A Healthy Approach to Learning
She ran a health care program out of an old ambulance; now she’s on a different journey
BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN STAFF WRITER

Many college students make road trips over their summer vacation, but it’s a safe assumption that none were like the one taken by senior Stacy Brown, who traveled the hot and dusty roads of rural New Mexico in a customized ambulance.

Over the summer, Brown, a premed student enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program, launched Vecinos Sanos/Healthy Neighbors, a nonprofit foundation offering mobile medical testing in and around Santa Rosa, NM, Brown’s hometown.

Brown had a donated ambulance refurbished by an autobody shop and stocked it with medical testing supplies. She drove out to rodeos, county fairs and shopping areas to provide free health care checks. Brown and her team of medical volunteers took family medical histories, checked blood pressure, and cholesterol levels, and tested for diabetes.

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Catholic Ed. Leadership Initiative Is Launched
Lynch School, IREPM to collaborate on graduate-level programs

BY PATRICIA DELANEY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Boston College is expanding its efforts to address critical issues facing the Catholic Church through the launch of three new graduate-level programs in Catholic educational leadership, jointly administered by the Lynch School of Education and the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry (IREPM).

The new programs integrate traditional administrators of such institutions needed to secure the future of Catholic educational institutions in light of the decreasing number of priests and nuns, the traditional administrators of such programs.

“We’re responding where we can to the most urgent needs of the Church,” said Prof. Thomas Groome (Theology), director of IREPM, which last year announced a partnership with the Carroll School of Management to offer the nation’s first graduate degree program in church management, to address the growing demand for business-trained leaders in the Church.

“As numbers of the clergy and other religious orders decline, we...Continued on page 3

INSIDE:

Finance Now Top Program of Choice at BC
By Jean Smith Chronicle Editor

For what is believed to be the first time in University history, more Boston College students are majoring in an area of study —finance — that is not offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, BC’s oldest and largest undergraduate division.

According to statistics compiled recently by the Office of Student Services, 855 students are enrolled in the BC Carroll School of Management with a concentration in finance — Carroll School students do not declare majors, but rather choose concentrations in particular fields — compared to 826 who are majoring in communication through A&S. The 855 students concentrating in finance is a 25-year high.

At the same time, A&S currently boasts its highest known enrollment to date, 6,041 students.

[For more on the University’s fall 2007 enrollment, see the sidebar on page 4.]

Student Services administrators, as always, caution that the figures represent a “snapshot” of student enrollment, and that the numbers typically fluctuate over the course of the academic year. Administrators and faculty say the milestone is nonetheless a significant one, albeit not unforeseeable, since finance is consistently one of the more popular areas of study among BC undergrads — in fact, it was the second most enrolled at this time last year.

Yet although trends in BC undergraduate majors are often enlightening and revealing, say the administrators and faculty members, one thing is constant: the University’s Jesuit, Catholic liberal arts tradition. A student concentrating in finance, they point out, receives the same foundation at BC as a student majoring in communication, philosophy, theology, education — or any area.

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Genesis of a scholar

It is a part of health care that’s only going to grow in the coming years, says Connell School of Nursing administrator, the school has an additional opportunity for its graduate students to explore the field of genetic nursing, thanks to a new partnership with Genesis HealthCare Corp.

One of the nation’s largest long-term care providers with more than 200 skilled nursing centers and assisted living residences in 13 states, Genesis earlier this year established a loan forgiveness program for BC that provides financial assistance to CSON graduate students interested in genetic nursing.

Recently, the Connell School announced that Mary Ann Breen ’94 has been named the inaugural recipient of the Genesis HealthCare Scholarship. Breen, who is enrolled in CSON’s Adult Health Gerontological Nurse Practitioner master’s programs will receive up to $25,000 toward tuition in exchange for a two-year work commitment at Genesis HealthCare facilities following her graduation.

“We are delighted to have Mary Ann Breen as our first Genesis Scholar,” said CSON Associate Dean for Graduate Studies Patricia Talbott. “Mary Ann is bright and energetic and has all the right characteristics for a career as a gerontological nurse practitioner. The Genesis Scholarship will allow Mary Ann to pursue full time study and achieve her career goals.”

Breen, a Somerville native, has for the past 12 years worked as a staff nurse and community health nurse in the Boston area. Most recently, she was a clinical nurse at Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), a program designed to assist low-income frail elders to age in place. “As a nurse, home placement to remain at home independently.”

“I am honored to be chosen as the recipient of the Genesis HealthCare Scholarship,” said Breen. “I look forward to using my Boston College education to serve the elders in our community.”

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New Leadership Program in Catholic Education

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have to ask ourselves: Who is going to carry on a genuinely Catholic educational enterprise? Who is going to sustain the Cathol- olic identity of our schools?” said Groome.

The mission of the new pro- grams, he said, is to turn out a new generation of Catholic school principals, administrators, presi- dents and other leaders, who most likely will be lay, but must also be equally trained in educational ad- ministrative leadership and Cathol- ic spirituality.

“If Catholic schools are to re- main truly Catholic, their leaders will have to be grounded in both," said Groome, who is author of a number of books on Catholic life and teaching, including What Makes Us Catholic: Eight Gifts: A Spiritual Vision for Every Teacher and Parent.

The key to this program is that it can provide that breadth of training needed by the future leaders of Catholic education,” he said.

In preparing graduates to assume leadership roles in Catholic schools from the kindergarten through higher education levels, the Boston College program is believed to be the only one in the nation to offer integrated spiritual and administrative instruction across the educational spectrum.

In addition, said Lynch School Dean Joseph O’Keefe, SJ, “no other school in the country has a program to prepare higher educa- tion administrators that focuses on religiously affiliated colleges and universities. That re- ally is a niche for us.”

A particular advantage of the program is that it can be crafted to suit a student’s individual training and background. A person who might be seeking enhanced skills in school administration could fol- low a curriculum more concentrated in the Lynch School, while a lay admin- istrator could focus more on coursework based at IREPM.

At the X-12 level, the M.Ed. in Religious Ed- ucation with a Catholic School Leadership Con- centration is designed for those who have experience in educational administration, but little formal background in Cath- olic theory or ministry, while the M.Ed. in Educational Ad- ministration and Catholic School Leadership is more suited to those with less experience in adminis- tration, offering the coursework and supervised clinical experiences required for licensure in Massa- chusetts.

At the post-secondary level, the program offers an M.A. in Higher Education with a concentration in Catholic University Leadership. The combined resources of the Lynch School, the top-ranked school of education at a Catho- lic university, its new Center for Catholic Education, and IREPM, world-renowned for its forma- tion of lay and religious ministers to serve the changing needs of the Church and its people, make BC’s program uniquely qualified to shape the next generation of Catholic education leaders, said Fr. O’Keefe.

The initiative also is strongly rooted in the University’s commit- ment to social justice, he said, noting that Catholic schools have a long history of service to disad- vantaged students.

A noted authority on Catho- lic schools, especially those that serve low-income children in urban centers, Fr. O’Keefe is cur- rently a conducting national study of inner-city Catholic elementary schools, with a focus on student demographics, staffing and struc- ture.

The exigencies facing the na- tion’s parochial schools, many of which are struggling or have already closed due to declining enrollment, diminished financial support or other difficulties, tend to be particularly acute in the inner-cities or other low-income areas, he said.

“I would like to see that this pro- gram produce an infusion of new leadership, a cadre of educators who will provide fresh ideas for our nation’s Catholic schools, especially those that serve under- represented populations,” Fr. O’Keefe said, “as well as vibrant administrators for our Catholic colleges and universities.”

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—Thomas Groome

Advising, Support Programs Move to Office of Provost

University President William P. Leahy, SJ, announced today that three of Boston College’s academic advising and support programs will be transferred from the Division of Student Affairs to the Office of the Pro- vest, effective this month.

The programs being trans- ferred are Learning Resources for Student Athletes, the Office of International Students and Scholars and the Learning to Learn program. In addition, the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Provost’s Office will have a shared role in the academic advisement and support programs of the AHA-NA Student Programs office.

Fr. Leahy stated that the re-organization recognizes the im-

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Q&A: Massachusetts Confronts Casino Issue

As the Massachusetts Legislature, along with the public and media, contemplates a proposal allowing casi- nos to operate in the state, Chronicle editor-at-All Assoc. Prof. Richard McGowan, SJ (CSOM), author of the forthcoming book Dividing the Spoils: States and the Gambling Industry, for his analysis on the issue.

What is the likelihood that the casino proposal will pass? This is certainly the first time that a Democrat governor has supported casino gambling. The unions are also giving Gov. Patrick’s proposal strong sal- lier support. The proposal is trying to hand out “goodies” to everyone. There is a promise of property tax relief as well as funds to repair roads rather than raising tolls. The State Senate has always been in favor of ad- ditional funding for the one body that could stop the governor’s proposal is the House. There will be tremendous pressure for the House to change its previous negative votes on casino gambling. It will be interesting to see how House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi handles the pressure to fund these good programs.

What is the potential for economic growth through the establishment of casinos — and what is the downside of that growth, in terms of social problems? Gov. Patrick’s proposal of three destination casinos is quite unique in its claim to emphasize economic growth. Certainly, destination casinos that provide a full range of entertainment offer the possibility of economic growth for an area that is either densely populated or has the possibility of drawing people to that area. Obviously, any Boston-area casino would certainly contribute to the economic development of that area, especially the Suffolk Downs proposal.

Whether or not three casinos could be sustained is debatable, however. Yes, there are any number of people who leave Boston for the Native American casinos in Connecticut, but if there were a casino in Boston why would they need to go to Southeastern Massachusetts? The other site fur- ther west of Boston might be feasible, especially if it is built near the I-495 and I-90 intersection.

As for the social problems, clearly, as gambling opportunities become more available the incidence of gambling problems and addiction go up. But one could also argue that Massachusetts is already paying for the addic- tion of its citizens who are currently visiting the Native American casinos. The other problem with measuring the social costs of gambling is the high rate of co-morbidity; addicted gamblers have a high incidence of addiction to other types of behavior such as use of alcohol and drugs. The state needs to set aside additional funds to help with problem gambling and not merely write off a segment of our population.

Would there be a negative impact on the Massachusetts Lottery? Like most products, the lottery faces a product life cycle. Clearly, the lottery is at least in its maturity phase if not on an outright decline. So while casino gambling may grab some attention to revive sales, it probably will not contribute to the lottery’s decline. Lottery sales are highest in the winter months, while casinos in the northeastern US have their best months in the spring and fall. Lottery players and casino gamblers are in most cases distinct markets.

We all know about Massachusetts’ “Puritan roots” — this legacy has of- ten been cited in discussions about gambling. Have state residents’ views on gambling and acceptance of it changed significantly over the years? Massachusetts residents seem to have long forgotten their Puritan heritage. In the latest survey of residents, 65 percent are in favor of casino gambling — 46 percent strongly favor, while 19 percent somewhat favor; 33 percent are opposed to casino gambling — 20 percent somewhat oppose and 13 percent strongly oppose. These figures are fairly consistent over age groups and even educational level.

So is it the case that everyone ventures that most Massachusetts resi- dents have an ethic that values a virtue that the Puritans did not, namely “tolerance.” It would appear that nearly two-thirds of the state assumes that as long as an action does not harm another person then it ought to be permitted. The light from the “City on the Hill” has become individualistic values, rather than the concentrated beam of the common good.

How do you rate media coverage of the casino/gambling issue? For the most part, it is quite good. The reporters I have dealt with rely on the first few stories. They do not bother to obscure the complexity of the issues involved. The need for economic development and revenue for governmental programs has to be balanced with the concern of those who will become addicted to gambling.

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Finance Most Popular
Among BC Undergrads

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cite such factors as the growth of industries such as mutual funds, hedge funds and investment bank-
ing, and the presence of BC alumni in the financial services field.

As an academic program, Fi-
ce Department chairman
Griffith Family Millennium Profes-
or Hassan Tehranian says finance is “intellectually vigorous and prac-
tical. It requires an understanding of economic theory and issues, as well as capital markets, and that means students have to learn to think, reason and reflect.”

And that, says Tehranian and his CSOM colleagues, is where the ethos of BC comes in. Inside the

classroom and out, students con-
centrating in finance are given am-
ply exposure to the Jesuit-Catholic perspective, and not just through the basic core curriculum.

“[Carroll School Associate Dean Richard Keeley] and I personally encourage our students on a regu-
lar basis to broaden themselves at BC by earning minors and majors within ACS,” says Boynton.

But values “are more ‘caught’ than ‘taught,’” adds Boynton, quoting Theology Department chairman Assoc. Prof. Fr. Ken-
neth Finnes. “We regularly invite to campus ethical, principled and accomplished alumni — includ-
ing Bob Winston, Charles Clohous, Peter Lynch and Kathleen Cotter, to name a few — so they can meet with students and explore ‘just and ethically right’ in the realm of fi-
nance and business generally.”

Patrick Twomey, a senior from Andover, Mass., with a finance concentration and a major in eco-
nomics, says “the Jesuit-Catholic dynamic has absolutely been the cornerstone of my BC and finance experiences.”

Twomey cites the two-year seminar on the Western Cultural Tradition, with its focus on philos-
ophy and theology, as having en-
riched his business-oriented courses. In addition, Twomey notes that his enrollment in the CSOM Honors Program brought about a valuable service opportunity with Haley House, a non-profit in Boston.

“Honors Program students have been working with Haley House management to increase productiv-
ity and stimulate demand through marketing and new revenue chan-
nels. It is such a great experience to apply what we learn in the classroom to the real world and make a difference in the com-
munity.”

Having launched the Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics, CSOM plans a further strengthen-
ing of its student formation efforts, notes Boynton, and is devising a semester-long required course on ethics and leadership for all Carroll School freshmen.

Keeley sums up the philosophy the Carroll School takes in educat-
ing students in finance and other management fields: “A technician knows the how of doing a particu-
lar task. A professional knows the why. As a professional school, the Carroll School requires that stu-
dents have a broader understanding of the context in which busi-
ness and management operate.”

“That understanding is achieved through the exposure to Jesuit, Catholic thought and practice. So when a finance major leaves here, it is as a professional who has been taught the value of service, intellectu-
ral curiosity and education of the whole person.”

If it’s Friday morning, you can count on a capacity-plus crowd in Devlin 008 for another session of class CH23101 — Organic Chemistry, taught by Vanderven Professor of Chem-
istry T. Ross Kelly.
Kelly has a particularly chal-
enging charge: engaging the hundreds of organic chemistry students each semester in what traditionally has been considered one of the most difficult of under-
graduate subjects.

In past years, Organic Chem-
istry has seen enrollment averag-
ing in the mid-200s, so admin-
istrators were surprised by this year’s uptick by 20 percent.

“Devlin 008 is our largest class,” said Student Ser-
dices Director Louise Lona Booker.
But this year’s enrollment of 367 has topped its number of seats by three, she says.

“We saw the course enroll-
ment was up to 365 at the start of the semester, but we assumed it would change during Drop/Add period,” Lona Booker said. “And it did — only it went up.”

The scholar charged with keep-
ing the attention of the 300-plus audience (in which women stu-
dents outnumber men 166-141) of budding chemists and physi-
cians is himself a nationally recog-
nized scientist — one of many se-
ior faculty members at BC who, while holding impressive research credentials, remain committed to teaching undergraduates.

Kelly’s achievements in the lab are considerable: he was the first to synthesize the anti-cancer agent fredericamycin A; he cre-
ated a molecular “brake” which can stop the rotation of a certain molecule; and he earned global headlines with the prototype of a molecular paddle wheel that was among the world’s smallest motors.

He also has won honors such as Teacher of the Year by BC’s student Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and the American Chemical Society’s Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award, which ac-
knowledges a career that com-
bines cutting-edge research with excellent teaching.

— Patricia Delaney

Communication Still Tops in A&S:
CGSON, Pre-Med Program Show Growth

Communication remains the most popular major in the Col-
lege of Arts and Sciences for the eighth consecutive year, followed by English (720 students), po-
litical science (713), biology (662) and history (588).

Communication Department chairman Assoc. Prof. Lisa Cudlitz says communication — a popular field of study in colleges and universities across the country — is “clearly relevant to students and their lives outside of college.”

BC communication majors, she says, enjoy the mixture of hands-
on courses like video production as well as those that take a more classical liberal arts approach, such as Communication Criticisms and Mass Communication Theory.

It is no accident that Boston College, as a Catholic Jesuit insti-
tution, has a large communication department while many of our non-Catholic neighbors in New England do not,” says Cudlitz.

“There is an important historic link between Jesuit thinkers and scholars of rhetoric, and the abil-

ty to express oneself in verbal argumentation has always been valued. Today, we offer many courses that focus on theory and critical thinking in relation to contemporary media and culture. These courses are a natural part of a liberal arts tradition.”

In the Carroll School of Man-
agement, marketing (351) and ac-
counting (311) have attracted the most students after finance, while the majority of Lynch School of Education students are majoring in human development (322) — a 25-year high — elementary (203) and secondary (153) education.

Student Services also reported the number of majors for bio-
chemistry (160) and physics (73) are the highest in 25 years. Slavic and Eastern Languages (40) re-
corded a 25-year standard last year, and has done so again this fall.

Two medical-related trends of note also emerge in the Student Services report: the number of undergraduates enrolled in the University’s pre-medical programs has risen 60 percent since 2000, and now stands at nearly 1,500; and the Connell Graduate School of Nursing has enrolled the most students, 251, in its history.

Connell School Associate Dean of Graduate Programs Patricia Tabloski said the increased en-
rollment is encouraging at a time of nursing shortages, and higher demand for nurses at the bedside and for advanced practice nurs-
es to direct and evaluate health care delivery. She notes that the school’s new programs for pedi-
atric nurse clinical specialists and palliative care could be factors in drawing applicants.

“We have been piloting differ-
et strategies for student recruit-
ment, upgraded our Web page and recruitment materials, and have recently selected two grad student recruiters who work with our office, talking with interest-
ed applicants and inviting them to campus. So far it has worked out very well and we hope and trust our numbers will continue to grow.”

— Sean Smith
Faculty null report of "civic illiteracy" among US college students

BY RED DSLIN STAFF WRITER

Today’s college students don’t know much about history, according to a recent national study, and that doesn’t do much to improve their civic literacy.

The Intercollegiate Studies Institute’s National Civics Literacy Board last fall administered a test on American history, government, international relations and market economies to more than 14,000 freshmen and seniors at colleges and universities across the nation. The 60-question multiple-choice test ranged from “Which battle brought the American Revolution to an end?” to “What is federalism?”

Freshmen averaged a score of 50.4 per cent on the quiz, while seniors checked in at 54.2 per cent — both failing grades in traditional marking systems. Is this an accurate reflection of the civic knowledge among American college students? Or is the study, and its conclusions, less of a scientific instrument than a polemic? History and political science faculty members at Boston College offered differing views.

Prof. Marilyn Johnson, History Department chair:

The field has been changing dramatically in the past 30 years or so. That has changed the kind of knowledge that students are being exposed to. ISLI, which is a conservative organization with an “old-school” approach to education, has been beating the same old drum about “back to basics” for many years now. It is very much a reaction to the changes in the historical profession, the migration history, women’s history, and as a result, we don’t spend as much time on Civil War battles or Washington’s foreign policy as historians once used to.

Now we are teaching things like slavery, civil rights and immigration history, women’s history, and as a result, we don’t spend as much time on Civil War battles or Washington’s foreign policy as historians once used to.

Prof. Marilyn Johnson

“I would argue that we need to change the curriculum to keep up with the demands of the world as we know it.

I also think that the fact that so many of the schools on their boards, including a lot of Jesuit schools and what many of us would consider some of the best universities in the country — are failing according to their standards. I think suggests that there may be something a little off with the tool that they are using.

Assoc. Prof. Dennis Hale (Political Science):

The perception that this generation is not as politically engaged, and entering the electorate at lower levels of political participation than their predecessors — including “boomers” like me — I think is correct and it is of concern. But there are lots of different meanings of politics, each of which adds a little bit to a citizen’s propensity to take part in [the political process]. And how much you know is a small part of it, to the extent to which this particular test would measure that.

There were a lot of questions about political philosophy. I don’t think it’s politically empowering if you know what Plato’s Republic is about. On the other hand, I think that kind of intellectual rigor that is involved in taking seriously Plato’s Republic is good for students and good for citizens.

—Kay Schleuman

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Education enhances every one of the factors that is associated with political participation. People who have high levels of education tend to have attitudes that reinforce their civic involvement — they believe that they are interested in politics, that they can make a difference in politics, that they think it is their democratic duty to do so.

I think that the foundation behind this particular study has a little bit of an axe to grind. I am concerned about the overall problem, and do not necessarily take that their particular approach is the solution.

To take the ISLI test, go to www.americancivicliteracy.org/resources/quiz.aspx.

Stanley Brown at work as an undergraduate research assistant. “Translation is much more of an art form than people realize,” she says, discussing her project with Assoc. Prof. Elizabeth Rhodes (Romance Languages). “It is very subtle.”

Brown’s work has involved “everything from the technical to editing to translating” said Rhodes. Brown has worked with one-of-kind texts from the Library of Congress and British Library. “She is an excellent student and has done a great job.”

Last spring, Brown received a Romance Languages and Literature Book Prize for outstanding achievement in a graduate class. She is holding her medals in medicine and Hispanic culture for her honors thesis that will be titled, “Canaan, Canaan: Latin souls healers.” Last week, Brown learned that she had been awarded a $5,000 grant from Pfizer Inc.

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Studies major is in her third year as an undergraduate research assistant for Assoc. Prof. Elizabeth Rhodes (Romance Languages and Literatures). Their research examines the ways in which the published versions of saints’ lives, such as Mary Magdalene, changed from the late 15th century to mid-17th century.

The published works, written in a Gothic Spanish, are “primitive and hard to read,” explains Rhodes. Says Brown, “Professor Rhodes taught me how to read and translate Gothic Spanish. It is like solving a puzzle. Translation is much more of an art form than people realize. It is very subtle.”
C21 Center Announces Events for Fall Semester

This fall the Church in the 21st Century Center, in collaboration with the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, hosts campus visits from two cardinals whose lectures will inaugurate a year-long series. “Building up the Body of Christ: What does it take to create a great Catholic community?”

Toni, Boston Archbishop Cardinal Sean O’Malley, OFM Cap, will attend and respond to, a talk by Marco Impagliazzo, a professor at University of Perugia who is international president of the Community of Sant’Egidio — an international Catholic lay movement dedicated to prayer and friendship with the poor. Impagliazzo will speak on “A Church of All, Especially a Church of the Poor,” a topic taken from a Pope John XXIII radio address 45 years ago.

On Oct. 15, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington D.C., will present “The Parish of Tomorrow: Front or Megachurch?” Both the Oct. 4 and Oct. 16 lectures will take place at 7 p.m. in Gasson Hall 100.

The C21 Center’s robust schedule of fall semester events includes lectures, workshops, presentations, and discussions, many offered in collaboration with other Univer- sity groups, and targeted to undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and alumni, as well as the public.

“With about 25 events sponsored or cosponsored for the fall program, the C21 Center won’t miss a beat when Murphy’s talk, Assoc. Prof. Dennis Hale are the founders of the Initiative for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, which was formally launched Sept. 27 event in McGuinn Auditorium featuring a lecture by Hugh Heclo, the Clarence J. Robinson Professor of Public Affairs at George Mason University and a leading expert in the fields of American and comparative politics.

Landy and Hale say the initiative will encourage scholarship and discussion on "the unusual combination of constitutionalism and popular government that has typified the American regime since its founding."

"Constitutional democracy aims to do what older traditions of political inquiry would have found unimaginable — to merge the rule of law — settled, stable, even conservative — with the most broadly popular govern- ment in history — often unrefined, populist, and rambunctious."

The immediate focus of the initiative, say the founders, is a lecture series that will "pull together a community of scholars and concerned citizens who share an interest in constitutional democracy.""

Interviewed recently, Hale said the initiative was a longstanding idea that has been given particular impetus from events of recent years. "The problem of constitutional democracy appears in a lot of different contexts, whether we are talking about regime change in Iraq or rewriting the marriage laws in Massachusetts."

"We are excited by the fact that because this subject is so rich in possibilities, we have a pretty wide field from which to pick. We can look for scholars who are practicing constitutional law, scholars, for example, as well as people who study the problem of constitutional government in Africa or the Middle East. We can bring in speakers who talk about how institutions work, what constitutional federalism means, what constitutionalism means in the face of major challenges like terror- ist attacks."

"At a bare minimum, this ini- tiative will result in lots of very interesting talks."

—Sean Smillie

James F. Keenan, SJ (Theology), Nov. 27 and Dec. 11. Other events in the month in- clude lectures on "Culture, Con- flict, and Catholic Studies" (Oct. 9) and "Faith, Reason, and Culture in 21st Century" (Oct. 18); panel discussions on "Catho- lic Faith and Cooperation in a Pluralistic Society" (Oct. 11) and "Handing On an Inclusive and Just Faith: Parents Reflect" (Oct. 22). A presentation, "In Dialogue — Lay Pastors of the Parish. Prospering the Mission," at the Church of All, Especially a Church of the Poor event (Fall photo)
Newsmakers
• Aust. Prof. Jennifer Steen (Political Science) spoke with the Washington Post regarding Mitt Romney's personally self-financed 'hybrid' campaign. The piece also was picked up by CBSNews.com.
• The Boston Globe published a 2008 op-ed by Prof. Elizabeth Graver (English) reflecting on the recent spate of toy recalls.
• Prof. Thomas Seyfried (Biology) discussed with Time magazine the use of ketogenic — low-carb, high-fat — diets as a preventive measure against cancer.
• University Chancellor J. Donald Monan, SJ, who chaired the Massachusetts Visiting Committee on Management in the Courts that issued its recommendations in 2003, and Michael B. Keating, chair of the Court Management Advisory Board formed the following, reviewing improvements in the system's efficiency in a Boston Globe op-ed.

Center on Aging & Work Co-Director Michael Smyer was a panelist on the PBS broadcast of “Life (Part 2),” a series “by and about older people.” There he discussed the workload of American population who are 55 and older. Smyer appeared on the episode titled “Adapting to Change.”

• Comments by Boisi Center for Religion and Political Science) was quoted in the New York Times. He also discussed the Mitt Romney presidential campaign with the Washington Post and the rise of atheism in the American population who are 55 and older.

Coley Fulbright Study

With funding support via the Fulbright program, Assoc. Prof. Rebekah Levine Coley (LSOE) is studying how youth engage in substance use, risky sexual activity, and lack of adequate exercise, nutrition, and weight control contribute substantial health risks for youth in developed countries.

Coley, the recipient of a full Fulbright Scholarship, is conducting her research at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. She is one of only 20 American Fulbright Scholars traveling to Australia this academic year.

Her goal is to better understand the prevalence, precursors and policy response to the three sets of health risks among Australian youth, both across that country and as compared to the United States.

Australia has similarities with the United States in economic and behavioral well-being, but also has notable policy and cultural differences, an interesting combination for in-depth comparison,” she said.

• "The Social Policy Research Centre at University of New South Wales is a top research center with excellent facilities," she said, adding that the Fulbright award provides opportunities for collaboration and data collection with researchers, policy makers and practitioners involved in the promotion and prevention efforts, necessary for cultural understanding.

My research will compare levels of health risk behaviors in Australian and American youth, and assess cultural and environmental contributors to such behaviors,” said Coley. “It will also assess health risk prevention and health promotion policies targeting youth.”

Coley previously has been the principal investigator on a number of research projects funded by the W.T. Grant Foundation and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, as well as the co-recipient of the Social Policy Award from the Society for Research in Adolescence.

She was one of the principal researchers in a longitudinal multidisciplinary study following more than 2,400 low-income children and their families in Boston, Chicago and San Antonio to determine the long-term implications of welfare reform and economic disadvantage on urban children and families. She also was author of a recent study that highlighted the importance of low-income non-resident fathers’ continued involvement in the lives of their teen-aged children.

Honor/Appointments
• Assoc. Prof. Alec Peck (LSOE) was elected to a four-year term as president of the Council for Children with Behavior Disorders (CCBD), a 5,000-member special education advocacy and professional organization working on behalf of children and youth with serious emotional disabilities.

• Beth Clark, director of Instructional Design and eTeaching Services, has been appointed to the board of directors for NERCOMP (Northeast Regional Computing Program), a consortium of more than 150 higher education institutions in the Northeast that develops programming to provide opportunities for continued learning and innovation in information technology and higher education.

JOBS
The following are among the most recent positions posted by the Department of Human Resources. For more information on employment opportunities at Boston College, see www.bc.edu/offices/hr/jobs.

Cashier, BC Bookstore
App. Server Administrator, Information Technology, Internet Strategy
Customer Service Representative, Human Resources Department, Employment Office
Collaboration Systems Manager, Information Technology, Internet Strategy
Financial Aid Associate, Student Services
Assistant Director, Center on Aging & Work
Compensation Analyst or Senior Compensation Analyst, Human Resources

The Boston College Alumni Association of East Carolina University has selected Rev. Jerry York, Boston College Hockey Coach who is musical director of the University’s Voices of Imani gospel choir, as a recipient of one of its four Outstanding Alumni Award recipients for 2007. In 1965, Rev. Walters became the first African-American to receive a graduate degree from then East Carolina University. He will be recognized at the East Carolina Alumni Association Awards Ceremony on Oct. 26. [An article on Rev. Walters was published last fall in the East Carolina alumni magazine and can be viewed at www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/mktg/east/Walters-Fall-2006.cfm.

Augustus Long Professor of Counseling Psychology Janet Helms has been chosen to receive the 2008 American Psychological Association Distinguished Contributions to Research in Public Policy Award. Helms, who is director of the Boston College Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture, is president-elect of the APA Division 17, the Society for Counseling Psychology.
Readings • Lectures • Discussion

October 4

• Shakespeare and the Cause of English Catholicism with Clare Ansberry, 4:30 p.m., Higgins 300. Call ext. 2-2303 or e-mail taylor@bc.edu.
• A Church of All, Especially a Church of the Poor,” with Marco Impagliazzo, 7–9 p.m., Gasson 100. Call ext. 2-8057 or e-mail lampoon@bc.edu.
• Lowell Lectures Humanities Ser-

ies: “The Art & Science & Prac-
tice, Practice, Practice of Cartoon-
ing,” with Robert Mankoff, 7:30 p.m., Devlin 101. Call ext. 2-3705 or e-mail paul.doherty.1@bc.edu.

October 5

• Peter Lombard’s Sentences: Are They Original? Does It Matter?” with Giulio Silano, University of St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto, 4 p.m., Cushin 101. Call ext. 2-6046 or e-mail browner@bc.edu.

October 6

• Culture, Conflict, and Catho-
lic Studies,” Mark S. Massa, SJ, Fordham University, 4:30 p.m., McGuinn 121. Call ext. 2-0470 or e-mail ghotel@bc.edu.

October 10

• "When the Sahara was Green” with Farouk El Baz, Boston University Center for Remote Sensing, 4:30 p.m., Devlin 008. Call ext. 2-8493 or e-mail javecchi@bc.edu.
• Panel discussion: “Into Great Si-

ence: A Panel on Monastic Life” with Pat DeLeuw, Boyd Tay-
lor Coolman, Will Morales and James Weiss (moderator), 7 p.m., Devlin 101. Call ext. 2-4576 or carlisll@bc.edu.

• Geophysical Prospecting for the Great City Shang: "Making of a B Movie” with David B. Catt, Geophysical Survey Systems Inc. 7:30 p.m., Boston College Weston Observatory, 381 Concord Road, Weston, Mass., call ext. 2-8300 or e-mail weston.observatory@bc.edu.

October 11

• Panel discussion: “Catholic Faith and Cooperation in a Pluralistic Society: Navigating Conflicts Be-

tween Conscience and the Law,” with Edward A. Hartnett, M. Cathleen Kaveny, James F. Keen-
an, SJ, and Rev. Russell E. Smith, 4 p.m., Law East Wing. Call ext. 2-6850 or e-mail g.karcheski.199c@bc.edu.
• Author Meets Critics: "A Theol-
ey of Public Life” with Charles Mathewes, Ronald Thiemann, Rev. David Hollenbach, SJ, and Erik Owens, 4:30 p.m., Gasson 305. Call ext. 2-1860 or e-mail richard@bc.edu.

October 10

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lor Coolman, Will Morales and James Weiss (moderator), 7 p.m., Devlin 101. Call ext. 2-4576 or carlisll@bc.edu.

Ongoing Exhibitions

• Somewhere A Voice is Calling: American Irish Musical Interpre-

• "Pollock Matters,” McMullen Museum of Art, through Dec. 9. Call ext. 2-8100, e-mail artmuseum@bc.edu or see www.bc.edu/artmusm.

Weekly Masses

• St. Joseph Chapel (Gonzaga Hall - Upper Campus) 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Trinity Chapel (Newton Camp-

us) 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; St. Ignatius Church, Lannon Chapel - Lower Church, 9 p.m., Heights Room, 10:15 p.m.; St. Mary’s Chapel (Spanish Mass) 7:30 p.m.

For more on BC campus events, see events.bc.edu or check BCInfo (www.bc.edu/bcinfo) for updates.

ATHLETICS

October 5

• Women’s Soccer: BC vs. Duke, 7 p.m., Newton Campus Soccer Field.
• Women’s Hockey: BC vs. Rens-
selaer, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.
• Football: BC vs. Bowling Green, noon, Alumni Stadium.

October 7

• Women’s Soccer: BC vs. Wake

Forest, 1 p.m., Newton Campus Soccer Field.

October 12

• Women’s Volleyball: BC vs. Mi-

ami, 5 p.m., Conte Forum.
• Women’s Hockey: BC vs. Col-
gate, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

October 8

• Columbus Day. All University offices closed.

BC SCENES

ART OF PERSUASION

Victoria Yu ’09 passes out fortune cookies to passersby during the recent Student Activities Day held on the Campus Green. Various student organizations were on hand to inform and recruit prospective new members. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

Geological Find a Key to Solution for Darfur?

Boston College will host a lecture on Oct. 10 by Boston Univer-
sity geologist Farouk El Baz, one of a team of scientists who discov-
ered an underground lake in Sudan’s war-torn Darfur region — a discovery he says could help ease conflict in the troubled province.

El Baz’s talk, “When the Sahara Was Green,” will take place from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Devlin 008 and is being presented by the Office of the Provost along with BC’s Center for Human Rights and International Justice, Geology and Geophysics Department and Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Program.

Earlier this summer, El Baz, the director of BU’s Center for Re-

dote Sensing, and his colleagues found the lake — approximately the size of Massachusetts — using radar. Their discovery raised hopes that the availability of more water will greatly improve living condi-
tions in Darfur and ease the conflict between Arab nomads and eth-
nic African farming communities that has killed more than 200,000 people and affected at least four million others.

El Baz helped launch a humanitarian initiative with the Sudanese government, “1,000 Wells for Darfur,” to create new groundwater resources.

For more information on the El Baz lecture, call ext. 2-8491 or e-mail jane.vucchi.1@bc.edu.

Panel, Film Screening to Explore the Monastic Life

Robsham Theater will be the setting Oct. 18 for the Boston premiere of “Into Great Silence,” a film chronicling life at the Grand Chartreuse, one of the world’s most ascetic monasteries. The screening will take place at 7 p.m., and is free and open to the public.

Director Philip Gröning was invited to spend six months at the monastery, located in the French Alps, where he captured rarely-seen rituals of Carthusian monks. Despite its unconventional style — no narration, interviews or musical score and very little dialogue — the film has received critical praise as a meditative and poetic work and won a Special Jury Prize at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival.

Boston College also will host an Oct. 10 panel discussion on monas-
tic life that will serve as a prelude and companion piece to the film. Participants will be Vice Provost for Faculties Patricia DeLeuw, a scholar of medieval religion; Asst. Prof. Boyd Taylor Cool-
man (Theology), who studies Christian theology; and Will Morales, director of Boston’s Youth Enrichment Services and past participant in "The Learning Channel’s "The Monastery." Prof. James Weiss (Theol-
ogy) will moderate the discussion.

The events are sponsored by Boston College Magazine, C21 Online, the Theology Department, the Film Studies Program and the Weston Jesuit School of Theology. For information, e-mail carlisll@bc.edu or call ext. 2-4576.