Major Renovation Project
In the Works for Gasson

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Gasson Hall, the signature architectural edifice of Boston College that has stood atop Chestnut Hill for some nine decades, will undergo a comprehensive exterior restoration beginning this spring.

Construction fences are expected to be in place around Gasson starting next Tuesday, April 17, with the initial phases of construction to immediately follow. Construction work will not take place during study and exam days, Commencement and Alumni Weekend.

Parking will be affected near Gasson and Lyons Hall and there will be some traffic pattern changes on Middle Campus, said Capital Construction Director John Romo. Details and updates will be posted to BCInfo (www.bc.edu/bcinfo) and the Facilities Management Web site (www.bc.edu/offices/facilities) as they become available.

Romo said the project, which will likely take place in two phases during the next several years, will address numerous problems that have resulted from nearly a century of use and continual exposure to various environmental conditions, all of which have aged the building's stone elements.

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Gasson Hall was the first Gothic-style building to be constructed on the Chestnut Hill Campus, originally occupied in 1913. Named in honor of Rev. Thomas L. Gas- son, St. president of Boston College from 1907-14, Gasson Hall was originally called the Recitation Building, then the Tower Building, according to University Historian Thomas H. O’Connor.

Mere stone and mortar it is not, adds O’Connor, but rather a symbol of the University’s core values.

“That very element of the ‘Tower on the Heights’ epitomizes the school’s motto of ‘Ever to Excel.’ Gasson was for so long the central

April 23 Forum Examines Faith and Politics

The national debate over right-to-life and end-of-life issues, as well as matters of morality, family values and social justice will be in the spotlight April 23 as two Catholic US senators — and 2008 presidential contenders — meet at Boston College for a political discussion and debate on the issue of faith and public policy.

Senators Sam Brownback (R-Kansas) and Chris Dodd (D-Connecticut) will represent a spectrum of conservative and liberal views as they address the challenge of balancing dual loyalty to the Church and to the American people, as well as a range of hot-button contemporary issues from stem cell research, abortion and euthanasia to gay marriage and “just war,” among others, cast in light of the relationship between

At various times in his life a radio broadcaster, attorney, teacher and administrator, Brownback has been called “The Wilberforce Republican” by The Economist, while The New York Times described him as “one of the most conservative, religious, fascinating — and, in many ways, admirable politicians in America today.”

Brownback serves on the Senate Appropriations, Judiciary, and Joint Economic committees. He also serves in the Helsinki Commission on Security and Co-operation in Europe, co-chairing political decision-making and Church teaching.

The event, titled “Catholic Senators and Presidential Candidates: Their Faith and Public Policy,” is free and open to the public, and will be held at BC’s Conte Forum at 7 p.m.

Moderating the discussion will be Tim Russert, host of NBC’s “Meet the Press” and political analyst for “NBC Nightly News” and the “Today” show.

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The weather up there

Radio and TV weather forecasters tell us about heavy fog and thunderstorms — and April Nor’easters — and their impact on the ground and air travel. So in the future might they also warn of unusual solar activity? One Boston College scientist thinks it could, and should, happen.

Patricia Doherty, co-director of the Institute for Scientific Research at BC, was among several scientists appearing last week at a Washington press conference to discuss the potentially harmful impact of solar flares on the Global Positioning System (GPS).

The scientists spoke in particular about an unexpected solar radio burst on Dec. 6 that affected virtually every GPS receiver on the lighted half of earth. Some receivers had a reduction in accuracy while others completely lost the ability to determine position.

Since, as Doherty and her colleagues pointed out, the GPS is used for navigating airplanes, ships, and automobiles, transferring money between banks and in operating cellphones, among other things, the scenario exists for solar activity to cause serious disruption in everyday life.

Interviewed by Chronicle earlier this week, Doherty said the time is ripe — since the 11-year solar cycle is at its lowest ebb — to educate society on the consequences of space weather.

“As we become increasingly reliant on space-based technologies, it’s not unrealistic to expect daily ‘space weather’ forecasts,” she explained. “These forecasts may be able to predict impending disruptions to systems in response to a solar flare, solar radio burst or a coronal mass ejection. This information may become increasingly important as we reach higher levels of solar activity.”

Doherty said last week’s press conference was an example of how to promote awareness of space weather’s importance to the public, as well as government agencies and industries that directly or indirectly utilize satellite and space technology. The Dec. 6 solar event also points up the need for more research on improving GPS receiver design and on the power of solar radio bursts, she said.

But Doherty says not to get overly worried if the idea of solar bursts affecting the GPS conjures up the plot for a made-for-TV disaster movie. While such an event might cause problems for the systems, she says, it wouldn’t be “total chaos,” especially as GPS designs are tweaked to compensate for solar bursts.

“In the future, I expect it will be a ‘systems down’ type of reaction. Operational systems such as oceanic vessels and aircraft navigation will have to revert to older, less efficient backup systems and wait for a return to normal operations. This may be the first time you hear: ‘Flight delays due to space weather.’ Personally, I’d rather enjoy that.” — SS

Room to grow

A Boston College student-run program designed to inspire the next generation of women scientists has expanded this year to North Cambridge Catholic and Boston Latin high schools.

Now in its second year, “Women in Science and Technology” is bringing together 24 female students from Boston-area high schools for research, lectures, field trips, and the opportunity to meet mentors and role models from scientific disciplines. Among the participants this year are 11 students from North Cambridge Catholic, six from Boston Latin, four from Braintree High and three from Trinity Catholic in Newton.

The month-long Saturday series, which began March 17 and ends this weekend, is offered free of charge to participants, and showcases in particular the impact of women in the sciences and current opportunities for women in the field.

Seventeen women students at BC have volunteered their time to help with the project. They include senior Kate Pierce, a biochemistry major and one of two students running the program. Pierce, who hopes to become a science teacher after she graduates in May, said she is thrilled that North Cambridge Catholic and Boston Latin opted to send students this year in addition to Braintree High and Trinity Catholic.

“To me, this program is about giving women more opportunities and showing that women can succeed in these fields even though in the past they have been male-dominated,” Pierce said. “But it’s also about offering opportunities for underprivileged students to do things that they wouldn’t normally do in their high schools, such as conducting experiments in BC’s world-class laboratories.”

Pierce said the high school students have conducted research involving DNA forensics, polymers, and protein purification, among other areas. Scheduled field trips for the group included outings to the NASA Observatory and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. — GF

Relay for Life: Can-do

Members of the Boston College community are gearing up for this year’s All-University Relay for Life, a popular benefit event for the American Cancer Society to be held April 20-21 at Harvard University’s Green Dot Track.

During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times. Participants also honor survivors during the Survivors Lap and remember those who have died from cancer at the Luminaria Ceremony. Some 200 Relays will be held in New England this year.

Nearly 570 students, staff, faculty, alumni, and others associated with BC have signed up for the All-University Relay for Life, and as of last week, BC teams had raised more than $23,000. Teams representing BU, Emerson Harvard, Simmons, Lesley and Northeastern, as well as local businesses, are also among those taking part in the event.

This year’s BC teams carry colorful names such as “Balancing Eagles,” “Eagle Squad,” “Team Spoonful” and “Running on Faith.” Another is “Cans for Cancer,” an ongoing enterprise of Boston College Police Officer Stephen Bianchi.

Bianchi, whose son Danny has been battling cancer, last year took over a defunct bottle bank and can-collection operation that donated deposits on the containers to cancer organizations. Since then, Bianchi reports, Cans for Cancer has been the recipient of outstanding generosity, notably from the BC community. “I have two 45-gallon containers with me and am filling them up daily, including on my days off.”

This year, Bianchi has decided to move all the donations from the Cans program to support Relay for Life.

For information on Cans for Cancer and the other BC teams participating in Relay for Life, see the event home page at www.kintera.org/af/bf/home/default.aspx?event=206374, and click on the link for “Boston College.” — SS

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The student group SIESTA (Sisters Influencing and Empowering Sisters Through Assembly) sponsored a benefit fashion show in O’Connell House on March 30 with proceeds going to fund a local battered women’s shelter. Among those who modeled clothing — all donated by area stores for the event — was Purvi Patel ‘09.

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York Reflects on Eagles’ Tough Loss

By Reid Oslin
Staff Writer

After the Boston College men’s hockey team’s 1-0 heartbreaker to Michigan State in the NCAA championship game Saturday night, head coach Jerry York walked into the unusual post-game locker room.

“We told our kids that when you sign up to play for a team—like Boston College hockey—you are there no guarantees that you are going to win a championship,” said York in an interview Monday. “All that we can guarantee is that we will work hard and we will all be a part of a terrific team.

“You sign up to play and there’s going to be one winner at the end.”

In that event, it was a basic hockey mistake that cost the talented Eagles a chance to win the national ice hockey crown against the defensive-minded Spartans.

Boston College—a in the “Frozen Four” championship finals for the second consecutive year—had been leading, 1-0, at the end of the third period of Saturday’s game. The Spartans managed to tie the score late in the game and a sudden death overtime session loomed.

With 40 seconds left in regulation, the Eagles gathered the puck and prepared to storm the Michigan State goal, likely for the final time. That’s when disaster struck.

“We had numbers on the rush,” said York. “We had four against their three.

“But we turned the puck over at the blue line and they came back on us three-on-one. One of the axioms of hockey is that you never turn the puck over at your offensive blue line.”

With the puck back in the BC zone, Michigan State’s Justin Abdelkader poked home the winning goal, with just 18.9 seconds left in regulation time. “I was at the right place at the right time,” Abdelkader admitted later.

An empty net goal with 1.7 seconds remaining provided the final margin of defeat for the Eagles.

“I really thought that 1-0 was going to win it,” said York. “Everything was in place.”

“Overall it was a real good run for our club. You just don’t parachute into the championship game. You’ve got to win the NCAA regionals then you have to win the first game of the Frozen Four.”

The Eagles did all of that and more, collecting 29 victories on the season, the Hockey East Tournament championship, regional tournament victories over St. Lawrence and Miami of Ohio, and a classic 6-4 victory over North Dakota in the national semifinal. The Eagles built a string of 15 consecutive victories leading up to the Frozen Four, the longest winning streak in York’s 35-year head coaching career.

“We accomplished all of that,” lamented York, “but just came up one goal short.

“But we’re mature enough to handle it. We’re really proud of the run that we made from the Beatport on.”

BC Officers Lose Long Battle with Lung Ailment

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary’s Church in Franklin on Tuesday for Boston College Patrol Officer and Emergency Medical Technician Thomas E. Devlin, who died April 6 after a lengthy battle with a lung ailment believed to have resulted from exposure to a tear gas leak in Edmonds Hall nearly 20 years ago.

Officer Devlin, who began working at BC in 1983, was 51.

In September of 1988, an unknown person discharged a tear gas canister in the ventilation systems of Edmonds Hall, causing the evacuation of 800 resident students. Twenty-four students, five Boston College police officers, including Officer Devlin, and two Boston firefighters were treated at area hospitals for injuries suffered in the incident.

In the years following the incident, Officer Devlin was hospitalized several times with viral infections caused by exposure to the chemical substance.

But Officer Devlin remained on the BC Police Department force. An avid bicyclist who participated in bike-a-thons for many charitable causes, he helped fund the BCPD’s Mountain Bike Patrol Unit.

When in May of 1999, an unattended candle caused a fire in a third-floor Ignaic Hall room, Officer Devlin—despite his chronic lung condition—rushed toward the blaze and helped evacuate students. He had to be hospitalized but was discharged within a couple of days.

“He was a great guy, everything you would want in a police officer,” Thomas E. Devlin and more,” said Boston College Police Chief Robert Morse. “Mike worked so hard to stay ahead of the illness that dogged him. He always gave 120 percent, and sometimes you had to tell him, ‘Just give me 100 percent.’”

Officer Devlin retired from the BCPD in March of 2004. A native of Blackstone, he was a recipient of the Massachusetts Association of Colleges and Universities Public Safety Association Special Recognition Award for specific efforts in law enforcement and contributions to the professionalization of campus police.

Officer Devlin is survived by his wife, Patricia, and daughter, Christine, of Franklin; his parents, Thomas Sr. and Margaret, and brother, Michael, all of Blackstone; his sisters, Catherine Gonoleski of North Smithfield, RI, and Mary Wright of Mayshep, NY, and several nieces and nephews.

Burial took place in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

—Sean Smith
Truman, Goldwater Honors for Students

BY SEAN SMITH

Two Boston College undergraduates — one an aspiring cancer researcher, the other a child of refugees who plans to be an international human rights lawyer — have won prestigious fellowships.

Kuang Ly ’08, a philosophy and studio art major who was born in a Vietnamese refugee camp, has been selected to receive a Truman Scholarship, which is given to college students seeking to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service. Ly is the only Massachusetts resident to earn a Truman this year.

Ryan Heney ’08, a native of Essex, Vt., majoring in chemistry, was chosen for a Goldwater Scholarship, awarded to those students planning to enter the scientific, mathematical and engineering fields.

“Auca. Prof. Kenji Hayao (Politics),” Science), who nominated Ly for the Truman award, said Ly’s parents were from Cambodia, but fled the country in 1979 to escape the Khmer Rouge regime. Two of Ly’s older siblings died from starvation, and no members of his extended family survived the genocide. With the help of the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees (UNHCR), the family relocated to Massachusetts in 1990, and Ly eventually graduated from Leominster High School.

Ly’s career goal is to become an international human rights lawyer, with a focus on helping refugees — especially those who have been traumatized by their experiences fleeing from mass violence — and ultimately to work as a legal adviser with the UNHCR. Ly plans to use his Truman Scholarship to obtain a law degree and a Masters in human rights.

“The Truman Scholarship will allow me to address the social and ethical responsibilities we face in our daily lives — or not,” said Ly, who is studying in Cambridge this semester at Cambridge University. “The scholarship will also allow me to be part of a community of like-minded individuals who see problems in society and are willing to challenge the status quo.”

Among other honors, Ly has received the Amnesty International Patrick Stewart Human Rights Scholarship, which he used to develop the “Remember Cambodia Project” in 2005 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Cambodian genocide. Last year, he was one of two BC students to receive the International Public Policy Fellowship, which helps students prepare for careers in international affairs.

Ly is conducting research with the Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma, and developing a guide in Khmer and English as a means to improve mental health resources for Cambodians in the United States and abroad. He also has been active in neighborhood revitalization efforts in Boston’s Chinatown community.

Said Ly: “I owe a lot of my success in winning the Truman Scholarship and other national fellowships to my professors, to wonderful individuals I work with at the Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma and at the Asian Community Development Corporation, my close friends and most importantly, my family.”

Heney’s career ambition is to obtain an MD/PhD in sociology and pursue cancer research, primarily in the development of novel treatments and highly specific anti-cancer drugs. He has worked in the laboratories of Varderhiscof Professor of Chemistry T. Ross Kelly and Prof. Evan Kanzowitz (Chemistry), and last summer took part in the Applied Bioscience Research Experience for Undergraduates Program at MIT.

“The sciences, and particularly the Chemistry Department, have been incredibly good to me throughout the course of my time here,” said Heney, who recently returned from studying in Ireland. “We are extremely lucky here at BC to have very approachable, personable, caring professors. My professors have always been very accessible and eager to lend further explanation of tricky subject matter. I feel that this has been of utmost importance to my educational experience.”

Heney expressed his gratitude to Kelly and Kanzowitz for giving him the opportunity to work and learn in their laboratories, adding “The graduate students under whose direct tutelage I have worked have been incredibly helpful and patient with me, and for that I am very grateful.”

A Dean’s Scholar, Heney has been chosen for the Emerging Leader Program and the Appalachia Volunteers Program, spending the 2005 spring break at a service site in Kentucky.

Gasson Renovation Set

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focus of campus and I still contend that it is the heart of Boston Col-
lege.”

Today the building contains the office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the ACS Honors Program and the Irish Room, originally the University’s assembly hall, which currently serves as a center for special events. The upper floor contains numerous classrooms. The upcoming project calls for the total overhauling and repair of all deteriorated elements to replicate the original building. This will include the four spires, crenulations, structural and ornamental components, roofs, tower landings and all windows. Masonry work, consisting of Rosthury puddingstone and cast stone, will be repotted throughout the building.

The first, and most complex, phase of the project will concern the Gasson Tower, said Mycofsky. All its cast stone pieces will be removed and measured to determine what their original shapes were, and a drawing will be made of each. After the architect and conservator review and approve the drawings, a mold will be formed by the cast stone manufacturer who will create the new pieces.

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Revolutionary Thinking

D. Michael Ryan wants to set the record straight on one of the most important events in American history (are you listening, Mel Gibson?)

BY REID OSLIN
STAFF WRITER

D. Michael Ryan cringes every time he hears the line from the popular poem about Paul Revere’s famous ride: “One if by land, two if by sea.”

Contrary to accepted lore, Ryan notes, the lantern signals were not sent to Revere; they were sent by Revere to colonists watching in Charlestown in the event Revere’s river crossing was unsuccessful.

“Longfellow wasn’t necessarily concerned about history,” sniffs Ryan, associate dean in the Office of Student Development, life-long history buff and Revolutionary War reenactor for the past 30 years. He was concerned about rhyming couples. He couldn’t say ‘two if by river’ because it didn’t rhyme. Revere never rowed across the sea. He rowed across the Charles River.”

Ryan says modern depictions of the American Revolution — which began 232 years ago this month — are not very accurate. “The movie ‘The Patriot’ was horrible from an historical point of view,” he says. He was thus surprised one day several years ago when ‘Patriot’ star Mel Gibson and his family visited Concord’s Old North Bridge while Ryan was on duty portraying an 18th century character.

“I gave him an earful about historical accuracy and how it really irked me that people took the licenses they did,” he just said. “Oh, it’s Hollywood. It’s entertainment,” Ryan recalls.

“There’s nothing wrong with fiction as long as people know it’s fiction.”

To help set the story straight on the beginnings of the Revolutionary War Ryan has written a book, Concord and the Dawn of Revolution: The Hidden Truths, that not only has become a best selling volume in the locale of the birthplace of the American Revolution, but opens the day-to-day world of 18th century Americans to future generations of history students.

He profiles a variety of residents of the Concord-Lexington area as the basis for his work, among them children, servants, preachers and widows, as well as the more commonly featured “Minuteman” citizen-soldiers and British commanders. “My goal is for the reader to know what the average person was like back then,” Ryan says. “I want you to say to yourself, ‘That could have been me.’”

“I dislike revisionist history,” says Ryan, who once gave Mel Gibson “an earful” about inaccuracies in “The Patriot” when the actor visited Concord.


In doing this, Ryan is able to debunk several myths that have emerged over the 232 years that the story of the “shot heard ‘round the world” has been told and retold.

“I dislike revisionist history,” Ryan says. “A lot of it concerning the Revolutionary War came out at two different times in our history. When you look at many towns in Massachusetts, you see that their first histories were written in the 1820s when America was trying to find itself and really define what it is.”

“The other time, unfortunately, was during the Bicentennial when people were trying to put information together quickly and really weren’t doing the research,” he says. “You came up with all kinds of weird stories that just weren’t correct. My goal was to be as honest as possible, as close to the truth as possible and do the research.”

Ryan points out a number of interesting but little-known facts that shaped the events at Concord and Lexington on April 19, 1775.

Among these is the story of a large unit of British Regulars — the 18th Light Infantry Regiment — that was marching to the Concord area, when the unit’s officers decided “to stop at a local tavern for a beverage,” Ryan says.

While the soldiers were relaxing, shots were fired at Concord’s North Bridge and hostilities began. Ryan maintains that if the 125-man British unit had arrived in Concord on time, their omni-present presence in battle formation could have caused the local militia to flee before any shots were exchanged. “We probably never would have had the fight at the bridge,” he says.

Instead, a group of British Army soldiers cobbled together from various units garrisoned in Boston were left to face the rebellious colonists at North Bridge. One of the Redcoat command- ers was Major John Pitcairn, a British marine, who was likely unfamiliar with army tactics, Ryan says. Pitcairn, according to Ryan, “went out to make one of the first major errors in judgment of the day,” and war was the result.

Ryan’s book has been made required reading for volunteers and workers at the Minuteman National Park, where Ryan — who is retiring from BC at the end of the summer — says he works 700 to 800 hours a year as a volunteer interpreter and escort host. He estimates that he has written more than 70 articles on life and events in the Concord-Lexington area at the start of the Revolutionary War.

“I want teachers and students to be able to read it, too,” Ryan says of his book, particularly the chapters about people of color, women and children, so that they can get a perspective on people other than the Minutemen, who were doing other things.”

BC Student Organizes Collection for Military

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“It’s a wonderful thing for people to do,” says Army Capt. Brett DiPietro, assistant professor of military science in ROTC. “It’s setting the politics aside and just taking care of people. We have put our young men and women in a tough position over there,” Tashiro notes, “and this is a good way to show them that they are still on our minds.”

“Hugs for Heroes” is a project started by BC freshman Meredith Manzone of Dover, who began enlisting support for service members during her sophomore year in high school. While attending a youth conference in Washington, DC, that year, Manzone says she heard an Iraq war veteran remark that he would very much like the loneliness of the day for a lot of soldiers. Most would get nothing out of a package, no letter.

“I realized that these people are over there sacrificing so much for us, and it just broke my heart,” she says. Manzone began collect- ing toiletries and baked goods from her neighbors and placed a donation box at her school, Noble and Greenough in Dedham. Her first shipment of “care packages” was mailed to Iraq in the fall of 2004.

When Manzone arrived at Bos- ton College last fall, she brought the “Hugs” project with her. “I asked my residence director in Keyes Hall if I could do a note drive. We wound up with 800 notes. I knew from that point it would be something that could succeed here,” Manzone says.

Manzone also established ties with BC’s Army ROTC detach- ment, obtaining the names of BC grads in service who might appre- ciate getting packages for distribu- tion to their units.

Recently, Manzone was intro- duced to members of the campus- based Iraqi/Afghanistan Support Group that includes members of the University community who have children, relatives or friends serving or who have previously served in the military in the Middle East. The group quickly embraced her idea.

“When we heard about it, we said ‘Let’s do it,’” says Pat Touzin, director of the University’s Facul- tyn/Staff Assistance Program, who helped launch the support group. Touzin said a member of the group then presented the “Hugs” idea to the Staff Advisory Sen- ate. “They responded immediately and helped put collection boxes in offices all over campus.

Contributions poured in. ROTC cadets and employee vol- unteers sorted, packed and pre- pared the items for mailing to the forces in the field.

“It makes me feel so appre- ciative, it means so much,” says Gail Howe, a Web specialist in the University Provost’s Office, whose son Michael is preparing to deploy to Iraq this summer with a Navy construction battalion. “It means that they care. It means so much to a parent that somebody cares.”

More than 100 snow coolers were included in the “Hugs for Heroes” shipment, each hand- sewn by Howe or one of her friends. The bandanna-like cool- ers contain pockets of absorbent polymers and when the cloth is soaked in water, it provides heat relief to the wearer for several hours.

“The whole goal of this is to remind our soldiers and Marines that we do love them and there are people back here who recognize their sacrifice,” Manzone says.

Master Sgt. Ted Carlin, a 24- year Army veteran and a senior military instructor in the BC ROTC group, knows just how much items sent from home can mean to a soldier in a combat venue. “When I was deployed to Saudi Arabia during the first Gulf War, I received a package from my Mom and in that box were memories of the desert just south of the Iraqi border,” he says, recalling how he savored the impromtu holiday feast.

“It’s one of those things that sticks in your head even more than the missions you won, or direct fire or any of the other sorts of things you think would stand out in your memory.”
Irish Programs Director a 'Top Irish American' for 2007

Since arriving at BC in 2000, Hachey has overseen the direction of all the University’s many Irish-related initiatives including the Irish Institute, the Irish Studies Program, the renowned Burns Library’s Irish collections, and Boston College’s Center for Irish Programs in Dublin. In that time, BC has affirmed and bolstered its reputation as one of the leading exponents of Irish culture, history, art and political thought.

It’s very fortuitous that the ‘Top 100’ list appeared in the same issue as an article about Boston College which proclaims it as a ‘guardian of Irish culture’, said Hachey. “That’s what pleases me most about this honor: It raises the profile of BC and the work we do.”

In the Irish America profile, Hachey touches on the work of the Irish Institute and its contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process. “We have invited all 700 participants who have been in Irish Institute programs since 1997 to attend a reunion conference this April [in Dublin Castle],” he told the magazine. “The program has garnered such respect that the Irish government has agreed to waive for BC all fees normally associated with the use of Dublin Castle.”

Others included in the Top 100 this year are presidential contender US Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY), who was named the magazine’s “Person of the Year,” as well as actor Alec Baldwin, folk singer and entertainers Tommy Makem, US soccer player Clint Dempsey and New York City firefighters William P. Connolly, Bob O’Neill and Stephen Duffy, who have regularly donated bone marrow.

Panel to discuss Jewish-Russian literature

Prof. Maxim D. Shrayer, chair of the Slavic and Eastern Languages Department, will be part of the panel discussion “Jewish-Russian Literature from the Age of Alexander I to the Age of Putin” taking place April 22 at 3 p.m. in the Fulton Hall Honors Library.

Shrayer, co-chair of the BC Jewish Studies Program, will be joined by Brandeis University faculty members Artzybosh Polonsky, the Albert Abramson Professor of Holocaust Studies, and Orhan Faroqhi, associate professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. Executive Director of Marketing Communications and Special Assistant to the President Ben Birnbaum will serve as moderator.

The event will commemorate the publication of An Anthology of Jewish-Russian Literature: Two Centuries of Drama, Prose, and Poetry, edited by Shrayer.

For more information, e-mail an-russia@bc.edu.
Newsmakers

• Assoc. Prof. Bruce Morrill, SJ (Theology), discussed the history and practice of American Easter sunrise services in the Baltimore Sun.

• Prof. Thomas Groome (Theol.), director of BC’s Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, was quoted by the Alan West Daily News for a story on the possible canonization of Pope John Paul II.

• Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry Program Hooffman Ospino was quoted by the Boston Globe regarding efforts by the Catholic Church in America to reach out to Hispanics.

• Assoc. Prof. M. Shane Cope (Theology) was quoted by Catholic News Service for a story on an event he moderated as part of a Jesuit-sponsored teach-in on racism and poverty.

• Adj. Lect. Greg Stoller (CSOM) was a guest on the WBZ-AM “Paul Sullivan Show” discussing business topics, including outsourcing.

• Prof. Walter Haney (LSEO) was quoted by the Washington Post and the Associated Press regarding the use and value of standardized tests mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act.

• Brennan Professor of Education Andy Hargreaves spoke with the Boston Globe for a story on the importance of engaging curricular electives to complement rigid standardized requirements in high school.

• Prof. Marc Landy (Political Sci.) was quoted by the Associated Press on the political profile of US Rep. John Tierney (D-Mass.).

• Prof. Peter Skerry (Political Science) offered remarks to the Providence Journal regarding the illegal immigration debate heating up in the Northeast US.

• College of Arts and Sciences Dean Joseph Quinlan was quoted by the Guardian about the effects of the growing elderly population on the landscape of American society. The report was also published in South Africa’s Mail & Guardian and in The Hindu, among other outlets.

• Roche Professor of Economics Arthur Lewbel was interviewed by the Boston Globe for a story on the still-elusive juggling club he founded in the mid 1970s while an undergraduate at MIT.


• Carroll School of Management Dean Andrew Boynton was among several of Boston’s top management experts asked by the Boston Herald to offer advice to Red Sox manager Terry Francona.

• An op-ed co-authored by Prof. Thomas Kohler (Law) on the right of workers to unionize and bargain collectively was published by the Austin, Tex., American-Statesman.

• Preschool students who speak Spanish as their first language at home are losing their native tongue while also struggling to speak English, according to a study by Assoc. Prof. Maria Paré (LSEO) and colleagues that was cited by Reuters.

• Prof. Peter Kreeft (Philosophy), who works at Augustine College in Canada, was the subject of a lengthy feature by the Ottawa Citizen. His address was covered by Canadian Catholic News Service.

• Calderwood Professor Sheila Blair and Jonathan Bloomberg were quoted by the Chicago Tribune regarding an article that offers insight into Islam.

Honors/Appointments

• BC Law School faculty members Prof. Michael Cassidy and Adj. Lect. Cathleen Cavell were named as two of the 18 new appointments to the Judicial Nominating Commission announced by Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick. The JNC will be responsible for screening applicants for appointment to the Appeals Court and to trial courts throughout the Commonwealth.

• Assoc. Prof. Pamela Lannuzzi (Communication) and Melissa Camero ’93 published “Women’s perceptions of flirtatious non-verbal behavior: The effects of alcohol consumption and physical attractiveness” in Southern Communication Journal.

Major Honor for Starratt

A consortium of major re-
search universities has recognized Prof. Robert “Jerry” Starratt ’59 (LSEO) for a lifetime of excellence in the field of higher education administration.

The University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) presented Starratt with the Roald Campbell Award, which recognizes senior professors in the field of educational ad-
ministration “whose professional lives have been characterized by extraordinary commitment, ex-
cellence, leadership, productivity, generosity, and service.”

According to the organiza-
tion, criteria for the award include longtime distinguished service as a teacher and researcher in the field of educational administration, su-
pport contributors to the field’s body of knowledge and recog-
nized leadership efforts to improve the field, especially for the prepara-
tion of educational administra-
tors or professors of educational administration.

“I am humbled by the out-
pouring of congratulations from friends and colleagues from many universities both in the US and abroad,” said Starratt, who ex-
tended his gratitude to those col-
leagues who wrote nominations in his support.

Starratt says for most of his career as an educator and scholar he has worked as a bridge builder, who can help two groups who are in opposition or different camps interpret some of the good points the other side is making.

“As an educator within the Catholic school system, I tried to help my colleagues appreciate the dedication of public school teach-
ners and their commitments to the value-added dimensions of their work with young people, while at the same time, conversing with public school educators about the commitment of Catholic school educators to a humanistic edu-
cation and commitments to the common good, as well as the cul-
tivation of religious sensibilities of their students.”

“As a scholar I have tried to explain and legitimate postmod-
ern perspectives in language that scholars entrenched in the En-
litement roots of modernism might understand, as well as argue with the postmoderns about the legitimacy of the pursuit of ratio-
nal understandings of the world, however historically, politically, and culturally embedded those understandings might be.”

Winning an award with the namesake of Roald Campbell was especially gratifying for Starratt.

“Roald Campbell was a giant in his time. He was among the first of a small group of scholars that connected school administration and educational leadership to the larger field of management sci-
ences and organizational theory,” said Starratt.

“So, to receive an award at-
tached to his name is both an honor and a humbling experience.” —Stephen Gamble

Notable Bene

The following honors were presented at the Boston College Distingui-
ished Volunteer Tribute Dinner and Awards Ceremony, held March 30 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston:

John J. Griffin Sr. ’35, Hon.’72 Class Agent Award

James J. Derba ’51 (Parent ’78)

Rising Star Award

Eric A. ’92 and Susan L. Brock ’93

Phillip J. Callan Sr. ’25 Award

Leo M. Vercollone ’77 (Parent ’06)

Outstanding Parent Volunteer Award

Robert A. ’63 and Evelyn J. Ferris (Parents ’07)

John P. Curley ’13 Award

Charles P. ’66 and Elizabeth K. Smith ’67 (Parents ’91, ’92, ’94 and ’97)

James F. Cleary ’50, Hon. ’93 Masters Award

Cynthia Egan ’78

Kathleen M. McGillycuddy NC’71

Publications

• Mathematics Institute Director Stanley J. Branzuska, SJ and Prof. Margaret J. Kenney (Mathemat-
ics) published “Just Five Does It” in Mathematics Teaching in the Middle School.

• Assoc. Prof. Pamela Lannuzzi (Communication) and Melissa Camero ’93 published “Women’s percep-
tions of flirtatious non-verbal behavior: The effects of alcohol consumption and physical attractiveness” in Southern Communication Journal.

Grants

• Assoc. Prof. Michael Russell (LSEO): $725,519, Alabama Edu-
cational Television Fund Authority, “eLearning for Educators Initiative Evaluation.”


• Prof. Kevin Mahoney (GSSW): $208,263, Department of Health and Human Services, “Cleaning- house for the Community Living Exchange Collaborative.”

• Adj. Assoc. Prof. Francine Sher-

man (Law), $15,667, Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation, “Massachusetts Health Passport Project—Implementation.”

• CSIO Dean Barbara Hazard: $122,450, L.G. Ballou Founded,

“Boston College/Pine Manor College Nursing Partnership.”

• Prof. Ann Burgess (CSIO): $110,422, Justice Resource Insti-
tute, “Internet Related Techniques Used by Offenders in Crimes Against Children.”

• Assoc. Prof. Gail Kineke (Geol-
ogy and Geophysics): $73,581, Woods Hole Oceanographic Insti-
tute, “Mechanisms of Fluid-Mud Interactions Under Waves.”


Time and a Half

• Assoc. Prof. John McDoug-

h (Theology) spoke to the Albert Schweitzer Fellows of Boston on “Complementary and Integrative Approaches to Health Care” at Tufts New England Medical Center.

• Assoc. Professor Rachel Freund-

enbarg (German Studies) and Classical Studies graduate student Rebecca Mull served as judges at the World Language Public Decla-
ration at the Boston Latin School. Students at the event recited famous texts in German, French, Chinese, Spanish or Italian.

• Prof. Margaret J. Kenney (Mathematics) gave a presentation “Discrete Mathematics Counts” at the 85th Annual Meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Atlanta.

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LOOKING AHEAD

READINGS • LECTURES • DISCUSSIONS
April 12
• Annual meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society, through April 14, Heights Room, Corcoran Commons, email: romomen@bc.edu.
• "The Alexander River Restoration Project as a Bridge between Israelis and Palestinians,” with Amos Brandeis, noon, Higgins 263, email: bc-israel@bc.edu.
• "Let’s Twist Again: The Dramatic Saga of Russian Rock Music,” with journalist Artemy Troitsky, 4 p.m., Fulton 511, call ext.2-3936, email: ikennette@bc.edu.
• "Are All Values Relative? Thinking About Objective Values in Ethics, Art and Religion in a Pluralist World of Conflicting Beliefs” with Robert Kane, University of Texas at Austin, 4:30 p.m., Fulton 240, call ext.2-3303, email: taylor@bc.edu.

April 13
• "Practices of Dialogue in the Roman Catholic Church,” with Bradford Hinze, Fordham University, 9 a.m., Fulton 145, email: ennissa@bc.edu.
• "Catholic Women’s Discussion Group, noon, McElroy 141, 2-3489, email: wcr@bc.edu.
• "Leadership In Arts Marketing” with Joanne Schef Bernstein, LaTanya Bennett ’02, 12:30 p.m., Power Gym, email: lait@bc.edu.

April 14
• "Black Family Weekend Alumni/Student Basketball Game, 4 p.m., Power Gym, email: mssedd@bc.edu.
• "Black Family Weekend Awards Reception, 9 p.m., Barat House, email: mssedd@bc.edu.

April 15
• "Black Family Weekend Awards Branch, featuring guest speaker LaTanya Bennett ’02, 12:30 p.m., Walsh Function Room, email: mssedd@bc.edu.
• "Fifth recipient of the BC Arts Council Award for Distinguished Achievement” will be commemorated during the festival on April 28: a 25th anniversary celebration for the Robsham Theater Arts Center marking the production of Gilbert and Sullivan’s popular “Pirates of Penzance,” and a reunion concert for the 20th anniversary of the popular campus jazz ensemble BCbOp!, with appearances by some three dozen former members.

April 16
• "Festival Includes Salutes to Robsham, BC bOp!"

The University’s upcoming tenth annual Arts Festival will celebrate two important milestones in Boston College arts, while offering its yearly showcase of the BC community’s musicians, actors, dancers, singers, sculptors, painters, photographers, writers, curators, filmmakers, authors and other artists.

In addition, this year’s festival — which takes place April 26-28 — will feature collaborative art projects such as mask-themed sculptures and the creation of a sidewalk mural “masterpiece” led by popular Boston artist Sidewalk Sam, and a visit by a Paul Daigneault ’87, producing artist director of Boston’s award-winning SpeakEasy Stage Company, who will receive the 2007 Boston College Arts Council Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement [see below].

Some 1,000 BC students, faculty and administrators will participate in the festival, which is open to the public. As always, there will be a wide variety of events to engage and entertain attendees of all ages, who are invited to take part in hands-on experimentation with ceramics, painting and other artistic media. A program of activities for children — including theater, crafts, a play and a story hour — will be offered on Saturday, April 26; families are encouraged to attend.

“The arts at Boston College continue to grow and flourish,” says Prof. Jeffrey Howe (Fine Arts), chair of the University’s Arts Council, which organizes the Arts Festival. “The festival is a perfect opportunity to experience the increasing diversity, scope and quality of the University’s art programs.”

Affirming the vitality of BC’s art scene will be two special observances to be commemorated during the festival on April 28: a 25th anniversary celebration for the Robsham Theater Arts Center marking the production of Gilbert and Sullivan’s popular “Pirates of Penzance,” and a reunion concert for the 20th anniversary of the popular campus jazz ensemble BCbOp!, with appearances by some three dozen former members.

Daigneault, in addition to receiving the Arts Council award from University President William P. Leahy, SJ, will take part in an “Inside the BC Studio” public interview session — modeled after Bravo TV’s “Inside the Austin Studio” — with Boston theater critic Tony Byrne in Robsham Theater at 9:45 a.m. on April 27.

At noon that same day, the Arts Council also will honor BC students and faculty who have contributed to the arts at an awards ceremony to be held on O’Neill Plaza.

The festival’s collaborative sculpture project for 2007 features 19 large wooden thematic sculptures. This year’s theme — “Carnival Masks: The Faces of Boston College” — was inspired by James Ensor, an artist known for pieces that include masks, whose work is on display in the current McMillen Museum of Art exhibition: “A New Key: Modern Belgian Art from the Simon Collection.”

Professional sculptor and Adj. Assoc. Prof. Mark Cooper (Fine Arts) designed the original forms for the sculptures, which are decorated by members of BC student groups and organizations to express their missions and messages. Completed sculptures will be displayed on O’Neill Plaza during the festival; judges will select the winners, which will be announced at noon on April 28.

The "mask" theme will carry over into other events: Bapst Student Art Gallery will offer an exhibitor titled “Masquepals,” and children can make masks to wear in the Kid’s Carnival Parade led by the Boston College Marching Band.

Information on festival events, including those that require paid admission, is available at www.bc.edu/arts.

A look at Paul Daigneault, winner of this year’s Boston College Arts Council Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement. His 2002 production of “Bat Boy: The Musical” ran for 105 performances and won multiple awards, including the Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Musical Production and the Edward Kennedy FINc Award for New England Award for Best Musical.
• "Included in the Boston Book Review’s "40 Under 40" List for 1999 and named by the Boston Herald in 2000 as one of the top 10 directors in Boston.
• Founded SpeakEasy Stage Company in 1992. In productions annually attract some 20,000 audience members. The organization is involved in theater-edu-

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