Taking Root
Holy Cross tackles environmental challenges
“It is Ulysses that approaches from the east, the interminable adventurer? The trees are mended. That winter is washed away.”

“The World as Meditation”  
Wallace Stevens, American Modernist poet 1879–1955
Readers Write

Love on the Hill
As alumnae who fell in love at Holy Cross, were legally married in 2004, and are now the proud moms of twin boys, we were eager to read the coverstory about couples who also found their soul mates on the Hill. However, we were disappointed to see that your article only included heterosexual couples, all of them white. In this day and age, when Holy Cross is seeking to connect with its diverse alumni on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, it seems ironic to portray such a limited view of love and family.

Sara Barber-Just ’96
Christina Barber-Just ’97
Leverett, Mass.

Kudos
The inside cover of the winter 2010 edition (the top of St Joseph Memorial Chapel, photo by John Buckingham) is absolutely stunning! ... Keep up the great work; I am thrilled with the quality of this magazine.

Donna LaFontaine, M.D., ’81
Cumberland, R.I.

Editor’s Note: The letters we received this spring showcase the diversity of viewpoints that is a hallmark of our alumni and parent community. A few readers were upset by a letter in the Winter 2010 issue that dissented with Pope Benedict’s stand on condom use and the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa. These readers called the writer’s opinion into question, but also our decision (as the caretakers of a Jesuit institution’s magazine) to print the letter in the first place. James Kearns ’58 wrote, for example, “Sadly, it is no longer shocking to read in a journal of a Catholic institution of higher learning, an attack on Catholic doctrine or the leadership of the Church.” Please be assured that Holy Cross Magazine in no way meant to insult the Holy Father. The “Readers Write” page is designed to be a space where the personal viewpoints and concerns of readers can be shared, but it does not reflect the opinion of the editorial team or the College of the Holy Cross.

Online Offerings
View Holy Cross Magazine online at holy-cross.edu/magazine and be sure to see our Web exclusives for content you won’t find anywhere else.

Right now, you can get a behind-the-scenes peek at the Black and Gold Fashion Show, the Black Student Union’s annual fundraising event that pairs student models with the trendiest duds—from breezy beach wear to must-see elegant bridal gowns.

In our look back to the earliest days of the College (“Flashback,” Page 38), we learned that what is now Holy Cross was once a fertile farm, and that Tobias Boland was the generous man who helped build the first structures on campus. Boland’s great granddaughter, Margaret Boland, and historian Thomas Rooney have written a novel that is part family history, part astonishing tale of the struggles and triumphs of Tobias Boland. Read an excerpt from their book, The Irish Pioneer, in this issue’s Web exclusives.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION
Write to Holy Cross Magazine, One College St., Worcester MA 01610-2395 or e-mail hcmag@holycross.edu. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. Due to space restrictions we cannot run every letter we receive; some letters will be published in the new Online Letters Page at holycross.edu/magazine/letters!
The summer before last, Jayne Fox, our brilliant, funny, irreverent, trusted colleague, stood before hundreds assembled at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester and talked about what she learned in chemo rooms.

Jayne was the speaker at a kick-off breakfast for the Walk to Cure Cancer, a major community fundraiser. She related conversations with the men and women she met during the seven-year course of her treatment for lymphoma. So many times, she said, the people in those rooms heard that there wasn’t much that could be done. But, she told the crowd, “I’m standing here and there are thousands like me. We are the reasons why new research facilities and research funding are so vitally important.”

While it might take a village to raise a child,” she said, thanking friends, co-workers and strangers for their help in ways big and small, she emphasized how hers was never a solitary battle: “It takes a college community and a city to fight cancer.”

When Jayne finished speaking, she was mobbed by people who wanted to shake her hand, to hug her, to share their own stories, to thank her for her courage.

In the midst of that whirlwind, Jayne caught a glimpse of the breakfast tables. “Pastry and fruit?” she asked, remarking on what everyone else at the medical center apparently chose to overlook or ignore. “That’s no good for low-carb people!”

Our lives have been forever enriched by moments like that one: An unforgettable narrative punctuated by Jayne’s characteristic irony and infectious laughter.

We lost Jayne early in January. She had beaten the odds and proved prognoses wrong so many times that we were shocked, disbelieving the news. We are still.

Jayne Fox joined the Holy Cross library staff in 1995, becoming head of reader services in 1998. Her work involved Web technology, and it became her passion. She moved over to Public Affairs in 2000, serving as the College’s first webmaster. Jayne advocated for resources and staffing as we undertook a major Web site redesign. Jayne was a mentor to younger people, who responded to her dedication, talent, love of pop culture, and expansive (slightly subversive) humor. Her marketing and technology expertise was respected by her colleagues throughout the higher education community. While Jayne’s cancer forced her to take medical leaves, she was, always, committed to helping Holy Cross pursue excellence and advance its goals.

Her determination in the face of her illness was extraordinary. She brought her formidable research skills to her own medical care and advocacy, becoming an expert in treatment options and advising others.

In the style we use for members of the Holy Cross family, Jayne has “P10” appended to her name, identifying her as proud parent of Matthew Fox, Class of 2010. We will never forget her standing before the crowd at UMass, and so we stand with Matt, with Jayne’s beloved family and many friends, and with all those who also know the inside of chemo rooms.
Holy Cross reaches out to Haiti

College Chaplains Channel Aid

After a 7.0 magnitude earthquake shook parts of Haiti on Jan. 12, the Holy Cross community joined the global response with fundraising efforts and prayers. The College Chaplains’ Office designated collections at Masses and Protestant services on Jan. 23–25 for Haiti earthquake relief. Along with individual donations, the Chaplains’ Office also received funds from Blues on the Hill: An Evening of Jazz and Blues with 2120 South Michigan Avenue Featuring Sweet Willie D and Blue Champagne. Donations were taken at the door of the free concert, which had been scheduled in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and was co-sponsored by Joanna E. Ziegler, Edward A. O’Rorke Professor in the Liberal Arts and professor and chair of the visual arts department, and the Office of Multicultural Education. (Blue Champagne counts two Holy Cross professors among its ranks: reed man Noel “Dr. Soul” Cary, professor of history, and trombonist Gareth “Goldfingers” Roberts, associate professor of mathematics.)

More than $4,000 from these efforts went to Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS), which follows a longstanding mission to bring hope to vulnerable people driven from their homes by conflict, natural disaster, economic injustice or violation of their human rights. The JRS distributes funds through Jesuit programs and parishes staffed by Jesuits in Haiti, offering food and other lifesaving items.

“The Chaplains’ Office also sponsored an ecumenical prayer service for Haiti in January. Virginia Coakley and I co-presided at the service in the Mary Chapel,” says Associate Chaplain and Director of Liturgy Paul Covino. “Featured were several artistic pieces from Haiti that had been lent to us by the Haitian Ministry Office of the Diocese of Worcester.”

Students Mobilize Across Campus

Days after Port au Prince, Haiti, was flattened by an earthquake, Holy Cross students returned to campus from their winter break and began organizing events to raise money for Haitian relief. Led by Andrea Pascual ’10 of Fort Myers, Fla., and Melissa Nelson ’10, of Randolph, Mass., co-chairs of the Student Government Association Co-Presidential Task Force for Haiti Relief, more than 100 students attended the initial planning meeting. Some shared personal stories of grief and concern for friends and family in Haiti. Others simply expressed a desire to help in any way needed. The task force voted to raise money for Yéle Haiti and International Action.

Just a few weeks later, after several fundraising events and dozens of hours organizing and coordinating campuswide efforts, the Task Force announced that Holy Cross students had raised $9,400 for the Haiti relief effort. A matching donation from College president Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., brought the total to $18,800. The good news went viral—Wyclef Jean, singer and passionate advocate for his native Haiti even before the earthquake devas-
The student group Off the Record provided some of the musical entertainment for Haitian Culture Night, sponsored by the Student Government Association Co-Presidential Task Force for Haiti Relief.

One of the group’s largest events was “Red and Blue Day” on Feb. 2, when students, faculty and staff were encouraged to wear the colors of the Haitian flag as a show of support. Many wore red and blue ribbons that the Caribbean African Student Assemblage (CASA) sold for $1 each. The day closed with an evening of Haitian culture in Kimball Hall, during which students could donate up to three swipes of their dining cards to the relief effort.

“Red and Blue Day was a great day that enabled students to show their support for the people of Haiti,” Nelson says. “And the turnout we received at Kimball Haitian Culture Night was fantastic. The motto for the evening—This is what we were, help us get back—was fulfilled, as students were able to learn about the culture of Haiti. This event allowed Holy Cross students to unite for a cause, and because they united they were able to make a impact that will benefit the people of Haiti.”

Note: Here at Holy Cross Magazine, we know many of our alumni readers have given to the Haitian relief efforts, and some have participated in emergency action on the ground. We’d like to hear from you. Please consider sharing your story with the Holy Cross community by writing to hcmag@holycross.edu.

Holy Cross Grant To Benefit Worcester’s Community Programs

On Jan. 12, U.S. Rep. James McGovern (D-Mass.) announced that $400,000 of federal funding will be directed to Holy Cross and six community programs it supports. The much-needed money will benefit organizations and schools where many Holy Cross students do service work. These include Boys and Girls Club of Worcester, Girls CHOICE, Nativity School of Worcester, North High School, South Worcester Neighborhood Improvement Corporation (SWNIC) and Youth Effect.

Worcester Mayor Joseph O’Brien, Superintendent of Worcester Public Schools Dr. Melinda Boone and other honored guests attended the announcement event at SWNIC. “I am pleased that we were able to include $400,000 in the Department of Justice Appropriations Bill for funding to support and enhance educational achievement and higher education access programs for Worcester students through community-based partnerships with the College of the Holy Cross,” McGovern said. “This is an important initiative, and it deserves federal support.”

College President Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., spoke of his deep gratitude for McGovern’s efforts to secure the funds, adding, “So many of us have strong connections to Worcester as residents, volunteers and participants in its rich economic, social and cultural life. We want to see the city flourish; and if it is to do so, it must nourish and develop the wonderful young people who are its future.”

Yachira Torres ’10 (right), a graduate of Worcester’s North High School and community volunteer, joined U.S. Rep. James McGovern (D-Mass.) and College President Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., in addressing the audience at an event announcing a federal grant to Holy Cross and six community programs the College supports.
The College community celebrated Black History Month with a mixture of events to shine a spotlight on the struggles and contributions of African Americans. “Black history, as a discourse, is unfortunately taught as merely parenthetical within the larger story of American and world history,” Black Student Union (BSU) co-chair Tiffany Reid ’10 says. “The story is often told as linear—slavery, freedom, Civil Rights and, now, Obama—but it is more complex, rich with a heritage that can be told in myriad ways.” The BSU, led by Reid and co-chair Melissa Nelson ’10, organized events aimed at telling this story.

The month kicked off with a “Jeopardy”-style African American Quiz Bowl, the annual Love Forum discussion and a coffee-house style poetry reading, co-sponsored by the Caribbean African Students Assemblage (CASA). The Hogan Campus Center windows were painted with “Black Mount Rushmore” by Mary Kate O’Keefe ’11, a visual arts studio major with a double minor in French and art history. The painting depicted an alternate Mount Rushmore featuring Harriet Tubman; Barack Obama; Martin Luther King, Jr.; and Malcolm X.

On Feb. 25, author and social activist Marc Lamont Hill spoke on the effects of self-love and self-hate within the Black community in a keynote presentation, titled “Full of the Hope that the Present Has Brought Us.” Hill lectures across the country about hip-hop culture, politics, sexuality, education and religion, and provides regular commentary for media outlets, including NPR, The Washington Post, Essence, and The New York Times. A political contributor for the Fox News Channel, Hill is an associate professor of education at Teachers College of Columbia University; he received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

The BSU also hosted the 12th annual Black and Gold Fashion Show, held at Mechanics Hall in downtown Worcester. Casual and formal duds provided by local boutiques took their turn on the runway, with students stepping up to the fashion plate as models. Some of the proceeds from the event went to the American Heart Association and the Haiti relief effort. A dinner, dance performances, a presentation by Haitian student Wesley Laine ’10 and an after party were all part of the evening’s festivities.

The Black Student Union sponsored events and presentations across campus in February to recognize Black History Month, including this window painting of a “Black Mount Rushmore,” featuring Harriet Tubman, Barack Obama, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X.
Cardinal Seán O’Malley Visits Holy Cross

Even a torrential downpour could not extinguish the excitement on campus Jan. 25 when Cardinal Seán O’Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Boston, visited Holy Cross. After arriving at O’Kane Hall, Cardinal O’Malley spoke with members of the Jesuit community, viewed the portrait of Benedict Joseph Fenwick, S.J., second bishop of Boston and founder of the College, and held an informal discussion session with students in the Cantor Art Gallery. He then celebrated an afternoon Mass, the Celebration of the Eucharist for the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. Choral and organ selections were provided by Holy Cross students, and included “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” and Bach’s “Toccata in C Major.” Finally, Cardinal O’Malley, joined by students, placed flowers at Bishop Fenwick’s grave.

Rising Upperclassmen Watch “Upper Campus” with New Interest

Work has begun on a 156-bed townhouse-style residence hall. The new building will be located on the inside loop of McCarthy Lane, uphill from Mulledy Hall—a site selected after discussions with students for its proximity to the Hart Center and parking.

At a projected cost of $20 million, the apartments are scheduled for completion in the summer of 2011. It will be the 11th residence hall on campus, and the first since Williams Hall was completed in 2003.

Campus housing has long been a College priority. The new residence hall will help reduce the number of students in triples and bring off-campus students back to campus—thus improving neighbor relations in the College Hill area. Plans to construct the new building were revisited this winter to take advantage of favorable costs in the current construction slow-down. The project is proceeding without debt financing, financed by surpluses produced by conservative budgeting and the strength experienced in the past year in both enrollment and donor support. CBT Architects, the same firm that designed Williams Hall, is project architect. Fontaine Brothers Inc., which oversaw the renovation of Seelos Theater, is general contractor.
Trio of Teachers Receive Tenure

In February, the College announced the promotion of three faculty members to the rank of associate professor with tenure.

Steven Levandosky ’92, of the department of mathematics and computer science, earned his Ph.D. from Brown University and his B.A. from Holy Cross, where the teaching bug first nibbled him. “My very first experience in teaching was actually right here at Holy Cross as a tutor in the calculus workshop,” he says. “I really enjoyed sharing my knowledge of mathematics with my fellow students. I feel so fortunate to have been able to return to Holy Cross as a (now permanent) member of its faculty.” Levandosky joined the Holy Cross faculty in 1999.

Interested in partial differential equations and dynamical structures, he has also taught at Stanford University, where he received the Harold M. Bacon Memorial Teaching Award; the University of Texas at Austin; and Brown University, where he was named an honorable mention for the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. In 2001, Levandosky published a book, titled Linear Algebra, and in 2008, with Walter Strauss and Julie Levandosky, a book, titled Partial Differential Equations: An Introduction, Student Solutions Manual.

Outside the classroom, Levandosky enjoys competing in local road races, duathlons and triathlons, and spending time with his wife and three daughters.

Sylvia M. Schmitz-Burgard, of the department of modern languages and literatures, received her Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Virginia. She also attended Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn and Albertus-Magnus-Universität Köln, both in Germany. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2003, Schmitz-Burgard has taught at Harvard University, Princeton University, MIT and the University of Virginia. While at Holy Cross, Schmitz-Burgard has represented the department of modern languages and literatures at the Academic Affairs Council and has contributed to the Women and Gender Studies program, Studies in World Literature, the Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies and Montserrat.

The first person in her family to attend college, Schmitz-Burgard says she never dreamed of becoming a professor. But she credits her parents, who surrounded her with volumes of poetry, novels and books on art, photography, history and religion, with giving her a thirst for knowledge. “Growing up, I learned to explore ideas, to venture beyond the boundaries of my village and even my country,” she explains. “And now I enjoy encouraging students to discover the things I love: German and Austrian literature, Freud’s theories, legal history, feminism and creative projects.” In 2000, Schmitz-Burgard published a book on novels by Richardson, Rousseau and Goethe, titled Das Schreiben des anderen Geschlechts.
She has a new book due out this year, titled Gewaltiges Schreiben gegen Gewalt.

Of her non-classroom pursuits, Schmitz-Burgard says “There is always more to do, but when I tire of sitting at my desk, I enjoy spending time with my husband and daughter, walking our English Cocker Spaniel, reading, cooking, knitting and puttering in the garden.”

Karen Teitel, of the economics department, earned her Ph.D. and B.B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and her M.S. from Bentley College. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2004, Teitel is the accounting program coordinator. Director of the Summer Research Fellows Program in Economics in 2007 and 2008, she has served on the Accounting Hiring Committee and the Academic Affairs Council. In 2007, Teitel received the Journal of International Accounting Research (JIAR) Outstanding Manuscript Award from the American Accounting Association International Accounting Section. She has also published manuscripts in the European Accounting Review and the Journal of International Accounting, Auditing and Taxation.

Her research and teaching interests include external financial reporting by business enterprises, preparation of financial statements and disclosures, and financial reporting policy and regulation. Teitel says one of her most rewarding teaching experiences at the College has been advising her first economics department honors thesis: “It was a great experience. I learned so much in the process, and I look forward to working on more in the future.”

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Big Win for Moot Court

For the second time in three years, the top competitor at the American Collegiate Moot Court Association (ACMA) national tournament was a Crusader. Katherine Andrew ’11 finished first out of 128 students competing from 21 colleges and universities; this year’s tournament was held at Florida International University College of Law in Miami. During the three preliminary rounds Andrew averaged 393 points out of a possible 400, the highest average in ACMA history. The entire Holy Cross team fared very well in the competition. At the awards ceremony, the team posed for a photo with their coach, John M. O’Donnell ’04 (kneeling). The students are, *from left to right*: Tim Whooley ’11, Robert LiCalzi ’12, Erin Barrett ’10, Elizabeth Conway ’10, Molly Delaney ’10, Cara Howe ’10, Katherine Andrew ’11, Katelyn Henmueller ’12 and Mark Weyland ’12. (*Not pictured:* Christina Pashou ’12).

It’s Open!

With the opening of a completely renovated Haberlin Hall, the $63 million state-of-the-art integrated science complex is full and officially open. Haberlin now houses chemistry, physics and some of the mathematics and computer science departments. The Park B. and Linda Smith Laboratories, a four-story building that links Haberlin and existing science and social science buildings (Beaven, O’Neil and Swords halls), was completed last year. Construction of the complex—the most ambitious building project in the College’s history—started in spring 2007. It was completed on schedule and on budget. Alumni, parents, friends and local foundations gave more than $20 million to support the project. Take a tour of the new space by visiting http://academics.holycross.edu/celebratingscience.
YUMMY!

When a biology major finds herself absolutely parched in her lab, or a psych professor has skipped breakfast, what are they to do? Now they can just take a few strides to the new Science Center Café in the Integrated Science Complex and find sustenance. The Science Café (and yes, a jazzier name is in the works) has garnered plenty of a.m. fans with offerings such as the Breakfast Bialy, French toast bagel (with syrup for dipping), fresh-pressed orange juice and a yogurt parfait that features homemade granola and fresh strawberries. When lunch hour rolls around, the sandwiches made with Indian naan bread are a big hit (our fave: the chicken with roasted tomato pesto). Nonna’s Beef Escarole Soup is a recipe from Director of Dining Services Linda Nardella’s very own grandmother’s kitchen. And even Nardella, who admits to not having much of a sweet tooth, has pledged her devotion to the ooey-gooey Mississippi Mud Bar dessert. If that doesn’t tempt you to stop in the next time you’re on campus, we don’t know what will!

Squashing Hate

Thanh Nguyen ’10 of Portland, Maine, is the winner of the Fourth Annual Hate: Not Here! poster contest. His artwork features a mixture of graphic elements, illustration and positive phrases that promote the Hate: Not Here! message that “tolerance is not enough.”

The poster is featured on the Hate: Not Here! 2010 Poster calendar, along with five other contest entries, which will be distributed to the campus and Worcester communities through the Office of Student Affairs.

A sampling of Holy Cross appearances in local and national media outlets

Purple Pride Runs High

In a feature in The Chronicle of Higher Education, Holy Cross was used as the leading example of a small number of schools that can boast an alumni giving rate of over 50 percent. “That figure far exceeds the national average alumni-participation rate of 10 percent,” the writer explained, “and is one of the highest rates of alumni giving for colleges that report the figures.” The story, titled “5 Colleges That Inspire Alumni Giving, and How They Do It,” spotlighted College President Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J.’s outreach to young alumni and Holy Cross’ efforts to connect with alumni and share how donations are being used to further the College’s mission. View the article online at holycross.edu/hcm/alumnigiving/

Eco-Chic Weddings

Associate Chaplain and Director of Liturgy Paul Covino discussed ideas for engaged couples who want an environmentally friendly wedding ceremony in a Feb. 24 Catholic News Service story. Editor of “Celebrating Marriage: Preparing the Roman Catholic Wedding Liturgy,” Covino noted that many couples are opting for charity registries instead of traditional household gift registries, and some include a request for guests to bring nonperishable food donations for a local food pantry. He states that this is not only eco-friendly but a way to “express the care for the needy that a Christian couple is called to reflect in marriage.”

Students’ Allergies Addressed

With the rising number of students arriving to college campuses with concerns about their food allergies, Holy Cross was singled out in a Feb. 16 Inside Higher Ed story that also ran in USA Today as one of the schools taking forward-thinking steps to accommodate them. The College has opened an allergy-free kitchen for students. “It’s a happier, safe zone because students don’t have to be afraid of cross-contamination,” Christina Guittar, Kimball Dining Hall’s manager, says in the story. About 100 students at

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Holy Cross have food allergies, and in addition to using the new kitchen, they can pre-order allergy-free meals via e-mail. Kimball Dining Hall Head Chef Tim Trachimowicz ‘99 says that as his team has received positive feedback from students, their zeal for preparing fresh meals as needed has simply grown, and now the service is viewed as a unique and important offering. New England Cable News (NECN) also featured Holy Cross’ plan in a “Health Check” segment that aired Feb. 17.

Olympic Dreams
Several media outlets highlighted Holy Cross connections to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

Victor Matheson, associate professor of economics, often discusses the economic impact of major sporting events on communities. In a New York Times opinion piece, he discussed the negative impact Vancouver’s “scramble for snow” might have, noting that it could hurt the city’s desire to attract ski vacationers in the future. The Canadian Free Press, American Public Media’s “Marketplace” and The Atlantic also interviewed Matheson about the Olympic effect on host cities.

Iconic figure skating coach Frank Carroll ’60 trained Evan Lysacek to Olympic gold and squired young Mirai Nagasu to a stellar fourth-place finish in women’s figure skating at the Vancouver games. Interviews with Carroll, whose childhood passion for skating the frozen ponds of Worcester grew as he attended the College and became a competitive athlete on the men’s singles circuit, appeared in The Washington Post and the Worcester Telegram and Gazette.

Phrase for Thought
In an Associated Press article that ran in over 400 outlets nationwide, Alison Bryant Ludden, associate professor of psychology, shed light on a debate brewing in Washington over whether “disadvantaged” and “at-risk” (terms used to describe children living below the poverty level) have a negative impact on the children. Ludden discussed research on labels and stereotypes of gender and race, noting that negative labeling does have an effect on children’s performance. However, she also explained that the impact of “real help for kids” is more important than labels. “What matters is the time that we invest in them and the support that we provide for their success,” she says.

MEDIA DARLINGS
Hosted by the Office of Public Affairs, the Second Annual Headliners Celebration recognized Holy Cross faculty, staff and administrators who gave their time and expertise to represent Holy Cross in the media in 2009. Efforts to create a national presence via print, radio, television and online media rely on the contributions of all members of the College community, and the Headliners Celebration is an evening dedicated to thanking those folks who have gone above and beyond to help bolster Holy Cross’ media presence.

Vice President for Administration and Finance Michael Lochhead and Assistant Professor of political science Daniel Klinghard won the Newsmaker Award, which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated increasing excellence in, and dedication to, media relations.

The Holy Cross Headliner Award is presented to individuals who have significantly advanced the image and reputation of the College through their contributions to national print, radio and television media outlets. Director of dining services Linda Nardella and Assistant Director Marty Dudek accepted the Headliner Award on behalf of Dining Services, which catered the event to rave reviews (attendees seemed entranced by the potato pancakes). A second Headliner Award was given to Associate Professor of economics Victor Matheson.
# Calendar of Events

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The moment that Holy Cross president, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., signed his name to the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), business as usual became a thing of the past at the College of the Holy Cross. This is not to suggest, however, that the president’s 2007 agreement to reduce dramatically the College’s emissions that accelerate global warming was the birth of a green movement on the Hill. There’d been a recycling program on campus since the early 1990s and a composting system for at least as long. Fr. McFarland had established the Presidential Task Force on the Environment, a collegewide body, co-chaired by Katherine Kiel, associate professor of economics, and Scott Merrill, director of physical plant. And the student organization Eco-Action even had screened Al Gore’s dire documentary An Inconvenient Truth.

Holy Cross’ decision to join the network of colleges and universities of the ACUPCC—now totaling more than 650 institutions—was more than a symbolic act. With one stroke of a pen came a daunting commitment to conduct biennial greenhouse gas audits, create a carbon-neutral plan with specific targets and a timeline for reaching them, and, in a befittingly no-time-to-waste spirit, immediately select...
and implement two “tangible early actions.” Talk about aspiration. Talk about inspiration. The Presidential Task Force on the Environment, which to this point had been loosely charged with assessing environmental issues on campus, now had a definitive responsibility. And the clock was ticking.

Fortunately, the College had a head start. Earlier in the year the physical plant department had contracted for at least 30 percent of Holy Cross’ power to be hydroelectric, a renewable resource. The summer before, campus police had added electric vehicles to the fleet. And, even as the ink of Fr. McFarland’s signature was drying, an ambitious construction project was under way to gut and renovate Haberlin Hall and connect the science and social science buildings, Beaven, O’Neil and Swords halls, with the new Smith Laboratories. What’s so eco about that? “These are the buildings where we teach environmental studies,” says John F. Cannon, associate director of physical plant/planning and operations and a task force member, “so we decided early in the planning process to go LEED.” For the acronym unaware, that’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a building rating system that awards points for environmentally sustainable features.

“It was great to have such a visible green project ongoing,” says task force co-chair Katherine Kiel, “because we knew that the way for us to succeed was to get everyone on the campus excited and involved. We have to work together—administration, faculty, students, buildings and grounds, everyone.” Some might scoff at that idea, with academia’s reputation for stunting communication and creativity with hierarchical boundaries. But Holy Cross doesn’t fit the stereotype. At task force meetings, for example, “we just sit around a table and talk,” Cannon says. “We exchange ideas.” The resulting progress shows.

The task force hosted a town meeting on the environment last fall in Seelos Theater, which was open to all members of the College community. Speakers discussed the carbon neutral plan, current energy-savings initiatives, waste minimization, recycling and ways for the community

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“A Green Timeline

1739: Benjamin Franklin and neighbors petition the Pennsylvania Assembly to stop waste dumping and remove tanneries from Philadelphia’s commercial district.

1843: College of the Holy Cross is founded.

1877: Jesuit priest and poet Gerard Manly Hopkins writes “God’s Grandeur,” which decries the damage of the industrial revolution but says, with hope, “And, for all this, nature is never spent.”

April 28, 1800: English papermaker Matthias Koops applies for the first patent for paper recycling.

August 9, 1854: Publication of Walden by Henry David Thoreau.

May 28, 1892: John Muir founds the Sierra Club.

June 21, 1905: Theodore Roosevelt, considered the nation’s first conservation president, delivers the Holy Cross Commencement speech and plants a Scotch elm that still stands, near the baseball field.

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— Wendell Berry

“The Earth is what we all have in common.”
to assist the College in realizing its goals.

When the ACUPCC’s September deadline arrived for submission of carbon neutral plans, Holy Cross was among just a small number of institutions to meet it—more than 75 percent of the 480 colleges that initially signed the climate commitment either asked for extensions or did not comply. The College’s plan set two targets: a 20 percent reduction in greenhouse emissions by 2015 and carbon neutrality between 2030 and 2040. The requisite two immediate steps: pledges that all future construction will meet the equivalent of LEED silver specifications, and that new appliances will bear the Environmental Protection Agency’s Energy Star rating. Before all this was announced, however, Holy Cross already had made progress toward the 2015 goal, replacing underground steam pipes with better-insulated ones and changing to LED lighting in Swords Library, the parking garage, ice rink, basketball court and Fieldhouse, among other steps. “We’ve reached 7.4 percent of our goal,” Cannon says, “by doing nothing earth-shattering.”

Actually, one green initiative did shake up a large segment of the campus, if not the planet itself. Last March, Kimball Dining Hall eliminated trays to encourage diners to take only what they will eat.

The students were not pleased. “For some kids, it was as if they’d had their most sacred human right violated,” says Maria de la Motte ’10, who, as co-chair of Eco-Action, is one of two students on the president’s task force representing the student-run environmental group. After a few weeks, things settled down.

“Maybe, with practice, the students learned to balance more food on their plates,” says Marty Dudek, assistant director, production and planning, dining services. “But clearly they’re not piling on too much, if you look at the numbers.”

The six-month scorecard: reductions by 41,122 pounds in food waste, 5,874 gallons in liquid waste and 234,987 gallons in water usage. That last number, which reflects what it would have taken to wash trays for 2,000 diners three times a day, does not include the energy savings from not having to heat as much water.

Dining Services is also a central figure in an even more attention-grabbing

“Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the Earth are never alone or weary of life.”
—Rachel Carson
“We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.”

— Native American proverb

campus development: the $63 million Integrated Science Complex, which opened in January. By connecting the science and social science buildings, the project gives a bricks-and-mortar connection to a longstanding philosophical link at Holy Cross, most evident in the Environmental Studies Program. (“Note that it’s ‘environmental studies,’ not ‘environmental science,’” says Associate Professor of mathematics Catherine Roberts, a former director of the interdisciplinary program. “Some of the most interesting courses are in the humanities.”) The building project’s most consequential green feature is an energy recovery wheel that captures and reuses heat and humidity from the air exhaust system. No less conspicuous, however, is the Science Center Café, located in an atrium under skylights and amid other glass features that make the most of natural light. Food items selected from the largely healthy menu are served on reusable plates and bowls—and drinks most definitely do not come in plastic bottles. “If people buy things with less packaging, that’s what manufacturers are going to sell,” Dudek says. “It’s the choices people make that are going to change the world.”

Dollars and cents inevitably blur the purity of intention. Eco-Action students were frustrated, for example, when the recycling bins they had been lobbying for finally appeared in Hogan Campus Center last winter, says de la Motte, “and they were freebies that advertise Coca-Cola, a company we’ve been trying to drive off campus because of human rights concerns.” (Generic replacement bins are now on their way.) And, after students in one of Roberts’ math classes suggested Holy Cross generate wind power on campus, there was disappointment when a yearlong feasibility study was unconvincing. “It wouldn’t pay for itself even after 30 years,” says Cannon while Roberts sees the economics differently: “I think the value of having a wind turbine on campus goes beyond the power it generates. It would be a very visible symbol of what we’re trying to do at Holy Cross.”

Economics are at the very root of Holy Cross’ environmental mission. “Because the less privileged in our society are the most affected by environmental degradation, the Jesuit calling to work for justice is intertwined with

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1995: The Environmental Studies Program begins as a major/minor offering within the Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies.

2000: The Environmental Studies Program is approved by the faculty to be a Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies concentration.


March 1995: The 34th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus issues the first Jesuit decree on ecology, recommending a study of environmental issues and courses of action.

March 2005: City Council’s “20 by 2010” Clean Energy Resolution makes Worcester the largest city in the country (at the time) to pledge to acquire 20 percent of its municipal energy from renewable sources by 2010.

September 2002: Campus dining services switches to trans fat-free oil in all foods.
Since 1997, when a grant from the 3M Foundation’s Vision Program planted the seedling of Holy Cross’ Environmental Studies program, students have been able to select a course of study that addresses the growing concern about the planet’s health and the myriad ways we can work to preserve it. In the beginning, the College offered an Environmental Studies minor, which converted to a concentration in 2003. Now, students can also earn an Environmental Studies major through the Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies (CISS).

“The major and concentration have evolved over the years, but they have become much more popular among the student body,” says Loren Cass, associate professor of political science and director of the Environmental Studies program. “Our first class of students graduated in 2000 with eight minors and one major. The class of 2001 had 12 minors and three majors.” Currently, there are 21 environmental studies majors across all four classes (with several more proposals pending) and 35 concentrators.

One of the notable strengths of the program is its ability to draw on multiple disciplines to give students a classroom experience with serious depth—a key ingredient for starting a career in the growing field of eco-business or research. “We have a very strong core of faculty with members offering environmental studies courses in biology, chemistry, economics, history, mathematics, philosophy, physics, political science, religious studies as well as sociology and anthropology,” Cass explains. Students are expected to study the causes, mechanisms and effects of environmental problems by investigating the interplay between natural processes and human civilizations.

The program leaders also encourage students to take advantage of the College’s study abroad programs, especially through the School for Field Studies. It offers programs in ecology and resource management in the Caribbean, British Columbia, Costa Rica, Kenya and Australia. Another choice is the Sea Semester, which immerses students in oceanography, maritime studies and nautical science research while they experience life aboard a traditional sailing ship.

January 31 and February 1, 2007:
The student organization Eco-Action hosts screenings of the Al Gore documentary An Inconvenient Truth as part of a campuswide Climate Week of Action.

September 15, 2007:
Fr. McFarland signs the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, under which the College agrees to be carbon neutral by 2040.

January 2008: The Jesuits’ 35th General Congregation pledges “to show ever more effective ecological solidarity” and “move beyond doubts and indifference to take responsibility for our home, the earth.”

October 2007: Holy Cross hosts a slow-food gala to benefit the Regional Environmental Council of Central Mass. urban gardens for youth program.

Summer 2006:
Campus public safety officers begin using battery-operated vehicles.

September 2007: The sustainable alternative transportation program Zipcar is introduced on campus with two cars available for hourly rental, one a hybrid.

2007: Holy Cross switches to an electricity supplier that uses a large percentage of carbon neutral resources, primarily hydroelectric power.
The eco-movement has created buzz, new business and a whole new vocabulary. Here are some of the terms commonly used by environmental activists.

**Clean energy:** Energy that isn’t derived from traditional, nonrenewable resources such as coal, oil and natural gas.

**Biodiesel:** Fuel for diesel engines made from vegetable oil.

**Carbon footprint:** The total amount of carbon dioxide and other gases that a product or business produces. These emissions contribute to the degradation of the Earth’s atmosphere, which causes global warming.

**Carbon neutral:** Describes an entity that does not release extra carbon dioxide into the air, either by reducing emissions to zero or offsetting the CO₂ with actions such as planting trees.

**E-waste:** Trash made of obsolete computers and other electronic equipment. Particularly harmful because they contain beryllium, cadmium and lead, which are all hazardous to health and environment.

**Energy Star:** A federal program which rates appliances and electronics based on strict energy-efficient guidelines.

**Hybrid car:** A vehicle that runs alternately on a traditional internal combustion engine and an electric motor.

**LEED:** Acronym for “Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design,” a green-building certification program developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. There are four certification levels for new construction: certified, silver, gold and platinum.

**Locavore:** A person who eats mostly locally grown foods.

**Off-gas:** The evaporation of toxic and/or volatile chemicals from a material’s surface.

**Off grid/off the grid:** A self-sufficient lifestyle that does not rely on public utilities such as natural gas or the electrical power grid.

**Slow food:** Founded by Italian Carlo Petrini in 1986 as a protest against fast food, this is a movement among chefs, home cooks and restaurateurs to cook with local, seasonal food. It also emphasizes enjoying the meal with guests.

**Vampire power:** Power drawn by appliances and electronics even when they’re switched off (but still plugged in). Also known as “phantom power.”

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**Green Glossary**

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February 27, 2009: Fifteen Eco-Action members attend the climate change policy youth summit Power Shift 2009 in Washington, D.C.

Spring 2009: A 4,000-square-foot community garden is established next to the Hart Center and the football practice field.

July 7, 2008: An E-Waste Collection Day on campus safely disposes of 150,000 pounds of computers, TVs and other electronics.

September 2008: Dining services, which already had been having used cooking oil taken away for reuse, contracts with a company that guarantees to use it in biodiesel.
ecology,” says Holy Cross associate chaplain, Rev. James Hayes, S.J., ’72. One eco-effort on campus that has embodied these Jesuit values is the student-run Trash or Treasure drive. Eco-Action orchestrated the program last year during end-of-school move out, collecting unwanted furniture, clothing and other items from the residence halls for redistribution to community members in need. Students filled two large Salvation Army trucks plus several smaller trucks from Worcester social service organizations. “It felt great to help so many people,” says de la Motte. “At the same time, it was disturbing that students have so much that we don’t really need.”

Kristine Cyr-Goodwin, associate dean for student life, sees the abundance of such tangentially related green activism on the Hill as a positive, especially where it involves students. “When things bubble up simultaneously, it validates that we’re heading in the right direction,” she says. “Some people would say that’s disorganized. I don’t think so. I think it means that our work ahead is not in getting people to buy into environmental concerns, but rather in orchestrating existing buy-ins.”

Since joining the ACUPCC effort in 2007, Holy Cross has made significant strides in addressing its immediate and long-term goals, energizing the College community to embrace this effort, with the greater good of the community and the environment as a priority. Once again the Jesuit mission to serve others is evident. As Fr. McFarland told an audience of students, faculty and community members at a town hall meeting last fall: “When we talk about protecting the environment, it’s not just motivated by this mystical love of nature or reverence for the planet—all of which is important. It really is about being able to sustain civilization and provide a quality of life and survivability for our people.”

Jeff Wagenheim is an award-winning writer living in Northampton, Mass. While working on this story, he and his preschoolers sat down with her paint set so they could see what happens when you combine purple and green. It was beautiful.

“If nature is not violated and humiliated, it returns to being the sister of humanity.”

— Pope John Paul II

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**Summer 2009:** The SGA establishes an environmental liaison in every residence hall; Kimball Dining Hall eliminates all use of styrofoam.

**May 5-9, 2009:** Eco-Action sponsors Trash or Treasure, which redirects unwanted items to Worcester-area organizations during dorm move-out.

**September 15, 2009:** Holy Cross submits its Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, outlining how the College will achieve a 20 percent reduction by 2015 and carbon neutrality by 2040.

**October 22, 2009:** Fr. McFarland and the Environmental Task Force hold a town meeting on the carbon neutral plan.

**March 2010:** Construction begins on a LEED silver-equivalent residence hall.

**January 20, 2010:** The Integrated Science Complex opens, with the College seeking LEED silver certification.

**2015:** Holy Cross has pledged to have reduced its carbon emissions by 20 percent.

**2040:** Holy Cross has pledged to be carbon neutral.
CHICAGO SON

Windy City native Jack Higgins ’76 found the path to his dreams on Mount St. James

BY SUZANNE MORRISSEY

WHEN POLITICAL CARTOONIST Jack Higgins ’76 ambles down the stairs into The Billy Goat Tavern on Michigan Avenue for his Holy Cross Magazine interview, it’s not the blast of near-zero winter air that comes in with him that turns every head in Chicago’s most famous greasy spoon. It is Higgins’ robust greetings to the assembled crew and patrons clustered around worn, Formica-topped tables. Higgins is welcomed as a favorite son, a longtime regular and an evangelist for the Tavern’s short menu and long history. In fact, he is all three.

After fist-pumping handshakes with the silver-haired bartender, mustachioed counter guys and a late-lunching group of newspaper reporters, Higgins drops his parka on a chair and settles in to talk about his life and his new book, My Kind of ’Toon Chicago Is (Northwestern University Press, 2009). The book, with a forward by Roger Ebert, is a compendium of more than 250 of the artist’s favorite panels. They cover sports, culture and celebrities, but the meat on this deep-dish pizza is politics. City, state, national and global—the political world is Higgins’ domain. He did, after all, enjoy a family-centered, faith-soaked childhood on the South Side of the city in what became the
Political cartoonist Jack Higgins ’76 keeps the touchstones of his life close at hand in his home studio: Drawings from his five children, his Pulitzer Prize and a photo of his father in his police commander’s uniform. Higgins says he works best in the early morning solitude, though sometimes the kids’ ruckus makes its way to the artist’s perch atop the garage. “But it has to go down a hall, and up a stairwell and around a corner and through a door,” he says, chuckling.
18th Ward, an election-day hot zone. Higgins got his first taste of Chicago politics as a grade schooler, handing palm cards to voters outside the polling stations and getting paid in ice cream from the precinct captain.

Back at the Billy Goat, Higgins spins tales that read like movie plot points: His grandfather’s work as chief of detectives in charge of the St. Valentine’s Day Massacre investigation … the fact that he was “yanked into this world” by the same hands that delivered longtime Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley … the day his first grade art teacher, Mrs. McGrogan, gave a smitten Jack a peck on the cheek for his drawing skills, but a strict nun punished him for the same, assuming that the artistically talented boy was trying to pass off the teacher’s work as his own … the real love that felled him when he met his wife, Missy, at (where else?) an election night event. As he weaves his stories together, Holy Cross begins to pepper the conversation.

Arriving in Worcester in 1972, Higgins took advantage of all Holy Cross offered: serious study and serious fun. “I made friends at Holy Cross that have lasted a lifetime, even if you go without seeing each other for years,” he says. After his first year on the Hill, Higgins took advice from oldest brother Mike ’69, and declared an economics major. (Brother Bill ’71 and sister Patty Crowley ’78 are also alumni—Bill received his master’s degree in chemistry from the College in 1974). “There was something about sitting in those classes,” he says. “It mesmerized me. I loved the logic of it. But what put it over the top for me were the teachers.”

“This one I drew on the air on election night 2008 for the Chicago NBC affiliate,” Higgins says. “Lotsa fun with the crowd gathered in Grant Park to celebrate the historic moment. I drew a parallel to the crowd that gathered there in 1968 chanting, The world is watching! as rioting erupted during the Democratic National Convention.”
His professors’ names—John F. O’Connell ’64, Edwin M. Kloc Jr. and Frank Petrella Jr.—bring the grin back to Higgins’ face, not that it ever leaves for very long. “All three professors were very approachable,” he recalls. “None of them ever gave the impression that you were interfering with their time. They’d want to talk to you—they’d want to listen.”

While pursuing his economics studies, Higgins nurtured his love of art. He doodled a not-so-memorable cartoon for The Crusader, but took great pride in his drawings for The Purple Patcher. Working on the fine arts committee in his third year, Higgins was dispatched to Boston to pick up the cartoons for a Hogan Campus Center exhibit by two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning Boston Globe political cartoonist, Paul Szep. What he saw stopped Higgins in his tracks. “His caricatures were merciless. He did not just afflict the comfortable, fat-cat pols with biting satire, but through caricature he put their heads on a pike for all to see,” he recalls, adding, “It was James Michael Curley’s good fortune that he died before Szep arrived in Boston.”

Higgins and Szep began a lifelong friendship that day, and the younger cartoonist continued to take art courses along with economics. In his final year, Higgins produced one of his favorite creations, which was, oddly, painted on a bed sheet.

“My friend and classmate Tom Ryan showed up at my room with a large cartoon drawing he had borrowed from Fr. Hart. It originally ran on Page 1 of a now-defunct Boston newspaper the day after underdog Holy Cross upset top-ranked Boston College at Fenway Park 55-12 in 1942,” Higgins recounts. “Nearly 70 years later, it is still ranked as one of the greatest upsets in sporting history.” (It was also the game that caused BC to cancel its victory party at the Cocoanut Grove nightclub, which burned down that night, killing almost 500.)

“It was a picture of a Holy Cross football player in tattered uniform,” Higgins recalls, “proudly holding a banner and staff emblazoned with the words ‘Who Says We Can’t Fight!’”
Ryan and Higgins set about recreating the image on a bed sheet that they would then wave at the next day’s BC game. Higgins sketched it out in pencil, and the duo worked into the night painting in the color. “We did this on the middle of the hallway floor on Beaven 1. I believe most people were gone for Thanksgiving. I drew the player large, close to six feet tall, and prayed the ink would hold out.”

It didn’t. With no art stores open, Higgins and Ryan opted to stretch their paint with good old-fashioned spit. The next afternoon, Holy Cross and BC went into halftime knotted at 10. “Tom, clad in an old-time raccoon coat and a Greek fishing cap, grabbed the sheet and said, ‘Let’s go!’ We ran down the steps and jumped over the fence separating the stands from the players bench, stood on the last row of the bench and held up our banner,” Higgins says. “People stood up to look and then they began to cheer. It grew louder and louder until everyone in eyesight was up and cheering. It is both the first and the last time I ever got applause for a drawing!” (Sadly, despite the cheering crowd, the Crusaders lost that day, 24-10.)

When the time came to make post-commencement plans, Higgins set a course for business school. But his trio of econ mentors—O’Connell, Kloc and Petrella—along with Rev. Joseph LaBran, S.J., ’38, helped him choose an artist’s life instead. The men happily wrote recommendations for Higgins to attend Boston College’s business school. “But each one of them said the same thing, ‘I’ll write this for you. You’ll be fine, you’ll get in, you’ll enjoy it. But don’t you think you’d rather be a political cartoonist?’” He took their advice to heart.
“Had they not encouraged me to use my God-given gifts and seriously consider political cartooning as a worthy vocation,” Higgins says. “I might be an out-of-his-element businessman looking back in time and thinking of what might have been.” He adds, “It reinforces that there’s someone out there that’s guiding you, and showing you the doors that you can choose. I feel blessed in that way.”

After getting into Boston College and deferring a year to work with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC), Higgins opted out of graduate school and returned to Chicago, where he started his career as a political cartoonist at The Daily Northwestern, the student newspaper at Northwestern University. Szep, now a friend and mentor, encouraged him to stay on the often difficult path of editorial work—a paper may have 50 reporters, but it’ll only have one political cartoonist.

Eventually, Higgins broke into the big leagues with a gig at The Chicago Sun-Times. He has endured the ups and downs of the newspaper industry for three decades, filed work from Cuba, the Soviet Union and Ireland, and has the volume of work—and the awards—to show for it. A spate of honors, not the least of which is his 1989 Pulitzer, share a shelf with his 2004 Sanctae Crucis Award from Holy Cross. The College recognized Higgins for his “concern for those with great need but little power,” and his “regard for the verities of justice and compassion and honesty.”

Five years later, when My Kind of Toon, Chicago Is hit bookstores, Higgins’ signed autographs for four hours at the launch party, which to no one’s surprise took place at The Billy Goat. The books sold out that night … a Chicago pat on the back for someone who has known and loved the city his entire life.

“If I had gone to another city, I would have enjoyed it,” he says, “but not to the same degree.

“And no one can look at me and my work and say, ‘Well, what does he know,’” he continues. “They know I know. Maybe not as much as my editor, but I know enough to make it fun for people to read and to make an impact.”
Hanging in a doorway of her Milwaukee apartment is the purple jumper that once transformed Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart ’79 into the sword-wielding school mascot at basketball and football games.

“I was a Holy Cross Crusader,” she says, proudly pointing out the giant white cross on the front. “That’s what I wore. It’s too precious to get rid of.”

The costume is not all that Calderone-Stewart retained from her days on the Hill: At Holy Cross, she learned the Jesuit values that would illuminate her life as an educator and provide the strength to accept her approaching death.

This determined advocate for youth leadership and author of 20 books “hit a brick wall,” she says, when diagnosed last summer with lymphoma and, then, bile duct cancer. Treatment was ineffective—and doctors told her in the fall that she had perhaps six months to live. Since then, the 51-year-old mother of two—whose father died unexpectedly at age 53, and whose mother fought a long battle with cancer—has sought to devote her time to connecting with and assisting others.

“I’m dying at the perfect rate,” she observes. “It’s slow enough so I have time to write all my notes to all my family and friends, and fast enough so I know it’s urgent.”

Calderone-Stewart’s main concern is assuring the survival of Tomorrow’s Present (tomorrowspresent.org), the central city leadership ministry she created at Milwaukee’s House of Peace and The Leadership Center at Cardinal Stritch University. Started in 1998, Tomorrow’s Present follows its mission of “empowering youth and adults to transform their communities through learning, reflection, leadership and service,” by means of five core programs.

A small group of friends and supporters has been meeting regularly with Calderone-Stewart to learn all they can about exactly how she reaches young minds. “I have a committee of people working to help my dream come true,” she says. “That’s an amazing blessing. Who gets that? How can I feel unlucky or cheated?”

Looking back on her school days, Calderone-Stewart says that her father offered to pay for any college her siblings and she selected, so long as it was Jesuit.

“And we all had to take logic because of the way the Jesuits make you think,” she explains. “He insisted that thinking and making good deci-
sions and understanding what you believe was so essential, and that no one could do it like the Jesuits.”

The New Jersey native was a senior in high school when she came to campus to visit her brother, Joe Calderone ’78, then a first-year student. Calderone-Stewart says she immediately fell for the small school on the hill and remembers being particularly impressed by how well all the professors knew her brother. (Lisa-Marie and Joe’s brother Steve followed them to Mount St. James a few years later, earning his degree in 1981.)

A psychology major, Calderone-Stewart also had time for acting classes, theater productions, the swim team and, most importantly, SPUD—Student Programs for Urban Development. She signed up to work at a daycare center attended by many disadvantaged children, and the experience of making a difference helped her career goals come into focus.

After Holy Cross, Calderone-Stewart went on to receive her master’s degree in education from Lesley College in Cambridge, a master’s degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University in Chicago and her Ed.D. in leadership from Cardinal Stritch University. Always she held fast to the Holy Cross tradition of service to others, a sense of purpose and an emphasis on giving glory to God. “If you’re doing something, and you start to feel like, ‘wow, I’m pretty impressive,’ then you’re no longer doing it for the glory of God,” she remarks. “That’s something I’ve tried to impress upon young people.”

“When Lisa was a student at Holy Cross, I would occasionally offer a course in Philosophy of Education,” says Special Assistant to the President Rev. Paul F. Harman, S.J. “I remember Lisa as an excellent student in my class. Her enthusiasm for teaching and offering encouragement to young people was very evident. It is humbling to realize all she has accomplished.”

Calderone-Stewart has devoted her life, and trained countless others, to find God in both joys and in struggles. Though her energy is waning, she remains a crusader for good.

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—Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart ’79
The Robert J. Stranksy Foundation, guided by the leadership of foundation trustee Michael C. Trimboli ’72, has established a $1 million fund that will enable students to engage in original scientific research in partnership with faculty members. The fund will provide each recipient both with scholarship support and with additional fellowship funding during one summer and one academic year to conduct scholarly research under the guidance of a faculty mentor.

The fund topples financial barriers for aspiring students by giving them the freedom to dedicate themselves to research for a sizeable period of time. By immersing themselves in high-level inquiry, accompanying professors to professional meetings and occasionally co-authoring papers, students gain valuable experience that helps them excel in graduate school or scientific careers. “In today’s academic environment, this kind of experience is absolutely essential—both to the students’ future success, and to the College’s ability to build on its excellent reputation in the sciences,” says Timothy R. Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. “It is the natural extension of the challenging academic environment that already exists at Holy Cross, which gives students access to state-of-the-art instrumentation, emphasizes original thinking and provides mentoring support from gifted and committed faculty.”

The nature of the gift also meshes well with the Stranksy Foundation’s purpose. “Over the years, the Foundation has really zeroed in on education and the sciences, particularly as they relate to health and medicine, so this was a great fit,” Trimboli says. “We know that the rigor of scientific research at Holy Cross will give students a leg up when they get to graduate school and begin to compete in the research arena.”

Robert Stranksy, the third-generation owner of a Buffalo, N.Y.-based hardware store, established the Foundation in 1987. After Stranksy’s death in 1995, Trimboli and a fellow trustee assumed responsibility for continuing the Foundation’s work. Over the years, wise investment strategies have grown the Foundation’s resources considerably and expanded the support it provides to a range of nonprofit organizations. The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences recently recognized Trimboli for his contributions to the Emmy award-winning program “Reading Rainbow” produced by WNED-TV in Buffalo.

At Holy Cross, the Foundation has made a series of gifts since the early 1990s supporting scholarships and fellowships, and this latest gift creates the $1 million fund into which existing scholarships and fellowships will be folded. “Holy Cross has been a superb steward of the Stranksy Grant funds,” adds Trimboli, who is a principal partner in Pumpkin Ridge Associates, an Oregon- and Arizona-based consulting firm specializing in issues relating to the development and construction of golf courses and sports management.
THE POWER OF ONE

Current job: “After years of working in finance and accounting, I attended Columbia Business School to pursue an MBA and make a career switch to product development and management. Currently, I am a vice president in the global wealth management division at Morgan Stanley in New York.”

The working life: “While I have always loved being a student, working has been very fulfilling. My career allows me to apply what I learned during my time at Holy Cross. Additionally, it affords me the time and resources to pursue other interests such as the ballet, athletics and volunteerism.”

Memorable Holy Cross moments: “My father is also an enthusiastic Holy Cross alumnus. Growing up, we would visit with his alumni friends and their children, many of whom attended Holy Cross with me. My parents and my brother would often visit me and tailgate at football games, arriving with a truckload of food (literally!). Some of their alumni friends would join us, and the tailgates became something of a mini reunion. It was great to see different generations together at these events, and it really brought out a lot of camaraderie.”

Why she stays connected: “Both my family and very close friends have shared my Holy Cross experience, and so it is quite natural for me to stay connected to the College.”

Why she gives to Holy Cross: “I am grateful for what Holy Cross has provided me: the skills for a good career, great friends and a deeper connection to my Catholic identity. It is important to me that Holy Cross has the resources to maintain its excellence, and I am committed to doing my part.”

Name: Mara Lise Terlizzi ’96

Hometown: Andover, Mass.

Family: Father, Michael ’70; mother, Elizabeth; brother, Michael ’00

What she did at Holy Cross: “I co-founded and coached the Women’s Lacrosse Club and was a resident adviser and a senior interviewer.”

The impression it left: “Holy Cross was my first academic experience in a Catholic environment. While I had an appreciation of my Catholic heritage, Holy Cross made me realize how much I didn’t know about my own background and how much I enjoyed being part of the broader Catholic community. Holy Cross provided me with an education both inside and outside of the classroom that reinforced the Catholic connection and brought me closer to my faith.”
Krug Gift Recognizes the Importance of Hands-on Learning

Sam Krug ’65 has made a major gift to support Holy Cross’ summer research program, thereby creating opportunities for students to conduct original research alongside accomplished faculty members. The gift will help students in all subjects gain a deeper understanding of their coursework and accrue valuable experience that will help advance their work after they leave Mount St. James.

Timothy R. Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, has pushed for an expansion of Holy Cross’ offerings of “hands-on” research experiences such as these, which are becoming increasingly vital to students’ preparation in all subjects—particularly in the sciences.

Krug’s own career path illustrates the impact that research projects can have on a student’s future—and is also emblematic of the way that academic experiences at Holy Cross can be meaningful turning points for young and ambitious minds.

Krug arrived at Holy Cross aspiring to become a journalist, but when he accompanied a friend to sample a survey course in psychology, Krug caught the bug that would determine his career path for years to come. For the remainder of his time on the Hill, he focused his efforts on psychology and, after graduation, earned a Ph.D. in personality assessment at the University of Illinois.

While pursuing his doctorate, Krug served as research assistant to a faculty member who specialized in personality theory and whose work was highly quantitative, relying heavily on computer programs and analyses. “First of all, the research assistantship was very practical because it helped pay for my education,” he recalls. Beyond the financial boon, it also boosted his ability to excel in his studies. “My ongoing involvement in research made the coursework more relevant and valuable. I was learning about things I could use on a daily basis.”

Krug hopes his gift will do the same for Holy Cross students. “I think a lot of undergraduate students aren’t sure what they want to do yet, but if they can get some real-world experience, it will give them a better feel for what they really want to pursue,” he says.

After earning his Ph.D., Krug worked for a psychological testing firm for nearly two decades, designing tools to help a wide range of clients—from clinical psychologists to corporations to national defense organizations—assess certain traits among their patients and employees. Assignments ran the gamut from screening nuclear power plant workers for emotional stability, to helping businesses determine what kinds of workers they should hire and promote, to ensuring that military personnel were fit to carry weapons.

In 1982, Krug launched his own educational testing company, MetriTech, which over the years has helped no fewer than 25 state educational agencies measure student achievement. Over the last decade, educational testing has gained increased attention through the No Child Left Behind Act, which requires states to document student achievement at regular intervals throughout grade school and high school.

MetriTech assesses all forms of student achievement but specializes in measuring English language proficiency. Recognizing the company’s niche, the federal govern-
ment commissioned MetriTech in 2003 to assist the Immigration and Naturalization Service in creating an updated citizenship test.

Krug continues his academic work as adjunct professor at the University of Illinois, where he serves on the alumni board for the psychology department; he has written several books and articles on the subjects of testing and personality. His training in psychology began on a whim one day in a classroom on Mount St. James, but has profoundly influenced his career choice and life.

With his gift, Krug’s generosity will ensure that future Holy Cross graduates will have the opportunity to delve more deeply into their chosen fields and to begin the process of research that could lead to a lifetime of discovery and achievement.

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Holy Cross celebrates March 10. Why? Because from the brisk winds of March 10 through the excitement of Commencement Day in May and right to the end of the fiscal year in sunny late June, the College operates solely on the generosity of donors—both contributions made this year and income from the endowment. That’s right … tuition, room and board only cover expenses for part of the year. After that, it is the legendary philanthropy of the community that keeps Holy Cross moving.

To honor the importance of philanthropy at Holy Cross and to educate students about the role benefactors play in their education, the College celebrated Philanthropy Day on March 10.
Alumni Association

Note from the HCAA President

The Holy Cross Alumni Association enters a new decade not only with a new name (be sure to read the article on Page 36), but also with new (and easy) ways for us to stay connected with each other—including a presence on Facebook and LinkedIn. Your alumni organization’s officers and board are working on several valuable programs to bring Holy Cross to you as well as reasons to invite you back to campus. For instance, the Holy Cross Alumni Association’s annual continuing education day, Classroom Revisited, is slated for April 10. You should already have received a brochure and an e-mail announcing the details, so please register and join us. Those who have participated in the past will tell you that the classes offered by Holy Cross faculty are terrific and a wonderful way to reinvigorate that spirit of learning by engaging in the dialogue of the Holy Cross classroom. As we anticipate the long-awaited signs of springtime, on behalf of the Holy Cross Alumni Association’s officers and board, we hope that 2010 will bring you health and happiness and that you will stay in touch with our beloved Holy Cross.

Mark W. Powers ’85
President
Holy Cross Alumni Association

“Goodtime” Marching Band Alumni Group

Did you play under “Doc” Mirliani? Did you march to Prince’s drum? Were you part of the rugby shirt apple corps? If you were once part of the legendary “Goodtime” Marching Band, we’re looking for you!

In 2010, the band will celebrate its 100th year performing on Fitton Field, and we are trying to identify as many band alumni as possible to create a Marching Band alumni group. Contact Christine Tree ’92, at cmtree.atlaw@verizon.net, or the Alumni Office, at 508-793-2418, and let us know that you are a proud “Goodtime” alumnus/alumna!
Alumni Group Gets Fresh New Name in 2010

Holy Cross Alumni Association embraces revitalized identity, new communications strategy

BY MAUREEN E. MORAN ’89

With an eye to the future, the College of the Holy Cross General Alumni Association’s board of directors has voted to change the organization’s name to the Holy Cross Alumni Association. The vote was taken at its October 2009 meeting.

With more than 32,000 members, the Holy Cross Alumni Association is the largest organization associated with the College.

“The decision to change the name came after months of research and discussion,” says Mark Powers ’85, president of the Holy Cross Alumni Association. “Our goals are to make the alumni association more accessible to its members, encourage greater participation in its programs and better communicate how the organization is serving the Holy Cross alumni community.”

The name change is an opportunity to explore new ways to introduce the association to younger alumni, as well as reintroduce it to older grads, he explains.

“The Holy Cross Alumni Association offers a range of services, including regional clubs, career resources, insurance programs and scholarships to alumni children,” Powers adds. “We also provide travel opportunities, insurance, admissions office support, summer fellowships and social activities. With this change, we have a tremendous opportunity to communicate what the alumni association does and encourage more alumni to get involved with the organization.”

Throughout 2010, the Holy Cross Alumni Association will be rolling out its new name at various forums, including reunions, homecoming, mailings and e-mails.

In addition, “The Holy Cross Alumni Association will have a presence on social networking sites, including Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn,” Powers comments. “We realize that younger alumni use Internet-based resources to communicate. The Holy Cross Alumni Association will utilize those avenues, as well as more traditional methods, to reach all Holy Cross alumni.”

The new name marks the beginning of a new chapter for Holy Cross alumni, Powers says. “Holy Cross is a great institution, and our pride in being associated with the school continues long after we’ve left College Hill,” he observes. “The alumni association’s new name highlights our lasting connections to the school and allows us to strengthen those ties.”

Maureen E. Moran is a member of the Holy Cross Alumni Association Executive Committee.

Continuing Education Day

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Join fellow alumni, parents and friends returning to Mount St. James for the 28th year of “The Classroom Revisited.” Take advantage of the opportunity to participate in engaging lectures and workshops offered by some of Holy Cross’ finest faculty members! A full schedule of the day’s events will be posted at holycross.edu/alumni; for more information, contact the Alumni Office at 508-793-2418.
The Holy Cross Alumni Association has announced the names of those alumni nominated to serve as officers and members of its board of directors. Kristyn M. Dyer ’94 has been appointed executive secretary. Michael H. Shanahan ’78 has been re-appointed treasurer. Alumni Association bylaws do not require yearly nomination to these offices.

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

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

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

President
Colleen F. Amann ’92

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

President-Elect
Brian A. O’Connell ’71

Brian A. O’Connell is assistant superintendent and business manager of the Winchendon (Mass.) Public Schools. An attorney and a 1974 graduate of Harvard Law School, he was first elected to the board of directors of the Alumni Association in 1978—and has served continuously as a director or, as a member, of the Alumni Senate, since then. O’Connell has been vice president of the association since 2007 and co-chair of the Committee on the Alumni Senate since 2004. He is a past member of the association’s committees on nominations and elections and community outreach. O’Connell also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Holy Cross from 1971 to 1973. A member of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Worcester’s board of directors since 1974, he was the club’s president from 1980 to 1981. A member of the city of Worcester School Committee since 1984, O’Connell also serves on the board of trustees of both Anna Maria College and Worcester Academy. He is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and St. John’s Church Parish Council in Worcester where he is a resident.

To view the full slate of HCAA Board of Directors candidates, visit holycross.edu/alumni and click on “Alumni Association Board Nominations 2010.”
Cool, Clear Water

Even as Mount St. James changed from raising crops to educating students, its inhabitants made use of the Hill’s abundant, pure water.

BY JAMES DEMPSEY

Water has always been the defining element on Mount St. James, originally known as Pakachoag Hill. According to some sources the Native American name means “the hill of pleasant springs,” referring not to the season but to the many sources of water on the eminence. It was the water that attracted European farmers to the hill, despite the rocks and ledge with which they had to struggle. Before them, the Nipmuc Indians, or “the Freshwater People,” called this land home. What we know today as the city of Worcester, they called “Quinsigamond,” or “pickerel fishing place.” The Blackstone River—named the “Birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution” because the new nation’s first textile mill was built along its banks in 1790—begins its trek down to Rhode Island at the foot of Pakachoag Hill.

In 1843 when Rev. James Fitton bought the land for what would become the College of the Holy Cross, it consisted of a farm and about 60 acres. Worcester contractor and benefactor Tobias F. Boland built an academy two stories high and 70 feet long on the property—and the first 30 students were enrolled. Bishop Benedict J. Fenwick was delighted with the purchase, making frequent reference to the water features of the location. It was, he said, “situated on the declivity of an extensive hill, which is watered at the base by a little stream of pure water.” In advertisements for the school he alluded to the old Indian name of the “hill of pleasant springs” and boasted of the spot’s “abundant supply of good water.”

Irish laborers performed the task of terracing the hill when work was slack on the Blackstone Canal or Tobias Boland’s many projects. These men were also educated at the academy. Students fished in the “fine pond” at the bottom of the hill, catching perch, horned pout, eels and trout. In the winter there was skating on the pond and along the canal.

With a working farm sharing space with the academy, Holy Cross’ hill was still very much an agrarian space. A farm diary from 1869 gives one an idea of how busy a place it was. The “Account of Stock” includes “one fullblooded Jersey bull 2 years old, 4 heifers, 1 steer, 2 oxen, 2 calves ... 2 sows—one suckling the young ones ... 2 workhorses both old too light for hill work, 2 family horses used for the missions.” Newspaper and almanac clippings describe such farm tips as the proper use of manure on potatoes and how to harden the necks of oxen teams.
The farm was still providing food for the Jesuit and student kitchens in the late 1950s. Former superintendent of grounds Jim Long recalls there being five or six farmhands at the time. The present site of Hogan “was all vegetable gardens and nurseries,” he says, and the College still had a huge domed oven for baking, and even a cider press. Long and his co-workers would occasionally ride the farm’s horses for recreation.

The old hill is still full of water. Even the new soccer field, located on the top of the hill, needs judicious drainage. “Touch a spot with a backhoe and all the water pours out,” says George Query, greenhouse manager and landscape foreman. “The land is all ledge, and if you disturb it the water will find its way out.”

Moses with a backhoe. Water from the rock. Small wonder that the early founders of the College thought Pakachoag such an auspicious location.

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

Tobias Boland’s great-granddaughter, Margaret Boland, and Thomas L. Rooney have written The Irish Pioneer, a historical novel about Boland, his daring trek from Ireland to America, his loves and losses and his vital contributions to the founding of Holy Cross (Magnolia Mansions Press, 2009).

Enjoy an excerpt of this personal tale at holycross.edu/magazine under Web exclusives.
“Oh well, hindsight is 20/20.” For many of us, hearing those words implies that we could have made a better choice. For professor of psychology and dean of the Class of 2011, Mark Freeman, the concept of hindsight is more than a toss-away regret. In his new book, Freeman carefully reviews the possibility that looking to our past can be an important step in self-discovery. Written for academic readers as well as “the reflective general reader, the kind of person who’s given to thinking about the world and his or her place in it,” the book also investigates the role of hindsight in building a moral life; it recently won the 2010 Theodore Sarbin Award for outstanding contributions to theoretical and philosophical psychology. HCM chatted with Freeman about Hindsight.

You write about “narrative reflection.” What does that mean?

By “narrative reflection,” I refer to the fact that what we’re experiencing at any given moment, meaningful though it may be in itself, acquires further meaning and further significance as a function both of what comes later and of the whole—the evolving story—of which it’s a part. What this suggests is that reflection on our lives frequently assumes narrative form: We “read” the episodes of the past from the standpoint of the present, placing them within the fabric of narrative.

You say the concept of life lived and life as told is something you’ve been interested in for years. What sparked that “obsession”?

Although I can trace the obsession at hand to some discrete features of the past—some research I was doing as a young

### In the Spotlight

**Hindsight: The Promise and Peril of Looking Backward**

by Mark Freeman (Oxford University Press, 2010)

Studies supporting the connection between the mind and body have given new evidence about the power of our brains and our attitudes to heal and retain good health. In her new book, *Mind & Medicine: In Harmony for Healing*, Marianne Urbanski, D.M.D., investigates how we think and how our various engrained belief systems affect our health and well-being. Through patient stories and concepts learned through her own practice, Urbanski explains simple tools and techniques that can be used to improve one’s mental outlook and overall health.

### The Violent Person

**AMERICAN MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION BOOKS, 2009**

BY RAYMOND B. FLANNERY JR. ’64

Raymond Flannery, a licensed clinical psychologist and an associate clinical professor of psychology at Harvard Medical School, has studied the intricate nature of stress, violence and psychological trauma for more than 40 years. In his latest book, *The Violent Person*, Flannery outlines professional risk management strategies for safety and care. He notes that in their daily work, health care workers are often in the path of violence, falling victim to homicide, hostage taking, robbery and sexual assault. *The Violent Person* aims to save the lives of these front-line caretakers—and is of interest to any reader contemplating stress and the workings of the human mind.

### Mind & Medicine

**BOB PROCTOR LIFE SUCCESS PUBLISHING, 2009**

BY MARIANNE URBANSKI, D.M.D., ’82 P13

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graduate student at the University of Chicago, the extraordinary courses I was able to take with the philosopher Paul Ricoeur, among others—it really derives mainly from my own experience in the world. So often, things appear one way, and it’s only later, with distance, that we’re able to see what we either couldn’t see or wouldn’t see earlier on. For me, it’s just a fundamental aspect of being human.

What are the greatest possibilities and pitfalls of our ability to re-tell our own stories from a current vantage point?

The great promise of hindsight lies in our capacity to see things anew from the “aerial view” of the present. In this sense, hindsight is a key player—in fact, I would suggest, the key player—in the examined life. It is especially important in moral life, where there is a tendency to act first and think later. But herein lies some of the peril too. For it is precisely through hindsight that we come to see our weaknesses and limits. And as we all know, this can hurt a great deal. The “peril,” therefore, is nothing less than the peril of self-knowledge.

The Book of Basketball: The NBA According to the Sports Guy is ESPN personality Bill Simmons’ entertaining romp through the past, present and future of pro basketball. In his latest book, he tackles every major basketball debate and takes readers inside his five-level shrine to the 96 greatest players in the history of the sport.

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The Boo k of Basketball
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HARDCOVER, 2009
BY BILL SIMMONS ’92

On-Campus

SYLLABUS

Montserrat Seminar:
Stewardship and Sustainability

Professor: Alice Laffey, associate professor, religious studies
Course overview: Offered this spring, the course considers the use/abuse of creation in light of the Christian tradition, which identifies all creation as belonging to God and human beings as entrusted with its care. Students examine the concepts of responsible stewardship and the sustainability of natural resources, particularly water.


Assignments: Selected readings; class presentations; participation in class/small group discussions and community-based learning opportunities; three essays; final project

Class visit: Current events discussion about the environment; PowerPoint presentation by Peter Walsh ‘13 and Alec Bonelli ‘13 regarding the 2002 Australian Catholic Bishops’ Statement on the Environment, small group discussions/class presentation about solutions to the area’s environmental issues, using topics provided by the student leaders

Professor quote: “My goal is to increase the consciousness of students about the value of the natural world and the interdependence of all creation. Through the critical examination of documents promulgated by religious leaders on the environment and coverage of environmental issues in the media, I hope that students will develop a deeper appreciation of the natural world and a stronger commitment to behaviors that help to sustain it.”

Professor bio: Joining the College faculty in 1981, Associate Professor Alice Laffey has taught in Montserrat since the program’s inception in fall 2008; receiving a baccalaureate, licentiate and doctorate of sacred scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, she specializes in the Hebrew Scriptures, feminist hermeneutics, and ecology and the Bible. Her publications include Appreciating God’s Creation through Scripture.

Student quote: “‘Stewardship and Sustainability’ is increasing my awareness of the severity of our environment situation,” says Samantha Nardi ‘13, of Wallingford, Conn. “I am learning ways each person can do his/her part to help the environment, as we have an ethical responsibility to protect God’s creation.”

Part of the Natural World cluster, “Stewardship and Sustainability” and the course “Biology of Health and Disease,” taught in the fall by Professor of biology Mary Lee Ledbetter, comprise the yearlong seminar, “Human Health & Creation’s Wellbeing.”

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Climb of a Lifetime

An adventurous Crusader finds herself standing atop Africa’s tallest peak

It sounded like such an exciting vacation idea when her pal Janel Jorgensen, an Olympic swimming medalist, called last August.

Climb Mount Kilimanjaro, and then go on a four-day excursion through three Tanzanian national game parks. A perfect January escape from the high-pressure world of investment management, thought Coleen Lynch ’95, a Holy Cross Hall of Fame swimmer. What a nice idea. It should be relaxing, so much fun …

While trudging up the rocky Machame Trail for seven hours in the dark, battling nausea and toting a backpack through wind-blown snow and bone-chilling cold, Lynch began reconsidering the wisdom of her getaway choice. “It was much more daunting than I had imagined,” she understates.

Ah, but the payoff: Standing near the top of Mount Kilimanjaro at Stella Point. Amid a band of 15 climbers, Lynch gazed out above the clouds to witness a spectacular sunrise. It was a spiritual moment, she recalls, inspiring an awe that Jesuit theologian Jean Danielou might have offered as proof of the existence of God. “Tears of joy, tears of wonder, tears of accomplishment; a whole range of emotions whirled about,” Lynch says. That majesty, standing in the snow, looking down at the sunshine glistening upon ancient glaciers, made her forget her awful stomach upset and utter exhaustion intensified by altitude.

Having paused for a cup of Thermos tea, Lynch and her comrades trekked another hour to reach Uhuru Peak, at 19,344 feet the highest point in Africa. (Three volcanic cones form the cratered tops of Kilimanjaro: Kebo, Mawenzi and Shira. Uhuru Peak is part of Kebo.) “The guide told us Uhuru would be a ‘short stroll’ ... had I known how long and hard it would be, I might have turned back,” she explains.

After the obligatory picture taking for reasons of personal posterity, she would come down quickly from that high. The ascent had taken seven days, from the tropic climes of the rainforest and moors, through barren lunar-like landscapes, to an arctic-tundra mountaintop. The descent took only seven hours.

“I know many others, including Holy Cross students and alums, have made this climb. It is not a technical mountain-climbing feat requiring ropes, spikes and picks,” Lynch says. “Yet it is a meaningful challenge and very special individual accomplishment.”

Certainly this is not a vacation for the faint of heart. Each year, nearly 20 hikers, guides and porters die—from high altitude lung and cerebral complications and a variety of other causes—trying to reach one of Kilimanjaro’s three peaks along Machame, the steepest and most scenic of seven routes. Only 40 percent of those who try make it all the way to Uhuru Peak. “That last day was exhilarating, but rugged. We rested four hours (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.) at the high camp (Kosovo), but I couldn’t sleep. We left at midnight for the seven-hour summit hike, wearing headlamps to light the way. Our stay on top was brief before the descent,” Lynch recalls. “Fourteen straight hours of hiking on no sleep ... it was a real test.”

Lynch did not take Kilimanjaro lightly. As one would expect from a high-performance athlete, she prepared well. Lynch had some hiking experience: Two years before, she had ventured with Sarah Garrity, a 1982 classmate of her sister Mary’s, to Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas, 8,000 feet above sea level in the mountains of Peru.

Slowed by a thyroid problem last summer, Lynch knew she wasn’t in shape to climb even Mount St. James. In
August, she plunged into training with Jorgensen, a 17-year-old butterfly sensation from Ridgefield, Conn., when she won a silver medal in the 400-meter relays at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Jorgensen, an All-American and Hall of Fame swimmer at Stanford University, is executive director of Swim Across America, a nonprofit that coordinates events throughout the country to raise money for cancer research. Lynch participates in the annual Boston Harbor swim to help the cause.

To build their stamina, Lynch and Jorgensen ran the steep steps of Harvard Stadium. They hit their local gym to work out. “I wore my hiking boots and packed on the equipment and got some very strange looks,” Lynch recalls. They hiked some nearby lumps such as Mount Wachusett, Mounts Monadnock and Lafayette in New Hampshire and the Blue Hills in the outskirts of Boston.

Lynch, inducted into the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 2001, is no stranger to arduous training. She had a remarkable career as a freestyle swimmer.

Her dad, Hugh Lynch ’60, served his country as a Navy pilot. In the early 1980s, Capt. Lynch and his wife, Madeline, relocated to Newport, R.I., where he would soon retire from active duty. He would continue to work there on the staff at the U.S. Naval War College. Two of their children, Mary ’82, who later married Bill Supple ’81, and Paul ’84, were already attending Holy Cross and competing for the Holy Cross swim team.

Eight years old at that time, Lynch began swimming competitively. Tutored by her longtime coach, Christine Hague, she swam for the Newport Navy Blues. Lynch later starred at Rogers High School where she performed in track and cross-country as well. Last year her exploits earned her election into the Rhode Island Aquatic Hall of Fame.

At Holy Cross, under coach Barry Parenteau, Lynch enjoyed immediate success, swimming with teammates such as Crusader Hall of Fame Jill Adessa ’92, Maura Walsh ’92, her roomie-to-be, Martina Moore ’95 and others. “Swimming didn’t define my whole college experience, but I had a wonderful time competing with so many people who remain my close friends today,” she says.

Lynch holds Holy Cross records in the 100, 200, 500 and 1,000 freestyle. As a senior she was named Co-Swimmer of the Meet, winning all three freestyle events at the Patriot League Championships. Winner of the 200 free style at the National Catholic Championships as a junior and senior, she won more than 100 events in her College career and set a school record in the 100 free-style on her final swim as a Crusader.

Lynch, named the 1995 Patriot League Scholar of the Year, was voted the winner of the Varsity Club’s Intercolligate Athletic Achievement Award in her fourth year.

In brief, she made a huge splash as a student-athlete.

Lynch, an account manager for the Boston-based investment firm of Eaton Vance, remains a Crusader superstar. An ardent believer in giving back, she has served on the President’s Council for the past decade; her sister Mary and her husband, Bill Supple, are co-chairs of the Council. Since graduation, Lynch has been a dedicated director of the Holy Cross Varsity Club, reigning as its president and serving as a member of its selection committee.

“Holy Cross has always been part of our extended family. Jesuits such as Father Joseph LaBran, S.J., ’38 were special friends before I came to Holy Cross. My family has always been active here. My nephew, Ned Supple ’13, is swimming for Barry (Parenteau). My family and so many close friends are loyal Crusaders, and Holy Cross will always be a huge part of my life,” says Lynch.

Ernest Hemingway writes of Harry, his tragic main character in The Snows of Kilimanjaro: “Africa was where he had been the happiest in the good time of his life, so he had come here to start again. They had made this safari with the minimum of comfort. There was no hardship; but there was no luxury and he had thought he could get back into training that way. That someday he could work the fat off his soul the way a fighter went into the mountains to work and train in order to burn it out of his body.”

Harry never does climb Kilimanjaro. Coleen Lynch now has. She says she has been given a jolt of inspiration. “Maybe I’ll run a Boston Marathon or enter some triathlete competition,” she adds with an impish smile.

Whatever this Crusader tries, she will likely make it to the top.
They glide onto the ice as a few cheers from a small cadre of faithful fans echo across the Hart Center rink on a Friday night in February. A small pile of single-sheet programs rests on the shelf of the shuttered box-office window. No band plays. No concession stands are open. Admission is free. It is business as usual for Holy Cross women's ice hockey.

The Crusader women should be the hottest ticket on campus. They posted a remarkable 24-2-1 record last season, only their 10th as a varsity sport. They are sitting atop the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) East with a gaudy 17-3-1 mark, as fierce rival Norwich University pulls up to the Hart Center for the evening’s matchup.

For these athletes, the game is the only thing. The crowds and adulation may come later, after they have built a foundation for their sport; for now, they play simply because they love ice hockey.

The small crowd does not dampen the women’s ardor on this wintry night, and Coach Peter Van Buskirk has them fired up as usual. Playing in December at Norwich up in Northfield, Vt., the Crusaders roared back from a 2-0 deficit to tie the Cadets. This is the showdown.

Women's ice hockey, which allows no checking, features graceful skills complemented often by unfettered skating; more artistry than anarchy. In this clash, however, a no-holds-barred game—make that donnybrook—broke out. Amid a furious pace, bodies went flying, goals became unhinged, coaches jawed at referees and each other, and the crowd went ballistic. “I've never heard such an uproar at a women's hockey game,” remarked Charles Baker, associate professor emeritus of French at Holy Cross.

On hand were a loyal gallery of hollering students; a good number of family, including Stacey Hochkins’ clan from New Boston, Mich., and Lisa Wilson’s dad, Gary, who drove solo from Corunna, Ontario—plus a few faithful faculty members such as Baker and associate professor of religious studies, Alice Laffey.

Fans are treated to a sudden-death game roiling with dramatic conflict. Early in the overtime, Holy Cross seems to have won when Stacey Hochkins '12, the College’s leading scorer, redirects a loose puck into the net, but the goal becomes dislodged in the ensuing pile-up. The refs disallow the goal, ruling that Hochkins skate-kicked the puck in. “The video replay shows I didn’t make a kicking motion,” professes Hochkins. “The puck bounced off someone’s leg, probably mine.”

The controversy and confusion don’t end there. Katelyn Doherty '10, hustling to contain an airborne puck, flattens Norwich’s Julie Fortier along the boards. The contact is ruled coincidental and no penalty is called. Cadet coach Mark Bolding, vociferous throughout, launches a tirade of protest as shaken Fortier is being attended to. (She is, thankfully, uninjured.) With under 10 ticks left, a tie seems inevitable, but a pokecheck skids up ice onto the stick of Jocelyn Kratchmer '11. In a flash, she fires a bullet, missing by mere inches.

Kratchmer deadlocked the score in the third period, 2-2, whistling in a wrister in full stride. “Jocelyn got me off the hook,” notes Hochkins. Norwich’s Melissa Rundlett pick-pocketed Kratchmer in front of the Crusader goal and flicked the purloined puck into the net to put Norwich up, 2-1.

Monique Gallant '11, sensational in the Holy Cross goal, has 26 saves, including several wondrous glove saves on screachers. Forward Nicola Garat '12, who tied the game 1-all, time and again makes alert steals and slashing moves. As usual co-captain Lisa Wilson ’10 plays inspiring hockey.

The tie seems righteous. Fans roar their approval, knowing they witnessed one helluva hockey game. The
Crusader players, however, are not exactly ecstatic. “Two games, two ties and we won’t get another shot at them,” sighs a disappointed Wilson.

Even though Holy Cross and Norwich play in the same league, they will not face each other in the ECAC East tournament, restricted to Division 3 colleges. The Crusaders have no pathway to the NCAA’s national playoffs. They cannot dream about the kind of magical ride the 2006 men’s hockey team took when the College shocked powerhouse Minnesota in the NCAA Western Regionals. The skating women attend a Division 1 college while playing in a Division 3 league. Instead, Holy Cross’ trailblazers of the rink have to be happy repeating as the champs in the four-team ECAC open tourney with Division 2 foes St. Anselm and St. Michael’s and Division 1 Sacred Hart. On Feb. 28, hosting Holy Cross knocked off St. Anselm, 3-1, to capture the crown. Hochkins, the tournament MVP and ECAC East Player of the Year, scored two goals. The Crusaders finished with a sparkling 20-4-2 overall record.

They accept what they are, a tight-knit group of pioneer women forging their way toward the promised land of Division 1 competition—the only team among the College’s 27 varsity sports that cannot compete in NCAA playoffs. “We’re heading in the right direction ... maybe we’ll become Division 1 in my time here,” remarks record-breaker Hochkins.

Van Buskirk has been the women’s head coach since 2000; four seasons ago, his position was upgraded to full time. “I no longer had to manage the Hart Center as well,” he notes. Today he and his assistant, Bill Bowes, have much more time to recruit.

Using his vast network of hockey comrades, Van Buskirk finds himself in far-flung, and extremely cold, places searching for talent.

In Canada’s Provincial Women’s Hockey League (PWHL), he discovered Wilson playing defense for the Bluewater Junior Hawks. “She is special, our dynamic leader who has earned the respect of her teammates and can be vocal with them when she has to,” Van Buskirk says.

Wilson, a captain for the last three seasons, hails from a hockey family in Corunna, Ontario. She says she loves the academic and athletic atmosphere at Holy Cross. “It’s demanding, but I like the rigid routine. Challenging classes and hockey six times a week,” remarks Wilson, who aspires to a teaching and coaching career back home.

Up in Saskatchewan, Van Buskirk spies Kratcher and Emily Henry ’11, both playing in the Notre Dame College tournament there. Teammates for the Saskatchewan Prairies back home, the young women are now Holy Cross roomies.

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Peter Van Buskirk

Hockey is a game Peter Van Buskirk loves and respects. He has devoted a large part of his life to fostering its growth and teaching others how to play it. He is known near and far as a gentleman coach. For his many achievements—including three decades of coaching Holy Cross hockey—Van Buskirk has been honored with the prestigious 2010 John “Snooks” Kelley Founders Award by the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA).

He has succeeded in coaching college men, being named the AHCA’s 1983 Coach of the Year (for Divisions 2 and 3).

He has succeeded in coaching college women, being voted the 2009 ECAC East Coach of the Year, as he guided the Crusaders to a 24-2-1 record.

He has succeeded in coaching high school boys, winning the 1978 Division 1 state title with his Hudson (Mass.) Hawks.

Van Buskirk has also coached year-round at countless camps and clinics from Los Angeles to Lake Placid to his own backyard. He has gained the admiration and loyal friendship of colleagues, players and foes alike.

Says John Burke, Rensselaer women’s head coach, “Peter’s professionalism and class are things we should all strive to emulate.”

Ann Ash Zelesky, Holy Cross’ associate athletic director, adds, “Peter is a terrific coach and a salt-of-the-earth-guy. He is the best.” That sentiment reverberates around the campus.

Coach of the Holy Cross women’s ice hockey team since 2000, Van Buskirk served as the men’s head hockey coach from 1979 to 1988—and, again, for the 1996-97 season; from 1991 to 1996, he was the men’s assistant. At various times, he has filled a dual role as director of Hart Center operations.

As a student at Hudson High, Van Buskirk was a three-sport captain and a perennial schoolboy all-star. Playing quarterback under Crusader football Hall of Famer Vic Rimkus ’53, he excelled as a hockey defense-man and, also, as a pitcher/third baseman in baseball. At the University of New Hampshire, Van Buskirk was team MVP in hockey and All-Yankee Conference as a third baseman. Van Buskirk resides in the Hudson High and UNH athletic halls of fame. He served as a lieutenant in the Army Infantry during the Vietnam War (1966-68), playing service baseball while stationed in South Korea.

His accomplishments have come through determination and hard work. While serving as the men’s head coach, Van Buskirk taught school in Hudson. He grew up in that town, where his father worked at the family-run Hudson Diner. His mom, now 99 years old, taught Peter in the fourth grade. His brothers Joe and Dick were superb high school athletes as well. In 2001, he married his wife, Susan, and, that year, saw stepdaughter Kirsten Demoga receive her degree from Holy Cross; Kirsten is now an attorney, practicing in Boston.

The current women’s ice hockey players know that, in their coach, they have more than a good guy, they have an impassioned advocate for the game they all love. “Coach Van Buskirk loves the game of hockey tremendously!” forward Christina D’Ambrogio ‘11 says. “At practice, he steps onto the ice with his purple track suit and has his practice plan inside his baseball cap.

“Sometimes when you are walking past his office to go to the locker room, he calls you in and just starts talking about set plays, line combinations, etc., and before you know it, half an hour has gone by,” she continues. “He has such great passion for the game of hockey that he can’t help talking about it 24/7, and that’s what I love about him!”

Flowing from his rich experiences come numerous stories he loves to tell. Many are charming—about playing hockey outdoors and skating against the wind at night. He does not brag. And, as one might expect, Van Buskirk says his AHCA lifetime achievement award is just a matter of hanging around hockey rinks too long.

But those who know him best, know better.
Recently Kratchmer emerged as a mini-media star when a
Canadian sports network (TSN) profiled her. In her home-
town of Watsous, Saskatchewan, about 2,000 folks showed up
en masse for the TV shoot. The charming piece documents
how Kratchmer, at age 3, turned in her frilly dancing-class out-
fit for hockey pads, playing with the boys and enduring sneers
of “girls can’t play.” Sam Klassen, an NHL performer, skated
alongside Kratchmer as a kid. “She always fit in, and we always
stood up for her,” he recalls.

Seven Canadians and their 13 American teammates have
meshed into a power to be reckoned with.

As a first year student, Hochkins pulled off a hat trick in her
first game. She went on to lead the league in goals (25), assists
(28) and points (53) while setting Crusader records in those
categories. Hochkins and Kratchmer shared MVP honors. This
season she’s leading the league again in point-scoring (26
goals, 18 assists).

Shuffling four lines of forwards, Van Buskirk likes keeping
the offensive pressure on opponents. Co-captain Kate
O’Connor ’09 provides more than the team’s unofficial mascot,
Riley, her black lab. Making the transition from defensive
prep-school star to a 5-11 power forward, she is always at the
center of the storm.

Kathy Kelley ’10, the Darling of Dedham, is a typical Van
Buskirk-brand sparkplug. A Massachusetts state champion and
Boston Globe all-star, the always upbeatscrapper had three
game-winning goals last season. Her dad, Joe, and mom, Mary
Rose, have missed only one game in her four years. “They went
to see my [twin] sister Kara play field hockey up at Bowdoin
College, so I gave them a pass!” Kelley says, smiling.

First-line, first-year forward Caroline English, along with
Garat, provide solid punch as do Wendy Nobrega ’10,
Christina D’Ambrogio ’11, Rebecca O’Quinn ’13, Meghan
Reynolds ’13 and Alyssa Ruhland ’13.

Doherty, out of Toronto, is Wilson’s sturdy sidekick who
can also rush the puck. That dynamic duo, along with the likes
of Henry, Colleen Krmpotich ’11, Amy Pfund ’12 and Mariah
Napolitano ’13, make the Crusaders’ defense impregnable at
times. Prime example: Castleton (Vt.) State managed only two
shots on goalie Gallant during a Crusaders shutout. Gallant and
Carly Dominick-Sobol ’12 excel equally as Holy Cross’ last
line of defense.

All 20 Crusaders contribute in some way—even injured
goalie Lindsay Atkinson ’11, who opens the gate for her team-
mates, urging them on as they pour out from the lockers.

So The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pucksskate to the end
of an outstanding season. At times they hear the roar of the
crowd. For them, playing well is the only thing that matters.
And that is enough … for now.

John W. Gearan ’65 was an award-winning reporter and columnist
for the Worcester Telegram and Gazette for 36 years. He resides in
Rhode Island.

NCAA Soccer Update

In December, the NCAA’s Division I Committee on Infractions released its
report on a case that began when Holy Cross self-reported a violation in
the men’s soccer program. The Committee accepted the College’s self-im-
posed penalties, including the forfeiture of two scholarships, and
added the standard minimum sanction of a two-year probation. Holy
Cross has never before been involved in a major NCAA violation case, and
College President Rev. Michael McFarland, S.J., issued a letter to the
Holy Cross community expressing his satisfaction with the swift and com-
prehensive response by the Athletic Department.

The infractions were centered on a number of impermissible telephone
calls made to high school student-athletes during a nearly four-year pe-
riod (April 2004–June 2008). In its findings, the NCAA noted that the vi-
olations were not intentional, but de-
termined that the former men’s
soccer head coach failed to prom ote
an atmosphere of compliance and
that the College failed to monitor
telephone calls within the men’ssoc-
cer program adequately.

In his letter, Fr. McFarland also em-
phasized that compliance with NCAA
policies and regulations is and has al-
ways been a priority for the College
and its athletics program, and that as
a result of the investigation, moni-
toring systems have been revised.

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'67 Paul L. Davoren, D.D.S., writes that he retired from private practice and is now working part time at the VA Medical Center in White River Junction, Vt.—and, also, at a Federally Qualified Health Center in Central Vermont, where he oversees the dental clinic. Rev. Joseph J. Koury notes that, after four years in Belfast, Maine, as the administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, he relocated last September to Windham, Maine, where he now serves as administrator of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and two neighboring churches—St. Joseph’s Church in Bridgton and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Mission Church in Fryeburg. Fr. Koury adds that, since retiring from teaching in the Honors College of the University of Maine-Orono, he can resume tribunal work at the Diocese of Portland office. The Oct. 27 edition of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican newspaper included the announcement that Robert F. Kumor Jr. was one of several judges recently selected by the Massachusetts Judges Conference as a recipient of its judicial excellence award; selection is based on peer nomination and a review by panels of senior judges. Appointed to the bench in 1990, Kumor had served nine years as first justice of Springfield (Mass.) District Court; since 2005, he had been a circuit district court judge in Western Massachusetts, until his retirement last September. Charles W. Trombly Jr. ’62 and Daniel J. Swords ’69 were also recipients of this award.

'68 Wayne Cascio, professor of management in the University of Colorado-Denver Business School, writes that he was awarded the Robert H. Reynolds Chair in Global Leadership—the first endowed chair in the business school; the investiture took place in 2009. Michael J. “Mike” Kamin notes that he is redeploying from Iraq after a one-year tour as adviser to the Ministry of Defense.

'69 Frank C. Crowley, of Helena, Mont., writes that he has been selected to “Super Lawyers” 2009 for the Mountain States region. William J. “Bill” Mostyn III notes that, since April 2008, he has been serving as vice president and corporate secretary for TIAA-CREF, New York City, in its Boston office. The Oct. 27 edition of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican newspaper included the announcement that Daniel J. Swords was one of several judges recently selected by the Massachusetts Judges Conference as a recipient of its judicial excellence award; selection is based on peer nomination and a review by panels of senior judges. Swords currently serves as First Justice of Hampden and Berkshire County Juvenile Courts. Charles W. Trombly Jr. ’62 and Robert F. Kumor Jr. ’67 were also recipients of this award.

'70 Bernard F. Kelly Jr. writes that he is currently reviewing books for the Winthrop (Mass.) Sun Transcript newspaper and, also, working part time as a concierge.

'72 Dennis J. Sullivan, M.D., writes that he has been named chief of surgery at Bridgton (Maine) Hospital. Michael T. “Mike” Warshaw notes that he joined the Red Bank, N.J., law firm Zager Fuchs, PC, last January, after 20 years as a solo practitioner.

'73 David K. Curran writes that he recently had his second wilderness

Alfred J. Castino writes that he retired last year following a long career as an executive in high technology and software businesses and is now spending time traveling, studying Italian and photography, and continuing his athletic pursuits of running and bicycling. James J. Fox, M.D., writes that he was selected for inclusion in Castle Connolly’s national guide, America’s Top Doctors, 2009—noting that this is the fourth time since 2005 that he received this honor. A board-certified interventional cardiologist, Fox adds that he currently serves as president of Florida Cardiac Consultants—and that he has been practicing cardiology in Sarasota since 1992. Stephen R. “Steve” Wickson writes that he is working as a therapist and college counselor in Santa Monica, Calif. Class Co-Chairs Paul J. Ballantine, Brian R. Forts, Edward J. Sullivan

Gary R. Hurst writes that he has been elected to the board of directors of his law firm Drew, Eckl & Farnham, LLP, in Atlanta. Class Co-Chairs Joseph W. Cummings, Joseph A. Sasso Jr.

Mary Agnes “Maggie” Wilderotter writes that she was recently elected to the board of directors of Procter and Gamble—and, in addition, was recognized as one of the top 50 women in business by Fortune magazine. Class Co-Chairs Brian A. Cashman, Kathleen T. Connolly

Glenn A. Burgner, D.M.D., writes that he has opened a new office in Dartmouth, Mass. Daniel A. “Dan” Day notes that he has been appointed director of interactive media and audience development for The Modesto ( Calif.) Bee. John A. “Chip” Esper, M.D., and his wife, Kelly, announce the adoption of four daughters from Peru: Maria, age 16, Miley, 15, Clara, 11, and Jenny; S. Thomas J. Solitario writes that he recently started a new company, Blue Mobile Media, LLC, which provides “mobile marketing systems and services for political campaigns.” Gary O. Stankiewicz writes that he is in his 27th year of employment at the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in Springfield, Mass., noting that he was recently promoted to vice president in the U.S. Insurance Group, where he is head of information technology production services. Class Co-Chairs Mark T. Murray, Michael H. Shanahan, Anne Reilly Ziaja. Class Correspondent Roseann Fitzgerald

The law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP, announced that Thomas C. Frongillo, a partner in its Boston office, has been named co-chair of the firm’s investigations and criminal defense practice. Mary Kay Wall writes that she is a founding partner of Latt & Wall, “a strategic leadership, fund development and communications firm,” serving nonprofit organizations in the Chicago area. Class Co-Chairs Glennon L. Paredes, Deborah A. Pelles
In Memoriam

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BERNARD F. CURRY
Bernard Curry died Oct. 16, 2009, at 91. Born in New York City, Mr. Curry was a graduate of Columbia University Law School. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Curry is survived by a daughter; a son-in-law; a granddaughter; and numerous nephews and nieces. His brother was the late Francis R. ’52.

MARTIN J. MORAGHAN JR.
Martin Moraghan, a longtime resident of Litchfield, Conn., died Aug. 14, 2009, in West Chester, Ohio, at 93. During his career, Mr. Moraghan had been a representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Society for 50 years; he received the company’s Distinguished Service Award in 1985. Mr. Moraghan had also been a burgess of Litchfield Borough, director of the Litchfield Water Company and a lifelong parishioner of St. Patrick’s Church in Litchfield. An accomplished golfer, he had been a rules official at U.S. Golf Association tournaments for 30 years—and had officiated as well at college tournaments. President of the Connecticut State Golf Association from 1977 to 1978 and its tournament director for 25 years, Mr. Moraghan was inducted into the Connecticut Golf Hall of Fame in 1991 and the Litchfield Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001. He had been a member of the Country Club of Waterbury, Conn., where he won the men’s club championship twice, and the Litchfield Country Club, where he had also been a men’s champion. A major in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Mr. Moraghan was the director of ground training at the Cadet Bombardier School in Midland, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Jane; a son; two daughters; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

JOHN A. PIUREK
John Piurek, of West Haven, Conn., died Dec. 3, 2009, at 94. A longtime coach, tournaments director and sports official in Connecticut, Mr. Piurek had been a history teacher, coach and, for 16 years, athletic director at West Haven High School; he retired in 1981, following 36 years of service to the school. A four-sport official, Mr. Piurek had served as the president or commissioner of officiating groups for baseball, basketball, football and soccer. Active in the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC), he had been the director or a consultant for numerous tournaments and sporting events over the course of his career. Mr. Piurek was also active in organizing the Connecticut High School Coaches Association, serving as its second president in 1952. The recipient of many honors from state and national sports organizations, he was inducted into the National Federation of State High School Associations Hall of Fame in 1998—the first coach in Connecticut to be recognized in this way; in 2000 he was selected as a member of the inaugural class to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at West Haven High School, where, in 1990, the baseball field had been named after him. A three-sport athlete at his alma mater Bulkeley High School in Hartford, Mr. Piurek had been a member of the varsity baseball team at Holy Cross. Playing minor league baseball after college with the St. Louis Cardinals and Philadelphia Phillies, he had been a scout for more than 40 years with the Brooklyn Dodgers, San Francisco Giants and Seattle Mariners. Mr. Piurek had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Katherine “Rena”; a son; two daughters; two stepchildren; a sister; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1940
MARTIN C. ROTH
Martin Roth, of Rochester Hills, Mich., died Nov. 15, 2009, at 90. A World War II veteran, Mr. Roth had served 22 years in the Marine Corps, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. During his career, he had also worked for Chrysler Defense and General Dynamics. Mr. Roth’s community involvement included volunteering at the Baldwin Soup Kitchen in Michigan. Mr. Roth is survived by his wife, Chris; a daughter; three stepdaughters; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1941
JOHN R. LYDDY, M.D.
John Lyddy, M.D., died Oct. 3, 2009, in Bridgeport (Conn.) Hospital, at 90. A longtime physician, Dr. Lyddy maintained a private practice in obstetrics/gynecology for many years in Stratford, Conn.; at the start of his career, he had practiced general medicine in Bridgeport. Chairman of the obstetrics/gynecology department and chief of staff for many years at Bridgeport Hospital, Dr. Lyddy had also been on the faculty at Yale-New Haven and Bridgeport hospitals. A veteran, he had served as a naval officer in all the theaters of war during World War II; during the Korean War, Dr. Lyddy was promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Involved in community and church activities, Dr. Lyddy had pursued various interests as well, including carpentry, golf and gardening. He is survived by his wife, Helen; a son; four daughters, including Ann Marie ’83; two sons-in-law; a brother, Gregory J., D.D.S., ’52; a sister-in-law; five grandchildren; and extended family. His brother was the late Raymond C. ’47.
VINCENT J. MORETTI, D.D.S.
Vincent Moretti, of Cranston, R.I., died Aug. 25, 2009. Dr. Moretti is survived by his wife, Carolina; two sons; and three grandchildren.

JEREMIAH J. TWOMEY
Jeremiah Twomey died Nov. 24, 2009, at Pomperaug Woods in Southbury, Conn., at 91. During his career, Mr. Twomey had worked many years for Uniroyal Chemical, retiring in 1983. Receiving his bachelor of arts degree in chemistry from Boston College, he earned his master’s degree in chemistry at Holy Cross and, subsequently, completed some additional course work at Providence (R.I.) College. Mr. Twomey is survived by nephews and nieces.

1942
THOMAS N. BROWN
Thomas Brown died Oct. 23, 2009, in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, at 89. A historian and longtime professor, Mr. Brown had taught 23 years at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, prior to his retirement in 1988; he had previously been a member of the faculty at Notre Dame University in Indiana. Mr. Brown was the author of Irish-American Nationalism, 1870-1890, and a co-author of the 1998 public television documentary The Irish in America: Long Journey Home. A Navy veteran, he was a lieutenant commander and chief engineer aboard destroyers during World War II. Mr. Brown received his bachelor’s degree from Boston College and a master’s degree and Ph.D. in history from Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. He is survived by four sons; two daughters; and 11 grandchildren.

JAMES L. O’CONNOR
James O’Connor, of Jupiter, Fla., died Nov. 9, 2009, at 88. A graduate of Columbia Law School in New York City, Mr. O’Connor had been a commercial litigator in New York City for several years before becoming general counsel of the Luclow Corp. in Needham Heights, Mass.; in 1978, he relocated to Palm Beach County, Fla., where he founded The Storage Place Ltd. Mr. O’Connor had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. An Army Air Corps veteran, he flew 50 combat missions as a B-24 pilot in the Pacific theater during World War II. Mr. O’Connor is survived by a son; two daughters, including Maureen ’77; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; nine grandchildren, including Katharine O’Connor Lopez ’99; and four great-grandchildren.

1943
WILLIAM H. DIAMOND
William Diamond, of Reading, Mass., died Dec. 13, 2009, at 87. A longtime attorney, Mr. Diamond had maintained a private practice in Reading for 50 years; at the start of his career, he practiced law in New Bedford, Mass., and then joined a small tort firm in Boston. Mr. Diamond had served as president of the Middlesex County Bar Association in the mid-1980s. Active in local affairs, he had been a member of the board of trustees of the Reading Public Library; legal adviser to the Wakefield (Mass.) Elks Club; and, president, for several terms, of the Reading Rotary Club and the Reading Rifle & Revolver Club. An Army Air Corps veteran, Mr. Diamond trained at the radio school in Kansas City, Mo., and repaired radios of the P-47 “Thunderbolt” fighter aircraft. Serving in North Africa, Italy, Corsica, Southern France and the Rhineland region of Germany prior to the end of World War II, he was a recipient of the Good Conduct Medal; the Victory Medal; and the European-North African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. Mr. Diamond had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Marie; two sons, including William H. Jr. ’78; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and five grandchildren.

REV. DANIEL J. GILMARTIN
Rev. Daniel Gilmartin, a longtime priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, died Oct. 8, 2009, at Carmel Terrace in Framingham, at 88. Prior to his retirement in 1996, Fr. Gilmartin had been the pastor of St. Brendan’s Church in Bellingham for 24 years; he then served many years as senior priest at Assumption-St. Blaise Church in Bellingham. Ordained to the priesthood in 1946, Fr. Gilmartin began his ministry at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Walpole and St. John Church in Boston, prior to joining the faculty of St. Sebastian Country Day School, then located in Newton, the following year. During his tenure at St. Sebastian’s, he had taught religion and mathematics for almost 25 years and served 12 years as coach of the basketball team. While undertaking this work, Fr. Gilmartin also assisted at various locations in the archdiocese where he had assumed residency: the Carroll School for the Blind, Newton; St. John’s Seminary, Brighton; and the parishes of St. Joseph, Somerville, St. Stephen, Boston, St. Mary of the Assumption, Brookline, and, for 19 years, Sacred Heart in Watertown. He moved to Carmel Terrace in March 2008.

THOMAS E. MEATH
Thomas Meath, of Queensbury, N.Y., died Aug. 30, 2009, in Glens Falls (N.Y.) Hospital, at 88. Mr. Meath is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; three sons; a daughter; three daughters-in-law; and nine grandchildren.

MICHAEL G. O’NEIL
Michael “Jerry” O’Neil died Aug. 18, 2009, at his home in Akron, Ohio, at 87. A corporate leader, civic activist and philanthropist, Mr. O’Neil had had a long career with the General Tire & Rubber Co. (GenCorp), which was founded by his father in Akron in 1915. Beginning work in the factory training program in 1946, he became president of the company in 1960, a position he held for 25 years. During his tenure, the company’s business lines expanded to include polymers, movies, and, also, aerospace, military, automotive and other products; Mr. O’Neil retired from the board of GenCorp in 1993. His community involvement included serving as chairman of Goals for Greater Akron for 10 years; trustee of Metro Parks for 19 years; chairman of the United Way/Red Cross campaign in 1955 and 1980; and board director of St. Thomas Hospital and First National Bank (FirstMerit). A veteran, Mr. O’Neil had served with the Army Air Corps during World War II. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. O’Neil is survived by his wife, Jean; 13 children, including six adopted nephews and nieces; their spouses; a stepdaughter; a sister; a
brother-in-law, William M. Regan ’38; and 14 grandchildren. His father was the late William F. ’(19)07; and his brothers were the late William M. ’34, Thomas F. ’37, John J. ’38 and Hugh F. ’40.

CHARLES A. POLACHI
Charles Polachi died Dec. 29, 2009, in Falmouth (Mass.) Hospital, at 88. During his career, Mr. Polachi had been employed by Witco Chemical in New York City, undertaking extensive international travel for the company. He had also been chairman of the board of directors of the PASA Group in Buenos Aires. A long-time resident of Pelham, N.Y., and a lifelong summer resident of Falmouth, Mr. Polachi moved to East Falmouth following his retirement from Witco in 1986. Commodore of the Falmouth Yacht Club, he was a past president of the Acapeket Improvement Association.

Mr. Polachi had served as a chemical warfare analyst during World War II. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Polachi is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; three sons, Charles A. Jr. ’75, Peter V. ’77 and Steven F. ’78; three daughters; a son-in-law; three daughters-in-law, including Martha Johnson Polachi ’76; and 10 grandchildren, including Neala F. ’07 and Christina E. ’11.

1944
JOHN V. BUCHER JR.
John Bucher, a longtime resident of Albany, N.Y., died Nov. 9, 2009, at 86. A graduate of the Fordham University School of Law in New York City, Mr. Bucher had been employed by the court of appeals and the attorney general before becoming president of the Legislative Index Company. He had been a lector for many years at Holy Cross Church in Albany. A veteran, Mr. Bucher served in the Army during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; four sons; four daughters-in-law; a brother; and eight grandchildren.

1945
ROBERT O. JOHANN
Robert Johann died March 1, 2009, at Morningside of Williamsburg in Virginia, at 84. During his career, Mr. Johann had been a professor of philosophy and letters at Fordham University in New York City and an adjunct professor of Christian ethics in the theology department there. He is survived by his wife, Claire; and a sister.

JOHN W. STODDER
John Stodder died April 21, 2009, at his home in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., at 86. A retired investment banker, Mr. Stodder had been the owner of the Stodder Company in Palos Verdes Estates for 30 years, assisting business owners, in various capacities, with mergers and acquisitions. Vice chairman of Jostens, Inc., based in Minneapolis, he had also served as director and an officer of Smith Barney & Co., of New York; Pennsylvania Life Insurance Co. (now a Citigroup unit) of Santa Monica, Calif.; the men’s clothing manufacturer Palm Beach, Inc., of New York; Talley Industries Inc., of Arizona; and A.G. Becker of Chicago. Mr. Stodder had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Gay; five sons; a brother; and eight grandchildren.

1946
ROBERT A. DEVLIN
Robert Devlin died Nov. 27, 2009, in Port St. Lucie, Fla., at 84. Involved in high school and college athletics programs for more than 40 years, Mr. Devlin had most recently held the post of athletic director at Worcester State College, from 1970 until his retirement in 1988; serving as the tennis and golf coach during this time, he was twice named Division III Golf Coach of the Year. Previously, Mr. Devlin had been the basketball coach and assistant football coach at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from 1965 until 1970. Beginning his career in 1946 at St. John’s High School, Shrewsbury, Mass., Mr. Devlin had served 19 years as the coach of football, basketball and baseball. During his tenure, the teams attained outstanding records and won many Western Massachusetts, New England Catholic and state tournaments, as well as city and district titles. The recipient of numerous athletic awards, Mr. Devlin was inducted into the St. John’s High School, Worcester State College and Massachusetts Coaches halls of fame. In addition to coaching, he had owned and operated Bob Devlin’s Sporting Goods Co. in Worcester for 31 years. After graduating from Holy Cross, Mr. Devlin had earned a master’s degree at Boston University and played semi-pro basketball and baseball. He had also pursued his interests in golf and bridge for many years. Mr. Devlin is survived by his wife, Donna; a sister; three sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; a nephew; three nieces; nine grandnephews and grandnieces; and several cousins.

RICHARD H. JANSON
Richard Janson died July 5, 2009, in Burlington, Vt., at 84. Professor of art emeritus at the University of Vermont-Burlington, Mr. Janson had taught architectural history from 1967 until his retirement in 1993; he served as chairman of the department from 1967 until 1977. Teaching at Wesleyan College and Mount Holyoke College at the start of his career, Mr. Janson became the director, in 1958, of the Fleming Museum, located on the campus of the University of Vermont; he served in this capacity until 1977. A veteran, Mr. Janson had joined the NROTC program following his high school graduation—and was sent, first, to Williams College, and, subsequently, to the V-12 unit at Holy Cross. After receiving his bachelor of arts degree in naval science from the College in 1946 and his commission as ensign, he served in the Pacific at the Bikini Arolo aboard the ship LCI-529, during the time of Operation Crossroads. Discharged from the Navy in 1947, Mr. Janson returned to Williams College where he earned a bachelor’s degree in 1948 and completed an additional year of postgraduate studies in art history; Mr. Janson later pursued his master of arts degree and Ph.D. at Yale University. His interests included sailing, repairing the Lake Champlain shoreline, automobiles and travels to Sweden. Mr. Janson is survived by his wife, Marilyn Nacsin; two sons; two daughters; a stepson; and 10 grandchildren.

GEORGE F. RODENBUSH JR.
George Rodenbush died Nov. 24, 2009, at his home in South Yarmouth, Mass., at 84. Prior to his retirement in 1987, Mr. Rodenbush had worked 38 years for
PAUL J. MARRKAND
NOVEMBER 20, 2009


A 26-year veteran of the Air Force, Mr. Marrkand flew 33 combat missions as a bombardier in the European theater, including the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944. He had been a member of the 448th Bombardment Group, 715 Bombardment Squadron, Crew 66, 8th Air Force, 8th Bomber Command, Second Division, 20th Combat Wing, and a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross. Prior to his retirement from military service in 1968, Mr. Marrkand completed a tour of duty as head commander of the College Air Force ROTC Detachment 340; he had previously been stationed in Colorado, Texas, Germany, California, England and Alabama.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Mr. Marrkand pursued a career in business, settling in Grafton, Mass., and, later, St. Augustine, Fla. He was an active parishioner of St. Philip Parish in Grafton, where he was chairman of the Bishop’s Fund Committee and a lifelong member of the Holy Name Society.

Mr. Marrkand was a 1947 graduate of the University of Connecticut. He had been a member of the Military Officers Association of America and a past president of the Grafton Lions Club.

Mr. Marrkand is survived by his wife, Patricia; five children and their spouses; and 12 grandchildren.

NYNEX (formerly New England Telephone) as a district sales manager; he was a member of the Telephone Pioneers. A longtime resident of Brockton, Mass., Mr. Rodenbush relocated to South Yarmouth following retirement. He had served in the Navy during World War II, attaining the rank of ensign. Mr. Rodenbush had been a parishioner of St. Pius X Church in South Yarmouth, Mass., and, formerly, of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Brockton. He is survived by three sons; two daughters; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; 10 grandchildren, including Patrick ‘08; two great-grandsons; and several nephews and nieces.

PAUL J. SIMISKY SR.

Paul Simisky, a longtime resident of Cheshire, Conn., died Nov. 8, 2009. Prior to his retirement in 1994, Mr. Simisky had taught chemistry and physics for 28 years at Cheshire High School; the starter of the boys’ and girls’ track events at the high school for more than 20 years, he had been involved as well in numerous Housatonic League track championships. Beginning his career at the Newton College of the Sacred Heart in Newton, Mass., Mr. Simisky subsequently taught chemistry and physics at East Windsor (Conn.) High School from 1958 to 1965. An active member of St. Bridget Parish in Cheshire, he was also a volunteer at the Bradley Memorial campus of The Hospital of Central Connecticut in Southington. Mr. Simisky is survived by his wife, Arlla; four sons; four daughters; four sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1948

JOHN F. BECKER

John Becker, of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, died Dec. 21, 2009, at Maine Veterans’ Home in Scarborough, at 85. A longtime research professional, Mr. Becker was founder, in 1968, of the Becker Research Corporation of Boston, which subsequently evolved into the Becker Institute of Cape Elizabeth. Following graduation from Holy Cross, he had worked 22 years for the Opinion Research Corporation of Princeton, N.J. A veteran, Mr. Becker had served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Active in alumni affairs, he had been a member of the Bishop Healy Committee, board director of the alumni association, a member of the alumni board senate and chair of the Class of 1948’s 50th reunion planning committee. Mr. Becker had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent for many years. He was a recipient of the alumni association’s In Hoc Signo award in 1998. Mr. Becker is survived by his wife, Patricia; a son; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; a sister; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

1949

EDWARD T. DEEDY

Edward Deedy died Dec. 12, 2009, at Rosewood Manor in Harwich, Mass. Active in the broadcasting field for 20 years,
Mr. Deedy had managed several radio stations, including WNEB and WORC in Worcester. At the start of his career, he had worked two years in retail and three years in wholesale sales. He was also a former Worcester city councilor and vice mayor. Involved in numerous civic and community organizations in Worcester and on Cape Cod, Mr. Deedy had been a trustee of the United Way of Central Massachusetts; a member of the public information committee of the American Cancer Society, Worcester division; president of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Worcester County; and an incorporator of St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. In addition, he had been the president of the Worcester Executives Association; a member of the board of directors of Catholic Charities of the Worcester Diocese and the diocesan Board of Communications; and a director of the Bancroft Automobile Club and the American Automobile Association of Worcester County. A Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Deedy had served as a pharmacist mate second class with the Fifth Marine Division in the Pacific theater. He is survived by three sons, including Kevin J. ’74; two daughters; two brothers, including Justin F. ’53; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. His brother was the late John G. Jr. ’48.

**JOHN J. O’MALLEY**

John O’Malley died Dec. 10, 2009, at UMass-Memorial Medical Center, Worcester, at 82. An educator in the Worcester public school system for 42 years, Mr. O’Malley had served, first, as a teacher, and, then, as a principal, at the Gage Street School, Worcester East Middle School and, most recently, Burncoat Senior High School, where he worked for 18 years. Following retirement, he was employed for 12 years by the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. A veteran, Mr. O’Malley had been a medical corpsman in the Navy during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Anne; two sons, including Timothy J. ’80; four daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; his brother, Very Rev. Joseph M. ’47; and 11 grandchildren.

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**FRANCIS J. CRANSTON**

Francis Cranston died on Sept. 11, 2009, at the McCarthy Care Center in Sandwich, Mass., at 80. A longtime attorney, Mr. Cranston had maintained a private practice in Barre, Mass. During his career, he had also been associated with the firm Proctor, Healy & Cranston, which subsequently became Healy & Cranston in Worcester. Mr. Cranston later limited his practice to Cranston & Cranston in Barre. In addition, he was the town moderator in Barre from 1979 until his retirement to Cape Cod, Mass., in 1997. Elected a corporator of the Barre Savings Bank in 1962, Mr. Cranston had served as a member of its board of trustees in the 1970s. In addition, he had been a founder, director and president of the Barre Boys Club and an honorary life member of the Barre Historical Society. Founder and first president of the Western Worcester County Bar Association, Mr. Cranston had been a member of the Massachusetts and American bar associations and a fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation. He was commissioned an ensign in the Navy in 1950; serving as a lieutenant aboard the USS Essex in the Japan Sea during the Korean War, Mr. Cranston retired from the Naval Reserve in 1964. He was a parishioner of St. Joseph’s Church in Barre and St. Elizabeth Seton Church in North Falmouth, Mass. Mr. Cranston is survived by his wife, June; four sons, including Francis J. Jr. ’79; a daughter, Kathryn A. ’82; two daughters-in-law; a brother, John H. ’59; a sister-in-law; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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**GEORGE C. DAGHER JR.**

George Dagher, a lifelong resident of New York, died Oct. 10, 2009, at 82. An entrepreneurial businessman, Mr. Dagher had been the principal of Suffolk County Roadways, American Automation Business Forms and North American Hovercraft Corp.; he was most recently a consultant for the New York City Department of Transportation. A World War II veteran, serving in Japan, Mr. Dagher had been a member of the Naval Reserve in the Korean War. He is survived by four sons, including John B. ’80; two daughters; a son-in-law; three daughters-in-law; a sister; and seven grandchildren. His brother was the late William T. ’51.
RICHARD M. REGAN
Richard Regan died Dec. 22, 2009, at his home in Westwood, Mass., at 81. A native of Somerset, Mass., Mr. Regan was a member of the Naval ROTC program at Holy Cross and served as a lieutenant in the Navy during the Korean War. Subsequent to the war, he received his degree from the Boston College School of Law in 1956. He began his career in labor relations with the General Tire & Rubber Company in Marion, Ind., before returning to New England. A longtime resident of Hingham, Mass., and Oak Bluffs, Mass., Mr. Regan was employed for 22 years with State Street Bank Corp., before retiring as vice president of human resources in 1991. He and his wife, the late M. Jayne (Mycroft), were longtime members of St. Paul’s Parish in Hingham where Jayne taught at the parish school. He is survived by two sons, including Holy Cross athletics director Mr. J. Jr. ’76; two daughters, Mary R. ’77 and Ann P. ’80; a brother, John M. ’55; and 10 grandchildren, including Deirdre M. ’06. His father was the late Harold J. ’17.

WALTER T. GORMAN
Walter Gorman, of Binghamton, N.Y., died Oct. 31, 2009, at 83. A longtime attorney and judge in New York, Mr. Gorman had most recently been a State Supreme Court judge, Court of Claims, serving in New York City, from 1974 until 1979; and, then, in Syracuse, until his retirement in 1992; he was elected to two terms as a Binghamton County Court judge, in 1963 and 1969. At the start of his career, Mr. Gorman had been an associate with the law firm Himman, Howard and Kattell in Binghamton; an assistant district attorney for Broome County; and a partner in Gorman, Gorman & Kearing. A veteran, he had served in the Marine Corps from 1946 to 1947. Mr. Gorman had been a member of St. Patrick’s Church in Binghamton. He is survived by his wife, Joanne; three sons, including Thomas W. ’81; four daughters; four sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; 12 grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

WILLIAM T. MITCHELL
William Mitchell died Oct. 14, 2009, at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, at 80. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Mitchell had been a New England seacoast and Boston Harbor pilot for 40 years; beginning his apprenticeship with the Boston Harbor Pilots in 1954, he became a full pilot in 1963. Mr. Mitchell was president of the Boston Harbor Pilots Association from 1979 to 1983. A veteran, he had served in the Army from 1952 to 1954, attaining the rank of captain. During his lifetime, Mr. Mitchell had also traveled extensively. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter; a sister; and several nephews.

J. PAUL SINNOTT JR.
J. Paul Sinnott, of New Milford, Conn., and, formerly, of Katonah, N.Y., died Dec. 11, 2009, in New Milford, at 80. During his career, Mr. Sinnott had worked many years in the retail industry—first, at F.W. Woolworth, and, subsequently, as the longtime owner and manager of Murray’s 5 and 10 in Chappaqua, N.Y.; he later served as manager of the toy department at the Caldor Department Store in Peekskill, N.Y. Mr. Sinnott’s interests included repairing antique clocks. He is survived by a son; two daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; and two grandchildren.

J. BRUCE BUCKLEY
J. Bruce Buckley, of Viera, Fla., and, formerly, of Fort Washington, N.Y., died Oct. 11, 2009, at 79. During his career, Mr. Buckley had worked many years for Citibank and, most recently, for the law firm Cullen and Dykman LLP, in its Garden City, N.Y., office; he retired to Viera in 2004. A veteran, Mr. Buckley had served in the Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; a son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; nine grandchildren; nephews, Carl E. ’79 and Kevin C. ’83; and nieces. His brother was the late Carl E. ’45.

GEORGE H. CRAEMER JR.
George Craemer, most recently of Torrington, Conn., died Sept. 19, 2009, at 80. Involved in the construction business for many years, Mr. Craemer had worked 10 years for O & G Industries Inc., based in Torrington, prior to his retirement. Employed by George L. Hickey Inc. in Stamford, Conn., for 17 years at the beginning of his career, he subsequently worked seven years for the Horn Construction Co. in Hartford, Conn., before joining Morganti Construction. Following retirement, Mr. Craemer drove children with special needs for the Miller Transportation Co. of Avon, Conn., and the Glastonbury (Conn.) school system. A member of the Naval Reserve, he had also served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, attaining the rank of first lieutenant. Mr. Craemer had been a member of the varsity baseball team at his alma mater the Kingswood School in West Hartford—and, in addition, had played ball for the American Legion. A tennis enthusiast, he was a member of the Golf Club of Avon and the Stamford Yacht Club. Mr. Craemer is survived by his wife, Helen; three sons; five daughters; four sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law; numerous grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers-in-law; and three sisters-in-law. His brother was the late Frank D. ’54.

LOUIS J. RAUCHENBERGER JR.
Louis Rauchenberger died Nov. 22, 2009, at 79. During his career, Mr. Rauchenberger had worked for CBS, Inc., in New York City; he retired as treasurer, after 35 years of service. Mr. Rauchenberger was a Navy veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Elaine; four sons, including Louis ’84; two daughters, Mary ’82 and Catherine A. Conley ’91; and 10 grandchildren.

R. PAUL ROY
R. Paul Roy died Dec. 17, 2009, at his home in Tyngsboro, Mass., at 80. During his career, Mr. Roy had worked for Sanders Associates, Inc., a Lockheed Martin Company, retiring in 1990 following 22 years of service as a supervisor of contract administration. He had previously been associated with the family business, Bourget Package Store, in Lawrence, Mass. Commissioned an ensign in the Navy, Mr. Roy served in the Korean War, from 1952 to 1954, aboard the USS J. Douglas Blackwood. He had been a parishioner at St. Rita’s Church in
Lowell, Mass. Mr. Roy’s interests included gardening and traveling. He is survived by three sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; three daughters-in-law; three brothers; a brother-in-law; three sisters-in-law; 10 grandchildren; nephews; nieces; and cousins.

1953

JOHN P. BURKE

John Burke died Nov. 30, 2009, at his home in Dallas, at 78. Active in the banking industry, Mr. Burke had most recently held the post of commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Banking, from 1995 until his retirement in 2004; he had previously been the president and chief executive officer of Bristol (Conn.) Savings Bank. Employed by IBM in the Waterbury, Conn., area for several years at the start of his career, Mr. Burke subsequently began a 26-year tenure with Centerbank, where he served eight years as the company’s president and chief executive officer. An ex officio member of the Board of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, he had been a board director of the Community Economic Development Fund Foundation and a member of the Connecticut Economic Conference Board. In addition, Mr. Burke was a past chairman and member of the board of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and a member of its International, Legislative and Bylaws committees; he was chairman as well of the former Connecticut Savings Bank Association and a director of the Savings Bank Life Insurance Company. Mr. Burke’s civic involvement included serving as a board member of Waterbury Hospital, board director of the Waterbury Chamber of Commerce and a board member of St. Mary’s Hospital Foundation. A member of the board of both the Teikyo Post College Foundation and the Teikyo Post University in Waterbury, he had also been a member of the finance committee of The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture. Mr. Burke was a parishioner of St. John of the Cross Church in Middlebury, Conn. A veteran, he had served in the Army during the Korean War. Mr. Burke is survived by his wife, Carolyn Pool; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a sister-in-law; three grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

ROBERT E. CAHILL SR.

Robert Cahill died Dec. 14, 2009, at the Gilchrist Center for Hospice Care in Maryland, at 77. Active for many years in the field of law, Mr. Cahill had been a judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, from 1990 until his retirement in 2002. Joining the Baltimore firm Melnicove, Kaufman, Weiner and Smouse in 1963, he maintained a private practice there until 1990 when he became associated with the Towson, Md., firm Nolan, Plumhoff & Williams. A 1956 graduate of Georgetown University Law School in Washington, D.C., Mr. Cahill began his career as an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Maryland and, subsequently, as a senior trial attorney in the tax division of the U.S. Department of Justice under then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. Following his retirement from the Circuit Court, he continued working as a settlement judge. A fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Mr. Cahill had served as president of the Bar Association of Baltimore City and chairman of its Ethics Committee; two-term board governor of the Maryland State Bar Association and chairman of the Litigation Section Council and Judicial Selection and Tenure committees; and longtime member of the Maryland State Bar Character Committee. In addition, he had been a board member of the Patuxent Institution in Jessup, Md.; a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Ancient Order of Hibernians; and a founding member of Eagle’s Nest, a historic home located in Phoenix, Baltimore County. Mr. Cahill belonged to the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Towson. He had been a Holy Cross class agent and, as a student, a member of the College varsity football team. Mr. Cahill is survived by his wife, Patricia; four sons; a daughter; and 11 grandchildren.

JAMES M. CURLEY

James Curley, a longtime resident of Shrewsbury, Mass., died Sept. 18, 2009, in the Rose Monahan Hospice, Worcester, at 78. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Curley had served 15 years as the national sales manager for the Weetabix Food Co.; previously, he was the Eastern regional sales manager for the R.J. Reynolds Food Co. and a vice president of sales for the Campbell Soup Co. Mr. Curley had been a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Worcester where he was an usher and a volunteer with the St. Vincent de Paul Society; in 2006, the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society honored Mr. Curley with its “Top Hat Award.” An accomplished golfer, he had been a member of the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, Mass., and a founding member of the Sterling (Mass.) National Country Club. At Holy Cross, Mr. Curley had played on the freshman baseball team and took part, for four years, in the intramural sports program. A member of the College ROTC unit, he served two years of active duty as a commissioned officer in the Marine Corps and additional years in the Reserves, attaining the rank of captain. Mr. Curley is survived by his wife, Ann; a son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; three brothers; two sisters; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

JOHN F. MONAHAN

John Monahan, of East Harwich, Mass., died Sept. 3, 2009, in the Kindred Hospital at MetroWest Medical Center, Natick, Mass., at 78. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Monahan had been a corporate attorney in the defense industry. Commissioned an ensign in the Navy in 1956, he served three years of active duty, attaining the rank of lieutenant junior grade. Mr. Monahan had been a member of Holy Redeemer Parish in Charlton, Mass., where he served as an usher. He is survived by a daughter; a son-in-law; and two grandchildren. His father was the late Francis A. ‘16 and his brother was the late Richard J. ’47.

1954

ANTHONY F. BELLUCCI

Anthony Bellucci, of Port Washington, N.Y., died on Sept. 12, 2009. A graduate of St. John’s University School of Law, Mr. Bellucci had belonged to the Nassau County and Queens County bar associations. He was also a member of the Republican Club and the Cellini Lodge of the Sons of Italy in America. Mr. Bellucci had served in the U.S. Army Re-
had practiced with a law firm in Springfield, Mass., for almost 40 years, he relocated with his wife to Sarasota, Fla., in 2000; Mr. Griffin had been a longtime parishioner of St. Mary’s Church in Longmeadow. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Griffin is survived by his wife, Bernice; a son; three daughters, including Maura E.’89; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a sister; three brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law; three grandchildren; two cousins and their husbands; and other extended family.

GEORGE G. MCMANUS JR.
George McManus, most recently of Hallandale Beach, Fla., and, formerly, of Madison and East Haven, Conn., died Sept. 27, 2009, in Peregrines Landing on the Shoreline, Clinton, Conn., at 76. During his career, Mr. McManus had been a probate judge, District of Madison, for many years. A member of the board of directors of the National College of Probate Judges, he had also been active in numerous town and civic organizations, including the Madison Rotary Club, which honored him with its Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Mr. McManus had served in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is survived by a son.

1956
JOSEPH P. CRAUGH JR.
Joseph Craugh died Sept. 3, 2009, at Pine Run Community in Doyleston, Pa., at 74. An attorney, Mr. Craugh had served 28 years as a vice president and general counsel with the Harleysville (Pa.) Mutual Insurance Co., prior to his retirement. Previously, he had worked for the National Grange Mutual Insurance Co. in Keene, N.H., and the Utica Mutual Insurance Co. in New York. Mr. Craugh was a former chairman of the Republican Party in Utica, N.Y., and Keene, and was, also, a Boy Scout leader in Keene. He had been a parishioner at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Lansdale, Pa. Mr. Craugh is survived by his wife, Ellen; a son; a daughter, a daughter-in-law; a sister; a brother-in-law; and three grandchildren. His father was the late Joseph P. Sr.’14.

1957
EDWARD D. BARRY
Edward Barry, of Minnesota, died Nov. 7, 2009, at 75. During his career, Mr. Barry worked at the original Bookcase, J.D. Holerman’s and the U.S. Postal Service. He is survived by two sons; a daughter-in-law; two brothers; a sister; a brother-in-law; and a sister-in-law.

RAYMOND G. GRAHAM
Raymond Graham, of Charleston, S.C., died Oct. 18, 2009, at 74. Prior to his retirement in 2000, Mr. Graham had served 24 years as the director of emergency medical services in Charleston County, S.C. Named the state EMS Di-

Fr. Desautels was born in Fall River, Mass., the 11th of 12 children of Joseph and Regina (Pain) Desautels. He attended Assumption Preparatory School in Worcester and completed two years at Assumption College prior to entering the Society of Jesus in 1937. After completing his undergraduate studies he taught French at Fairfield Preparatory School in Connecticut for two years before earning a master’s degree in French at Fordham University in 1947. He completed his theology studies at Weston College and was ordained by then-Archbishop Richard Cushing on June 17, 1950. Fr. Desautels continued his studies in Europe, first in Florence (1950-51), and then at the University of Paris. He pronounced his final vows as a Jesuit in Madrid on Aug. 15, 1954.

Extremely proud of his French heritage and an accent honed to perfection at the Sorbonne where he received his Ph.D., Fr. Desautels assumed the chairmanship of the department of modern languages at Holy Cross in 1955. A beloved and highly respected teacher whose career at Holy Cross stretched over the next 50 years, he helped pioneer the launch of the language laboratory at Holy Cross in the early 1960s. In 1956 the Jesuit Historical Institute in Rome published Fr. Desautels’ Les Mémoires de Trévaux, one of the first volumes in a distinguished series of historical and literary studies. Over the years he devoted himself to the study of French existentialism, and he contributed to the journal of the American Association of Teachers of French. Fr. Desautels’ contribution to French culture and letters was recognized by the French government. In 1966 he was awarded the rank of Chevalier in the Order of the Academic Palms (the Ordre des Palmes Académiques had been created by Napoleon). Then, in 1978, the French ambassador informed him that he had been promoted to Officier. He wore these awards on his lapel proudly. When French President Valéry Giscard d’Estaing visited Holy Cross, and Fr. Desautels had the honor of welcoming him, his eye was drawn immediately to the rosette identifying Fr. Desautels as Officier. The president complimented him, saying that it was he who was honored by the welcome of such a distinguished academic. A lifelong lover of opera, Fr. Desautels also relished the study of Russian, which continued to engage him almost to the end of his life.

In addition to his many Jesuit brothers, Fr. Desautels is survived by a nephew, Joseph Desautels, and a niece, Susan Majava.

Fr. Desautel’s funeral was held Feb. 25, at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Campion Center, followed by burial at Holy Cross.

Paul O. LeClerc ’63, one of the many students whom Fr. Desautels had mentored during his tenure at Holy Cross, offered a eulogy at the funeral Mass for his former professor. (LeClerc, a noted French scholar, has served for 16 years as president of the New York Public Library. On the occasion of Fr. Desautels’ 50th anniversary at Holy Cross, he sent a glowing testimony of his former teacher who helped convince him to study French and attend graduate school at Columbia University.) Following is an excerpt of his remembrance:

“Fr. Desautels’ teaching changed my life, but it did so not so very much because of what he taught, but how he taught it. What made him truly singular in my life as a student was his unalloyed love of his subject—the French language and its use in literary expression—and the passionate commitment he had to make his students appreciate, at a minimum, French culture, or, ideally, learn to love it, as he did.

Losing this exceptional man from our lives, as we all have, brings us great sadness. But what gives me a certain measure of solace is the fact that I was able, during our visits and in the letters we exchanged over the last 20 years or so, to have had a number of chances to tell him just how grateful I was for the gifts he gave me: inspiration, motivation, love of the same subject he loved and an appetite for continual personal growth. In other words, I had the chance to say that magic phrase to him: ‘Your teaching changed my life.’”

Paul LeClerc has kindly allowed us to share the entirety of his moving eulogy for his mentor and friend online. You may read it by visiting Web exclusives at holycross.edu/magazine.
reector of the Year, Mr. Graham was a recipient of the Warren D. McBride Memorial Award and the Charleston Medical Society EMS Award of Excellence; in 2002, the Raymond G. Graham EMS Education Center in Charleston was dedicated in his honor. An Army veteran, Mr. Graham had worked in counterintelligence and, then, in the Central Intelligence Agency. He is survived by his wife, Jane; two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a stepdaughter and her husband; and a granddaughter.

ROBERT C. MCADAM

Robert McAdam, most recently of Mount Pleasant, S.C., died Oct. 1, 2009, at 74. Prior to his retirement, Mr. McAdam had worked 45 years in the textile industry in New York City, which included travel to Central and South America. As a resident of Essex Fells, N.J., he had been a member of the Town Council, the fire commissioner and a volunteer fireman. Relocating to Mount Pleasant in 1993, Mr. McAdam opened a retail store, Worthwhile, in Charleston, with his daughter; he was appointed to the board of the nonprofit anti-litter organization Palmetto Pride by the governor of South Carolina. Mr. McAdam had been a parishioner of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Roseland, N.J., and Christ Our King Church in Mount Pleasant. He had been a Holy Cross class agent; as a student at Holy Cross, Mr. McAdam had served four years as co-manager of the varsity football team. He is survived by his wife, Ben Nita; a son; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; two sisters; four grandchildren; two nephews; and two nieces.

JOSEPH F. MORAGLIO

Joseph Moraglio died Nov. 29, 2009, at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va., at 73. Prior to his retirement in 1995, Mr. Moraglio had been an executive for almost 20 years with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountant (AICPA) in Washington, D.C. Vice president of the association’s federal government division, he served as a liaison between the accounting profession and governmental bodies. His work involved developing and improving accounting and auditing standards for public companies in the United States and for certified public accountants working in government; Mr. Moraglio also oversaw the drafting of the AICPA Accounting and Audit Guide. He was co-author, with Harry D. Kerrigan, of the book, The Federal Budget and Financial System: A Management Perspective, published in 1986. In addition, Mr. Moraglio taught 20 years at American University, Washington, D.C., beginning in the 1980s; following his retirement from the AICPA, he taught accounting and auditing at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and George Mason University, in Fairfax, Va., where he was twice honored by the Beta Alpha Psi fraternity with its Phillip A. Blanchard Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education. Mr. Moraglio had also worked for Singleton Associates, LLC, an accounting consultancy based in McLean, Va. Beginning his career as a certified public accountant in 1960 with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. in New York City, he had served in the capacities of senior auditor and staff consultant; Mr. Moraglio then held the post of assistant treasurer in the New York City office of the Bangor Punta Alegre Sugar Corporation before joining the AICPA. A veteran, he served three years in the U.S. Coast Guard, attaining the rank of lieutenant junior grade. Mr. Moraglio had been a longtime, active parishioner of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Vienna. He had played softball with the Northern Virginia Senior Softball organization of Fairfax County. Mr. Moraglio is survived by his wife, Carol; a son, Leonard J. ’91; two daughters; a sister; and three grandchildren.

1959

ALBERT E. NEVINS JR.

Albert Nevins, of Marco Island, Fla., and West Hartford, Conn., died Sept. 30, 2009, at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, at 71. A longtime attorney, Mr. Nevins had maintained a private practice for more than 43 years, specializing in criminal defense and general litigation. Prior to his retirement in 2006, he had been a senior partner in the Hartford law firm Nevins & Nevins, which he had founded with his brother, Richard ’67, in 1979; his niece, Kathleen, later joined the firm and, since Mr. Nevins’ retirement, continues to lead the practice, which focuses on general and small business law. A 1962 graduate of the Boston College School of Law, Mr. Nevins began his career in public law as a prosecuting attorney for the Circuit Court in Hartford, from 1966 to 1970; subsequently serving as a special prosecutor for the city of Hartford in Connecticut’s first housing court, from 1970 to 1974, he had also been an assistant corporation counsel for the city, representing the Hartford Board of Education—and had held special positions for Hartford, including counsel to the City Council’s hearings, in 1970, on the use of deadly force. Mr. Nevins had been a member of the Hartford County and Massachusetts bar associations. A Eucharistic Minister, cantor and an attorney for the Maryheart Crusaders, he had been active as well in the Marriage Encounter and Cursillo movements and an advocate for the Holy Apostles Seminary, Birthright, Food Share and other charitable organizations. Mr. Nevins’ interests included golf, gardening and following Boston professional sports teams. He is survived by his wife, Gail; two sons, including Mark D. ’86; two daughters-in-law, including Ndingara (Nicole) Ngardingabe ’86; three brothers, including Richard P. ’67; a sister; two grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. (The family also acknowledges the birth of two additional grandchildren, just months after Mr. Nevins’ passing.)

1960

WILLIAM E. KEEGAN III

William Keegan, of Wilmington, Del., died July 9, 2009, at 70. During his career, Mr. Keegan had worked many years in organizational development for the E.I. Dupont Co. in Wilmington; following his retirement, he continued to serve as a consultant for several years. A Navy veteran, Mr. Keegan served aboard the USS Butternut and attained the rank of lieutenant. Active in a variety of pursuits including music, photography, travel and motorcyclists, he had been involved with Creative Grandparenting Inc. in Wilmington as well other mentoring organizations—and had served as a mentor to children in the Wilmington Public Schools. A member of the marching
band and Glee Club at Holy Cross, Mr. Keegan had also played on the College lacrosse team. He is survived by a son; three sisters; two nephews; a niece; three grandnephews; and a grandniece. His father was the late W. Edward ’34.

1964
JEFFREY A. BANDROWSKI
Jeffrey Bandrowski died Oct. 30, 2009, in Atlanta, at 67. Mr. Bandrowski received his M.B.A. from Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J. A Navy veteran, he had served in Vietnam. Mr. Bandrowski had been a co-captain of the swim team at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Wendy; a son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; his father; a brother; three granddaughters; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

ALEX C. VELTO
Alex Velto died Dec. 17, 2009, at his home in Watertown, N.Y., at 68. Involved for many years in community outreach efforts, Mr. Velto had most recently served as the executive director of the Northern New York Community Foundation in Watertown; prior to joining the Foundation in 1992, he had served six years as the director of planned giving at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. Following graduation, Mr. Velto had worked for the Chicago Commission on Youth Welfare and, subsequently, as director of the Area Services Project, operated by Catholic Charities of Chicago. In 1972, he accepted the position of director of the Watertown office of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, a position that he held for 14 years. During his career, Mr. Velto had also been a board director of the North Country Children’s Clinic, the New York State Rural Housing Coalition in Albany, N.Y., and the Housing Assistance Council in Washington, D.C.; in 1978, he was appointed to a statewide advisory council to the state Department of Social Services. A canoeing and hiking enthusiast, Mr. Velto had served on the boards of the Adirondack and Central New York chapters of the The Nature Conservancy; he was also a trustee of the Adirondack Land Trust and a founding member of the Black River chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club. Mr. Velto is survived by his wife, Jeanne; two sons; a daughter-in-law; two grandchildren; aunts; nephews and nieces; and cousins.

1965
PETER J. TRAINOR
Peter Trainor died Sept. 6, 2009, at his home in Leominster, Mass., at 66. During his career, Mr. Trainor had been associated with Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC), Gardner, Mass., for 39 years, serving as a professor of psychology, dean of student affairs and, at the time of his retirement in 2008, vice president for academic affairs. The recipient of MWCC’s Summit Award in 2002, he was awarded an honorary degree during 2008 commencement exercises; the college also established the Peter J. Trainor Leadership Award in his honor. Affiliated with Henry Heywood Hospital in Gardner, Mass., Mr. Trainor had maintained a private practice in marital and family counseling at the Winchendon (Mass.) Health Center; provided counseling services to local nursing homes for more than 30 years—and had been a member of advisory boards for nonprofit social service agencies in Central Massachusetts. In addition to his professional responsibilities, he had been involved in youth and high school sports programs in Massachusetts for many years—refereeing or umpiring football, basketball, baseball and softball games; serving as commissioner of the Mid-Wach Boys’ Basketball League and chief umpire for Leominster Babe Ruth; and officiating in numerous District E and state championship tournaments. In 2005, the Massachusetts High School Basketball Coaches Association honored Mr. Trainor with its Presidential Award for service to basketball; in 2009, the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO) Board 208 recognized him for his contributions to the sport and other referees. A parishioner of St. Leo’s Church in Leominster, Mr. Trainor had served on the advisory board of its elementary school. He is survived by his wife, Colleen; three sons, including David P. ’90; a daughter; a son-in-law; three daughters-in-law; a sister; three brothers-in-law; four sisters-in-law; 10 grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

ROBERT H. WILLIAMS
Robert Williams, of North Falmouth, Mass., died Sept. 11, 2009, at 67. Employed in both the private and public sector during his career, Mr. Williams most recently served as the president and chief executive officer of the Better Business Bureau for Eastern Massachusetts, Maine and Vermont; previously, he had held the posts of chief of staff and deputy secretary of state for the commonwealth of Massachusetts. In addition, Mr. Williams had worked in sales for the Shell Oil Company—and had been self-employed. A Marine Corps captain during the Vietnam War, he was the recipient of several medals, including the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Mr. Williams had been a member of the varsity football team at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Susan; two sons; two daughters-in-law; and three grandchildren.

1966
JOHN J. BLASE JR.
John Blase, of Huntington Woods, Mich., died Oct. 26, 2009, at 66. During his career, Mr. Blase had been a neuropsychologist in private practice; he was a past president of the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology. Mr. Blase had been an avid cyclist and golfer. A veteran, he had served in the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Blase had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary; two sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; his mother; a brother; two sisters; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; a grandson; and nephews and nieces. His father was the late Nicholas R. ’38.

1968
RAYMOND M. NISBY, D.D.S.
Raymond Nisby, D.D.S., died Oct. 4, 2009, at his home in West Bridgewater, Mass., at 63. During his career, Dr. Nisby had maintained a dental practice for 30 years in New Bedford, Mass. A longtime resident of Lakeville, Mass., he had served on the Lakeville School Committee from 1985 to 1988—and, from 1987 to 1994, on the Freetown/Lakeville Regional School Committee, holding the post of chair, from 1991 to 1992. Dr. Nisby had been a member of several pro-
fessional organizations; his interests included boating and woodworking. Dr. Nisby is survived by his wife, Eileen; his mother; a son; two daughters, including Ann Nisby Civitareale ’93; two brothers; a sister; two grandchildren; aunts; uncles; and nieces.

1971

JAMES A. FORTUNE

James Fortune died Oct. 16, 2009, at 60. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Fortune had been a tax auditor with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. An avid reader, he had been involved in local library committees. Mr. Fortune had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Ellen; a son; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; two brothers; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; a nephew; two nieces; and a cousin.

1972

JAMES S. REYNOLDS

James Reynolds died Sept. 18, 2009, at his home in Chalfont, Pa., at 59. During his career, Mr. Reynolds had been a senior accountant for 20 years with Scott Specialty Gases in Plumsteadville, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Amber; a daughter; two brothers; two sisters; a brother-in-law; and two sisters-in-law.

1980

PHILIP E. ADAMS

Philip “Ben” Adams died Oct. 26, 2009, in Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, at 50. During his career, Mr. Adams had most recently served 13 years as a vice president at Fidelity Investment Services in personal and workplace investing technology; previously, he had been an information technology professional for many years at the Paul Revere Life Insurance Co. in Worcester. Mr. Adams was also a board director at UniBank in Northbridge, Mass. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Adams is survived by his wife, Pamela; a daughter; his mother; four brothers; three sisters; a brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; and many nephews and nieces.

SUSAN E. O’KEEFE

Susan O’Keefe died Nov. 26, 2009, in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, at 50. During her career, Mrs. O’Keefe had worked for the Liberty Mutual and Great West insurance companies. She is survived by her husband, Paul E. ’80; a son; her mother; three sisters; eight brothers-in-law, including Cmdr. Leon M. Henry, USN, ’77, John F. O’Keefe Jr. ’79, James R. O’Keefe ’83 and Matthew T. O’Keefe ’86; five sisters-in-law, including Jeanne O’Keefe Henry ’77, Carolyn (O’Keefe) Duncan ’78 and Jane E. O’Keefe ’86; and 29 nephews and nieces. Her father-in-law was the late John F. ’51, former treasurer of Holy Cross.

1986

JAMES J. SABOURIN

James Sabourin, of Hudson, Mass., died Oct. 15, 2009, at 45. During his career, Mr. Sabourin had most recently worked in The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., serving as the director of international admissions and recruitment for the graduate programs in Sustainable International Development (SID). Previously, he had been a program officer at the African-American Institute in New York City. Following graduation from Holy Cross, Mr. Sabourin taught mathematics in Koula-Moua, Gabon, Africa, with the Peace Corps. He had also been an international election observer in countries where there is political unrest. Mr. Sabourin is survived by his friend, Joaquim Drummond; his parents; his grandmother; two brothers; a sister; a brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law, including Ann Kelly ’89; six nephews; and seven nieces.

ERRATA:

In the obituary for Linda M. Salters ’96 that appeared in the winter ’10 issue of HCM, it was incorrectly noted that Ms. Salters’ survivors include her late mother, Ruth (O’Donnell) Salters. Family of Nicholas A. Sordi ’43, whose obituary also appeared in the winter issue, recently informed HCM that two of the late Mr. Sordi’s grandchildren are Holy Cross graduates: David J. Harper Jr.’91 and Mark E. Baron ’94. HCM sincerely regrets these errors.

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Green Team

Quietly building a bond with the Regional Environmental Council of Central Massachusetts, Holy Cross plants seeds of hope in the community.

BY CATHERINE A. ROBERTS

Catherine A. Roberts, chair of the mathematics and computer science department and past director of the College’s Environmental Studies Program, “went green” before most of us knew a carbon footprint from a greenhouse gas. A passionate supporter of efforts to care for the Blackstone River, Roberts has been in the trenches, witnessing Holy Cross’ commitment to community partnership and helping our Earth. Here, she illuminates the multifaceted relationship between Holy Cross and the Regional Environmental Council in Worcester.

The Regional Environmental Council of Central Massachusetts (REC) is a “grassroots, nonprofit organization dedicated to building healthy, sustainable and equitable communities in Worcester for over 35 years.” When I joined the College in 2001, I sought to partner my new Environmental Mathematics course with local organizations, including the REC, the EcoTarium museum and the Mass Audubon Society. Student projects in this community-based learning course were mutually beneficial: The students experienced firsthand the impact of these groups on environmental issues in Worcester, and the project deliverables aided these organizations in their efforts. Acting as consultants-in-training, students engaged in quantitative analysis under the direction of agency staff with oversight from me as their instructor. One of the most fruitful partnerships has been, and continues to be, with the REC.

For a number of years, the REC has invited the Holy Cross community to participate on its board of directors. Katherine Robertson (Office of the President), Alice Laffey (religious studies) and I have each served on the REC board in recent years. The executive directors of the REC (formerly Peggy Middaugh and now Steve Fischer) have a remarkable ability to articulate suitable project ideas. In addition to contributing to the mission of the REC, these projects provide rich opportunities for our students to develop their interpersonal, quantitative and communication skills. It’s a win-win
scenario! For instance, students in my class researched wind energy for the REC to help them advise the city on establishing policies for wind turbines. These students also made a presentation to Fr. McFarland that initiated the College’s exploration to possibly bring a wind turbine to campus. Another student project involved a quantitative analysis of urban asthma rates that resulted in informative news stories on local radio and TV stations. Students also surveyed College Hill residents to inventory mercury in the home, which allowed Holy Cross to contribute to the REC’s education efforts on mercury awareness.

The College has been a longtime major sponsor of Worcester’s annual Earth Day cleanup, which is managed by the REC. Oftentimes students and faculty adopt sites near campus to clean up. I’ll never forget the trash, including tires and shopping carts, that we pulled out of the Middle River, across McKean Road. (The Middle River is the main headwater to the Blackstone River, which has been designated by the National Park Service as the “birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution.” The College has been instrumental in keeping the headwaters clean and has involved students in the Blackstone River Coalition’s water-quality monitoring project.) For a number of years, Holy Cross students have served as volunteer or work-study interns at the REC to help organize and run the city-wide Earth Day cleanup program.

Some of my recent students collected and classified litter in three city neighborhoods throughout the semester. Their report, which analyzed the type of trash collected, was used by the REC in its efforts with the Worcester City Council to design effective approaches to minimize litter in the city.

One of the most exciting developments in our relationship with the REC is the community garden program, including UGROW and YouthGROW. UGROW converts undeveloped lots into organic garden space for use by neighborhood residents. The YouthGROW summer program employs dozens of youth workers who maintain an inner-city farm and learn community-building skills. The YouthGROW farm raises over 2,000 pounds of organic fruits and vegetables each year, which are donated to food pantries and families in need. For years, the REC contracted with a local farmer to purchase the seedlings for these two initiatives, but 2010 will mark the fourth year that the seedlings are instead being grown right on the Holy Cross campus. The greenhouses in the department of biology have been made available to the REC each spring semester, along with two work-study students who assist the REC staff with growing thousands of seedlings for distribution throughout Worcester.

Each fall, the College hosts the REC’s annual fundraiser, known as the Slow Food Gala. This highly successful event benefits the garden programs. Marty Dudek, assistant director of dining services at Holy Cross, prepares the meal entirely from local, organic sources. In fact, all the ingredients for the meal come from within 100 miles of campus. Some of the vegetables on the menu are grown in Worcester at the YouthGROW farm. In 2009, Holy Cross started its own organic garden, and a number of people are working to help establish this garden for future seasons.

The wide array of projects supporting the work of the Regional Environmental Council reflects the College’s commitment to the city of Worcester. Each of these initiatives improves the environmental health of our community. I am blessed to be a part of such a meaningful articulation of the College’s mission.

“[REC] projects provide rich opportunities for our students.” —Catherine A. Roberts
The Profile

Molly Taylor Jolly ’88

BY BENJAMIN GLEISSER

Q & A

What is your favorite sports movie? Rocky, because it shows someone’s passion and perseverance to achieve something that no one thought was possible.

What is your motto? I have two. “Everyone has talent and something positive to contribute,” because I have a can-do attitude. And “There’s no crying in baseball!” Although I almost did break into tears [in 2007] when we lost to Boston in the American League Division Series on a failed suicide squeeze play. Moments before that, my husband and I thought we were going to win.

You were a cheerleader at Holy Cross. What was your favorite sport to cheer? Basketball, because of the fast pace of the game. But I also liked football, because tailgating was fun.

Have you ever taken batting practice? No. (Sigh.) At one of our homestands, I brought a friend who was a former baseball player down for batting practice. As I watched him hit some balls, I thought, “Hey, I’d like to do this, too!” But no one asked me. We do have employee softball teams though, and we get to play our games on the field.

Some ballplayers have superstitions. Do you have any superstitions? As long as I have my calculator and some batteries, I’m good.

There’s no glass ceiling in baseball, says Molly Taylor Jolly ’88, vice president of finance and administration for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, and one of the highest-ranking women in the Major Leagues.

“There’s plenty of opportunity here,” she says with a smile. “I saw more ‘female vs. male’ stuff when I was starting my career in the oil industry, which is a lot more male-dominated than the sports industry.”

After receiving her degree in economics/accounting from Holy Cross, Molly Taylor joined the Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) and spent six years in Anchorage, Alaska, as an inventory accountant and financial analyst. The position put her in close contact with one of her great loves, nature. Anchorage is a 15-minute drive to snow-capped mountains for skiing and an hour’s hike to thousands-year-old glaciers.

And, serving as the volunteer treasurer of the nonprofit Anchorage Women’s Hockey League, she connected to another love: sports management.

After transferring to ARCO Corporate in Los Angeles, she earned her master’s degree in business administration from UCLA and zealously networked with people in sports. In 2000, an organization that owned both the Angels and the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, a National Hockey League team, hired her as director of finance. Three years later, she was promoted to her present position.

With the Angels, Jolly oversees a $120 million player payroll and other financial matters, including stadium maintenance, human resources for more than 1,600 employees and purchasing the bobblehead dolls given away to fans.

Jolly says her decision to attend Holy Cross—which she credits to “divine inspiration and a local recruiter who loved HC”—was a “huge help to my career.”

“I went there to learn business, but I learned so much more,” she explains. “I appreciate the way teachers challenged my thinking. By stressing a diversity of disciplines, they taught me to be confident and successful. So no matter what kind of problem I face today, I know I can figure something out.”

According to Jolly, the Hill also taught her the importance of community activism and helping others, which is why she is the projects director of the Junior League of Orange County, a group that promotes volunteerism—and is dedicated to developing the potential of women.

In addition, baseball introduced her to the biggest love of her life: husband Burt Jolly, a lifelong Angels fan whom she met in the stands during a home game. They chatted all night, and, as the game went into extra innings, she felt her heart going, going, gone!

But surely she knew that marrying the fellow meant she’d be Molly Jolly?

“Everyone in our media department said, ‘You can never marry that man!’” she recalls, laughing. “But all my friends love my name, and love to shout loudly: ‘Hi, Molly Jolly!’”

STATS

• Birthplace: Atlanta; raised in Naples, Fla.
• Residence: Anaheim Hills, Calif.
• Birthday: Sept. 2, 1966
• Family: Husband, Burt Jolly, and his daughters, Ainsley and Lauren Jolly. (Burt is the principal of Premiere Engineering.)

Photo courtesy of the Los Angeles Angels
A Change for the Better

Every department on campus is doing its part to promote a greener Holy Cross. Library Services created this dramatic display in 2008 to show how much paper was being wasted each week in the computer labs, mostly from users accidentally making multiple printouts of large articles. The department paired with ITS this spring to implement a new print management system that eliminates waste with a simple check-off system. Students can still make printouts at no cost—a highly prized perk—but they must release each job from the print station, cutting back on unwanted printouts. The solution is a double win: paper and money are being saved.