 2012, at 67. Mr. Mitchell is survived by his wife, Donna; two daughters; their spouses; his mother; two sisters; two brothers-in-law; two grandchildren; and many nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces.

Vincent L. Molloy
Vincent Molloy, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., died Feb. 21, 2012, at 65. Mr. Molloy lived in Iowa and Steubenville, Ohio, before relocating to Florida in 2010. He is survived by his wife, Susan; a son; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; a brother; and three grandsons.

1969
Dennis B. O’Neil
Dennis O’Neill, of Litchfield, Conn., died Oct. 12, 2012, at 65. A political activist and congressional staff person during his career, Mr. O’Neill was also a lobbyist and political director for 20 years with the public employees’ labor union AFSCME (American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees). He is survived by his wife, Sharon; two stepdaughters; two brothers; and two nephews.

1970
Anthony V. DiPasquale
Anthony DiPasquale, a longtime resident of Worcester, died Nov. 6, 2012, at 64. Mr. DiPasquale was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, serving as an officer aboard a destroyer. He is survived by his wife, Mariliza; a son; a daughter; an uncle; and many cousins.

1972
John T. Chambers
John Chambers, of New York City and Fairfield, Conn., died July 6, 2012, at 61. During his career, Mr. Chambers had served as an attorney. He is survived by his wife, Denise; a son; a daughter; his mother; a brother; and a sister.

1975
James T. Hannon Jr.
James Hannon, of Stratfham, N.H., died Oct. 21, 2012, in New Haven, Conn., at 59. During his career, Mr. Hannon worked 20 years at State Street Discount in Portsmouth, N.H., where he managed
the audio and video department. Born and raised in Connecticut, he relocated to New Hampshire in 1993. Mr. Hannan had also been educated at Fairfield (Conn.) Preparatory School and Fairfield University. He is survived by his wife, Leslie; a son, four daughters; his mother, a brother; and a sister-in-law.

1978

Thomas J. Woods

Thomas Woods died July 7, 2012, at his home in Tinton Falls, N.J., at 55. During his career, Mr. Woods had worked 25 years for New Jersey Transit, holding several senior management positions, including, most recently, the chief of procurement. He was a graduate of Manhattan College in New York City and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey executive MBA program. Mr. Woods is survived by his wife, Pippa deConinck Woods; his mother, two brothers; two sisters-in-law; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

1981

Michelle S. (Roberge) Janson

Michelle Janson, of Kennebunk, Maine, died Sept. 23, 2012, in Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, Scarborough, Maine, at 53. During her career, Mrs. Janson had worked for Unum previously Union Mutual?) in Maine and also taught briefly at Notre Dame de Lourdes School in Saco, Maine. She received her MBA from the former New Hampshire College and completed her teacher certification at the University of New England in Maine. Mrs. Janson had been an active member of Holy Spirit Parish, St. Martha’s Church in Kennebunk. She is survived by her husband, Daniel; a son, two daughters; her parents; two brothers; a sister; their spouses; nephews; nieces; and a grandniece.

1982

Paul R. Morrison

Paul Morrison of Arlington, Mass., died Sept 24, 2012, at 51. Receiving his master’s degree in physics from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, Mr. Morrison had worked in the radiology department at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston for more than 20 years. He was born and raised in Dorchester, Mass. Mr. Morrison is survived by his wife, Gina; a son; five brothers; two sisters; their spouses; uncles; aunts; nephews; and nieces.

1986

John V. O’Hara

John “Jack” O’Hara, of Havertown, Pa., died Dec. 2, 2012, at 48. A longtime attorney, Mr. O’Hara had been a partner in the business and finance department of the firm Obermeyer Reimann Maxwell & Hippel in Philadelphia and a member of its health care practice group; he joined the practice as an associate in 1992. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Mr. O’Hara began his career as an associate with Dilworth Paxson in Philadelphia. Active in the community, he had been a coach in the Havertown (Pa.) Soccer Club. Mr. O’Hara is survived by his wife, Lisa; a son; two daughters; two brothers; three sisters; and a stepbrother. His father was the late Thomas J. Jr. ‘46.

1992

Jeffrey A. Nedorosck

Jeffrey Nedorosck, formerly of Sutton, Mass., died Dec. 4, 2012, in Washington, D.C., at 42. During his career, Mr. Nedorosck worked 18 years for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), serving in Egypt, Rwanda, Croatia and Southern Sudan; for the past two years, he was chief of compliance and oversight at the agency’s Washington, D.C., headquarters. Mr. Nedorosck had been the recipient of numerous commendations, including the Meritorious Honor Award from the U.S. Ambassador to Croatia. Pursuing a year of independent study in Egypt as a Thomas J. Watson Fellow following graduation, he published a book based on his research, titled The City of the Dead: A History of Cairo’s Cemetery Communities. Mr. Nedorosck also studied at The American University in Cairo. He had been an active member of St. Anne’s Church in Manchaug, Mass. Mr. Nedorosck is survived by his parents; a sister, a brother-in-law; two uncles; two aunts; two nephews; a niece; and many cousins.

1998

Mercedes B. Ramírez-Newkirk

Mercedes Ramírez-Newkirk died Sept. 21, 2012, at 35. Receiving her master’s degree in social work from Boston University, Mrs. Ramírez-Newkirk worked 14 years for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Children and Families. She was a co-founder of Rise Above Foundation, a nonprofit organization providing activities and opportunities for children in foster care. Mrs. Ramírez-Newkirk is survived by her husband, Brian R. Newkirk ‘97; two sons; her parents; a brother; two sisters, including Marcela P. Blue ‘00; a brother-in-law; Dominick L. Blue ‘98; a sister-in-law; a grandmother; and numerous extended family, including uncles, aunts, great aunts, nephews, nieces, in-laws and cousins.

2003

Keitani C. Graham

Keitani Graham, an Olympic wrestler, a sports hero and role model for youth in Micronesia, died Dec. 7, 2012, in Chuuk, at 52. Born and raised in Hawaii, Mr. Graham represented the Federated States of Micronesia during the summer 2012 Olympics in London, competing in Greco-Roman wrestling; he lost the 185-lb. qualifying match to Charles Edward Betts of the United States. Mr. Graham was executive director of the Society for Historic Investigation and Preservation/Helping Ourselves: Outreach Programs in Sports (SHIP/ HOPPS), a nonprofit organization on Chuuk that creates educational and sports opportunities for children. He had been a member of the track & field team and a decathlete at Holy Cross. In 2003, Mr. Graham taught at the Central Intermediate School in Honolulu on the island of Oahu. He is survived by his parents and other family members.

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HCM was notified at press time of the passing of renowned theologian and author Bernard J. Cooke, Loyola Professor Emeritus, religious studies, at Holy Cross. His full obituary, along with those of Patrick Shanahan, professor emeritus, mathematics, and Rev. J. Thomas Hamel, S.J., spiritual director and member of the Holy Cross Jesuit Community, will appear in the fall issue.
Upon his graduation from Holy Cross, John Meyers ’60 of Sarasota, Fla., joined the Navy and served eight years as a pilot. His sons later followed in his military footsteps—both entered the Marine Corps after they graduated from college. The youngest, Tom, spent four years as an infantry officer and had tours in Japan and Thailand. The oldest, Sean, is a lieutenant colonel who returned in late 2012 from his third deployment in the Middle East, where he earned his second Bronze Star.

Fueled by the worries and “nighttime thoughts” of any parent with a deployed child, Meyers, who was an English major at Holy Cross, turned to writing—poems and essays—to find comfort. “Fed up and fearful, I found solace by breaking a long silence on our nation’s misguided wars brought about by thinking, ‘Since my sons never complained, why should I?’” Meyers says. Here, he shares one of his essays, which begins with lines from Rudyard Kipling’s visceral poem, “The Young British Solider,” written around 1890:

When you’re wounded and left on Afghanistan’s plains,
And the women come out to cut up what remains,
Jest roll to your rifle and blow out your brains
An’ go to your Gawd like a soldier

While much has changed since Rudyard Kipling’s 19th-century poem on the plight of the ordinary rifleman, more remains the same. The ferocity of battle against dedicated opponents fighting to the point of suicide, the arid mountainous wasteland of a tribal people and the corrupt leadership accepted as a fact of life are still there.

Judging results of past efforts in Afghanistan from the time of Alexander the Great to the recent Russian retreat, our “nation building” seems doomed as well. After 10 years of trying, does anyone see the Afghan people forming town councils and meeting peaceably like New England villagers to vote on local issues—if this is our goal? In fact, no one seems to know what our goal is now that the mission to find Osama Bin Laden in his original hideaway is over.

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Yet, the war grinds on with its daily casualty list—a few dead, more horribly wounded and increasing cases of post-traumatic stress in young broken soldiers returned home who will haunt our nation for years to come. As always, the greatest toll falls on Army and Marine infantry who do battle in a pitiless, broiling countryside strewn with land mines.

Long patrols followed by nights in a filthy outpost harassed by occasional mortar and rifle fire is their lot. Worst of all, they must rise each day to do it again and again with a growing sense of futility. No wonder an occasional soldier runs amok.

The ongoing effort to train Afghan soldiers and police to fight alongside us and finally take over has become an expensive waste of time, money and American lives as infiltrators shoot our advisors. The prospects for a long-lived professional Afghan National Army are dim.

To top it off, combat units serve repeated deployments, and every foot soldier from general to lance corporal knows that no matter how capable the fighter, the longer the exposure to combat, the likelier an injury. In our past, a draft provided replacements for worn out units. In this new century’s decade of warfare, volunteers, our finest youths who sacrifice ease and wealth to serve a cause larger than their own, are forced to deploy three, four and five times. The stress on the troops and their families is enormous, and unjust. When our nation chooses war, all should take part … or end it.

Indeed, the time is long past to declare victory and bring our forces home from all of Southeast Asia—as the military calls the region—and see to it that no ground troops other than quick response teams return to lands known historically as “where empires go to die.”

In our nation, popular opinion ultimately reigns. We the people have a moral obligation to express our thoughts to Congress and vote for candidates to high office who promise to stop the ongoing tragic folly.
Crusader baseball made news this spring, winning the Patriot League regular season title for the first time since the league began in 1991.