Lift High the Cross

Heidi Brake Smith '82
first alumna ever
to give $1 million

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The $1.25 million gift of Heidi Brake Smith ’82 establishes the Camelot Endowment, creates a new faculty position, and sets a historic high for alumnae giving.

By Paul E. Kandarian

When Heidi Brake Smith ’82 thinks things through, she has former Holy Cross professor Rev. John J. Paris, S.J., to thank, since it was in his social and medical ethics course she learned the power and importance of insight.

And because her Holy Cross experience instilled in her an appreciation for such insight, the College has Smith to thank for a $1.25 million gift, the first gift in the College’s history of $1 million or more from a female graduate.

Smith, who with her husband, Scott, runs an investment fund in Greenwich, Conn., wanted to give something to her alma mater that would enhance the educational experience that helped shape her life. The donation, which will create a new faculty position called The Camelot Endowment, is part of the College’s $175 million “Lift High the Cross” campaign, the most ambitious drive that Holy Cross has ever attempted.

The gift will be specifically for the newly created Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, an educational entity especially important in modern times, says Holy Cross President Michael C. McFarland, S.J.

“This gift is very important to our mission and for the Center,” Fr. McFarland says, adding that the creation of a faculty position with the donation will allow for “a serious intellectual exploration of moral issues that are of particular importance to contemporary society.”

In thinking of where to best put her gift to use, Smith’s thoughts went to her Holy Cross days in the classroom with Fr. Paris, now a professor of theology at Boston College.

“When I was in school, discussion of the day was about life support, about ‘pulling the plug,’ and we talked about those things,” she says. “I just loved going to his class. He made his students think about the things they should think about.”

Of her donation to the College and creation of a faculty post, she says “Basically I wanted a course that would review different aspects of our society that are important to us, especially in light of all the technological advances and things that are challenging students when they walk out the door. I wanted it to be the teaching of social philosophy and ethics, something to bring the kind of philosophical thinking that I learned there.”

She wants the position to “promote discussion of social problems, the impact technology has on life and culture, privacy and the Internet.”
Fr. Paris taught her and her fellow students “to think things through … he had the energy to challenge, to say ‘so you think this is the right way? Why?’”

Fr. Paris says his method of teaching has always been Socratic in nature, embracing the ancient philosophy that “the unexamined life isn’t worth living.”

“My method is very Socratic. I raise questions, get them to think, analyze, discern and decide, and I have other members of the class challenge it,” Fr. Paris says. “In the process of defending your position, you might discover arguments that don’t hold and you either change your conclusion or come up with a better rationale for it.

“It’s called thinking,” Fr. Paris says, adding with a laugh, “something that’s a new experience for many students.”

Fr. Paris is pleased with the gift Smith has made to Holy Cross and that his class made such an impact on her life.

“Education has a lasting impact on some students. It’s not something you use to pass the next exam but to guide your life,” he says. “She clearly discovered something she found worthwhile and it’s terrific that she’s encouraging others and making this gift available to them.”

The fact that Smith is the first female graduate to give so large a gift to the College is significant not only on the level of its generosity, Fr. McFarland says.

“When (Holy Cross) went coed, the argument was made that this would lessen our impact and that’s just not true,” he says. “She is one of our most successful female alumnae and as a Trustee, she’s been very engaged in the College and very much appreciates the mission and what we’re trying to do.”

After graduating Holy Cross in 1982, where she majored in economics, Smith worked for Price Waterhouse. A few years later, she met up with some other Holy Cross graduates who were in the oil and gas industry and worked for them running the business side of the company. She and Scott married in 1987 and she later joined him in the securities industry and worked as a security analyst until 1991.

The two of them started their company Jan. 1, 1994 and worked alone for the first four years. Camelot Management now has 14 people in its employ and more than $1 billion in assets.

A tragic moment in her life also reconfirmed for her what the Holy Cross experience meant. Garrett, the couple’s first child, died in 1995 at the age of four, from liver disease.

“We walked into the church for a private service and I saw Fr. (John) Brooks and Fr. (Francis) Miller from Holy Cross,” Smith says. “Someone obviously contacted the school and to this day I don’t know how they knew. But I thought that was pretty special.”

The couple now has two children, Alexander, 8, and Sabrina, 5.

Smith has been a Trustee at Holy Cross for three years and as such keeps connected to the school and apprised of what it needs. She and her husband have made other donations to Holy Cross in the past, she says.

“Heidi has been very supportive of the College’s efforts to further strengthen its academic program,” says Stephen Ainlay, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. “As a Trustee, she has always made an extra effort to learn about our new academic programs and initiatives, and I’ve appreciated her obvious enthusiasm for what we are doing.”

As to her $1.25 million gift, Ainlay says “it is both remarkable in its generosity and in the difference it will make to both the department of philosophy and to the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture. Philosophy has long been central to the College’s curriculum, and we believe the Camelot Professor will attract a significant student following.”

And as Smith envisions the gift, Ainlay says, “more importantly it will offer students an opportunity for philosophical reflection about a range of contemporary issues. Given this emphasis, the Camelot Professor will undoubtedly play a central role in the Center, facilitating both local and national conversations related to social philosophy and ethics.”

For Christopher A. Dustin, chair of the philosophy department, the Camelot Endowment “is very exciting, not just for the department but the College as a whole.”

Smith, he says, was “inspired to do this by her own Holy Cross career. She was introduced to philosophical thinking here, and she wanted to see that others would benefit in a similar way.”

The donation and the new Center for Religion, Ethics
and Culture “are a very good match,” Dustin says. “We’re thinking of ways to reconnect philosophy with concrete realities that make us wonder about why we’re here and what we’re doing at a time when those realities that define our world are undergoing radical transformation.”

Technology in particular is changing so rapidly as to practically mandate serious thought about what it means, he says, “and the implications for all of the professions, including law, economics, business. This would be a very interesting area to expand what we’re able to do in this department.”

The new faculty position, he says, will be filled by someone “committed to not only the mission statement of the College but to the way things get worked out in the real world.”

Within philosophy, Dustin says, “there is sometimes an artificial distinction between theoretical and applied approach. This position will bring both of those together.

“She feels philosophical education can make a difference,” Dustin says of Smith. “And this position (created by her gift) will be specifically designed to help students become more aware of what’s worth wondering about.”

The job description for the post is being written, Smith says, and she expects it will be filled by the start of the fall term in either 2002 or 2003.

Another faculty member who made an impression on Smith was Professor J.D. O’Connell ’53, now retired, who taught accounting.

“I took a lot of courses with him and not a day goes by that I don’t utilize something I learned in his classes,” Smith says. “He taught me to think a certain way; I learned a process to apply to get an answer.”

In gearing her gift toward philosophical study, she says, “I wanted to have real direction in mind. It’s very easy to say we need another biology teacher or history teacher but I wanted something I benefited so much from, something that could continue. By endowing the position, it’s something the school can offer for a long time.”

Mostly, Smith says, she wants a course to be taught to students that forces them to think and re-think their positions on a variety of issues, to open their minds to the possibility of thinking that is different from their own.

“I wanted something that applies deeper thinking on things you’re going to run into in life, it’s important to prepare students for life after college,” she says. “Usually, that doesn’t happen in college, but it happens at Holy Cross.”

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Goals for 2002

The Parents Fund has two ambitious goals this year: to raise $300,000 for the annual fund, and $500,000 in capital and restricted gifts.

Parents’ Council, President’s Council—I’m confused!

Parents’ Council:
- Leadership Parents serving and supporting the College
- Meets twice each year: once at family weekend and once in the spring semester
- Activities include speaking at admissions open houses, making “Crusader calls” to new parents, publishing the Parents Newsletter, securing internships for our students, and fund raising
- Most members make leadership gifts to the College and are members of President’s Council

President’s Council:
- Membership includes more than 2,000 alumni, parents and friends who make annual leadership gifts to support Holy Cross
- More than 120 parents are members of the President’s Council
- Members meet annually for a black-tie event and are invited to regional events with the president
- Members receive a regular newsletter from the president, a membership directory, and a symbol of their membership

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By Joyce O'Connor Davidson

The College hosted some of its most generous and loyal donors during the weekend of Sept. 7-9 to “pre-announce” the Lift High the Cross Campaign, a campaign that had been in the preparation stage for three years. The weekend stirred tremendous excitement about the possibilities inherent in such a campaign for Holy Cross. Later that week, however, everything changed. Following the tragic events of Sept. 11 (including the deaths of seven alumni members of the Holy Cross family), the elation sparked by the pre-announcement events subsided. Uncertainty took its place, and the economy, already weakened, spiraled downward; not the ideal climate in which to publicly launch a $175 million fund raising campaign.

The question for the Campaign Steering Committee then became: how do we proceed? Jack Rehm ’54, chair of the campaign, spoke to this at President’s Council on Nov. 10. While acknowledging the difficulty in moving forward in such sad and uncertain times, Rehm said, “Hard work and effort have already gone into this campaign, and many generous gifts and pledges have already been made. So, while this may not be the best time, I believe it is necessary for us to move ahead, to transition from quiet talk to public conversations about our College’s future.”

Paul Sheff, vice president for development and alumni relations, continues that public conversation here.

Q: There has been much discussion recently about how charitable programs will suffer due to the deterioration of the economy and the fact that many donors will put their philanthropy toward disaster relief. People are wondering about individuals’ willingness to contribute to the Lift High the Cross Campaign in this climate. What’s your assessment of the situation?

A: This has been a difficult fall for our country. Even before the events of Sept. 11, the energy and excitement of a stock market that had been registering double digit growth for four consecutive years were beginning to wane. The tragedy of Sept. 11 was a devastating blow that accelerated this decline in the market and intensified our loss of well-being. As a result, except for efforts to aid those who suffered as a direct result of Sept. 11, most non-profits halted all fund raising, at least for several weeks.

Although it is too early to write the story of the after effects of Sept. 11, my guess is that Americans will continue to be as generous as they have always been; that they will continue to support religion and education, two causes they have consis-
ently and overwhelmingly supported in the past; and that non-profits involved in the arts, health care, social services, etc., may see some decline in support as a result of Sept. 11.

We are starting to regain some normalcy, although I think that term is still being redefined. What is clear, though, is that fund raising has a far different set of circumstances to deal with today than it had just 12 months ago.

Q: How have fund-raising efforts been tailored to fit the climate we’re in?

A: Well, in a way, we haven’t changed at all. What I mean is that fund raising is not, in the first instance, about money; it’s about mission and message. Fund drives and campaigns that are not directly linked to mission cannot hope to realize their full potential. Fortunately for us, our fund-raising efforts have always been about our mission. What Holy Cross is and strives to be did not change from Sept. 10 to Sept. 12, nor did it change when the bull market became a bear market. We are and will remain, a college that not only maintains a vital connection with and practice of its faith-based traditions, but that also strives to strengthen its standing among nationally ranked liberal arts colleges.

That said, these are very difficult economic climes. The market lost two-to-three years of its gains; unemployment is on the rise; consumer confidence has been shaken. Although there is still a great deal of wealth in this nation, we are uncertain about the future. This is not exactly the context in which one wants to run a campaign. So we have to meet people where they are and help them structure a commitment that fits the times and their circumstances.

Q: Could you give some practical examples of how this plays out?

A: Sure. Let me give you three. In one case we approached a couple who was having difficulty coming to a decision about their commitment because of the current gloomy economic forecast. In response, we have asked if they would consider pledging what they knew they could fulfill, regardless of economic circumstances, and if circumstances improved, agree to overpay their pledge. In other words, we asked them to include us in their prosperity, should it occur.

In another case we approached a person for a commitment who was employed by a venture capital firm. This person was willing to make a gift if we would accept a portion of his shared interest in one of the company’s funds. Although this gift had no immediate value, we accepted it, booking it at a nominal value, which the person understood, but booking it nevertheless, thus including the person as an investor in the campaign. Should this fund prosper, so would the donor, and so would Holy Cross.

The final example involves a fellow whose principle wealth was in the stock of the company which employed him. At the time we approached him, the stock had declined nearly 90 percent in value. We knew he would prefer to make a gift in his company. Rather than cast our request in terms of dollars, we asked him for a specific number of shares in this company, to be gifted whenever he felt it was most advantageous to do so, as long as this occurred within the timeframe of the campaign. As with the other two examples, should this individual prosper, so would we.

Q: How have donors responded to this approach?

A: Very well. In all three cases these individuals were able to make a commitment not only because their devotion to Holy Cross was strong, but also because they felt we were understanding their circumstances. I think the key here is to convey that one understands the context from which the donor is operating, and to try to help that person fashion a response that is both doable and meaningful.

Q: Do you foresee this approach lasting throughout the campaign?

A: As the public phase of our campaign will last another four years or so, and as life in these modern times can change quite suddenly and unpredictably, I am not sure what we will be doing even six months from now. But I am sure that if we continue to talk about our mission and our core values, and if we are willing to work creatively with those who truly want to help Holy Cross, we will be successful.

Q: Do you have any final thoughts on this matter?

A: Yes. I believe that despite the current climate, the Lift High The Cross Campaign will hit its targets and even more because alumni and friends of Holy Cross believe in this College and the work it does for the young men and women who come here to study. That is our trump card.
Please visit the Campaign web site at:
http://www.holycross.edu/departments/alumnidev/campaign/index.html

New Class Chairs and Correspondents
The Holy Cross Fund welcomes recently installed Class Chairs and Correspondents:

Joseph W. Daly ’37
Gerald M. Earls ’40
Lee F. Bartlett, Jr., Ed.D. ’42
William S. Richards ’64
Alfred J. Carolan ’68
James W. Igoe, Daniel M. Spada, M.D. ’69
Anthony M. Barclay, John R. Doyle M.D. ’70
Brian R. Forts, Esq., Robert C. Lorette, Esq. ’74
Glennon L. Paredes ’79
Susan L. Sullivan ’82
Carmine L. Salvucci ’84
Thomas M. Flynn, Joseph Terranova, Joanne S. Niland ’85
Sean T. McHugh ’89
Paul V. Buckley, Mark P. Wickstrom, Nancy L. Meaney, Lisa M. Villa ’90
Christopher J. Serb ’92
Jason C. Hoffman, Kathryn R. Remmes ’00
Sarah K. Foley, Janelle M. Hraiki, Megan E. Kehew ’01
Haggerty and Lynett Families Join Forces for Holy Cross

Holy Cross Trustee Cecelia Lynett Haggerty P’97, ’89, and her husband, James ’57, have, with her brother, George Lynett ’65 P’94 and his wife, Patricia, and their family company, Times Shamrock Communications, committed $250,000 to the campaign. The gift is unrestricted. The Haggerty/Lynett family owns and runs Shamrock Communications, Inc., a privately held media firm, and the Times Newspaper Group, in Pennsylvania. Jim is a practicing lawyer in Scranton. He served as Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and General Counsel to Governor Robert P. Casey ’53.

Three generations of the Lynett family have attended Holy Cross, beginning with Edward J. Lynett ’28, George and Cecelia’s father; James and Cecelia’s daughter, Jean Haggerty McGrath ’89; their son, Daniel ’97; and George’s son, George V. Lynett, Jr. ’94.

President Michael C. McFarland, S.J., a trustee of the University of Scranton with Cecelia Haggerty, says Holy Cross has had a strong and longstanding relationship with the city of Scranton and the surrounding area. He says, “the Lynett and Haggerty families are a big part of that. They have produced a number of distinguished Holy Cross graduates who have returned to the area to become important leaders in the community. They have helped ensure the continuance of Holy Cross’ very valuable relationship with the Scranton area and have continued to support Holy Cross in many significant ways. This generous gift illustrates that.”

Garrity Family Honors W. Arthur, Sr., Class of 1905

The W. Arthur Garrity, Sr. Professorship in Human Nature, Ethics and Society honors the life and legacy of W. Arthur Garrity ’05. The Garrity professorship will be a rotating position, held by a distinguished member of the faculty for a three-year term. Mark P. Freeman, professor of psychology, has been named the first Garrity Professor. Freeman says, “It is an honor and a privilege to be named the Garrity Professor. I’m especially excited about the course I’ll be teaching to first-year students at the College. One of its main goals is to help them find an appropriate balance between realism about the human condition and hope about our prospects for fashioning a better, more just world. It’s an immense challenge and responsibility.”

W. Arthur Garrity Sr. was born in Worcester, educated in the Worcester public schools, and graduated from Holy Cross magna cum laude at age 19 in 1905. After attending Harvard Law School, Garrity practiced law in Worcester for more than 50 years. A former president of the Worcester County Bar Association, Garrity actively practiced law until he was 89 years-old.

William Merritt ’58, a partner in KM Group/Seaboard Realty, LLC in Stamford, Conn., has pledged $50,000 to support the installation of an advanced scoreboard system at the track/field artificial turf complex behind the Hart Center. Merritt, a former captain and stand-out runner on the track team, who still holds records in the 440 and 500-yard dashes, has been instrumental in the track fund-raising initiative.

Merritt is a 1964 graduate of Harvard Law School. He and his wife, Christine, live in Darien, Conn. They have three children, W. Tyler, Brian and Elizabeth. In 1957, Track and Field News ranked Merritt seventh among the middle distance runners in the world and in 2002 he is still running three miles a day, four times a week, often with Bob Daly ’57, captain of both the ’56 and ’57 teams.

The track fund-raising initiative is part of a larger plan to raise funds during the campaign to support athletic programs. Over one-third of Holy Cross students participate in NCAA Division I sports and nearly all benefit from the athletic and wellness facilities on campus. The Track and Field program accounts for six of the College’s 27 varsity sports, and the men’s and women’s
programs have more than 100 student-athletes competing throughout the academic year. It is the intent of the fundraising effort to re-establish the high level of success for which the track program was once known. Richard Regan, director of athletics, says Merritt’s gift adds an important piece to the puzzle, “We have a first-class outside track facility, but one element that was missing was a top-quality scoreboard. Through Bill Merritt’s generosity, we will now have that.”

Morans Name Student Lounge

Jim ’75 and Loretta Moran P’00, ’05 have committed $100,000 to the campaign and will name the fourth floor student lounge in Smith Hall. The lounge is a quiet place for study and reflection. Jim says the room “is a very beautiful spot with great views of the upper campus, Hogan and the library. I would imagine that late in the afternoon or evening, it would be a very peaceful spot for reading or studying. I remember doing a lot of both of those activities when I was a student, and I instinctively gravitated to the space.”

The Morans live in Manassas, Va., and have two children, Jamie ’05 and Katherine ’00. Jim says he feels a sense of pride that his children have followed him to Holy Cross and the NROTC program. The three of them are able to talk about their experiences on The Hill, and enjoy “a significant commonality of experience that spans the generations,” he says. And though Loretta is not herself a Holy Cross graduate, she is, according to Jim, the force behind the gift.

“As a parent of a graduate and a current student, Loretta feels a strong tie to Holy Cross values,” Jim says. “We both feel that the Holy Cross mission ‘to educate young men and women for others’ is a goal worthy of our support and something very much needed in our world.”

Love of Music Preserved

Four former roommates of Meghan P. Aherne ’00, a music major who died suddenly in the summer of 2001, are working to establish a scholarship in her memory. Because funding an endowed scholarship seemed out of reach for these young graduates, they explored various ways to honor their friend before deciding to fund voice lessons for a non-music major. Kate Kennedy ’00 says Aherne’s friends wanted to find a way to ensure that her love of music would continue. While music majors receive voice lessons as part of the curriculum, this scholarship will allow a non-music major to further his or her talents.

Kennedy describes Aherne as unassuming and quiet except when she sang onstage, where she was poised, radiant and confident. Kennedy says she was awed by the loveliness of her friend’s voice and by her positive attitude about life: “Though we only knew Meghan for five years, she taught us a priceless lesson—to live and love your life. It is that lesson that we would like to share with Holy Cross students for years to come—through giving them an opportunity to sing for the pure enjoyment of it, just like Meghan did.”

Aherne grew up in New Hampshire and was working at Berklee College of Music in Boston at the time of her death. To help build the Meghan P. Aherne Music Scholarship, members of the scholarship committee plan a fundraiser in Boston on May 4 featuring Holy Cross alumni bands, and a concert at the College July 20 with performances by alumni, students and faculty. For more information, contact Kate Kennedy ’00 at (617) 629-5930 or Jaime Grande ’99 at (617) 767-4273.

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By establishing this unitrust, O’Leary reduced the value of his holdings, thus minimizing the estate taxes his heirs will face. He also realized an immediate tax break for the year in which the gift was made. In return, O’Leary receives a percentage of the gift as guaranteed, taxable annual income. One of the most influential reasons for his generosity at this time is his upcoming 40th reunion.

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Planned Gifts
Priceless Values
By Phyllis Hanlon

Two momentous occasions—his 40th-college reunion and retirement—are giving William J. O’Leary ’62 the opportunity he’s long been awaiting. Combining his staunch loyalty and love for Alma Mater with smart financial planning, O’Leary has created the William J. and Dona O’Leary Scholarship Fund, subsidized by a $200,000 charitable remainder unitrust.

With a bachelor’s degree in economics in hand, O’Leary set out 40 years ago to establish himself in the world. He landed a job in the telephone industry and spent 34 years at AT&T building a solid career. The educational background he received from Holy Cross helped prepare him for the competitive, fast-paced business environment. “My education gave me an intellectual exercise in thinking, reasoning, logic and presentation skills,” he says. In addition to a strong academic foundation, the school lent significant moral support to O’Leary during his four-year term. “Holy Cross taught me the importance of values,” he says. “You can’t put a dollar amount on that.”

O’Leary’s appreciation, in the form of annual $10,000 gifts, has earned him membership in the President’s Council at the benefactor level. For the last five years he has served as chair of the Class of 1962 and as class bequest chair. In spite of his generosity, O’Leary insists that he is still a “plain, ordinary Joe.” “I’m just a guy who saved his money and watched his p’s and q’s,” he says.

Upon retirement in 1996, O’Leary learned that his current investments, assets and insurance policies might present a hefty tax bill for his family upon his demise. After multiple planning sessions, O’Leary and his financial advisors arrived at what he considers “the perfect solution”—a charitable remainder unitrust.

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Park B. Smith ’54, Stephen Aylay P’05 and Jack Rehm ’54

John ’70 and Margaret Millerick P’04 with sons Christopher ’00 and Shawn ’96 and Sarah Higgiston

Brian ’93 and Jennie Allen

Jennifer Burns ’96, Mara Terlizzi ’96 and Constance Eagan ’81

William ’67 and Patricia McEachern

Sherry Durnan, Pat McCarthy ’63, Paul Durnan ’63, and Boy McCarthy P’89, ’87, ’80

Tom Ryan ’76, John O’Neill ’63 and Peter Cahill ’63

John Roe ’81, Chris ’80 and Donna Doherty ’81, Elizabeth Sprague ’80 and Charles Wilson ’80

Arthur Andreoli ’58

Braden Mechley ’92 and Margot DeKorte ’95

Ann Halleron Eagan ’87, Meghan M. Halleron ’94 and Rebecca Halleron P’03, ’94, ’88

Bev McCarthy P’89, ’87, ’86
President’s Council Gathering

The 34th annual President’s Council gathering in Kimball Hall on November 10 provided members a chance to be together in a warm and familiar setting. First came drinks, dinner and a program hosted by Brian Leary '77. The public phase of the College’s $175 million campaign, *Lift High the Cross*, was announced by campaign chair Jack Rehm ’54 and President Michael C. McFarland, S.J., and more than 900 people were treated to a rousing and original pageant put on by the theatre department. Following dessert, many guests adjourned to Lower Kimball for coffee and more conversation.

Scholars & Benefactors

This year’s Holiday Reception honoring scholarship donors and award recipients was held in Loyola Hall on December 5. More than 120 scholars and benefactors had an opportunity to meet one another and talk before attending the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols at St. Joseph Memorial Chapel.