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## A Pleasing Season's Greetings

Justin Knight



Members, guests and neighbors of the Boston College community enjoyed a number of holiday events during early December, including the "Winter Wonderland" celebration held on Newton Campus Dec. 10 (above) and the annual Christmas tree-lighting Dec. 2 on O'Neill Plaza. More photos on pages 3, 5 and 8.

Lee Pellegrini



## Putting 'Her Heart and Soul' Into Everything

**Christmas or any other time of the year, CSON's Hawkins is generous with her time**

BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN  
STAFF WRITER

If Christmas is the season for giving, then for Prof. Joellen Hawkins (CSON) it's a season that lasts 12 months.

Year round, Hawkins collects donations of household items, clothing, children's playthings and books for some 30 agencies in eastern Massachusetts. Pass by her car and you'll likely see several bags of gently used clothes and a box of books and toys inside.

Her friends, colleagues and students know of her extensive social service agency connections, so they set aside outgrown toys and clothes, and they knit layettes or save hotel sample shampoos and soaps from their travels for Hawkins.

Among the beneficiaries of

Hawkins' efforts are: Head Start affiliates in Newton and Haverhill; the Women's Lunch Place, a day shelter in Boston for poor or homeless women; Brighton's Crittenton Hastings House, a nonprofit organization offering housing and educational and support services for individuals and families; Newton's Second Step, a non-profit agency that provides transitional housing and support services to women and their children who have been victims of domestic violence; Youth on Fire, a Cambridge drop-in center serving homeless and street-involved youth, and Roxbury's First Parish's youth programs.

She knows first hand where donations will be most appreciated because she provides nursing care at some of these very sites.

"Joellen's an amazing woman," says longtime friend Loretta Higgins, who recently retired as CSON associate dean of undergraduate programs. "She puts her heart and soul into everything she does. Her connections in the nursing world are legendary."

Twice a month, Hawkins, who is

a women's health nurse practitioner, conducts prenatal care classes for pregnant homeless women at the Pine Street Inn. She also volunteers as a nurse practitioner for Sidney Borum Jr. Health Center in Boston, an agency affiliated with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center that offers medical care and mental health services to homeless and uninsured teens and young adults.

Hawkins also regularly visits an inmate at the women's state correctional facility in Framingham and coordinates a holiday gift bag project for prisoners at MCI-Concord.

For more than a dozen years, Hawkins has organized the annual silent auction held during the Connell School's holiday party. Sports memorabilia, jewelry, artwork and other items are auctioned off and the proceeds are donated to charity. This year's event raised more than \$1,700 for Rosie's Place; last year's netted more than \$1,900.

Hawkins' care for the community is abundantly evident in her work in the city of Haverhill. She is a co-

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## Season of Service

**BC volunteers prepare to head to Gulf Coast over Christmas break**

Three groups of volunteers from the Boston College community will spend time during the semester break working in areas of the Gulf Coast still recovering from hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The more than 100 faculty, administrators, students and staff are scheduled to travel next month to sites in Mississippi and spend upwards of a week helping residents continue to rebuild after this fall's catastrophic weather disasters.

In doing so, these BC volunteers will join numerous alumni and other representatives of the University community who in the past few months have contributed their time, energy, sweat and talents — even their sense of humor — to support relief efforts in Louisiana, Mississippi and elsewhere in the Gulf Coast.

Other BC service trips this semester break will include sites in Belize, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and, for the first time, Uganda.

The ranks of BC-affiliated Gulf Coast helpers past and future include a recent grad who put her career plans on hold to lend aid, a 2000 alumnus and Big Easy native using his writing skills to help displaced New Orleanians re-establish their sense of neighborhood, and 13 members of the Presidential Scholars Program, which brings

some of the nation's top high school students to BC.

First to travel down south during the break will be a group of faculty and staff members led by Volunteer and Service Learning Center Director Dan Ponsetto, which is scheduled to work in Biloxi, Miss., from Jan. 4-9.

As of last weekend, Ponsetto said he hoped to have around 10 participants go on the trip. Faculty and staff members interested in signing up can contact him at ext.2-1317.

From Jan. 6-13, the 13 Presidential Scholars, along with the program's assistant director, Jennie Thomas, will also be in Biloxi. Their trip, as is the one organized by Ponsetto, will be coordinated with Hands On USA, the US-based affiliate of Hands On Worldwide, a non-profit, volunteer organization that provides disaster response and relief.

"Each year, the program does some kind of service project, and this fall Katrina was fresh in the students' minds," says Thomas. "Initially, we thought about raising money for relief efforts, but it became clear that something more was needed, so we decided to expand the project into a service trip."

Thomas credits William Driscoll '05, a Hands On USA volunteer who has filmed documentaries for the organization, with helping facilitate the visit.

To fund the trip, the program

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**GSSW group to assess aftermath of 2004 tsunami in India**

BY SEAN SMITH  
CHRONICLE EDITOR

It was the harbinger for a year that seemed full of natural disasters. The Dec. 26, 2004, Indian Ocean tsunami killed an estimated 275,000 people and caused untold damage in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and other areas of Southeast Asia.

One year later, faculty and students from Boston College will assess the tsunami's impact on communities along the east coast of India, and lend a hand where possible.

Graduate School of Social Work Prof. Karen Kayser and part-time faculty member Richard Shankar will lead 10 GSSW students on the trip, which will last from Dec. 27 to Jan. 15. Accompanying the group will be an undergraduate from the College of Arts and Sciences, Elayne McCabe '06, who plans to make

a documentary of the experience.

After a week in Chennai, formerly known as Madras, the BC delegation will journey to the Nagapattinam District of Tamil Nadu, which suffered the largest number of tsunami-related deaths in India. The GSSW contingent will study the experiences of the area's human services providers, which Kayser says includes not only professionals in areas such as public safety or health and social services, but non-professionals such as priests.

"We want to add to the knowledge base of how providers respond to disasters," said Kayser, who organized the trip with the help of contacts from the Jesuit Relief Services. "That means we not only want to see what they faced, and how they tried to meet the needs of those around them, but how the providers themselves coped, emotionally and spiritually. That's a very important, but often overlooked, aspect of human services work."

The GSSW students also will spend time with children in Tamil

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## People

"People" includes only those items submitted to *Chronicle* for publication. Due to space limitations, a backlog of submissions frequently exists. To improve service and ensure timely publication, *Chronicle* asks that submissions for "People" be sent via e-mail to [people.chronicle@bc.edu](mailto:people.chronicle@bc.edu), and that individuals in all entries be identified by their current administrative title or faculty rank. Submissions may also be sent by campus mail, if necessary, to *Chronicle*, c/o People Editor, Office of Public Affairs, 14 Mayflower Road.

### NEWSMAKERS

■Asst. Prof. **Richard Hanna** (CSOM) was interviewed by WLVI-TV News about the closing of New England's Krispy Kreme outlets.

■Prof. **Robert Ross** (Political Science) discussed President Bush's Asian trip on WBUR-FM's "Here and Now" program.

■Reuters interviewed Prof. **Zygmunt Plater** (Law) about the dispute between the Red Sox and a former player over the ownership of a baseball from the historic 2004 World Series.

■Prof. **Beth Casey** (LSOE) spoke with the *Boston Herald* on new school policies against spreading rumors and gossip.



Casey

■Prof. **Joan Lucariello** (LSOE) was quoted by the *Boston Globe* for a story on children playing classic games newly available on DVD, and by the *New York Times* about efforts to educate infants about faith.

■Prof. **Alan Wolfe** (Political Science), director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, wrote an essay for the *Dallas Morning News* on what today's colleges should be teaching.

■Prof. **Kent Greenfield** (Law) offered his analysis on the Supreme Court hearings on the Solomon

Amendment in interviews with the *Boston Globe*, NECN, CBS Morning News, ABC News and CBS Radio's "Osgood Files."

■Prof. **Walt Haney** (LSOE) was interviewed about high school student drop-out rates on WGBH-TV's "Greater Boston."

■Prof. **Thomas Kohler** (Law) co-authored an opinion piece in the *Los Angeles Times* on the importance of a democratic labor movement to a democratic society.



Kohler

■Graduate School of Social Work Director of Continuing Education **Vincent Lynch** was quoted in *The Daily Free Press* article "Massachusetts Reacts to Over-The-Counter Syringes."

■Asst. Prof. **Jonathan Laurence** (Political Science) discussed the recent social unrest in France on WNYC's "Brian Lehrer" radio show. Laurence was also the subject of an Italian news agency story (ANSA) regarding his research on Islam in Italy.

### PUBLICATIONS

■Collins Professor of Finance **Wayne Ferson** co-published "Weak and Semi-strong Form Stock Return Predictability Revisited" in *Management Science*.

■Center on Wealth and Philanthropy Director Prof. **Paul Schervish** (Sociology) published "Today's Wealth Holder and Tomorrow's Giving: The New Dynamics of Wealth and Philanthropy" in the *Journal of Gift Planning*.

■Assoc. Prof. **Charles E. Morris III** (Communication) published "Passing by Proxy: Collusive and Convulsive Silence in the Trial of Leopold and Loeb" in the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*.

■**Bethany Connor**, a graduate student in the Connell School of Nursing, published "Ethical Issues in a Combat Support Hospital in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom" in *Army Medical Department Journal*.

■Prof. **John Williamson** (Sociology) co-published the following: "Social Security Reform: Does Partial Privatization Make Sense for China?" in *Journal of Aging Studies*; "Notional Defined Contribution Accounts: Neoliberal Ideology and the Political Economy of Pension Reform" in *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*; "Child Mortality, Multinational Corporations, International Lending Institutions" and "Democracy: A Quantitative, Cross-National Analysis of Less Developed Countries" in *Social Indicators Research*.

■Prof. **Ann Burgess** (CSON) published "Sexual Abuse of Older Adults" in *American Journal of Nursing*.

■Asst. Prof. **Holly Harner** (CSON) published "Childhood Sexual Abuse, Teenage Pregnancy, and Partnering with Adult Men" in *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing*.

■Assoc. Prof. **Sandra Mott** (CSON) published "You Asked...Your Organization Responded" in *Society of Pediatric Nurses News*.

■Assoc. Prof. **Rosanna DeMarco** (CSON) published "Doctor of Nursing Practice: Thinking Through the Rationale and Implications of the AACN Resolution" in *Massachusetts Report on Nursing*; co-published "Lesbian Use and Abuse of Alcohol: Results of the Boston Lesbian Health Project II" in *Substance Abuse*; and, with Prof. **June Horowitz** (CSON) and CSON doctoral candidate **Mary McCurry**, published "Effective Use of Critique and Dialogue at Scholarly Conferences" in *Nursing Outlook*.

### HONORS/ APPOINTMENTS

■Connell School of Nursing faculty members Assoc. Prof. **Rosanna DeMarco** and Assoc. Prof. **Anne Norris** and Media Specialist **Chad Minnich** were selected for an honorable mention by the Media Awards Committee of the America Academy of Nursing for their video "Women's Voices, Women's Lives."

■Assoc. Prof. **Patricia Tabloski** (CSON) was appointed by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing to a task force that will review and make recommendations concerning Massachusetts's regulations governing the practice of nursing in the expanded role. She also was elected chair to the Membership Committee of the Gerontological Society of America.

### TIME AND A HALF

■Center on Wealth and Philanthropy Director Prof. **Paul Schervish** (Sociology) presented the following: "The New Art of Giving and the Arts: Wealth Transfer and the Emerging Generation of Funders and Fundraisers," Arts and Business Council of Rhode Island; "How Can Your Charity Tap Into the \$41 Trillion Wealth Transfer?," Chevy Chase Bank and Chevy Chase Trust, Bethesda, Md.; "The Moral Biography of Wealth, Wealth Transfer, and Client Discernment: Financial Advisement as a Biographical Event," The Nautilus Group, Dallas; "How the Intergenerational Transfer of Wealth Will Affect the Southeastern Region," plenary address to the 36th Southeastern Council of Foundations Annual Meeting, Marco Island, Fla.; and, with Center on Wealth and Philanthropy Associate Director **John Havens**, "Geography and Generosity," 2005 annual meeting of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, Washington, DC.

■Prof. **Cynthia Simmons** (Slavic and Eastern Languages) presented "The Role of NGOs in Post-War Development in Bosnia" at the Center for International and Comparative Studies at Northwestern University.

■Graduate School of Social Work Continuing Education Director **Vincent Lynch** served as host and discussion facilitator at a World AIDS Day Event organized by the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

■O'Neill Senior Reference Librarian and Bibliographer **Kenneth Liss** presented a lecture and walking tour, "Blake Park: The Development of a Brookline Neighborhood, 1916-1941," at the fall meeting of the Brookline Historical Society.

■Asst. Prof. **Jonathan Laurence** (Political Science) co-convened a conference on anti-Semitism in France and Europe at New York University. He also presented his research in a seminar at the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced and International Studies in Washington, DC, and in a conference on state-church relations at the Harvard University Center for European Studies.

■Assoc. Prof. **Patricia Tabloski** (CSON) attended "Commitment to Justice in Jesuit Higher Education" at John Carroll University in Cleveland.

■Clinical Instr. **Adele Pike** (CSON) was appointed to two National Home Care task forces, one advising the Home Care lobbying organization on regulations for the new Medicare payment schema, the other the Visiting Nurse Association of America clearinghouse for best home care practices.

## EXTRA Credit

Cawthorne Millennium Professor of Teacher Education for Urban Schools **Marilyn Cochran-Smith** last week officially began her work as part of a congressionally mandated initiative focusing on how America trains and prepares its teachers.

Cochran-Smith was appointed earlier this fall to a committee, organized by the National Academy of Science's National Research Council, that will conduct a two-year, \$1.5 million "Study of US Teacher Education Programs (STEP)." The 18-member committee, which is expected to issue its report in mid-2007, held its first meeting last Thursday and Friday in Washington, DC.

The study, funding for which was mandated by the House of Representatives' Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004, comes at a time when teacher quality in American education is under the microscope of researchers, policymakers and practitioners alike. According to an NRC statement, "accountability measures in federal education law are increasingly focused on ensuring that there is a highly qualified teacher in every classroom, and that in turn, the teacher preparation programs housed within institutions of higher education are themselves of high quality."

Tasks on the committee's agenda include assessing who enters teacher preparation programs, what educational background they bring with them, what kind of instruction and experiences do participants receive in such programs, and how a program's reading and math components dovetail with converging scientific evidence.

Cochran-Smith has more than



a little experience tackling these issues. During her recently completed stint as president of the American Educational Research Association, she served as co-editor for a major AERA study on research and teacher education published earlier this year. Among its findings, the study reported "relatively small and inconclusive" empirical evidence connecting preparation of teachers and successful outcomes, such as higher standardized test scores by students of those teachers.

"The AERA report answered a very important question: What do we know from empirical research about the impact of teacher preparation on various desirable educational outcomes, like teacher knowledge, pupil learning and teacher retention?" said Cochran-Smith last week. "It is very relevant to the work of the new committee.

"How the nation's teachers should be selected and prepared has been an extremely important — and controversial — issue for more than a century. This committee certainly has its work cut out for it, but I look forward to working with its members who bring many different perspectives and areas of expertise to the table."

—Sean Smith

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## BC Experts Attend White House Aging Forum

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dean Michael Smyer, co-director of the Boston College Center on Aging and Work/Workplace Flexibility, served as a delegate this week to a White House conference regarded as a major influence on public policies related to aging.

The White House Conference on Aging, which began Sunday and ended yesterday, takes place once a decade and gathers experts from various fields to offer recommendations for additional research and action in the field of aging.

Coinciding with the conference was the release of two reports by the center in conjunction with the Families and Work Institute predicting that older workers will usher in new patterns of working and retirement.

Smyer was among 29 Massachusetts representatives at the Washington, DC, event, titled "The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action," and one of 1,200 attendees overall who voted on resolutions and discussed strategies to shape policies on aging for the next 10 years and beyond. US Rep. Michael Capuano (D-Mass.) nominated Smyer as a del-

egate earlier this year.

Assoc. Prof. Marcie Pitt-Catsouphes (GSSW), who co-directs BC's Center on Aging and Work with Smyer, also went to Washington to serve as a conference expert and resource on older workers.

Prior to leaving for the conference, Smyer said, "The Conference on Aging is taking place as the first wave of baby boomers prepares for retirement. This gathering of experts provides an important opportunity to creatively explore the workplace of the future and opportunities for older workers."

The two reports issued by the Center on Aging and Work/Workplace Flexibility and the Families and Work Institute (FWI) — a Manhattan-based non-profit organization that conducts research on the changing family, changing workforce and changing community — offer a hint of what that future may hold, and the challenges which will be part of it.

Based on data from the Families and Work Institute's "National Study of the Changing Workforce," the reports offer one of the most comprehensive analyses to date of the demographics and working situations of

older workers, defined as workers 50 years-of-age or older, according to center and FWI representatives. The reports reveal the work preferences of older workers as well as how they perceive the workplace of the future.

"Context Matters: Insights about Older Workers from the National Study of the Changing Workforce" found that older workers are more likely to continue working when they have more control over their work hours, workplace flexibility, job autonomy and learning opportunities.

The second report, "The Diverse Employment Experiences of Older Men and Women in the Workforce," claims that female workers over the age of 50 are at a distinct disadvantage to older male workers in that they earn substantially less than men.

"Policy makers need to consider options that will minimize the impact of these disadvantages so women's transitions into retirement won't be jeopardized," said Catsouphes.

For more information, see the Center on Aging and Work/Workplace Flexibility Web site, [www.bc.edu/agingandwork](http://www.bc.edu/agingandwork).

—Public Affairs staff

## First ACC Season Successful on Many Fronts

After Boston College's first season of athletic competition in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Eagle teams have earned high grades on the playing fields — and in the classroom.

Not only did Coach Tom O'Brien's BC football team earn its seventh consecutive bowl bid — a date in the Dec. 28 MPC Computers Bowl against Western Athletic Conference champion Boise State (ESPN, 4:30 p.m.) — but the squad also was ranked No. 2 among all bowl participants in terms of player graduation rate [see separate story].

Many of Boston College's sports teams shared similar success stories after their introduction to their new athletic fraternity.

"At the midway point through our first year in our new league, I think our teams already have proven that they will be highly competitive in the ACC," says Athletics Director Gene DeFilippo. "Our football team won five conference games and tied for first with Florida State in the ACC's Atlantic Division. Our women's soccer team finished fifth in the toughest soccer league in America. We're very excited about the success of our teams."

Boston College's early accomplishments in the ACC were no accident, says DeFilippo. "We have increased funding and provided better facilities for many of our men's and women's sports to ensure that they will have the tools necessary to be competitive in the new league. Once our football team moved into the Yawkey Center [last spring], we renovated Conte Forum to provide new and better office and locker room facilities for many teams."

In addition to the football Eagles' bowl appearance, BC teams, student-athletes and coaches achieved a number of milestones while competing in the ACC this fall:

-The women's cross-country team finished 18th in NCAA championship competition. Coach Randy Thomas was named Northeast Regional Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year, and Laurel Burdick '06 (Manlius, NY) earned All-America honors, the sixth consecutive year that the team has had one of its members earn the distinction.

-BC's field hockey team finished with a 13-7 record and qualified for the NCAA championship tournament, with senior Kristen Madden (Concord, NH) earning All-America honors.

-Football co-captain Matthias Kiwanuka '06 (Indianapolis) was named to the American Football

Coaches Association's First Team All-America squad.

-The women's soccer team finished with a 13-6-2 record and advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Championship Tournament. Junior All-ACC Laura Georges (Versailles, France) has been nominated for FIFA World Player of the Year for her play with the French National team in this past summer's European Women's Championship. She is one of 24 players nominated for the honor, which will be announced next Monday.

-Junior Allison Anderson (Moraga, Calif.) of the volleyball team notched first team All-ACC honors and set an NCAA record of 57 digs in a single competition.

—Reid Oslin

## Eagles' Graduation Rate Among the Highest of 2006 Bowl Teams

No matter where the Boston College football squad is ranked in the final wire service polls, they are at the highest echelon of all bowl participants in terms of student-athlete graduation rates.

Only Northwestern University (83 percent) had a graduation rate higher than the football Eagles (78) among the 56 Division I-A teams that will participate in post-season play this year, according to a study published last week by the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport.

"Our results in the classroom speak for themselves," said BC Athletic Director Gene DeFilippo. "Our football team's graduation rate is second among all 2005 bowl game participants and our overall graduation rate for all student-athletes continues to be among the best in the country."

"In all of our sports, we recruit student-athletes we feel will succeed in the classroom as well as on the playing field," DeFilippo says, "and we offer them outstanding support through our Office of Learning Resources for Student-Athletes."

In a similar study of academic achievement conducted by the NCAA, Boston College finished third among bowl participants with an Academic Progress Rating of 978, behind only the US Naval Academy (992) and Rutgers (980). The NCAA's formula uses an average of the last four years in which student-athletes have six years to graduate.

The NCAA has set a minimum APR of 925 as an indication of satisfactory institutional academic progress. Twenty-three of the 56 teams competing in this year's bowl games did not reach the minimum score.

—Reid Oslin

## POSTINGS

### Arrupe summer program applications deadline Dec. 20

Students interested in the Pedro Arrupe, SJ, International Solidarity Summer Service Program in Jamaica must submit applications by Dec. 20.

The program takes place during early August in Annotto Bay and is sponsored by Campus Ministry, in collaboration with St. Theresa's Parish and several surrounding communities.

More information on the Arrupe solidarity programs is available at [www.bc.edu/offices/ministry/justice/arrupe/](http://www.bc.edu/offices/ministry/justice/arrupe/).

### Student Leadership Award nominations

Members of the Boston College community are invited to nominate outstanding undergraduates for the 2006 Student Leadership Awards.

Each year, the Office of the Dean for Student Development honors the contributions of students to the co-curricular life of the University, students' growth in leadership roles, and students' creative involvement in campus life.

Several awards are related directly to leadership or programming. Students exhibit leadership in many different ways, from serving as a leader of a student organization to volunteering for special projects within the University. Programming includes not just major lectures and concerts, but also the coordination of smaller programs such as poetry readings, service projects, and student-faculty discussions.

Student Leadership Award nominations can be made by students, faculty, administrators, or staff. An individual or organization may nominate more than one person. There is also an award for an advisor to a student organization.

Candidates' names must be submitted electronically by Feb. 8 to the Student Development Web site, [www.bc.edu/odsawards](http://www.bc.edu/odsawards).

For more information, call ext.2-3480 or e-mail [bellkh@bc.edu](mailto:bellkh@bc.edu).

### Children's Center registration due Dec. 20

The Department of Human Resources will draw lots for the September 2006 preschool openings in the Boston College Children's Center, on Jan. 19.

Children who will be between the ages of 2 years 9 months and 5 years 0 months by September 1, 2006, are eligible for the program. Lots are drawn according to available openings, age group and employee or student category.

Interested parents must register by Dec. 20 for the lottery by filling out a form, which is available on-line at [infoeagle.bc.edu/bc\\_org/hvp/cc/lotfrm.html](http://infoeagle.bc.edu/bc_org/hvp/cc/lotfrm.html), and returning it to the address listed on the form. For additional questions, call Barbara Krakowsky at the Children's Center at (617) 552-3089.

### Last Chronicle of the semester

Today's issue of Boston College Chronicle is the final one of the fall 2005 semester.

Chronicle will resume publication on Jan. 19 and continue on a biweekly schedule until the end of the spring semester. Copy for the Jan. 19 issue will be due on Thursday, Jan. 12.

For more information, call ext.2-3317 or e-mail [chronicle@bc.edu](mailto:chronicle@bc.edu).



ON HOLD—Jarret Izzo '07 temporarily leaves his partner Emily Krol '08 hanging as they enjoy the festivities during the Breaking the Barriers Ball on Dec. 1. Administrators and faculty joined students at the annual celebration, which was held in Gasson Hall and featured performances by several campus groups. (Photo by Suzanne Camarata)

## There's No Shortage of Roads for Him to Travel

**BC Rhodes finalist has plenty of career options from which to choose**

BY GREG FROST  
STAFF WRITER

Some people might envy Gregory Wiles '06 for his energy, his enthusiasm, his wide range of interests and his intellect. But Wiles envies his fellow seniors who already know what they want to do after they graduate.

Wiles next semester will wrap up a remarkable four-year stint at Boston College that has seen him captain the rowing team and launch the University's first undergraduate research journal.

Perhaps it's the downside to having so many passions in life, but the Presidential Scholar, economics major and Rhodes Scholarship finalist still doesn't know what he wants to do after he leaves the Heights.

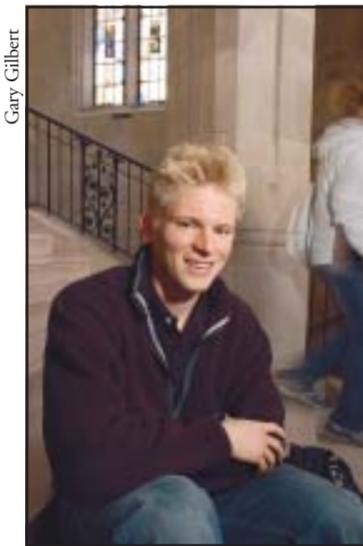
"I'm trying to find something that's going to test me, push me. And so I'm looking at a variety of things. I'm not really sure yet what I'm doing but I'll decide what I'm going to do over the next couple of months," the spiky-haired Wiles said, adding that eventually he plans to attend graduate school.

"I envy anyone who thinks they know what they want to do next year," he said.

Wiles said he plans to fine-tune his options by using the skills he learned in Career and Human Resource Planning, which he described as among the best classes he has taken at BC. The course, taught by Assoc. Prof. Candace Jones (CSOM), helps students identify their interests and talents.

Judging from his track record, it's safe to say that once the Colorado native charts his post-graduation course, success will follow.

Wiles, a stalwart on the Eagles' rowing team, was part of the BC



Gregory Wiles '06

group that last month made it to the semi-finals of an economics challenge at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York [see separate story]. Last summer, he interned at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. And earlier this year, he and a team of students published the maiden issue of *Elements*, BC's first undergraduate research journal.

The second issue of *Elements* is set to come out in February, and just like the first it will examine a broad mix of topics, including Islamic art, malaria, and women and the effects of pornography.

Wiles said the magazine serves as an outlet for undergraduate research at BC that until now has gone mostly unnoticed. But launching the publication has also served as an outlet for his own energy.

"People tell me that I have this sort of natural energy that comes from somewhere. I'm not sure where it comes from (but) I like to start things, to create and really get a group of people going on something," he said.

"That's why *Elements* was such a big thing for me. I'm also the captain of the rowing team here. I have to do rowing because I have so much energy there has to be some outlet for it."

## Econ Students Do Well in Federal Reserve Challenge

A team of six Boston College economics majors finished fourth at the Federal Reserve College Challenge competition held last month at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The BC contingent — seniors Gregory Wiles, Mark Irvine and Jamie Lee and juniors Nikki Tyler, Andrew Varani and Genna Ghaul — finished second in the contest's preliminary round at the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston to earn a spot in the regional competition in New York.

The competition required team members to prepare and deliver a 20-minute presentation to a panel of Fed and private sector economists. This presentation included a discussion of current economic and financial conditions, a near-term forecast of condi-

tions that could affect monetary policy, and a recommendation as to the action the Fed should take with regard to short-term interest rates.

The students defended their theories to panel members in an additional 15-minute session.

Economics department faculty members Assoc. Prof. Robert Murphy and Asst. Prof. Fabio Ghironi were advisors to the academic competitors.

A student team representing the State University of New York at Geneseo won the New York competition, with undergraduates from Rutgers and Seton Hall universities finishing second and third.

Teams representing 29 colleges and universities took part in the Boston and New York competitions.

—Reid Oslin

## Service Is Year-round Activity for Hawkins

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founder and active member of the Haverhill Community Violence Coalition (HCVC), a group of police officers, social workers, visiting nurses, school officials and others who meet monthly and work together to prevent and respond to violence in their community.

Her work in Haverhill began about 10 years ago when she, Higgins, CSON Dean Barbara Hazard, CSON Associate Dean Lois Haggerty and other former colleagues conducted a federally funded research study on the self-care and outcomes of pregnant women who suffered from domestic violence. After the study ended, Hawkins teamed with Carole Pearce PhD '93, then of University of Massachusetts-Lowell, to launch a collaborative model for violence intervention in Haverhill.

"There was a lack of communication," said Hawkins, explaining the impetus for the project. "A police officer might respond to a domestic violence incident in a child's home, but no one would communicate that information to the child's school. So school officials would be left out of the loop wondering why a child's behavior suddenly changed."

The HCVC now boasts a membership of some 80 people representing 30 agencies. About a thousand people attended the HCVC's "Respect, Protect and Connect" event held last spring to raise awareness of violence issues and services available. Hawkins has been instrumental in helping the coalition obtain funding for things such as hand-held technology for visiting nurses to file real-time referrals for victims of domestic violence.



Prof. Joellen Hawkins (CSON), at right, with colleague Prof. Ann Burgess in a familiar setting: The Connell School of Nursing annual silent auction she organizes to benefit charity. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

This month, the HCVC honored Hawkins and the Connell School with a plaque in appreciation of their efforts "to improve the lives of Haverhill citizens."

While the litany of community outreach conducted by Hawkins is awe-inspiring, it also begs an obvious question: Where does she find the time?

"I don't have any hobbies," chuckles Hawkins. The reality is that the importance of service was instilled in Hawkins at a young age. She grew up in a poor farming community where her father, a general physician, "gave away more care than he ever was paid for. He got paid more in produce than cash."

"I grew up in a home where service to others was paramount. As kids, we culled out our old toys every year and

gave them away," she recalled.

Throughout high school and college, Hawkins volunteered as a tutor, Sunday School teacher, Big Sister and Girl Scout troop leader.

"I find service is integral to life. That's why working at Boston College is such a good fit for me," continued Hawkins. "BC cares about people. I'm not Catholic, but I value the Jesuits and the ideal of doing for others. Being at a place that doesn't think like that doesn't work for me. People come first."

Jaclyn Casey '99, MS '05, who worked closely with Hawkins last year on the Haverhill project and credits her "big picture approach," says, "She remembers everyone. She is so generous with her time and energy and so loyal. I know I could call her any time and she would help me."

## International Applications Rebounding

BY GREG FROST  
STAFF WRITER

International applications to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences have rebounded from last year's low levels, when factors like tighter visa restrictions on foreign citizens and increased global competition appeared to keep many would-be students away.

Mirroring a national trend, international applications to GSAS last year fell 30 percent, from 990 to 693. This year, however, the number of students abroad applying to GSAS bounced back, rising just over 8 percent to 750.

The news is particularly encouraging for Boston College, administrators say, because it indicates GSAS may be bucking a "brain drain" reported at the national level in the form of reduced interest by foreigners in United States graduate programs.

Among the seven graduate schools at BC, GSAS admits the most international students — between 50 and 55 — each year. Within the school, they make up nearly a quarter of the student population, and in some departments such as Economics and Physics they are in the majority.

"International students make up a significant percentage of the applicants

in many of our departments, particularly in the physical sciences," said GSAS Dean Michael Smyer, noting that 85 percent of the applications to the graduate physics programs last year came from abroad.

Concern about declining numbers of international students seeking US graduate degrees prompted the Washington-based Council of Graduate Schools to begin surveying its 450 members in the winter of 2004.

CGS research has shown that first-time international graduate enrollments have declined for three consecutive years following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington: a 5 percent drop between 2004 and 2005, following a 28 percent plunge seen between 2003 and 2004.

The three factors CGS cited as most likely responsible for declining international graduate admissions are increased competition overseas, changed visa policies, and diminished perceptions of the United States abroad.

For decades, Smyer says, American universities have had some of the most outstanding graduate programs in the world, but in recent years there have been signs of increased competition from institutions in Europe and Asia.

"The European Union has really

made it a priority to attract the best students, both from within the EU and elsewhere," Smyer said. "Secondly, Asian schools — particularly those in China and Japan — are also recruiting vigorously."

"At the very time US universities are facing increased competition, there has been a decline in our applicant pool."

GSAS administrators said although the school saw a significant drop in international applications in 2004, the quality of students studying at the school has not suffered. They said this was largely a result of better marketing overseas and better recruitment at the department level.

"The departments report that they continue to be pleased with the caliber of the applicants they admit into their programs," GSAS Associate Dean Robert Howe said.

However, he said that if GSAS continues to experience declining international applications, it would ultimately affect the quality of applicants and result in a drop in international admits.

Howe noted that GSAS departments attract far more applicants than the school can accommodate. In 2005, for instance, more than 2,200 people applied to GSAS programs and some 235 enrolled.



**SEE YA, ST. NICK**—Santa and his reindeer entertain the crowd at the annual University Christmas tree-lighting ceremony, but local resident Lily Carino apparently has other things on her mind. Lily and her sister attended the Dec. 2 event with their baby-sitters, Sarah Nunn '07 and Kara Casey '08. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

## *New Orleans Students Bid Adieu to Heights*

BY GREG FROST  
STAFF WRITER

It was with mixed feelings that Hurricane Katrina survivor Christie Cleveland prepared to end her semester at Boston College and return to Loyola University in New Orleans.

"Part of me wants to stay and part of me is looking forward to going back to what I started," she said last week. "I am horribly sad about leaving, but I plan to finish out my education at Loyola — unless another hurricane hits."

Cleveland is among the 135 students from the Gulf Coast who came to BC this past semester after their own universities were shut down because of Hurricane Katrina. Under an emergency program, BC allowed the students to enroll in classes and housed most of them in St. Williams' Hall on the Brighton Campus.

Like many of the emergency visiting students, Cleveland praised the Boston College community for taking her in and making her feel at home.

"Boston College has been wonderful to me," she said.

"The administration, the faculty — they've been incredible," she continued. "They definitely made the transition as easy as possible. They dealt with a situation that had no precedent and

they really excelled at it."

Alex Morris, an English major at Loyola, echoed Cleveland's bittersweet sentiments about leaving Boston and returning to New Orleans. Morris said he has tried to take advantage of his time in Boston by exploring the city and forging friendships with other BC students.

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—Christie Cleveland

"I've spent most of the semester hanging out with BC kids, essentially trying not to spend too much time in St. Williams," he said. "When I wasn't doing schoolwork, I preferred to be out getting to know Boston and the people around campus."

That being said, Morris misses his Loyola classmates and is looking forward to returning to New Orleans to see them.

"I have such an attachment to

the school and the city, and even though the city is not in good shape, all of my friends are going back," he said. "As much as I'd like to continue building the friendships I've made here, my real attachment lies with the people I'd been going to school with for the previous three years."

Many students said the onset of wintry weather, while something of a novelty, provided an extra incentive to get back to the more temperate Gulf Coast climate.

Robert Prescott, a Tulane University senior, said he had never before lived in an area where snow was common. That may be why one of his fondest memories of his time at BC will be waking up in New England on Thanksgiving morning and seeing snow on the ground.

Sam Sotolongo, a Loyola student and a New Orleans-area native, said the snow is one of two things he'll never forget about his fall semester in Boston.

"I think I've hit everybody I've seen with a snowball. I don't discriminate," he said.

But Sotolongo's other long-lasting impression is of the way Boston College welcomed him and his fellow evacuees.

"BC has done so much for us," he said. "The University went out of its way, big time."

## **BC Community Continuing Its Outreach to Gulf Coast**

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raised some \$3,300 through a variety of activities, including a benefit concert in Gasson Hall titled "Building a Bridge over Troubled Waters" at which several Presidential Scholars performed.

Rounding out the Gulf Coast trips will be a visit by 80 students, faculty, and staff members from Jan. 7-15 to Pascagoula, Miss., where they will help repair nine homes at the cost of at least \$1,500 per home. The group's visit has been organized by Campus Ministry and several other offices and departments.

In addition to a campus fundraising event and contributions from the participants, the Pascagoula trip is being supported by a raffle, which will be drawn today, by the Office of Marketing and Communications. Donations are still welcome. For information on the project, see [omc.bc.edu/bc-katrinacleanup/](http://omc.bc.edu/bc-katrinacleanup/).

The assistance these BC volunteers provide will build on the work done by others in the University community. Among them is Derrick Evans '90, MAT'94, who shortly after Katrina struck went to his hometown of Turkey Creek, Miss., delivering supplies. He wound up staying there through the fall, gathering a group of other volunteers including Seye Akinbulumo '07 and graduate student Jose Lopez '05.

Elizabeth Lavin '05 was hired by the American Red Cross to work with victims of Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans area. Lavin, a Potomac, Md., native who earned a degree in sociology, had been working for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, DC when she was selected for the Red Cross staff position.

According to her parents, Frank and Joanne Lavin, both members of Boston College's class of 1973, Beth was chosen for the position in part because of her undergraduate volunteer work with physically and emotionally handicapped children.

After serving with the Red Cross relief effort, Lavin plans to attend law school, specializing in international women's rights issues, her parents said.

Connell School of Nursing grad Kim Waugh '95 — who earlier this year was in Indonesia aiding survivors of the tsunami — traveled to the Gulf Coast region as a volunteer for Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere). A health education and humanitarian assistance organization founded in 1958, Project HOPE conducts medical training and health education programs in 33 countries across five continents. In the Gulf Coast, Project HOPE worked with its domestic partners to deliver critical medicines and medical supplies to Gulf Coast hospitals and will continue to address long-term health needs in the region.

One of the more unconventional examples of outreach is a

Web site launched by New Orleans native Charles Veprek '00 and fellow Louisiana expatriates living in New York City.

The site, [www.nycnolahelp.org/](http://www.nycnolahelp.org/), features "The Creole Tomato," a collection of satirical news stories by Veprek and his collaborators about post-Katrina New Orleans. One entry is a society column-style item by a local couple announcing "the evacuation of their daughter Maurice Robicheaux with Mr. Henry Washington." Another article uncovers one more instance of the lack of preparation for Katrina: "Not one of the city's voodoo priests nor even the famed Jackson Square fortune tellers saw the devastating storm coming."

Another section of the site is "The New York Times-Picayune" — the title plays on the New Orleans newspaper *Times-Picayune* — which includes off-the-beaten-path news tidbits, reminiscences and features about New Orleans life. Contributors, among them Veprek's classmate Matthew Welch, have written about benefit events and other relief efforts, interviewed local merchants and other residents about their Katrina experiences and plans for the future, and described summers spent working at a boatyard.

Other features include a forum, a photo gallery of New Orleans landmarks and sights and a directory for current or former city residents to submit or view contact information.

Veprek — whose mother still lives in New Orleans but did not endure significant property damage — says the site started out as a relatively small-scale enterprise, a way to deal with feelings of helplessness. "I'd been through 9-11 — my office isn't far from Ground Zero — and seeing what happened to New Orleans was very similar. I felt like I wanted to give something back to this city which has meant so much to me, and is so now sad and desolate."

After sharing the site's Web address with some friends and acquaintances, Veprek was surprised to see interest multiply, to the extent where it wound up being featured in a couple of newspaper stories.

For all the site's irreverence, Veprek says he only recalls one significant instance of criticism from a reader: a Baton Rouge native who objected to the satirical depiction of his city's cuisine.

"Everyone knows it's all good fun and that there's no malice involved. The point is to at least make people laugh, because there's not too much about New Orleans nowadays that is humorous. We just want to give residents of New Orleans a way to re-establish their sense of neighborhood, to connect with one another and talk about where they're from, what they've been through, what they want to do."

—Public Affairs staff

## **GSSW Students, Undergraduate to Visit India**

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Nadu communities, leading them in arts and crafts, dance and movement exercises and other means of self-expression.

"It's not therapy, but it can be therapeutic," explained Kayser. "This will be an opportunity for the children to tell their stories, to perhaps help them start dealing with the trauma they and their families endured.

"We know we can't solve every problem in the brief time we'll be there, but at the very least we can

offer service as a way of showing our solidarity and concern."

Kayser noted that the villages on the GSSW itinerary are poor, largely made up of the Dalit, or "Untouchable" caste, and have received less aid than other affected areas.

McCabe, a history major from Salem who is minoring in Film Studies, visited northern India last summer to undertake a still-uncompleted documentary about life in impoverished villages, through funding from the Jacques

Salmanowitz Program for Moral Courage in Film, which is housed at BC.

"There are a lot of reasons I wanted to go — to learn more about the tsunami and what it did, to see how people deal with such a terrible event," she said. "I'm going to document the GSSW field studies, but I also want to film the people and the communities in which they live. Still, it's hard to predict what I'll be doing, because I just don't know what's there."

## Welcome Additions

**Asst. Prof. Gretchen Gusich (Philosophy)**  
PhD, Catholic University of America  
Fields of interest: Phenomenology, history of philosophy.  
Course: Philosophy of the Person.

Gusich spent the last four years teaching at Catholic University of America, where in addition to her doctorate she earned her master's degree. A Colorado native and University of Notre Dame alumnus, Gusich has focused on the work of Heidegger and Husserl in her writing and presentations. Her professional activities have included moderating the Catholic University of America 2004 Phenomenology Symposium, and memberships in the American Philosophical Association and the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy.

**Asst. Prof. Benjamin Howard (Mathematics)**  
PhD, Stanford University  
Field of interest: Number theory and arithmetic geometry.  
Courses: Calculus I for math and science majors, Introduction to Analysis.

Howard received a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in 2002 and spent two years at Harvard University before teaching as a Dickson Instructor at the University of Chicago last academic year. His honors also include the Paul R. Cohen Memorial Prize for Excellence in Mathematics at Chicago, where he earned his undergraduate degree in 1997. Howard was a guest speaker at the Mathematics Department this past February, and he has given invited talks at the London Mathematical Society Durham Symposium and Midwest Number Theory Conference, among other venues.

**Assoc. Prof. Christina Klein (English)**  
PhD, Yale University  
Fields of interest: American studies; film studies; American literature; the literature and culture of America's encounters with Asia.  
Courses: Contemporary Asian Cinema; Globalization and Culture; Immigrant Narratives.

A 1986 graduate of Wesleyan University, Klein arrived at BC this fall after teaching at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1997. Klein, who is currently writing a book about the globalization of the United States and Asian film industries, authored *Cold War Orientalism: Asia in the Middlebrow Imagination, 1945-1961* in 2003 and has published numerous articles on contemporary Asian and American film in newspapers such as the *Los Angeles Times*, *International Herald Tribune* and *South China Morning Post*, and academic journals including *Comparative American Studies* and *Cinema Journal*.

**Asst. Prof. Zachary Morgan (History)**  
PhD, Brown University  
Fields of interest: Modern and colonial Latin American history; Brazilian history; African diaspora.  
Courses: The Mexican Revolution; Modern Brazil.

Morgan came to BC from William Paterson University in New Jersey, where he arrived in 2000 as an associate professor of history, and is affiliated with the University's Black Studies and Latin American Studies programs. He recently completed *Legacy of the Lash: Race, Citizenship, and Corporal Punishment in the Brazilian Navy, 1860-1910*, which is now under review by a publisher. A 1992 graduate of Hunter College of the City University of New York, Morgan will serve as faculty advisor for the BC service trip to Brazil next summer.

"Welcome Additions," an occasional feature, profiles new faculty members at Boston College.

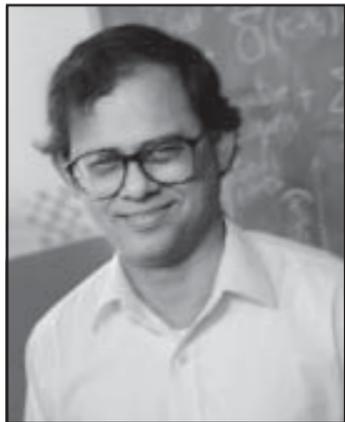
—Sean Smith

## Nota Bene

Prof. **Udayan Mohanty** (Chemistry) was named a Fellow in the Division of Biological Physics of the American Physical Society, an honor given to APS members who have made advances in knowledge through original research and publication, have been innovative in applying physics to science and technology, or have made significant contributions to the teaching of physics.

Mohanty's citation reads, "For his advances in the theory of polyelectrolyte behavior and its application to the understanding of the structure and transport properties of nucleic acids in free solution and in gels."

APS Fellows are chosen each year, with election limited to no more than one half of one percent of the group's 43,000 members.



## A 'Consummate Librarian' Closes the Book

After 33 years, Burns Library's John Atteberry turning over a new leaf

BY REID OSLIN  
STAFF WRITER

He's a bayou native and Navy veteran who for almost two decades has been the affable, knowledgeable face of Burns Library to thousands of scholars from Boston College and around the world.

But later this month, Burns Senior Reference Librarian John Atteberry will officially retire after 33 years of service to Boston College Libraries, 18 of them spent at Burns, which houses the University Archives, rare collections and constantly changing exhibits.

"John is the consummate professional librarian," says Burns Librarian Robert O'Neill. "In addition to assisting countless researchers and students with their projects, John has coordinated the library's much-acclaimed exhibits programs.

"Under John's leadership, the exhibits program at Boston College has introduced numerous visitors to the wealth and the Burns Library collections. John, of course, would be the first to credit the many staff and students who have assisted him in all these undertakings, but his indelible imprint can be found on some 200 exhibits at Burns."

"John Atteberry is an institution within the institution," adds Head Librarian for Archives and Manuscripts David Horn. "I told John that he couldn't retire until he had conveyed everything that he knows that is not written down.

"I'm not sure he has done all of that yet. There may be some things out there that we will have to call him on," Horn says.

Atteberry, who will officially leave BC on Dec. 22, was honored last week at a farewell party in the Burns Reading Room. Interviewed recently, he shared some little-known — and perhaps surprising — personal history while reflecting on his time at Burns and the satisfaction of having helped steer so many visitors to the right source.

"That has been a lot of fun, because you are dealing with budding scholars who come with various degrees of undergraduate preparation," he says. "But you can tell that the ability to engage real documents and sources is something that they find extremely interesting and then seeing them take an original source and maybe using some modern technology and going out on their own to do things that perhaps I never would have thought about doing to their research."

Atteberry's own accomplishments are as numerous and varied as the academic research queries that have crossed his desk over the past three decades.

A native of Louisiana, he graduated from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and earned a commission in the US Navy where he was assigned as a communications



John Atteberry with one of his favorite books: *Arca Noe* (Noah's Ark), published in 1675 by Athanasius Kircher. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS Forrester. In July of 1967, while the Forrester was preparing to launch air strikes against Vietnam, a raging fire broke out on the ship's flight deck.

The conflagration killed 132 of Atteberry's shipmates and injured scores more, including future US Senator and presidential aspirant John S. McCain, then a Navy pilot. But Atteberry and the surviving crew managed to save the ship from sinking.

After military service, Atteberry arrived at Boston College as a graduate student in history, but found himself drawn to the library in Bapst — at that time the University's main research and book repository facility — and applied for a job there. In 1972, then-University Librarian Brendan Connolly, SJ, hired Atteberry as a member of the acquisitions staff.

Sent by Fr. Connolly's successor, Thomas F. O'Connell, on a one-year exchange program to Oxford, England, in 1978-79, Atteberry worked at Blackwell's, a well-known rare bookseller, and his career in archival research was launched. "It was a wonderful year," recalls Atteberry, expressing gratitude to O'Connell.

Upon his return, Atteberry worked as a bibliographer and later as a reference librarian in theology, philosophy and classics before moving on to Burns Library in 1987. During that period, Atteberry also assisted in moving many of the University Library holdings into the new O'Neill Library while earning a master's degree in library science from Simmons College in 1983. He even found time to train for and run in the 1984 Boston Marathon.

"I remember telling Bob O'Neill that the only thing I was a little bit concerned about was that the activity in the Burns Library might be a

little slow and that I might find myself with not enough to do. Over the years he has reminded me of that," Atteberry laughs. "Again and again."

During his tenure as senior reference librarian, Atteberry saw Burns' holdings grow by leaps and bounds, and witnessed an equally dramatic expansion in the world of library technology.

He recalls one conversation with the inaugural Burns Library Visiting Scholar in Irish Studies Alf Mac Lochlainn, in which the then director of the National Library of Ireland told him that a library should be so well-catalogued and well-arranged "that people can do it themselves."

"I have often thought of that, particularly in the past few years," Atteberry says. "We've got so many more works catalogued now. People can get into our library system from anywhere to find out what our holdings are. It's been a great boon and a wonderful thing to see how much of this material has been made available so that people can actually help themselves.

"But I'm not worried about reference librarians ever running out of a job," he says. "There are always people who need to know how to access these materials. There are always people who come in, and for a scholarly reason, want to look at the object itself."

Atteberry won't be leaving Burns completely: He has agreed to return to help finish a catalogue for an upcoming exhibit. He also hopes to work as a volunteer at the American Antiquarian Society, a national research library of American history, literature and culture that is located near his Worcester home.

Atteberry also plans to devote some time to a favorite hobby — gourmet Creole cooking.

He is, after all, from Louisiana.

# Around Campus

## Have a cow

A group of students and faculty working through the Volunteer Service and Learning Center have started the Boston College Hunger Initiative, which is involved in a special holiday project to help provide families in need with a source of food that they can use to sustain themselves and share with the rest of their community.

In cooperation with the aid organization Heifer International [www.heifer.org], the BC Hunger Initiative hopes to raise enough money, \$5,000, to “fill an ark,” according to group coordinator Christine Hoage of the Lynch School of Education’s International Study Center. These funds would enable Heifer International to provide animals — ranging from bees to rabbits to goats — for some 30 families, who also receive instruction on proper care of the livestock. In return, Hoage says, the families must “pass on the gift” and help others in their community.

“We’re asking BC offices, departments and programs to consider making this project part of the staff holiday celebration,” she says. “Instead of the traditional gift exchange, employees could pitch in together and buy an animal. There are various types of animals that Heifer provides to families, with descriptions of how they can help those families support themselves. You just choose which animal you would like to give, and decide how your group would like to contribute.”

For more information, contact Hoage at hoage@bc.edu or ext.2-1505.

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## Good buddies

Saturday saw one of the more heart-warming Christmas traditions at BC: The Office of Residential Life’s “Christmas Buddies”



Former Massachusetts Governor and 1988 presidential candidate Michael S. Dukakis speaks with students following his speech, “Learning from the Past and Looking Ahead,” in Merkert 127 on Dec. 5. (Photo by Suzanne Camarata)

program, which for the past several years has brought area foster children and their families to campus for a Christmas party.

The office works with the Department of Social Services, which serves families from Allston, Brighton, Brookline, Jamaica Plain and Roxbury. Student volunteers each buy a gift for a specific gender and age and serve as a “buddy” for a child during the day. The children participate in arts and crafts, games and other activities in Cheverus Lounge and O’Connell House, and also get to visit with Santa Claus.

This year, 40 children visited campus — as did a number of their foster parents, who attended a potluck in Shaw House — for about two-and-a-half hours, according to Assistant Director of Residential Life Catherine-Mary Rivera. The older children took advantage of the fresh-fallen snow, playing football, building snowmen and having snowball fights with their BC Buddies, while younger children played indoor games.

One frequently heard comment, says Rivera, was “This is the best day of my life!” At the same time, she says, there was some

poignancy to the occasion.

“Kids would ask the BC students, ‘Are you going to be here next year?’” she said. “Of course, some of the BC students are seniors, so it’s hard to say where there’ll be. And some of the kids might be out of foster care by next year.”

In fact, says Rivera, two of the guests at the party were brought by a couple who, unbeknownst to the children, are planning to adopt them.

“The best thing you say in a situation like that is simply, ‘Sure, are you?’”

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## Starting the fire

The annual Boston College Arts Festival is still more than five months away, but campus organizations can get started on the celebration by participating in the collaborative sculpture project, a popular feature of the event.

Recently, the BC Arts Council announced the theme for the 2006 festival will be “Set the World Aflame,” the phrase Society of Jesus founder Ignatius Loyola said to exhort Francis Xavier as he set out to carry the Gospel. The council will work with BC programs such as First Year Experience to encourage campus organizations, departments and students groups to express their missions and messages through sculptures that reflect St. Ignatius’ famous adage.

Adj. Asst. Prof. Mark Cooper (Fine Arts) will once again build the basic sculpture, copies of which will be made available to organizations to embellish and decorate. Once completed, the sculptures will appear in buildings throughout campus and will come together to form an exhibition on O’Neill Plaza during the Arts Festival, which will be held April 27-30.

Sculpture projects from previous festivals have included “5,” which commemorated the fifth

Arts Festival, and last year’s “The Enchanted Forest,” a tribute to acclaimed nature photographer and Arts Council Alumni Award winner James Balog ’74.

Campus groups must apply for sculptures by Jan. 25. Applications are available via the council Web site, www.bc.edu/arts.

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## On board

Don’t blame Assoc. Prof. Joseph Tecce (Psychology) if he feels a little like William Tecumseh Sherman, the Civil War general turned reluctant politician who famously said, “If nominated I will not run; if elected I will not serve.”

Tecce is a long-time member of the prestigious International Organization of Psychophysiology — an interdisciplinary group associated with the United Nations and made up of scientists who study mind-body associations — serving for many years on the editorial board for the IOP’s journal and, for the last six years, on its board of governors.

When Tecce was asked earlier this fall by the IOP president to run for election to the group’s board of directors, he balked. Though flattered by the request, Tecce explains, he felt unsure about being able to meet the responsibilities of the position. “The job description basically said, ‘Don’t even think of running for election to the board if you’re looking for just the honor. It’s a working position,’” he says.

But the IOP president wouldn’t accept “no” for an answer. “He said flatly that I owed it to the international community to utilize my experience and background to enrich the organization and the field,” says Tecce, who adds that he was mindful of Dante’s relegation to the lower regions of hell “those individuals who failed to use their talents while on the planet.”

Tecce relented and allowed his name to be put on the ballot — and wound up being elected with the highest percentage of votes. “Big surprise for someone who is an inwardly drawn scientist and writer without political zest,” he says.

But much to his surprise, Tecce says he’s actually enjoyed the job so far. One highlight: He participated in the passage of a resolution selecting Turkey as the host country for the IOP’s next major scientific meeting. According to protocol, Tecce explains, Turkey has to work with the previous host country: Greece.

“Our resolution had the effect of forcing leaders from two countries that have been at odds for years to sit down and sign an

agreement of scientific cooperation that would go to the UN for final approval,” he says. “Pretty heady stuff.”

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## Overheard

Two faculty members at the Dec. 2 tree-lighting ceremony: “Don’t you think it’s a little funny that all these grown-up, 18-and-over college students *still* want to have their picture taken with Santa?”

## JOBS

The following are some recent additions to the list of available positions compiled by the Boston College Human Resources Department. For more on employment opportunities at BC, visit the Human Resources World Wide Web site, <http://www.bc.edu/bcjobs>

Assistant/Associate Trainer, Athletic Association

Administrative Secretary, Geology and Geophysics Department

Administrative Secretary, Career Services, Carroll Graduate School of Management

Associate/Assistant Director, Alumni and Development, Law School

Assistant/Associate/Sr. Assoc. Director, Alumni and Development, Leadership Gifts

Senior Database Administrator, Information Systems

Manager of Utilities, Facilities Management

University Risk Manager

Administrative Secretary, Classes, Development

Staff Nurse, University Health Services

Assistant/Associate Director, Gift Planning, Development

Assistant Director, Career Center

Bioinformatics Programmer, Biology Department

Help Desk Specialist, Information Technology Services

Photography Production Assistant, Audiovisual Services

Assistant Manager, McElroy, Dining Services

Senior Admission Assistant, Graduate School of Social Work Admissions

Asst. Electrical Foreman, Facilities Management

Associate Director, Facilities Services

Cashier, BC Bookstore

Digital Collections Systems Librarian, O’Neill Library

## Dance Marathon Set for Feb. 17-18

It hasn’t been going on for quite as long as the University’s Arts Festival [see separate story], but the Boston College Dance Marathon has already become a highly anticipated campus event.

The marathon isn’t just about good fun — although there’s plenty of that, what with hours of dancing, games and other entertainment. Since its debut in 2003, the BCDM has raised many thousands of dollars for charitable causes such as the Boona-Baana Center for Children’s Rights in Tanzania and Children’s Hospital Boston.

Plans were recently announced for the 2006 dance marathon, which takes place Feb. 17-18 in the Flynn Recreation Complex. Organizers have set a goal of raising \$100,000 for the Franciscan Hospital for Children, and are encouraging faculty, administrators and staff as well as students to get involved.

For information, send e-mail to [marathon@bc.edu](mailto:marathon@bc.edu) or call ext.2-0754. Many details about the event also are available at the BCDM Web site, [www.bc.edu/clubs/dancemarathon/default.html](http://www.bc.edu/clubs/dancemarathon/default.html).

# Looking Ahead

## UPCOMING AND ONGOING EVENTS AT BC

### Dec. 15

**EXHIBITION:** "Seeing Voices: A Brief History of Type" through Dec. 22, Burns Library, for information call ext.2-2465 or send e-mail to: john.atteberry@bc.edu.

**EXHIBITION:** "Alert to the Sacredness of Life - A Celebration of Paul Mariani's Works" exhibit showcasing University Professor of English Paul Mariani's papers, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., through Dec. 22, Thompson Room, Burns Library, for information call ext.2-2465 or e-mail: john.atteberry@bc.edu.

**EXHIBITION:** "MOSAIC," multicultural art exhibition of student works, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Student Art Gallery, Bapst Library, through Dec. 16, e-mail riverao@bc.edu or see www.bc.edu/libraries/centers/bapst/about/studentgallery/.

**MASS:** First Semester Baccalaureate Mass, 4 p.m., Gasson 100.

### Dec. 16

**PERFORMANCE:** "A Dancer's Christmas," Robsham Theater, through Dec. 18, see www.bc.edu/offices/robsham/schedule/ for show times and other information, or call ext.2-4002 or e-mail marion.doyle.1@bc.edu.

### Dec. 18

**MASSSES:** St. Joseph's Chapel (Gonzaga Hall - Upper Campus) 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Trinity Chapel (Newton Campus) 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; St. Ignatius Church (Lannon Chapel - Lower Church) 9 p.m.; Heights Room, Corcoran Commons, 10:15 p.m., St. Mary's Chapel (Spanish Mass) 7:30 p.m.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** BC vs. BU, noon, Conte Forum.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** BC vs. Texas Southern, 3:30 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Dec. 19

**MEETING:** Grief Support Group, 5 p.m., Cushing Hall Chapel, call ext.2-3927 or e-mail mccaaffirm@bc.edu.

### Dec. 20

Term examinations end.



BC women's basketball, like the other Eagle sports teams, will be active over the Christmas break. (File photo)



"A Dancer's Christmas" will have its final performances at Robsham Theater this weekend. (Photo by William Parson)

### Dec. 21

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** BC vs. Niagara, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Dec. 22

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** BC vs. Harvard, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Dec. 23

**CHRISTMAS BREAK:** All University offices closed through Dec. 30.

### Dec. 28

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** BC vs. Stanford, 2 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Dec. 31

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** BC vs. Colgate, 2 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Jan. 2

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY:** BC vs. Yale, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Jan. 3

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** BC vs. UMass, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Jan. 5

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** BC vs. Maryland, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Jan. 6

**MEN'S HOCKEY:** BC vs. Northeastern, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Jan. 9

Law School classes begin.

### Jan. 10

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** BC vs. North Carolina State, 9 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Jan. 11

**RETREAT:** Campus Ministry Silent Retreat, through Jan. 15, Dover Retreat Center, e-mail piscatel@bc.edu or see www.bc.edu/offices/ministry/faith/retreats/.

### Jan. 12

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY:** BC vs. Ver-

mont, 2 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Jan. 13

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY:** BC vs. Vermont, 2 p.m., Conte Forum.

**MEN'S HOCKEY:** BC vs. Merrimack, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Jan. 14

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** BC vs. Florida State, 2 p.m., Conte Forum.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** BC vs. Duke, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Jan. 16

**HOLIDAY:** Martin Luther King Day. All University offices closed.

### Jan. 17

Second semester classes begin.

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY:** BC vs. Northeastern, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Jan. 18

**SEMINAR SERIES:** Spiritual Direction Supervision Program, with part-time faculty member Rosemary Brennan, 7-9 p.m., Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, 31 Lawrence Ave. Call ext.2-8057 or e-mail irepm@bc.edu.

### Jan. 19

**PERFORMANCE:** "Sight Unseen," 8 p.m., Robsham Theater, through Jan. 21, call ext.2-4800 or e-mail marion.doyle@bc.edu.

### Jan. 20

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY:** BC vs. BU, 2 p.m., Conte Forum.

**MEN'S HOCKEY:** BC vs. Vermont, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

### Jan. 27

**MEN'S HOCKEY:** BC vs. BU, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

For further information and updates on Boston College events, see BCInfo [www.bc.edu/bcinfo] and the on-line University Calendar [events.bc.edu]. To submit items for "Looking Ahead," e-mail to calendar.chronicle@bc.edu.

Act two of Robsham Theater's 2005-06 season begins next month with the Department of Theater Workshop production of Donald Margulies' "Sight Unseen," the story of an enormously successful American mega-artist, leading a life of opulence supported by wealthy patrons. But a visit to a former lover and model of his stirs up some unresolved emotions.

Directed by Elizabeth Bouchard '06, "Sight Unseen" runs Jan. 19-21, with performances in the Bonn Studio of Robsham at 8 p.m. each night.

Bonn will be the site for the Theater Department-Robsham Theater production of "We Won't Pay! We Won't Pay!" from Feb. 22-26. Written by Dario Fo and directed by Assoc. Prof. John Houchin (Theater), the play is a sociopolitical farce centering on a theft of groceries that precipitates a series of hilariously snowballing deceptions.

Michael Frayn's "Copenhagen" will be staged at Bonn March 16-18, under the direction of Megan Rulison '06, winner of the National Award in Dramaturgy at this year's American College Theater Festival. This historical drama revolves around the 1941 meeting of pioneering atomic scientists Werner Heisenberg and Niels Bohr, former colleagues who were on opposite sides in World War II.

The Contemporary Theater of Boston College will present the

popular Sam Shepard play "True West," which depicts a clash between two very different brothers — and between American mythology and pop culture — from March 30 to April 1.

The following week, April 6-8, will be the Boston College Dramatics Society production of "St. Joan of the Stockyard," Bertolt Brecht's story of an uprising among stockyard workers in Chicago that draws upon Marxist theory and fundamental questions of humanity.

Closing out the Robsham season April from 26-30 will be "Cabaret," the popular musical based on Charles Isherwood's stories of life in Berlin between the world wars, as the shadow of the Third Reich begins to fall across Germany. This Robsham Main Stage production will be directed by Robsham Theater Director Howard Enoch.

In addition, Robsham will be the venue for concerts and other special events, including a March 18 performance by BC bOp! and presentations in February by the Philippine Society of BC, the Dance Organization of Boston College, the South Asian, Korean and Chinese student associations and the Organization of Latin American Affairs.

For more information on Robsham events, see the theater Web site at www.bc.edu/offices/robsham/, call ext.2-4800 or e-mail marion.doyle@bc.edu.

—Sean Smith



LIFTING THEIR VOICES—The Victorian Carolers, led by Dan Bolton '88 (second from left), performed at this past Saturday's "Winter Wonderland" event on Newton Campus. (Photo by Justin Knight)