Use of New Technology in Teaching On the Rise

WebCT to wikis, more BC faculty are embracing technology

BY STEPHEN GAWLIK STAFF WRITER

Chalkboards and printed textbooks are still very much a fact of academic life, but new technologies are playing an increasingly significant role in teaching at Boston College, according to University administrators.

In 2001, only two percent of courses employed some type of new technology — such as Web-based audio-visual materials — to enhance the educational experience of BC students. Now that figure is more than 60 percent, says Associate Academic Vice President for Technology Rita Owens, who estimates that more than 95 percent of all BC students are taking classes in which the faculty member utilizes new technology.

“Technology in teaching is now woven into the fabric of Boston College and it’s here to stay,” she said. “BC faculty members are adapting so many new technologies into teaching that it has becoming part of the culture.”

Owens and other administrators credit faculty members for their willingness to take the lessons and instruction they have spent careers cultivating and deliver them in new and creative ways, using such technology as content digitization, social networking and real-time feedback systems. For example:

• Biology Assoc. Prof. Clare O’Connor’s Genetics course employs a “personal response system,” in which students use a device similar to a television remote control to log answers to multiple-choice questions she poses on a projected image from her computer to a large screen at the front of the room.

A banner night — La Giostra, a troupe from Sulmona, Italy, presented a program of medieval dances and songs as well as exhibitions of sword fighting and flag throwing on Feb. 6 in the Vanderslice Hall Cabaret. The event was sponsored by BC’s Italian Club. (Photo by Suzanne Camarata)

Fathers’ Involvement Is Focus of LSOE Researchers

Fathers who do not live with their children nevertheless can play a key role in helping them avoid delinquent or destructive behavior, according to a new study by Lynch School of Education researchers.

The study, which appears in the January/February issue of the journal Child Development, found that when nonresident fathers are involved with their adolescent children, the youths are less likely to be caught up in drug and alcohol use, violence, property crime, and school problems such as truancy and cheating.

Assoc. Prof. Rebekah Levine Coley and LSOE doctoral candidate Bethany Medeiros, the study’s authors, looked at a representative sample of 647 youths who were 10 to 14 years old at the start of the study and their families — who lived in Boston, Chicago and San Antonio — over a 16-month period, gathering information from the adolescents and their mothers.

The families were primarily African-American, middle-class, white families, where parents often pull away and become less involved in the face of adolescent delinquency.

“Nonresident fathers in low-income, minority families appear to be an important protective factor for adolescents,” said Coley. “Greater involvement from fathers may help adolescents develop self control and self competence, and may decrease the opportunities adolescents have to engage in problem behaviors.”

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Eagles abroad
Boston College alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends can get an education while they visit other parts of the world, thanks to the Alumni Association’s newly launched Travel Learning Program.
Through the program, selected BC faculty members will act as guides for travel groups, offering their insights and expertise on the destination’s culture and history. Starting off the program will be “Village Life in the Dordogne,” from April 12-20, with Prof. Ourida Mostefai (Romance Language and Literature). Attendees will visit the picturesque southwestern region and its prehistoric caves, medieval castles and charming villages.

Also on tap for 2007 are excursions to Rome with Prof. Franco Mormando (Romance Languages); the Danube River region with College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program Director Marc O’Connor and Ireland, Greece and Turkey with Alumni Chaplain Rev. William McInnes, SJ.
“This is an exciting venture that has been favorably received by our alumni and friends,” says Alumni Association Director of Travel and Special Projects Gail Darnell. “Plans for 2008 are already under way. We hope to host both domestic and international itineraries with a variety of price points. I’m exploring the potential for trips that include spiritual journeys, culinary tours, cultural experiences, service opportunities and more.”
Darnell adds that she welcomes destination ideas and can be contacted at gail.darnell@bc.edu.
“More on the Travel Learning Program can be found at www.bc.edu/alumni/travel.”

Return of the Chariots
In what has turned into a successful and fun annual tradition, students from Boston College will face off Feb. 27 against students from the Massachusetts Hospital School in a sled hockey game, proceeds of which will benefit the sled hockey program at the Canton school for children and young adults with disabilities.

Connell School of Nursing students will join members of BC’s women’s ice hockey team to play the Chariots, Massachusetts Hospital School’s sled hockey team. The annual contest, which began in 2004, will take place at 6 p.m. in Conte Forum. The Massachusetts Hospital School provides medical, rehabilitation, recreational and educational services to children and young adults with disabilities. All proceeds from the evening will benefit the Chariots. In addition to the game, the event will feature raffles and a bake sale.

Donations
“Voices” carry
Boston College playwrights will seize the stage at Babson Theatre Feb. 21-25 for “New Voices 2007,” the second presentation of original one-act plays written by BC undergraduates.
This year’s productions are “No Child Left Behind” by Megan Green ’08 and “The Storykeeper” by senior Patricia Noonan, both of whom already have some experience in staging their works. Green had a 10-minute play included in last May’s Boston Theatre Marathon, an annual event organized by the Boston Playwrights’ Theatre which involves professional companies from all over New England; Noonan, meanwhile, has had a short play of her own performed at the prestigious Kennedy Center American College Theatre Region I Festival (KCACTF).
“These two women are not only great writers, but also accomplished actors with major roles in campus theater productions yet to come this semester,” says Assoc. Prof. Scott T. Cummings (Theatre), who will direct the shows. “Their two plays share a similar theme. Both are centered on families, but they are very different in tone and style: ‘No Child’ is more of a biting comedy, while ‘Storykeeper’ is more of a lyrical drama.”
Cummings notes that the two plays in the first “New Voices” production, “Swimming After Dark” by Emily Dendinger ’05 and “Zoe” by Richard Lawson ’05, were later restaged at the regional Kennedy Center festival.
“These productions of original student work are part of a blossoming playwriting community at BC,” he adds. “At the recent KCACTF Region I festival, three out of the six plays showcased were by BC student playwrights: Patricia Noonan, Richard Lawson and Aimee Delaporta ’09. And last semester, a small campus group called After Hours Theater will produce a late-night evening of 10-minute plays. “There’s a lot going on with new plays around here and it gets very exciting.”

That lovin’ feeling?
Valentine’s Day has come and gone, leaving thousands of loving hearts gladdened. But the theme of an upcoming BC Art Club exhibition seems to suggest that all this romance in the air might just be clouding our better judgment.
“Lust and Heartbreak” opens Feb. 27 in the Bapst Library Art Gallery, featuring student works in a variety of mediums, from paintings to photography to sculpture. “That focus on the dangers of passion and intimate love,” according to club officials.
“It’s a response to Valentine’s Day,” explains Danielle Ralic ’09, public relations director for the Art Club. “Now that the roses have gone, leaving thousands of loving hearts gladdened, we’re exploring the potential for trips that include spiritual journeys, culinary tours, cultural experiences, service opportunities and more.”
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Correction: Survey Story Headline
The headline for the Feb. 1 Chronicle front page story on two recently completed surveys of the University community should have read: “Employee, Student Surveys Show Overall Satisfaction with BC.” Chronicle regrets the error.
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By Greg Frost / Staff Writer

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Campus Energy Conservation Update

University Looks to Build on Successful Campaign

A competition that encourages undergraduate residents to reduce electricity usage and a state-of-the-art control system that uses the Internet to help monitor building energy conditions are two of the latest components of Boston College’s ongoing conservation efforts.

A year after the campaign’s successful debut, through which the University saved close to $2 million, BC administrators are at the forefront of implementing new programs and technologies to help reduce energy consumption, ease pollution and save money.

"There are a number of reasons to conserve including avoiding costs and therefore allowing us to spend more directly on academic or student programs, and being good stewards of our environment," said Executive Vice President Mike Mackay, BC’s energy campaign chair.

Manning reiterated some of the more common, and effective, energy conservation measures: turning off computers at night, shutting down monitors, switching off unused lights and unplugging unused cell phone chargers.

"Seemingly small tasks when replicated by thousands of people on campus every day really make a difference," she said.

BC’s energy campaign will get a boost today due to the University reprising last year’s successful competition to promote conservation among students living on campus.

Residence halls will compete against each other to see which group can incur the lowest percentage of electricity usage on a per student basis through April 15. New meters that were installed in every campus residence hall provide data on how much electricity is being used and when, said Manning.

Last year’s contest, held on Newton Campus, was won by Harley-Cushing residence hall, which cut usage by nearly 11 percent.

"We believe that more students will want to help us conserve once they are aware of the impact their usage has on the environment," said Manning, noting that a screening of the documentary *An Inconvenient Truth* last fall drew crowds of several hundred students.

Meanwhile, the implementation of an Internet-based system that allows managers to get climate readings in every campus building is underway. The "direct digital control" system – now in use in about half of the campus buildings – allows facilities managers in St. Cletus’ Hall to get a real-time graphic representation of the floor plan of any building as well as a status report that includes a climate reading.

In addition, new lighting will be installed shortly in McGuinn and Campion halls will reduce energy consumption by 45 to 50 percent, improve color rendition and increase illumination. The 500,000 kWh saved each year is the equivalent of 661,260 lbs of avoided greenhouse gases.

A similar project undertaken in the campus parking garages resulted in increased lighting quality and a 40 percent drop in electricity usage – the equivalent of taking 48 passenger cars off the road, said Manning.

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Former Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculties John J. Neuhauser, currently a University Professor at BC, has been appointed president of Saint Michael’s College and will assume his new position effective July 1.

Neuhauser, who also served for 22 years as dean of the Carroll School of Management, will be the 16th president of Saint Michael’s, a liberal arts residential Catholic college in Colches- ter, Vt.

"While I very much look forward to the new challenge of Saint Michael’s, leaving Boston College will be the hardest thing I have ever done," said Neuhaus- er last week. "My friends and my kids are largely in the area and this is an institution I have spent a lifetime coming to know. One just does not pick up stakes and head out of town. Most of what I have learned — and some would say not much — I have learned on these old stones from faculty, administrators and staff, for all of whom I have great af- fection and respect.

"It has been a great blessing to be able to walk across campus and always know a person coming in the opposite direction, to find myself at an alumni event and have had a large number of the individuals in class, even to attend a budget committee meeting with old and wise friends in attendance. I’ve learned a lot here; I hope it is enough."

During Neuhauser’s tenure as AVP from 1999 to 2005, BC strengthened its place among the top 40 national universities as ranked by *US News & World Report*. The University also re- corded dramatic rises in external funding for research and spon- sored projects and undergraduate applications, breaking the 20,000 barrier in each of Neuhauser’s five years, and saw an increase in prestigious post-graduate fel- lowship awards to BC students — including the University’s first-ever Rhodes Scholarship winners in 2003.

As CSOM dean, Neuhauser was credited with raising the un- dergraduate program to top-40 status among American business schools and recruiting distin- guished faculty members — in- cluding Alicia Mannell, Edward Kane and Wayne Ferson — to hold endowed chairs. He is also credited with helping to establish the Boston College Chief Execu- tives’ Club, recognized as the top speaking club for business execu- tives in the United States.

Neuhauser first came to Bos- ton College in 1969 as an as- sistant professor of computer science, and held several posi- tions within CSOM. He was the founding chair of the Computer Science Department and became CSOM dean in 1977.

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Fr. Giolitti appointed Wheeling Jesuit president, p. 7
An online version of the course has been through the regular curriculum and the course management WebCT to offer international students who seek post-master's degree teaching credentials. These measures leave her house at 4:50 a.m., each day to make it to the Pool by 6 a.m.

“My one hour of swimming is so important to me,” she says. “That’s my time, and it’s why I love the Swim Instructor Program — it gets me moving and it makes it fun.”

Last semester, Holmes set Portsmouth, N.H., as her goal. She ended up swimming more than 75 miles easily surpassing the 51 miles between Boston and Portsmouth.

Holmes says swimming also helps protect her body from the effects of osteoporosis, which has caused her a few broken bones in recent years. Still, there is a downside to all those laps in the pool. “I have these new biceps that get in the way — I can’t wear my old jackets because of these,” she says, flexing her arms with a chuckle. “Oh well. I must be doing something right.”

Faculty Make Commitment to Technology

For two BC employees, the quest for a healthy life is going swimmingly

BY GREG FROST
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Last semester, Controller’s Office staff member Mary Pohlman worked into the pool at a BC Recreation Center and swam from Boston all the way to Maine. Her colleague, Barbara Holmes, swam to New Hampshire.

“Huh!”

Both women belong to the RecPlex’s Swim Incentive Program, which gives swimmers an extra kick by translating their cumulative pool laps to real-world distances.

Caitriona Taylor, aquatics manager at the RecPlex, introduced the program several years ago as a way to motivate swimmers by fostering friendly competition and alleviating the tedium of swimming laps.

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Owens says many of these developments are the result of long-term University investments aimed at readying BC to accommodate ever-changing technologies. Projects such as the development of a campus wireless network and the upgrade and renovation of most classrooms to accommodate laptop computers, projectors and other technologies are now paying dividends, thanks to the efforts of Information Technology Services.

Similarly, an investment in services has provided faculty with support needed to enhance the use of technology in teaching. The development of Instructional Design and eTeaching Services, an initiative of the University Provost, is aimed at assisting instructors who integrate technology into their teaching through consultation, training, research, and project management.

“Right now we are doing about 20 to 40 projects per year to help faculty use technology in teach- ing,” said Instructional Design and eTeaching Services Director Eliza- beth Clark, who noted that about 60 percent of BC faculty members make use of WebCT.

Instructional Design and eTeaching Services has enabled BC to lend further support, as well as promote faculty education and recognition, through a series of events such as the annual “eTeaching Day” and the regularly scheduled “eTeaching Luncheon” series, as well as annual summer workshops. Faculty members who demonstrate particularly innovative use of technology are selected by students to receive “Teaching with New Media Awards” each year.

Owens said BC’s use of technol- ogy in teaching has been aided by a grant from the Davis Foundation, which was used to underwrite a program in conjunction with the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program on enhanced pedagogy and technology.

Owens stressed that while technology is certainly worth the invest- ment, it is only a means to a more important end: a productive, mean- ingful higher education experience. “The faculty and students will always be of primary importance,” said Owens. “Technology is just a tool to help us enhance that relation- ship.”

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For their part, BC students are coming to campus increasingly well-prepared, knowledgeable and equipped — to make use of some technologies which are increas- ingly ubiquitous parts of their lives both inside and outside the class- room.

An online version of Child Devel- opment is available at www.black- well-synergy.com/duiside.

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About 25 BC female athlete alumnus spoke to current student-athletes at the Council for Women’s BC event in the Yankee Center. (Photo by Rose Lincoln)

Alumni Networking

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a career in a particular field,” says Career Center Director Theresa Harrigan. “But the common fac- tor is, they are also Boston College graduates who want to give some- thing back to students. It helps to create that great feeling of BC community.”

Diane Coletti, CSOM ’81, the founder, president and CEO of Prestonwoods Associates, an ex- ecutive search firm, and a mem- ber of the Technology Council was chair of the Tech Council program.

“The vision that we are trying to bring to the students is connectiv- ity and the understanding that you don’t have to be an engineer to work in technology ventures,” she said. “Our panels show all of the different avenues of career pursuits and how successful these people have been in the field with their degrees in finance, fine arts, marketing and others.

While there are necessarily scien- tists or engineers, but we all are business people who have accom- plishments in helping technology companies grow and thrive and sell and get funded,” she said. “There is a path in the technology world if you choose to go that route.”

Sally Driscoll ’89, a former BC golfer and hockey and softball player, and Susanne Troy Cole ’84, who lettered in lacrosse, served as co-chairs of the Council for Women’s networking connec- tion program, “Eagles2Eagles.”

“We wanted to establish a rela- tionship between female alumni and current female student-ath- letes so that we could help them transition into post-graduation life,” she said. “That means a lot of things to different people — it’s career, it’s family, it’s your power of influence and it’s how to be happy doing all of these things.”

“We brought together about 25 graduate student-athletes,” added Cole, “who were so excited to come and meet these young women. This is a chance for us to take one step further in helping these undergraduates so that when they go out into the workforce they too will want to come back and share what they have done and learned over the years.”

Kia McNeill ’08, a human de- velopment major in the Lynch School of Education and a member of the Boston College soccer team, said that the event was a great help in planning her future after graduation. “We don’t have a National Football League to go to, so we are up in the air right now about what we want to do,” she said. “This is a wonderful op- portunity.”

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In the Bully Pulpit

CSON’s Judith Vessey has built her career around helping kids who need extra care. Now she’s taken on a new challenge: bullies

BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN 
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Judith Vessey, one of the country’s top nursing researchers in pediatrics, has a confession to make. As a nurse in training, she hated her pediatrics rotation.

It wasn’t the kids she didn’t like, she is quick to explain, but the way that health care was delivered to children, especially those in hospital settings.

“There was no good pain management for children and parents’ involvement was very limited,” says Vessey, who is a Lelia Holden Carroll Professor at the Connell School of Nursing. “The whole set-up was rigid and very regimental. I felt something was wrong with the system.”

Children and their families can be glad Vessey stuck it out in pediatrics, for her distinguished career has been dedicated to the care and well-being of children, especially those with chronic conditions.

Vessey says an estimated 30 percent of children have chronic conditions that require constant monitoring and care, from illnesses such as diabetes to behavioral conditions such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, to developmental conditions like autism. The motivating force behind all her work as a nurse researcher is the quest to “keep kids with chronic conditions the healthiest — physically, psychologically and socially — they can be.”

Now, Vessey has her sights on another all-too-common scourge of childhood: bullying. Through her work, which has included heading up a national study on children who are particularly vulnerable to harassment, Vessey is determined to send the message that constant taunting and aggravation is a threat to healthy development.

“No, Vessey has her sights on another all-too-common scourge of childhood: bullying. Through her work, which has included heading up a national study on children who are particularly vulnerable to harassment, Vessey is determined to send the message that constant taunting and aggravation is a threat to healthy development. "You know the saying, ‘There are three kinds of people: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who ask what happened?’ says Vessey. "I would have never received the opportunity to do my research had it not been for people like Professor Vessey. "Judi is an amazing mentor,” said Vessey’s former Undergraduate Research Fellow Karyn McGowan, CSN ‘06, who co-authored a book chapter with Vessey. "She really cares about her students and wants them to excel. I have never had a teacher who has wanted me to achieve success and who believed in me the way Professor Vessey did and still continues to today."

“I would have never received the opportunities that I did if I didn’t work with Judi,” continued McGowan, who landed a job in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. “She not only helped me learn about research but she helped me to be a more confident person both in and out of the workplace. She is the essence of caring professionalism. I can never repay her for all that she has done for me.”

Pedinetrics is not Vessey’s only area of expertise. A Wellesley resident, she is working with local officials on that community’s response to emergencies, a task to which she brings 30 years or more of experience as a volunteer disaster nurse for the American Red Cross. She has aided victims of house fires and, during the late 1970s and early 1980s, worked on the re-settlement of Southeast Asian immigrants.

These accomplishments earned her a service award from the American Red Cross.

Vessey will not forget the last time she was called into action as a disaster nurse — Sept. 11, 2001. She was en route from Boston to New York City by rail when news of the first attack on the World Trade Center literally stopped her train in its tracks as it neared the city. Vessey and her fellow passengers watched the second airplane hit the other twin tower.

She and the others were eventually led into an evacuated Penn Station under heavy security — “That’s when it became frightening,” she acknowledges. But her nursing instincts kicked in and she started getting ready for a day of trage. Unfortunately, Vessey recalls, the mortality and morbidity rates at the World Trade Center on 9/11 were reversed from more “typical” disasters. The fatalities far outnumbered the injured persons.

Her experiences with disaster preparation and relief are why her basement contains a two-week supply of provisions for herself and her beloved cats, Macavity and Allergen.

No Rite of Passage

Vessey wants to make it clear that she’s not out to completely alter human interaction. Good-natured, light-hearted teasing, she says, has always been part of life, whether in school, at the playground or the workplace.

But society, Vessey says, needs to get the message that bullying is not simply a childhood rite of passage and that without intervention, bullying can have a lasting impact on children’s development.

Vessey says there is a significant difference between bullying and what might be considered normal aggressive behavior among children. Bullying involves a child deliberately and persistently exerting power over another, with intent to cause physical or emotional harm.

While physical bullying is more obvious, emotional bullying is more common, says Vessey. Shaming, the victim, spreading rumors, name-calling or making threats are all forms of emotional bullying. Because bullying does not usually happen in front of the teachers, Vessey says, all other school-related personnel — from bus drivers to custodians to cafeteria workers — need to be educated about the problem and how to prevent it.

“Zero-tolerance policies on bullying don’t work. It drives the problem underground,” said Vessey. “Kids don’t want to report other kids for minor infractions because the punishment is seen as too high of a price to pay. Parents who are concerned about their kid’s behavior won’t ask the school for help.”

“A lot has changed since Columbine. Before the school killings in Columbine, a lot of schools did not have formal policies on how to handle bullying. Now most schools have rules and try to follow the best practices guidelines for bullying prevention.”

This facet of Vessey’s work is part of her wider concern for the overall health of all school-age children. “I worked with [Former US Surgeon General] Jocelyn Elders when I lived in Arkansas. She has a great quote that I love: ‘You can’t educate a child who isn’t healthy, and you can’t keep a child healthy who isn’t educated.’”

In 2005, Vessey put that motto into practice when she helped to create the Massachusetts School Nurse Research Network (MASNRR), a collaborative of the Massachusetts School Nurses Organization, the state’s Department of Public Health’s School Health Unit, and the Connell School. It is the first practice-based research network dedicated to school nursing, and one of only a few nurse-led practice-based research networks, in the country. MASNRR has about 75 members representing some 60 school districts statewide.

“The network has been very positive,” said Marie DeSisto, director of nurses for Waltham Public Schools, which have been involved in MASNRR projects on student asthma, bullying and influenza vaccination.

“School nurses are very isolated. They don’t work in facilities where there are medical libraries, and access to nursing research and evidence-based practice methods, although very much desired, is something that just wasn’t available.”

“The network lets me bring my love, research and school health, together,” Vessey said. “Massachusetts is a leader in school nursing. This network can help school nurses maximize their level of practice. School nurses are so important. When so many children do not have health insurance or adequate health care, school nurses are the great equalizers.”

While serving as a research consultant for the National Association of School Nurses, Vessey contributed to “Stop Bullying Now,” a national campaign that provides information about bullying and bullying prevention. Students, parents and school personnel can visit the campaign’s Web site to read a question-and-answer column about bullying and watch videos that depict bullying scenarios followed up by questions for the viewer.

One growing concern, says Vessey, is cyberbullying, where youngsters use the Internet or camera phones to send harmful images or text, e-mail and instant messages, and post hurtful or untrue
Lynch Is New Head for 10-Year-Old Irish Institute

BY REID DULIN
STAFF WRITER

Niamh Lynch presented some impressive credentials for her new job as director of the Boston College Irish Institute, a position she accepted in April. A native of Ireland, she earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Boston College, taught history at the college level, and even served as interim managing director of BC-Ireland’s offices in Dublin.

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But the event featured more than just talk. Participants were required to generate proposals for pilot projects that would translate research to student forma- tion into concrete programs in student life and academics.

A review board considered all the proposals from the group and de- cided to fund two.

The first proposal, devised by Associate Dean of Students Paul Chabotar, Assistant Director for Student Formation Christopher Darcy and Associate Director of Residence Life Justin Price, would reach out to first- or second-year students on a retreat where they would help them think about making decisions about their future. The second proposal, to be presented by Assistant Professor Kevin O’Neill, who says “taught one not to be afraid of starting with an idea and building something concrete around it.”

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Fr. Giulietti Is Choice to Lead Wheeling Jesuit Univ.

Rev. Julio Giulietti, SJ, director of Boston College’s Center for Ig-
nition Spirituality, has been named the eighth president of Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia.

Fr. Giulietti, who will assume his duties in Wheeling in mid-August, oversees a number of spiritual en-
richment and formation programs at BC, and also has more than 25 years of experience in working with international programs and higher education. He has taught in the Theology Department, helped design the inter-departmental aca-
demic minor in Faith, Peace and Justice and prepared and placed graduating students for two years of service in South America and the Middle East through the Bos-
ton College International Volunteer Program.

He has also coordinated the popu-
lar “Ignition” programs that have introduced the history and mission of the Jesuit educational tradition to hundreds of BC stu-
dents, faculty and staff members.

Vice President for University Mission and Ministry Joseph Apple-
sky, SJ, said, “Having worked with Julio for the past five years, I know how well he deals with people, how

Forum on Catholic Women Feb. 26

The panel discussion “Called to Be Catholic: Religious Practices that Nourish Women’s Spirituality,” part of an ongoing series on the role of women in the Catholic Church sponsored by the Church in the 21st Century Center of Boston College, will be held Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Heights Room of Corcoran Commons.

Panelists will be Asst. Prof. Nancy Pineda-Madriz (Theology), a faculty member in the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry; Campus Ministry Sister Mary Sweeney, SC, and BEEP alumna Kate Carter.

For more information, see www.bc.edu/library21/programs/series/serieswomen/ or call ext.2-0470.

Documentary on Dorothy Day Will Be Screened on Feb. 28

The Life of one of America’s most famous, and unusual, Cath-
olic social activists is chronicled in the documentary “Dorothy: Day, Don’t Call Me a Saint,” which will be screened Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. in McGuinn 121.

Day, a journalist for Marxist papers and member of the Ind-
ustrial Workers of the World, became embroiled in various so-
cial issues and controversies of the 1920s, often winding up in jail as a result. In her mid-30s, she converted to Catholicism and cofounded the Catholic Worker newspaper that spawned a move-
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ion to inner-city education on March 13 at the annual scholarship dinner and benefit auction for the St. Aloysius School, a pre-K-through 8th grade archdiocesan Jesuit-style school in Harlem. Comedian Mo Rocca will be emcee at the dinner, which is being held at The Hilton New York.

Newsmakers

Clarey Professor of Finance Edward Kane offered remarks to Bloomberg News for a story on the resignation of a Federal Reserve official.

Monan Professor of Higher Education Philip Altbach, director of BC’s Center for International Higher Education, was interviewed by Nature for a special report on short-term faculty employment patterns around the world.

Research Prof. Erwin Blumer (LSOE) was quoted by the Boston Globe regarding missing compensa-
tion for Metro West school admin-
istrators.

Prof. Ellen Winner (Psychology) was quoted by the Wall Street Jour-
urnal regarding child prodigies and teen golfer Michelle Wie.

•Research Assoc. Prof. Eric Strauss (Biology), director of Boston College’s Environmental Studies Program, was featured in the Boston Globe for his work in bringing environmental science to schools.

•Center on Wealth and Philanthropy Research Assoc. Prof. Paul Schervish (Sociology) was interviewed by the Richmond Times-Dispatch regarding charitable giving.

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and University Historian Thomas O’Connor were interviewed by New England Cable News about the legacy of the late Rev. Robert Drinan, SJ, a former dean of the Boston College Law School.

•Prof. Sharleene Heese-Biber (Soci-
ology) spoke with the Christian Science Monitor regarding the “glass ceiling” in corporate America.

•Prof. Marc Landy (Political Science) offered his assessment of the Bush Administration in in-
terviews with Bloomberg News and New England Cable News in advance of President Bush’s State of the Union address.

•The Weston Observatory was featured in the spring edition of Wellesley/Weston Magazine.

Publications

•Assoc. Prof. Jeffrey Cohen (CSOM) published “The Effect of Perceived Fairness on Opportunis-
tic Behavior,” in Contemporary Ac-

Grants

•Drucker Professor of Manage-
ment Sciences Alicia Munnell: $2,678,400; Social Security Administration, “The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College – Annual Work Plan Fiscal Year 2006.”

•Prof. Kevin Mahoney (GSSW): $799,923, Department of Health and Human Services, “Cahs, and Counseling: Next Steps”; $251,004, Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, “National State to State Technical Assistance Pro-
gram for Community Living.”

•Vandercamille Millennium Profes-
sor of Chemistry Amir Hoveyda: $250,995, Massachusetts Insti-
tute of Technology: “Design and Synthesis of Chiral MO-based Catalysts.”

•Lynch School of Education facult-
ity members Prof. Ina Mullins and Research Prof. Michael Martin: $150,000, International Associa-
tion for the Evaluation of Educa-
tional Achievement, “TIMSS Advanced (2008).”

•Prof. Marc Landy (Political Sci-
ence): $126,289, National Endow-
mont for the Humanities, “En-
countering John Adams: Braintree and Boston.”

•Prof. Michael Graf (Physics): $60,118, Howard University, “Study of Fermi Surface of Bic-
muth Nanowires.”

•Prof. Zhifeng Ren (Physics): NanoLab, Inc., “PbTe/PbThepero-
mellectric Nanocomposites for Cooling.”

•Center on Wealth and Philanthro-
py Director Prof. Paul Schervish (Sociology): $5,000, Cheek Chase Trust, “The Washington D.C.-
metropolitan Area Wealth Transfer Study.”

•Clare Booth Luce Professor of Computer Science Xingxing Yu: $116,768; Computer Science, “Clare Booth Luce Professorship.”

Time and a Half

•Prof. Ana Martinez-Aleman (LSOE) presented “Gender, Fac-
ulty Productivity, and the Cor-
poratization of American Higher Education” at the Gender and Women’s Studies 25th Anniversary Speaker Series at Grinnell College in Grinnell, IA.

•Breanna Professor of Education Andy Hargreaves delivered “The Persistence of Presenstism and the Struggle for Sustainable School Improvement” at the London Institute of Education in England. He also led a team for the Organi-
zation for Economic Cooperation and Development to Finland to investigate the relationship between leadership, school improvement, and educational performance. The report from Hargreaves’ team will be published later this year.

•Asst. Prof. Janet Bell (Com-
munication) presented the keynote address for the Illinois State University Black History Month kickoff event.

Deaths

•Former Assistant Budget Direc-
tor Pearl Mottmar ’76, died Jan. 27 in Brookville, Fla. Donations in her memory may be made to: Hernando Paco Hospice, 12260 Cortez Blvd., Brookville, Fl. 34613.

Jobs

•Research Associate, Center for Retirement Research (2 posi-
tions)

•Associate Director of Reunions, Law School

•Architectural Designer, Facilities Management

•Science Librarian/Bibliographer, O’Neill Library

•Third Cook, Dining Services

For more information on employ-
ment at Boston College, see www.
bc.edu/bcjobs

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**READINGS•LECTURES•DISCUSSION**

Feb. 15  •  “White Privilege: Really a Privilege?” with Learning to Learn Director Dan Bunch, and Learning Skills Advisor Patricia Gentilella, 10:00 a.m., McGlohy Conference Room, call ext.2-8532, email: employee.development@bc.edu.

Feb. 16  •  •Cardinal Women’s Discussion Group, 12 p.m., Women’s Resource Center, McGlohy 141, call ext.2-8532, email: employee.development@bc.edu. This event repeats each Friday.

Feb. 17  •  Bradley Lecture Series: “On Hobbes’s Hope Regarding Religion,” presented by Prof. J. Judd Owen, Emory University, 4 p.m., McGuinn 121, Buffet dinner and discussion follow, RSVP by February 12, call ext.2-4144, email: geos@bc.edu.

Feb. 19  •  •“Secularism and Cultural Shift in Contemporary Ireland,” presented by 2006-2007 Burns Scholar Tom Garvin, of University College, Dublin, 4 p.m., Connolly House, email: elizabeth.sullivan.3@bc.edu.

Feb. 20  •  •“Religious Pluralism without Relativism” with Raphael Josep, Bar Ilan University, Israel, 4 p.m., 5th Floor Lounge, call ext.2-4945, email: cjearning@bc.edu.

Feb. 21  •  •“The Significance of Jerusalem in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam” with Raphael Josep, Bar Ilan University, Israel, 7:30 p.m., Heritage Commons, call ext.2-4945, email: cjearning@bc.edu.

Feb. 22  •  •“Black Ops: Terrorism, Pop Culture, and the Raced Body” with African and African Diaspora Studies Program Director Prof. Cynthia Young (English), 12:30 p.m., Lyons 301, email: mcateerm@bc.edu.

Feb. 23  •  •Bradley Lecture Series: “On Friendship and the Dile,” presented by Claudia Barachii, New School University, 4:30 p.m., Higgins 300, email: kellynm@bc.edu.

**MUSIC-ART-PERFORMANCE**

Feb. 18  •  •“Rewind to Remember” Chinese Students’ Association and Korean Students’ Association 7th Annual Culture Show, 7 p.m., Robsham Theater, email: mooney@bc.edu.

Feb. 17  •  University Wind Ensemble presents “Dances” 8 p.m., Gas- son 106, call ext.2-3018, email: bands@bc.edu.

Feb. 18  •  •Boston College Symphony Orchestra with Assistant Conductor Prof. John P. Murray, S.J., 7:30 p.m., Gasson 100, call ext.2-0470, email: concerts@bc.edu.

Feb. 21  •  •Schubertiade — A Celebration of Franz Schubert’s “Rosamunde” theme — and D minor, “Death and the Maiden.”

Feb. 22  •  •“Black Promesse,” 7 p.m., Devin 026, call ext.2-8100, email: atrorum@bc.edu.

Feb. 23  •  •“A Schubertiade” was the name coined by Schubert’s friends for a network began. “She is very approachable,” says a colleague, Vessey, who is as thoughtful as she is enthusiastic. “Judi is someone who can or- dent any role as kind of an investiga- tor for the National Institute of Nursing Research-funded proj- ect. “The Development of CATS: Child-Adolescent Tasting Scale.” The team studied middle school- age children in a variety of settings across the country and developed a measure for identifying children and adolescents at-risk for chronic teasing and bullying.

Creating “A Happy Place for People” Recently, Vessey learned of powerful example of the success of her residency program in one local community. A parent of a middle school child with a physical dis- ability contacted Vessey to tell her that her child had been the victim of bullying during a soccer game. Her child’s teammate intervened and told the opposing player/bully to stop his behavior. Then the child’s teammate approached the opposing team’s coach and told him what was going on. The parent wrote to Vessey: “My son told me that he felt great to have other teammates surround- ing him and being on his side. I can’t think of anything that would make me prouder than to have a son like [the teammate who inter- vented] who would take this kind of leadership. It demonstrated caring, responsibility and true friendship. I hope that you will share the results of the study with the other schools. It’s working!”

Vessey says, “Judi has shown a lot of leadership and a lot of courage [in help- ing to form this network]. It is to- tally new and different. No one else in the country is doing anything like this. We have created a blueprint for other states to model.”

Music Department to Present a “Schubertiade”

He was only 31 when he died, but during his career Franz Schubert composed more than 950 works, approximately 600 of them songs, in- cluding the Great C Major Symphony, the “Wanderer Fantasie” sonata and the quartets in A minor — with its variations on the well known “Rosamunde” theme — and D minor, “Death and the Maiden.”

The Boston College Music Department will offer a Schubertiade, or celebration of Schubert, on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 4:15 p.m., that features an all-undergraduate ensemble: David Heighington (violin); Louise Rafft (viola); Catherine Yoo (cello); Sekai Edwards (double bass); Aengus Kerrin (piano) and Eileen Walsh (vocals).

“A Schubertiade” was the name coined by Schubert’s friends for concerts of his music organized on his behalf — especially toward the end of his life when he was ill.” says part-time faculty member Sandra Hebert (Music), who is director of the ensemble. “His birthday was Jan. 31, so this is an appropriate time of year for such an occasion.”

The centerpiece of the concert, Hebert notes, will be a performance of Schubert’s famous “Tout Quartet,” the popular name for his cham- ber music piece that he based on an earlier song composition of his, “Die Forelle,” set to a poem by Christian Friedrich Daniel Schubert.

Reynolds Family Visits Campus for a Night of Irish Music Feb. 28

The Gaelic Roots Music, Song, Dance, Workshop and Lecture Se- ries will welcome to campus Bos- ton College’s family of Irish trad- itional music, the Reynolds family, for a concert on Feb. 28 from 7-9 p.m. in Connolly House.

“I felt privileged and ra- dio personality Larry Reynolds, a County Galway native who emi- grated to Boston in 1953, the Reyn- ols family has been integral to the popular of Irish traditional music in New England. A mainstay of Boston’s storied Irish dance hall era, Larry Reynolds has for decades played a strong leadership and or- ganizational role in the Irish music, song and dance gene. Larry’s sons Larry Jr. (accordian), Michael (ac- cordion, vocal, guitar) and Sean (guitar) have further major con- tributed themselves, thus helping ensure a bright future for the Irish tradition.

For more information, call ext.2- 3938, or e-mail irish@bc.edu.

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**PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES**

—• Men’s Basketball vs. North Carolina State, 2 p.m., Conte Forum.

—• Women’s Basketball vs. UMass-Lowell, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

—• “Women’s Basketball vs. Virginia Tech, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.