Ten years ago, Rev. William P. Leahy, SJ became the 25th president of Boston College. In a recent interview with Chronicle, Fr. Leahy reflected on his first decade at the Heights, and offered comments about BC today and in the future.

A 10-year anniversary is often a good time for “taking stock.” In what ways do you think Boston College has changed since you arrived 10 years ago?

On the academic front, we have clearly improved in our faculty. We have more endowed chairs, and we have more faculty who are not only excellent teachers but also first rate scholars and researchers. Because of the quality of our faculty, BC’s academic reputation continues to improve, and I think we are poised to make even more advances as we focus on specific areas of the humanities, social and natural sciences, and our professional schools.

The quality of our students continues to increase, as well, thanks to the tremendous efforts of the admission staff — and also to the faculty and alumni who are engaged in identifying students, interesting them in BC and then helping us to enroll them.

Another area in which we’ve made advances is in the campus itself. Not only have we acquired additional land, we’ve also constructed new facilities and updated buildings. The Biology and Physics departments have much more.
Parents and “Pops”

Two hallmark Boston College traditions will once again be at the forefront during the weekend of Sept. 29-Oct. 1, with the “Pops on the Heights” Scholarship Gala and Parents’ Weekend.

The “Pops on the Heights” concert, which takes place in Conte Forum on Sept. 29, features the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, BC student performers and, often, a host of guest stars. This will be the 14th year for “Pops,” which has raised millions of dollars for the University’s scholarship fund.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m.

Parents’ Weekend begins earlier in the day on Sept. 29, as mothers, fathers and other family members take the opportunity to follow their student to Friday classes. In the afternoon, parents can attend faculty presentations that focus on BC athletics, science and spirituality. University President William P. Leahy, SJ, will conclude the afternoon with an overview of the University.

On Saturday, families can enjoy a tailgate picnic prior to the BC–Stanford football game at 1 p.m., and a special liturgy at 10 a.m. on the Green. The University of New Hampshire Band and the BC marching band will perform as BC students attend the BC–Stanford game.

More information on Parents’ Weekend events is available at www.bc.edu/parents/parentsweekend/.

Room for improvement

Sure, late August and early September is a bustling time at BC, what with some 7,200 undergraduates moving in on campus — often accompanied by a fleet of family members in vans, station wagons and the occasional rental truck. But from an administrative standpoint, this year’s move-in period was one of the most successful in recent memory, thanks to a summertime partnership between Facilities Services and Residential Life.

In past years crews from the various Facilities Services units would do a sweep of all rooms in each campus residence hall and repair and clean as needed after Residential Life administrators inspected the facilities and documented the needs.

But this summer, under the leadership of Quality Assurance Manager Dan Roderick and Assistant Director of Operations and Summer Housing Fran Grabowski, BC completely overhauled and improved the process. Teams from both departments, with the assistance of student employees, joined together and simultaneously worked to inspect, catalog and determine each room’s needs.

The result: residence halls that were better prepared for returning students in September.

“IT definitely helped make a difference this year in that it set the tone early in the summer,” said Director of Residential Life Henry Humphreys. “There wasn’t a mad dash to get everything done in August.”

“IT was a joint effort and seemed to work pretty well,” said Grabowski, who had high praise for the staffs from both departments. “Everyone on the Facilities and Residential Life staff worked very hard to get the results we had.”

Roderick and Grabowski said that they learned a lot under the new program this summer and hope to streamline and economize the summer inspection process in the future.

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Drive time

The American Red Cross of Boston College will hold another campus blood drive Sept. 25-27, from 2-8 p.m. each day in Gasson 100.

You can sign up to donate by e-mailing redcross_bc@yahoo.com or calling ext. 2-9075 with your preferred date and time.

For more information, eligibility requirements and other details on giving blood, see www.givelife.com.
IT Administrators Tout New Data Center

Set to open next month, facility predicted to enhance tech resources

BY STEPHEN DAVLIK
STAFF WRITER

The opening of Boston College’s new data center next month will better enable the University to harness its information technology resources, support faculty research, and secure and bolster critical information systems, according to administrators.

The center, located in an area between the north and south wings of St. Clement’s Hall on the Brighton Campus, will provide Boston College with far greater systems and data management than is possible in its current facility, located atop O’Neill Library.

Information Technology Services (ITS) administrators and staff will spend the next month moving into the facility, a tricky task considering the fact that managers have set a goal of keeping service outages to a minimum. (See sidebar below.)

Along with the data center, several key ITS offices will relocate to St. Clements from other locations across the University. “With this center we will be able to offer all of our users — students, faculty, and staff — far greater support for their computational needs while controlling costs,” said Vice President for Information Technology Mariano Moore. “This is a benefit to everyone.”

As computers become ever less expensive, and more ubiquitous in every function of the University, says Associate Vice President for Information Technology Michael Bourque, it is the data — from every e-mail to every financial record — that has become more valuable and must therefore be protected, managed and stored as needed.

“In terms of our reliability and capabilities to adapt to changing needs, this puts us at a whole new level,” said Bourque, who has overseen the planning, development and now occupation of the facility.

Bourque said the facility in O’Neill was not adaptable to the University’s changing needs and was difficult to manage. Three power outages occurring within 18 months made it clear that a new center was needed, he said.

“It also gives us room to grow,” said Moore. “We have planned expansion space when it becomes necessary.”

Moore said that the center helps to make Boston College more competitive with similar research universities. ITS administrators from other Atlantic Coast Conference universities recently toured the new facility and were quite impressed, she added.

“This data center stacks up very well with, or even a little above the level of our peers,” she said.

The data center is comprised of a two-tiered 4,500 square foot room, the lower level of which will be home to numerous racks on which several hundred servers will reside. Administrators say the facility is large enough to accommodate future growth.

The servers handle such tasks as hosting Web pages, managing e-mail systems and running databases, and will be supported by a complex network and robotic tape complexes to meet storage and backup needs.

IT’s new facility also must accommodate the many miles of data and power cables necessary for the computers to function, as well as six industrial strength air conditioners that compensate for the heat generated by the many servers.

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Transition Will Necessitate Outages of InfoTech Services

Throughout the month of October, the Boston College Data Center and many Information Technology Services personnel will move to the new location on Brighton Campus, which will have an impact on the University’s computer and information technology resources.

ITS has scheduled outages of some services Oct. 6-9 and Oct. 20-22. During the Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 6-9, most systems, including e-mail, Agora and voicemail, will be unavailable. A smaller number of systems will be affected during the October 20-22 move.

For a detailed schedule of the move, including news of any planned outages, plus a list of frequently asked questions about the move, see www.bc.edu/unplugged.

Clippings

“When the wind was right, you didn’t want to be in that area.”
—University Historian Thomas H. O’Connor, Boston Globe, commenting on Brighton’s 19th-century status as a major center of the cattle industry.

“When politicians try to manipulate them, Americans frequently respond not by informing themselves about events but by concluding that they were correct to distrust politicians in the first place. This creates a vicious cycle in which ignorance breeds manipulation that then justifies further ignorance. Why pay attention to politics, Americans ask themselves, if politicians are just going to ignore what we want?”
—Center for Religion and American Public Life Director Prof. Alan Wolfe (Political Science), Los Angeles Times

“They think in unusual ways, they solve problems in unusual ways. And one of the ways in which they’re unusual is that they learn things almost completely on their own. They soak it up on their own, the way a typical child soaks up language on his own, when he’s learning his first language.”

“As long as reasonable minds can differ on whether the epoxy could hold, then it’s going to be very hard to prove.”
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McCain Says US Must Hold Onto Values in War.

**BY REID OSLIN**

STAFF WRITER

“We need not and we must not sacrifice our values in the war on terrorism,” US Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) told members of Boston College’s Class of 2010 during the keynote address at the University’s First Year Academic Convocation at Conte Forum on Monday night.

“We cannot win the war if we do,” said McCain, a presidential candidate in the 2000 election and former prisoner of war in Vietnam. “And, we will lose something far more precious, our political soul.

“We must represent to the world – even in perilous times when we confront enemies who share none of our values, who scorn the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, values that ennoble our history – we must always show that world that those values are dearer to us than anything, that they are dearer than life itself.”

McCain’s address to an audience of 2,250 freshmen and an additional 2,000 members of the University community capped BC’s third annual First Year Convocation ceremony, which included a class barbecue and the First Flight Procession, a torchlit walk by the Class of 2010 across campus from Linden Lane to Conte Forum. The procession is a centenary of Jesuit academic tradition in keeping with the exhortation of Jesuit founder St. Ignatius Loyola: “Go set the world aflame.”

McCain greeted the students as they processed down Higgins Drive and entered Conte Forum.

“I truly believe that Sen. McCain focused our students upon the essential mission of undergraduate education,” said Rev. Joseph Marchese, director of First Year Experience. “It has always been the tradition of liberal arts colleges that they speak not only of intellectual life but also of the grooming of citizens, not only for a particular nation, but also for the world.

“He invoked an enthusiastic response from the students to be involved in that mission,” Fr. Marchese said.

“The whole day was special,” said resident assistant Carlin Corrieri ’07 of Clinton, Mass., who attended the convocation events with her students from Hardoy Hall.

In recent weeks, McCain has been a vocal critic of the Bush administration’s interpretation of Geneva Convention guidelines for treatment of war prisoners.

“I believe that even though captured al-Qaeda members who would never afford us any protection of our rights – on the contrary they despise all human rights – and even though they are in fact evil, we must be fair in our treatment and stand by the standards of our values, not theirs.” McCain said.

“It’s not about them. It’s about us,” he said.

McCain, a former Naval aviator, was held prisoner in Vietnam for more than six years after his aircraft was shot down over Hanoi in 1967. He and his fellow prisoners were often tortured for information while they were held in captivity.

“I served with men of extraordinary character,” he said. “Often they were tortured and compelled to make statements criticizing our country and the cause that we had been asked to serve.”

But many of these men, McCain said, resisted their captors’ demands, and assurances that no one would ever know of their acquaintance, by declaring “I will know.”

“Those days were long ago, but not so long ago that I have forgotten their purpose or their reward,” McCain continued. “This is your chance to make history,” he told the first year students. “I wish you more than good luck; I wish you the most important thing in the world. I wish that you always hear the voice in your own heart as you face the hard decisions in your life, to hear it say to you again and again, until it drowns out every other thought: “I will know. I will know. I will know.”

“McCain’s address drew three standing ovations from the audience. “I really thought it was meaningful,” said Patrick Cassidy, a freshman from Milwaukee. “He gave us some great hope for our country,” added Sam Hay ’10, from Charlotte, NC. “Our goal is to make a difference.”

“It was a great way to start,” added freshman Brittany Lewis of Lockport, NY.

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**First Year Convocation**

**Jesuit Speaker Series Begins Sept. 26**

**BY REID OSLIN**

STAFF WRITER

A three-part lecture series focusing on Jesuit values in contemporary life will begin next Tuesday with Center for Ignatian Spirituality Director Julio Giulietti, SJ, speaking on “Christian Spirituality Today: An Ignatian Vision.” Fr. Giulietti’s lecture will take place in Gasson 305, starting at 7 p.m.

Additional lectures in the series, which commemorates anniversaries of several of the founding members of the Society of Jesus, will be held on Oct. 17, when Boston Institute for Psychotherapy Fellow Tim Kechems presents “Loving Those With Whom We Work: A Psychoanalytical and Spiritual Vision” in McGuinn Hall’s fifth floor lounge; and on Nov. 7 when Saint Louis University Institute of Jesuit Sources Director Rev. John W. Padberg, SJ, will speak on “Jesuits and Friends: Looking to the Future” in the Heights Room of rotates Commons.

Admission is free for all events. The series marks the 450th anniversary of the death of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus and the 500th anniversary of the birth of two of the best-known early Jesuits, St. Francis Xavier and Blessed Peter Faber.

The three Jesuit anniversaries occurring this year provide a special impetus for a look at Ignatian spirituality in the modern world, says Fr. Giulietti. “The triple anniversary commemorates the spiritual and cultural vitality of three Jesuits living in a time when humanity was moving from centuries of darkness toward hope and exploration. Each of them responded in a way meaningful to that hope.”

“They were at the forefront of the Jesuit vision that inspired the genesis of Boston College 300 years later,” he says. “Our University values its Catholic intellectual tradition and feels the spiritual and humanistic energies that are part of the Jesuit tradition.”

These Jesuit values remain an important solution for the complexities of modern life, Fr. Giulietti says. “So many of our students and colleagues are seeking to understand how spiritual and the human sciences can enhance their day-to-day lives.”

“Each of the three talks focuses on human development – the desire for meaning, connectedness with God and service to others.”
improved teaching and research areas. The departments of Philosophy, Theology, History, and Economics are in new space in 21 Campanella Way, and we have constructed another residential facility for upper classmen on Lower Campus and renovated our freshman residence halls on both the Newton and Upper Campuses.

And a particularly important development: We’re more comfortable talking about aspects of BC’s mission, not only as an academic institution but one with a Jesuit, Catholic heritage. Our Office of Mission and Ministry is active on this front — in Intersections seminar program will involve 120 faculty and staff this year, for example. I also think there’s a greater comfort level on campus in general in discussing our mission, and understanding it as not only an intellectual one; but also one with social aspects and Jesuit and Catholic dimensions.

I would say the biggest accomplishments of the past 10 years tie into those changes and developments. But in the end, BC’s success comes down to students teaching and being engaged with and advising their students, whether undergraduate or graduate.

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In my experience, great faculty not only are people alive with enthusiasm for their particular discipline, but also deeply about their students and challenge them. It’s important that faculty be university citizens, that they care about the future of Boston College. Everybody at BC has a responsibility for its future. The best departments are the ones where the faculty have a plan and commitment to the continued improvement of their unit. As you look ahead, what are BC’s biggest challenges?

There are several great challenges for BC.

First, to make sure that our Jesuit, Catholic heritage remains faculty cohort of the University will retire over the next decade. That puts more pressure on us to hand on our intellectual and religious tradition to new people, who often come here without knowing much about BC and its heritage, but fortunately who are willing and eager to learn about Boston College.

Second, financial resources. While we’re thankful for the support we receive from alumni, we also know that the percentage of alumni who give annually has largely remained static during the past decade. Our alumni clearly have a deep affection for BC, and want to have the next generations benefit from the BC education that so shaped their lives. We have to do a better job of finding ways to engage alumni, to appeal to them and say, “Give succeeding generations the chance you had. Keep BC a school that needs and meets the full demonstrated financial need of all accepted students, so our admission mission programs can continue focusing on attracting the very best students.”

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Fr. Leahy announces that the University will invest $260 million to strengthen academic personnel, programs and resources over the next five years.

The Center for Ignatian Spirituality is established to help members of the BC community explore the relationship between faith, the Ignatian educational tradition and their lives at BC.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges formally reaccredits Boston College, citing in particular the University’s astute management and evident commitment to its Jesuit mission.

Fr. Leahy names Rev. Joseph Appleyard, SJ, as vice president for University Mission and Ministry to promote Boston College’s distinctive academic and societal mission as a Catholic and Jesuit university.

Boston College is one of two universities nationwide chosen by the Social Security Administration to host a Center for Retirement Research. The center is directed by Alicia Munnell, a former member of the President’s Council of Economic Advisers.

Formal opening of the Boston College Club in downtown Boston.

BC’s endowment tops the $1 billion mark.

The Bosi Center for Religion and American Public Life, directed by renowned author and public intellectual Alan Wolfe, becomes the first academic center in the nation created specifically to address the relationship between religion and public policy.

The McMullen Museum of Art strengthens its place among the nation’s finest university museums with the exhibition “Saints and Sinners: Caravaggio and the Baroque Image,” which draws 66,000 visitors.

The University holds its first annual campus-wide Arts Festival, open to BC, students, faculty, staff, alumni and neighboring communities.

BC’s Chief Executives Club of Boston, sponsored by the Carroll School of Management, is named the top speaking forum for business executives in the United States.

Boston College is ranked fourth among private national universities in applications for the freshman class entering in 2000, the only Catholic institution in the U.S. to make the top 15.

BC is ranked among the nation’s top five major NCAA schools in student-athlete graduation rates, according to the NCAA’s annual graduation survey.

The international student and faculty population reaches an all-time high of 952 (from 102 different countries), an increase of 22 percent over 1998 and 57 percent over a decade ago.

The nation’s leading financial regulators and high-tech executives, including Federal Reserve Chair- man Alan Greenspan, convenes on campus for a major summit on “The New Economy.”

Boston College and The Atlantic- tic Monthly launch the nation’s first series of public discussions of religious belief and non-belief in contemporary American life.

Boston College Libraries is in- vited to join the Association of Re- search Libraries, which represents more than 120 of the major re- search libraries in North America.

The Boston College Center for Irish Programs in Dublin formally opens, solidifying BC as the leading American university in Ireland.

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Boston College is named one of the “10 Hottest Schools” by Ka- pler/Price/Associates.

Boston College is listed among the nation’s top 20 college sports programs by US News and World Report, in a survey based on win- loss records, number of sports offered, graduation rates of student athletes, and compliance.

Lynch School of Education re- searchers co-author two major na- tional studies, one of child care in the Welfare Reform Era and the other of minority students in spe- cial and gifted education.

Fr. Leahy announces plans for a major strategic planning effort to set long-term institutional goals and priorities and build upon exist- ing strengths.

The University announces that the groundbreaking two-year Church in the 21st Century Initiative launched in 2002 will become permanent, and the Church in the 21st Century Center is established to house the initiative.

Boston College is numbered among the top producers of Ful- bright Awards for students by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

BC’s Graduate School of Social Work announces the creation of a new national social work research center dedicated to improving the quality of supports and services for the elderly and persons with dis- abilities. The Center for the Study of Home & Community Life is headed by Prof. Kevin Mahoney, program director of Cash & Coun- selling, a groundbreaking program in which disabled Medicaid con- sumers decide for themselves how their personal assistance needs will be met.

The BC Economics Department is ranked one of the top 25 in the United States in a survey published by the Journal of the European Eco- nomic Association and based on the number of contributions by faculty researchers to the field’s elite pro- fessional journals.

A satellite camera that BC scien- tists helped build records auroras more than 500 miles above the Earth’s surface, a far higher altitude than previously believed possible. Also, BC physics researchers team on a microscopic antenna that cap- tures visible light and could sig- nificantly advance the conversion of solar energy into electricity; and a BC chemist is named by MIT Technology Review as one of the world’s 100 Top Young Innova- tors.

A national study by Lynch School of Education researchers shows that fewer American stu- dents are reaching 10th grade and that US high school graduation rates are showing major declines, especially in some of the nation’s largest states.

More than 2,500 business leaders convene on campus for BC’s 2004 Finance Conference on Wealth and Work in the 21st Century, with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan heading the list of keynote speakers.

The BC Eagles are ranked in the nation’s top three by the NCAA Graduation Rates Report, which shows that 86 percent of scholar- ship student-athletes who entered Boston College as freshmen in 1997 received their degrees, one of the top academic success records among the nation’s 117 Division I-A football-playing schools.

BC students launch the Uni- versity’s first-ever undergraduate...
Boston College welcomes 150 students whose schools were closed in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Boston College is cited among the leading national universities in offering educational opportunities to AHANA students, according to a study assessing minority enrollment in American higher education.

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Undergraduate applications to the University top the 26,000 mark. That figure, the highest in University history, represented an increase of almost 12 percent over last year’s total of 23,823, the previous high-water mark. BC has set a new record for undergraduate applications almost every year in the past decade, and consistently ranks among the top private universities nationally for applications received.

The University is named to the “New Lint” list, introduced for the first time this year by Keap/Newsweek, which includes “colleges whose first-rate academic programs, combined with a popular boom in top students, have fueled their rise in stature and favor among the nation’s top students, administrators and faculty – edging them to a competitive standing in the Ivy League.” Boston College also advances to 34th in the U.S. News & World Report annual rankings, its highest placement to date.

Boston College signs a formal letter of intent to re-affiliate with Weston Jesuit School of Theology, a move that would boost the University’s already considerable Jesuit community and enhance its resources in Catholic and Jesuit theology.

Fr. Leahy announces a ground-breaking partnership among Boston College, the Archdiocese of Boston and St. Columbkille Parish to assist the financially troubled St. Columbkille School in Allston-Brighton. The agreement represents the first collaboration of its kind between a Catholic university and a parochial school in the U.S.

The University announces the nation’s first graduate degree in Church Management, a cooperative venture between the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry and Carroll School of Management in response to a growing need for business-trained leaders in the Catholic Church.

Physicists at Boston College show for the first time that carbon nanotubes can be stretched at high temperature to nearly four times their original length, a finding that could have implications for future semiconductor design as well as in the development of new nanocomposites.

Aspiring cancer researcher Elizabeth O’Day ’06 achieves what no one at Boston College — and few, if any, at other universities — has done, winning five of the nation’s most coveted academic awards for her scientific research: Beckman and Goldwater fellowships, a Winston Churchill Scholarship to study at Cambridge University, a Fulbright grant and a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

BC’s Center for Retirement Research gains international attention with its National Retirement Risk Index, which showed that many Americans are ill-prepared for retirement.

Boston College receives a record $44.4 million in support of research and sponsored projects.

A national summit on ways to stem the tide of closing K-12 Catholic schools is hosted on campus.

BC Makes Solid Progress

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issues and suggesting creative solutions. Perhaps what I appreciate most is his availability when needed. I and other presidents very much value his service.

Locally, that same willingness to address societal challenges has earned Boston College praise for its role in saving St. Columbkille School, the last Catholic elementary school in Boston’s Brighton neighborhood, and for its outreach to the City of Boston through BC’s Connect Five Initiative, the Allston-Brighton Community Grants and work on behalf of Boston’s inner-city Catholic schools.

“By supporting many partnerships with the City of Boston, and reaching out to its schools both public and parochial, Fr. Leahy has strengthened BC’s reputation as a trusted partner in the community,” said Boston Mayor Thomas Menino. “I want to congratulate Fr. Leahy on 10 successful years as president of Boston College.”

Most recently, Fr. Leahy and the University have worked to develop a new strategic plan that will guide BC’s growth in quality and scope over the next decade. The new plan, which will be finalized later this year, promises to best position Boston College to fulfill its seven strategic directions — including its ambitions of becoming the leader in liberal arts education among American universities, and the world’s foremost Catholic University and theological center.

“Fr. Leahy’s 10-year tenure as president of Boston College has been marked by a style that is both competent and visionary,” said Boston College Board of Trustees Chairman Patrick T. Stokes, president and CEO of Antheneus Beecher Companies Inc. “While he has a clear idea of where Boston College needs to go, he has utilized an inclusive process that has been both pragmatic and effective. He has demonstrated what you want most in a CEO... integrity based on strongly held values.”

—Patrick T. Stokes
high expectations, given what they’re paying for college now. It comes out of wanting the best for their kids. But I think there are times when we have to say, “It’s not about all of these things. They’re not appropriate for us.” We have to say, “The focus should be on using gifts for others, not just for self.” It’s back to that calling; helping others, not just accumulating. The Gospel says, “What we receive as a gift we should give as a gift.” When we talk about formation, how we want to form our students — not indoctrinately, not coerced — we do expectations and goals. We want our students to recognize their gifts, develop their talents for others and understand their call to act responsibly in life. Our students who go on service trips often come home from places that are, by comparison, so privileged, and they go into sections of the United States or into foreign countries and live in a radically different context. And they love doing it. The human spirit responds to people in need. When students are engaged in service, that’s the way they get in touch with God. Our challenge is to help them find service opportunities, but then also help them to reflect on that experience and what they are going to do about the conditions that so shocked them. When you hear students talk about going to El Salvador and Appalachia and call it a “life-changing experience,” you want to ask, “Was that still true six months from the time you got back? How life-changing was it really?” That’s where the spiritual component built into service experiences is so important.

Another way to respond to entitlement is through religious retreats. Students in America are so busy, so caught up in the various realities of their lives, they often do not take time to reflect, to listen to themselves and give God a chance.

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My hope for C21 that it will be shaped by what happens on the campuses of Catholic institutions and through the talents and commitments of their alumni. Through the past four years of C21, I’ve found that though people have questions and issues about the Church, they still consider themselves part of the Catholic faith community, and their faith is still very much alive. It’s the institutional expres-

sion of that faith which needs to be strengthened.

This is why initiatives like C21 are so vital to the future of the Church. We have so many issues that need to be discussed, and a place like BC, a school that relies on the generosity of the Church as an institution and on individual Catholics. Now we have an opportunity to give back to that Catholic community that has so shaped us. So much of the renewal of the Catholic Church in the US will be shaped by what happens on the campuses of Catholic institutions and through the talents and commitments of their alumni.

Being a college president these days is no easy task, to put it mildly. We hear about the stresses higher education administrators must deal with these days, from faculty, from students, from tutors and their families. So why would you want to be a president? There’s no question that for higher ed administrators, there are extra pressures. It’s harder and harder to get really talented aca-

demics to go into administration because the 21st Century. What’s made it successful? How does it fit into BC’s mission?

Our C21 initiative is part of the long history of the Church re-
sponding to the times and the needs of the wider community. In its 2,000-year history, the Church has faced major problems, such as the bubonic plague and the French Revolution. Now the US Catholic Church has critical is-

sues facing it: in terms of person-

nel, what are the kinds of thinking in number, and aging. And we have seen the devasting effects of clerical abuse.

Boston College is in a position where it can assist the Church — and given the resources and commitments of a place like BC, we have not only the ability but the obligation to do so. We were once a student body that relied on the generosity of the Church as an institution and on individual Catholics. Now we have an opportunity to give back to that Catholic community that has so shaped us. So much of the renewal of the Catholic Church in the US will be shaped by what happens on the campuses of Catholic institutions and through the talents and commitments of their alumni.

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BY WILLIAM B. NEENAN, SJ

A century ago the Chicago Cubs were about to win their last World Series, good conversation could be had in any corner pub, Afghanistan was renowned for its rugs, environmentalism was yet to be created and Henry Ford was about to establish Detroit as the automobile capital of the world. A century later the Cubs have yet to win another World Series, conversation has been reduced to shouting on the radio, Afghanistan is a war zone, the environment has become a cause, and the world’s automobile capital is either in Japan or somewhere in Tennessee.

The four new titles on the 2006 Dean’s List cover at least an oblique light on these developments of the past century. Stephen Miller’s Conversations: A History of a Declining Art is a rambling, that is, conversational walk through the history of this art form from the practice in the 16th century to its present status in the 21st century. If, as the philosopher Oakeshott put it, “Conversation distinguishes the human being from the animal and the civilized man from the barbarian,” one might well conclude that today the barbarian is firmly ensconced within our citadel.

The novels joining this year’s Dean’s List offer two windows on the human condition that suggest there are constant human values that survive the vicissitudes of the centuries.

Khaled Hosseini’s The kite runner is a powerful story of two boys from different backgrounds and divergent destinies coming of age in the midst of the Afghan turmoil of recent decades. The metaphor of kite flying which is central in this novel reminded me of contents depicted by Homer in his Greek epics and that human nature has been torn by violence and redeemed by loyalty for over three thousand years. In The Tree-Sitter, Suzanne Matson [Matson is a professor of English at Boston College] spins an engrossing tale of young love intertwined with idealism. Saving a Douglas fir in an Oregon forest! Sounds noble enough especially when you and a companion are romantically involved. But, alas, as too often happens the real world of choice and difficult decisions emerge to disrupt this Eden for the tree-sitter and her friend. And again are in the midst of a human quandary that transcends any particular century or culture.

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New C21 On-line Courses This Fall Focus on Parental Responsibilities, Women’s Role in the Church

BY STEPHEN GAWLIK STAFF WRITER

A new program from the Church in the 21st Century Center will offer Boston College undergraduates the chance to exchange thoughts on faith and spirituality, as well as mocha lattes and iced coffees.

Titled “Agape Latte,” the series will take place at the Hillside Café, 21 Campanella Way, on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning Oct. 3 at 8:30 p.m. with a talk by a Vice President and Special Assistant to the President Vice President William B. Neenan, SJ.

The goal of “Agape Latte,” “agape” is a Greek word traditionally used by Christians to mean love or charity — is to give students an opportunity to discuss questions of faith and spirituality, particularly with BC faculty and administrators.

“We want students to know that this is something we take seriously at Boston College and we want them to enjoy thinking about these questions. This is not a classroom setting; it’s meant to be exploratory in nature.”

—Timothy Muldoon

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The responsibilities of parents passing on their faith to their children and the role of women in the Catholic Church are the subjects of two new non-credit on-line courses offered by the Church in the 21st Century Center starting next week.

“C21 Online” provides courses for spiritual enrichment and faith renewal that are schedule-friendly and as close as the nearest computer. Courses — all free of charge for BC employees — features readings, videos, and discussion forums for faith-sharing guided by experienced religious educators. The two new courses begin Sept. 25 and last for four weeks.

Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry Director Prof. Thomas Grosse (Theology) is featured in the course “Parents Handing on the Faith,” which is aimed at parents and grandparents of school-age children.

Women and men interested in exploring women’s roles in the Church can register for “Women Envisioning Church,” which includes video excerpts from the recent Boston College conference “Envisioning the Church Women Want.”

Two other C21 online courses, “Synoptic Gospels” and “What Makes Us Catholic,” will begin Oct. 30. For more information and registration, go to www.bc.edu/c21online.
PROJECTS

HUMANKIND SERIES BEGINS
Fall Season on Sept. 27

A novelist who made Boston's underworld fodder for his private eye protagonists and a professor who has literally written the book on English literature highlight the fall semester's Lowell Lectures Humanities Series, which begins next week.

The series, which celebrates its 50th birthday next year, has brought writers, artists and dramatists of distinction to the Boston College campus. This semester's slate also includes a visit by a prominent media critic, a Harvard scholar whose non-fiction has won accolades and a new writer with a flair for fiction.

The 2006-7 season kicks off on Sept. 27 — all events begin at 7:30 p.m. — in Devlin 101 with author and editor Michael Massing presenting "The Press War and American Exceptionalism." Massing is regarded as the nation's most prominent critic of the mainstream media and is the author of such works as The Fix: Solving the Nation's Drug Problem and Now They Tell Us: The American Press and Iraq.

Harvard University historian Jill Lepore presents "Slavery and the Asymmetry of Evidence" on Oct. 25 in Devlin 101. She is the author of four books, including The Name of War: King Philip's War and the Origins of American Identity, winner of the Bancroft Prize and Phi Beta Kappa's Ralph Waldo Emerson Award, and, New York Burning: Liberty, Slavery and Conspiracy in Eighteenth-Century Manhattan, a Pulitzer Prize finalist and a winner of the Andrew Wolf Award for Non-fiction.

Popular mystery writer and Dooncaster native Dennis Lehane, author of Mystic River — which became a critically acclaimed movie — Shutter Island and five other novels reads from a collection of short stories and a two-act play, on Oct. 31 in Gas- lon 100.

Boston College University Professor of the Humanities at Harvard Uni- versity Stephen Greenblatt presents "Redefining the Canon: The Norton Anthology of English Literature, two of the world's most widely used collec- tions, and the author of the biography Will in the World: How Shakespeare Be- came Shakespeare." (2004). Jennifer Haigh, a member of the Boston University Creative Writing Program faculty, will dis- cuss and read from her second novel, Baker Twaen — winner of the 2006 PEN / L. L. Winship Award — on Nov. 29 in Devlin 101. Her first novel, Mrs. Kimble, won the PEN/Hemingway Award for outstanding first fiction, and Haigh will publish a collection of her short stories in 2007. All events are free and open to the public. For more informa- tion, call ext.2-3705 or visit www. bc.edu/lowell.

-Stephen Gavashik

PROJECT ON CATHOIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION TO BEGIN

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and Catholic dimensions of Bos- ton College's mission on a wide range of university values and ac- tions," said Garza, who added that a group of faculty had approached him with the idea of discussing the CIT.

This undertaking would "en- able us to explore opportunities the CIT may or should provide," said Garza, "to ‘support a faculty dialogue about the origins, nature and future responses to concerns that surround our institution’s Catholic distinctiveness.'"

In addition, said Garza, the project can provide a critical con- text as the University implements its seven major strategic directions outlined by President William P. Leahy, SJ, which include an em- phasis on liberal arts education and student formation and an effort to cast BC as an intellectual and cultural crossroads, and a leading Catholic university and theological center.

"The CIT initiative also can contribute to the growing conver- sations of the domestic and interna- tional roles of secular and Catholic universities in higher education and civil society." In urging faculty to take a role in this project, Garza said that an effective conversation on the CIT will need not only the participation of Jesuits and Catholics, but "the wisdom and experience of other rich traditions."

"Clearly we share various sub- sets of identities," Garza said, "but the two we all have in common are membership in the professoriate and a university that cherishes in Jesuit and Catholic heritage."

Project planning committee

co-chairs Prof. James Keenan, SJ (Theology), and Asst. Prof. Greg- ory Kalcheur, SJ (Law), said the discussions will continue on Oct. 31, with a presentation of the Hoveyda-Snapper team. Plans are being de- veloped for a series of events in the spring featuring scholars "whose work engages the CIT from a vari- ety of perspectives."

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BC CHEMISTRY TEAM DISCOVERS NEW CATALYST

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can pose a problem: Often, one hand, or enantiomer, of the drug molecule can be beneficial to a patient’s health, while the other may be harmful or ineffective.

Because of this, it is im- portant for anyone who wants to prepare drugs, especially in large quantities, to be able to synthesize single-handed com- pounds with high selectivity; seeility, and more, of the opposite hand should be around. This way, the unfavorable properties of one enantiomer are elimin- ated, while the desired properties of enantiomer’s benefits.

What the Hovyeda-Snapper team calls are referred to as a “silylation catalyst,” a molecule that attaches, with ex- tremely high selectivity, a sili- con atom to an alcohol group so that only one enantiomer is formed. Other molecules are known to promote this im- portant reaction, but the new catalyst is the first to control the handedness of the process at the same time.

"We make this discovery enormously significant is that silylation is already one of the most useful ways – if not the most effective way – to protect an alcohol from undesired reac- tions while a molecule is be- ing built in other ways also, situation,” Snappler added. "Because of the new catalyst, what used to take four to five steps to accomplish – each step adding significantly to the final cost – can now be achieved in a single transformation. The sub- stance also contains no metals and is therefore more environ- mentally friendly than many other catalysts.

“The new catalyst is easy to prepare, requires little or no solvent and therefore minimiz- es waste, and can be used in air and can be recycled several times,” Snappler added. “To- gether, these properties make our discovery an important one both from the theoretical as

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co-presented by The Coalition for Israel. For more infor- mation, contact langer@tcd.edu or ext.2-0432.

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POSTINGS

Red Bandanna Run

The annual Bandeaux Welles Ryan Crewher Red Bandanna Run — named for the 1993 BC graduate who died on Sept. 11— is going to save colleagues’ lives — will take place on campus this Saturday, Sept. 23, at 9 a.m.

The registration fee is $20 for stu- dents and seniors, $25 for non-stu- dents. All proceeds will benefit the Welles Ryan Crewher Chantable Trust, an organization that provides financial support to numerous com- munity programs for youth. Anyone interested in participating should arrive at Gasson Hall Rotunda by 7:30 a.m.

For more information on the Red Bandanna Run, see www.redbandanna- run.com/index.html.

Constitution Day 2006 looks at controversy over military trials

On Sept. 27, the Law School and Political Science Department will present a panel-discussion in honor of Constitution Day — established in 1931 as a way to commer- rate the signing of the document and encourage the teaching of its history and significance. The panel will center on “Terror- ism, Military Trials, and Presidential Power: Assessing the Significance of the Supreme Court’s Decision in Hamdan v. Rumsfeld.”

The event will take place from 4- 5:30 p.m. in McGuin 121.

Panelists will be Robert Dinan, SJ, Professor of Law George Brown, As- soc. Prof. Timothy Crawford (Political Science), Prof. Marc Landy (Political Science), Law School International Human Rights Program Director Dan- iel Kantroo and D’Neil Professor of African Politics Prof. R. Ship Melnick. For information, call melnick@bc.edu.

Visitor program offers companionship to retired Jesuits

Boston College faculty and staff are invited to join the "JBCU and the "Day Friendly Visitor" program, which pro- vides monthly visits to retired Jesuits at the Campanile Center in Weston.

On selected dates, the group of volunteers leaves the BC campus at 2 p.m. They call in advance with the residents and returns to the campus by 4 p.m. Transportation is provided for those who need it.

This semester, visits will take place on Oct. 23, Nov. 16 and Dec. 20.

For more information, contact Fr. William McNichols, SJ, at ext.2-8192 or mcnichols@bc.edu, or Betty Strain at ext.2-3457 or elizabeth.strain@bc.edu.

Screening of Israeli film

"Ushpizin" Oct. 4

The Israeli film "Ushpizin" will be shown Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Higgins 300.

Released in 2004, this highly ac- knownledged film offers a humorous look at the lives of orthodox Jews in Israel during the holiday of Suk- kot. (The film Web site is at www. ushpizin.com.)

The film is sponsored by The Coalition for Israel. For more infor- mation, contact langer@tcd.edu or ext.2-0432.

Popular mystery writer and Mystic River author Dennis Lehane will appear as part of the Lowell Lectures Humanities Series this fall. (Photo by Sheila Lehane)
Newsmakers
• Center on Wealth and Philanthropy Director Prof. Paul Schervish (Sociology) was interviewed by numerous media outlets regarding the focus on philanthropy of billionaires Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, including the San Francisco Chronicle, New Hampshire Public Radio, WBZ-AM’s “ Lowell Dyer Show,” and the New York Daily News. He was interviewed by the Irish Times regarding philanthropy in Ireland and by the Associated Press for a story on celebrity activism, which was published by MSNBC, the Philadelphia Daily News, San Jose Mercury News, Montreal Gazette, Ottawa Citizen and Vancouver Sun, among others. Schervish was quoted by the Philadelphia Inquirer regarding forthcoming wealth transfer prospects and baby boomer inheritances. Also, a study by the Center on Wealth and Philanthropy on wealth transfer in the Washington, DC area was reported in a front-page story in the Washington Post but Schervish was interviewed about the report on Washington Post Radio. The story also was covered by the Associated Press.

• Writing by Prof. Peter Kreeft (Philosophy) were cited in a Cincinatti Enquirer piece examining the question of whether there are pets in heaven.

• College of Arts and Sciences Dean Joseph Quinn was cited by the Los Angeles Times for his research of retirement patterns.

• Prof. Peter Skerry (Political Science) was quoted by the Globe regarding the intensifying debate over immigration and published an essay in Time magazine on why Muslims in the US aren’t as attracted to jihad as those in Europe.

• Prof. Lisa Feldman Barrett (Psychology) and her research on the science of emotion was featured by the Boston Globe.

• The Boston Globe interviewed Assoc. Prof. Joseph Tucee (Psychology) regarding the stress levels of Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney and Attorney General Tom Reilly when discussing problems with the Big Dig. He was also interviewed by the Sacramento Bee regarding technology and social isolation.

• Prof. James O’Toole (History) was deemed “the foremost academic authority on the history of the Catholic Church in America” in a Boston Irish Reporter feature.

• Prof. Carlo Rotella (English) wrote about Rev. Gilbert Thompson’s 7,000-member church, in Boston Magazine.

Publications
• Rattigan Professor of English Emeritus John Mahoney published “In Memoriam: J. Robert Barth, SJ” in European Romantic Review.

• Prof. Dennis Taylor (English) published “Hardy and Homer” in Thomas Hardy Reassessed. Essays in Honour of Michael Millgate.

• A review by Prof. Frances Restuccia (English) of Imagine Thérèse Noir Wil锃ain by Joan Copiec was published in The Journal for lacanian Studies.

Grants
• Associate Provost for Undergraduate Programs J. Joseph Burns: $1,264,204, Carnegie Corporation of New York, “Teachers for a New Era: A National Initiative to Improve the Quality of Teaching.”


• Lynch School of Education faculty members Prof. Ina Mullis and Research Prof. Michael Martin: $200,000, International Association for the Evaluation of Education Achievement, TIMSS Advance 2008.”

• Institute for Scientific Research Casas Valderrama: $50,000, National Science Foundation, “Collaborative Research: Development of the First Distributed Observatory Dedicated to Studies of the Low Latitude Ionosphere and Atmosphere.”

• Howard Benjamin (Mathematics): $85,666, National Science Foundation, “Interactions of Special Cycles on Shumara Varieties.”

• Research Prof. Elizabeth Dodson (Sociology): $50,232, 1199 Service Employees Industrial Union, “Labor Management Partnership.”

• Prof. Sister Callista Roy, CSJ (CSNS): $30,609, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, “Editorial/Staff Assistant.”

• Prof. Michael Russell (LSEOE): $30,000, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, “Journal of Technology, Learning and Assessment.”

• Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry Director Prof. Thomas H. Groome (Theology): $50,000, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation to provide scholarships to women in ministry atIREP.

• Prof. Ali Banazazi (Psychology): $25,000, National Science Foundation, “Graduate Research Fellowship.”

• Prof. Barbara Wolfe (CSON): $20,391, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, “Symptoms, Serotonin and Amino Acids in Anorexia Nervosa.”

• Asst. Prof. Damian Betbenenn (LSEOE): $20,000, Colorado Dept. of Education, “Growth Analysis.”

• Deluca Professor of Biology Marc Mushakivich: $18,775, Books/ Cole, “Discovering Biology.”


• Prof. Eric Strauss (Biology): $2,000, Urban Ecology Institute, “Environmental Research Conferences.”

Time and a Half
• Prof. James Bernsauer, SJ. (Philosophy) lectured on Hannah Arendt during the “Ethics in the Shadow of the Holocaust” meeting which was held at the Center for Applied Ethics in Ludwigshafen, Germany, and participated in a seminar at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, titled “Complexity and Confusion: Post-Holocaust Christian Interpretations of Guilt and Forgiveness.”

Affiliates Program Seeks Candidates
The University Affiliates Program, which helps prepare AHANA employees for potential leadership positions at Boston College, is accepting candidates for the 2006-07 academic year until Oct. 13. Directed by a team of university administrators, University Affiliates learn about the methods used to address strategic issues in higher education. Through regular meetings with mentors as well as special presentations and other events during the academic year, participants can deepen their knowledge of the University and strengthen their viability for promotion.

For more information on the program, and about applications, see http://be.edu/offices/diversity/programs/affiliates/.

Books
Notable
The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College has received $2.7 million in new funding — a record amount — from the US Social Security Administration. The SS A award “ensures that the center will enhance its role as a national think tank on wealth transfer and retirement,” said John Kline, the center’s director. The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College is a research center associated with the Lynch School of Education Faculty and the Graduate School of Social Work and Social Policy. It is one of 25 centers across the US supported by the Social Security Administration. The center’s mission is to improve the economic well-being of all Americans.

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• Prof. Richard Anstott (Economics) attended the third International Kuhmo Conference “Pricing, Financing and Investment in Transport” in Finland. He gave a keynote address, “Pricing, Investment, and (Self-)Financing” and also chaired a session titled, “Private and Public Provision of Transport Infrastructure and Maintenance.”

• Prof. Dennis Taylor (English) presented “Hardy and Shakespeare: What Hardy read, marked and saw” at the Thomas Hardy Conference in Dorchester, England.

• Assoc. Prof. Junona Moroianu (Biology) was chair of session at The 23rd International Pappalonia Virus Conference held in Prague. She presented “The Interactions of L2 Minor Capsid Protein of Low Risk HPV11 with Nuclear Import Receptors and Viral DNA.”

Transitions
• Leslie Homzie is senior referent librarian/bibliographer in University Libraries.

• Sheila McMahon is the new director of the Women’s Resource Center.

• Sarah Jewell joins Information Technology Services as Web administrator.

• Manager Rickey Lucket has joined the Animal Care Facility.

• John Gorham has joined Student Services as a student support specialist.

Jobs
• Receptionist/Secretary, Athletic Association
• Budget Specialist, Financial Budget Administration
• Communications Specialist, Center on Aging and Work
• Project Planner, Planning & Construction, Facilities Management - Admission/Financial Aid Assistant, Student Services
• Assistant Director, Engineering Services, Planning & Construction, Facilities Management
• Student Support Specialist, Student Services
• Research Technician, Biology Department
• Facilities Supervisor, Facilities Services 002411
• Senior Cataloger, Burns Library

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READINGS•LECTURES•DISCUSSIONS

Sept. 21: • The Case Against Darwin” with Michael Behe, Lehigh University, 7 p.m., Roslamb Theater, call ext.2-3847.

Sept. 25: • Lectura Dutræ: Purgatorio X1V, 7:30 p.m., Gasson 305, email: shepardl@bc.edu.

Sept. 26: • Christian Spirituality: An Ignatian Vision,” with Center for Ignatian Spirituality Director Julio Guilielmi, 7:30 p.m., Gasson 305, email: blaznik@bc.edu

Sept. 27: • Passion and Reason in Irish-American Nationalism: The Strange Case of Thomas D’Arcy McGee” with Prof. David Wilson, University of Toronto, 4 p.m., Connolly House, call ext.2-3938.

• Terrorism, Military Trials, and Presidential Power: Assessing the Significance of the Supreme Court’s Decision in Hamdan v. Rumsfeld,” with faculty panelists, 4 p.m., McGuinn 121. Call ext. 2-4160. This event held in recollection of Constitution Day.

Sept. 28: • “Collecting and Exhibiting the Middle East in a Post-9/11 World” with Linda Komaroff, curator of Islamic Art Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 7 p.m., Devlin 101, call ext.2-8100, email: artnaum@bc.edu.

MUSIC•ART•PERFORMANCE

Sept. 21: • Third Annual Faculty and Staff Art Exhibit, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., through Sept. 27. Bapati Art Library, email: Hardings@bc.edu.

Film: “The Color of Paradise,” 7 p.m., Devlin 306, call ext.2-8100, email: artnaum@bc.edu.

BC SCENES

BC scenes are submitted by students and faculty. For more information, please call ext.2-3282.

Sept. 22: • By the Waters of Babylon: Sacred Songs of Life, Death and Resurrection” songs from the Russian, German, Italian, French, Jewish, and Armenian repertoire. 7:30 p.m., Gasson 100, call ext.2-3912, email: cmm@bc.edu.

Sept. 24: • Quartet for the End of Time” 5 p.m., Gasson 100, email: concert@bc.edu.


ONGOING EXHIBITIONS

“Frances Xavier: Jesuit Missions in the Far East” in the Burns Library, through Dec. 3; hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, call ext.2-3282.

“Living the Charm – An exhibit on international higher education, collaborative research and global development”, through Oct. 15, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. • “My Monster is in Safe Keeping: The Samuel Beckett Collection at Boston College” Irish Room and Fine Print Room, through Jan. 31, 2007; hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call ext.2-3282.

WEEKLY MASSES

St. Joseph 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, Lanon Chapel - Lower Church, 9:30 a.m., Heighlin Room, 10:15 p.m. St. Mary’s Chapel (Spanish Mass) 7:30 p.m.

For more information on campus events, see events.bc.edu and www.bc.edu/locinfo

Gaelic Roots Is Now More Than a Memory

Gaelic Roots already lives on in the hearts and memories of the thousands who attended the popular Boston College Gaelic music and dance event during its 10 years. Now, the name itself has official staying power.

This fall marks the inauguration of the Gaelic Roots Irish Music, Song and Dance Workshop and Lecture Series, which will feature some of the most respected musicians, dancers and scholars of Irish and related traditions. The series gets off to a fast start with a lecture and concert tomorrow night, Sept. 22, and another evening of music on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

While BC has hosted such events regularly in recent years, these will now take place under a unifying theme.

As Sullivan Artist in Residence Seamus Connolly, director of Irish music programs at BC, explains, “This is simply formalizing what’s been going on here since Gaelic Roots ended as a summer festival and school in 2003. By holding these events throughout the academic year — as we’ve done the past few years — instead of one week in the sum- mer, our students have an opportunity to listen to, and talk with, these great performers and experts.

The concerts, workshops and lectures we’re offering being very much reflect the spirit of Gaelic Roots, so we felt that grouping them under the name was appropriate.”

This year’s Gaelic Roots series is titled “From Boston, New England, and Beyond,” an exploration of Boston’s role in Irish music and arts. Tomorrow night’s event, “Thinking Outside the Box: How Burton Accordionist Joe Derrane Helped to Redefine Irish America’s Musical Identity Twice,” features a lecture by local author and journalist Earle Hitchner, and a performance by the legendary Joe Derrane, a mainstay of the mid-20th century Boston Irish dance hall scene who during the past decade has delighted, and educated, new generations of Irish music lovers.

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While BC has hosted such events regularly in recent years, these will now take place under a unifying theme.

As Sullivan Artist in Residence Seamus Connolly, director of Irish music programs at BC, explains, “This is simply formalizing what’s been going on here since Gaelic Roots ended as a summer festival and school in 2003. By holding these events throughout the academic year — as we’ve done the past few years — instead of one week in the sum- mer, our students have an opportunity to listen to, and talk with, these great performers and experts.

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Wednesday, Sept. 27.