BC Team Sees Alternative Brain Cancer Therapy

High fat, low carb diet approach ‘safe and effective’

BY GREG FROST STAFF WRITER

Boston College biologists have identified an alternative, diet-based method of treating brain cancer that does not involve administering toxic chemicals, radiation or invasive surgery.

The biologists found that KetoCal, a commercially available high-fat, low-carbohydrate diet designed to treat epilepsy in children, can significantly decrease the growth of brain tumors in laboratory mice. Moreover, the diet significantly enhanced health and survival rates relative to mice in control groups who consumed a standard low-fat, high-carbohydrate diet.

The findings were based on a study published last week in the online journal Nutrition & Metabolism.

“KetoCal represents a novel alternative therapy for malignant brain cancer,” said Prof. Thomas Seyfried (Biology), who conceived and supervised the study. “While the tumors did not vanish in the mice who received the strict KetoCal diet, they got significantly smaller and the animals lived significantly longer. And compared to radiation, chemotherapy and surgery, KetoCal is a relatively inexpensive treatment option.”

Malignant brain cancer is one of the most lethal types of cancer in adults and is the second leading cause of cancer death in children. Many current ways of treating the disease fail to provide long-term management because they ineffectively target tumor cells and harm the health and vitality of normal brain cells.

The KetoCal diet gets around this dilemma by essentially starving the brain tumor cells of the sugar molecules on which they rely for growth and survival. Because of its special composition, the diet deprives the tumor cells of the glucose they need: at the same time, the diet provides normal brain cells with ketones, a class of organic compounds they can metabolize effectively but the tumor cells cannot.

In their experiment, the BC team surgically implanted two brain tumor tumors in the left and right sides of mouse brains. As soon as the tumors appeared, the researchers divided the mice into three groups: control, KetoCal diet and Calorie restricted (20% fewer calories). The tumor size was measured weekly and these groups were compared.

The tumor volume in the control group increased at a rate of 15% per week, but in the KetoCal and Calorie restricted groups, the increase was reduced to 8% and 7% respectively.

“We expected that the KetoCal diet would have a beneficial effect on the growth of brain tumors,” said Prof. Thomas Seyfried (Biology), at far right, with his research team (L-R): Research Technician and lead proposal writer Weihua Zhou MS’06, doctoral student John Mantis (at keyboard); consultant Jeremy Marsh ’08 and Adj. Research Asst. Prof. Purna Mukherjee (Biology).

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—Thomas Seyfried

First Interviews Held in Dean Search

The University’s search for a new College of Arts and Sciences dean continues on track, with a successor to current dean Joseph Quinn likely to be in place by the fall semester.

Working with the Witt/Kieffer search firm, the A&S dean search committee received more than 50 applications from a national pool and brought leading candidates to campus for preliminary interviews in early February. A smaller pool has emerged from this group and will be the focus of the committee’s activities.

“Work has a great deal of interest in the deanship. BC and the College of Arts and Sciences are currently unique in attracting the leadership we are searching for,” said Senior Vice President and Academic Dean William Neuman, S’73, chair of the search committee.

“We had a great deal of interest in the deanship. BC and the College of Arts and Sciences are very attractive because of our image as a university on the move. I think I can speak for the committee and say that we feel confident that the search will end in the selection of an outstanding dean.”

—Office of Public Affairs

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By Sean Smith

Chiozzi is co-leading a spring break service trip to North Carolina. (Photo by Suzanne Comarata)

Ready for the Ride

The journey to a spring break service trip begins long before students board the bus

BY SEAN SMITH CHRONICLE EDITOR

This Saturday, Boston College seniors Paul Chiozzi and Shannon Keating, along with 20 fellow BC students, will begin the last leg of a journey that, in essence, began about four months ago.

First, the group, as well as a few dozen more fellow undergraduates, will board a bus in front of the Flynn Recreation Complex and take a good long ride (more than 11 hours) to Raleigh, NC. From there, the 22 will continue on to Aberdeen, a town of less than 4,000 located about 100 miles east of Charlotte.

For the coming week, Aberdeen will be home to Chiozzi, Keating and this contingent of students in BC’s Appalachia Volunteers program for whom the two are serving as team leaders. The group will work with Habitat for Humanity to construct houses for families in Aberdeen, where almost 14 percent of residents live below the poverty line.

The remainder of the 650 Appalachia Volunteers participants will scatter far and wide across the country, from urban centers to rural coal mining towns, Cleveland to Biloxi, Miss. More BC students will spend the week volunteering in the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa and elsewhere abroad through other service programs.

Spring break service trips, whether to sites in the United States or other countries, have become a staple of the college experience, at BC and elsewhere. But as Chiozzi and Keating know, the popularity of such activities among students does not diminish their significance or value, nor change a basic premise: Those who choose to serve will not likely see the world in quite the same way.

For Appalachia Volunteer participants to get to that point, however, requires considerable preparation: weekly group discussions; learning about the area where they’ll be working; fundraising to cover travel expenses — the program raised a total of $320,000 this year for that purpose — and no small amount of personal reflection on the whole meaning of service.

“We say from the beginning that this is a year-long commitment,” says Chiozzi, “and we mean it.”

Chiozzi, a communication major from Andover, has been on several Appalachian trips and considers them to be some of the best times he’s had. “I’ve found that my most meaningful experiences are when I learn something new while I’m serving in a community. Whether it’s about the ways in which Habitat for Humanity works as an organization, or how a family lives day to day, or even getting to know a fellow BC student outside of the college setting, my Appalachia trips have been unique and meaningful.”

So, this year, Chiozzi felt it was time to add another facet to his Appalachian Volunteers experience. “I decided that I understood the Appalachia program well enough and knew I was passionate enough about service that I could be an effective trip leader.”

As trip leaders, Chiozzi and Keating are responsible for handling the money and logistical parts of the trip, as well as leading nightly reflection and discussion sessions that take place during the visit.

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Working overtime

It’s been nearly four years since the Boston College Dance Marathon debuted, with 165 dancers and a support team of 60 volunteers and 90 “moralers,” plus 100 volunteers, among them University President William P. Leahy, SJ. The 2003 edition raised more than $28,000 to aid the Boston Basma Center for Children’s Rights in Tanzania.

Organizers are gearing up for the fifth Dance Marathon, to be held from noon to midnight on March 24, with proceeds benefitting the Franciscan Children’s Home in Boston. A new focus is also being brought to the campus community to get involved in a variety of ways.

“We are really hoping to make this event a tradition that the community looks forward to each year,” says co-executive director Dan Gayton ’07. “We have made some big changes this year to help it fit better within the BC community. The event is now

from noon to midnight on a Saturday, as opposed to overnight from Friday to Saturday. We hope this will encourage more people to participate and to visit, since it is during the day. This will also allow the hospital to have a greater presence at the event.”

Dancers are “the heart of the marathon,” says co-executive director Lauren Wognar ’07, but also needed are “moralers,” who provide valuable motivation and encouragement for the dancers during the long hours. Other volunteer jobs, such as set-up, food service and hospitality, also are available.

Several campus performance groups will provide entertainment during the marathon, too, says Wognar and Gayton.

Registration for the BC Dance Marathon goes through March 15, and can be completed through the event’s Web site at www.bc.edu/dance/marathon/—Office of Public Affairs

Matter at hand

The McIlhenney Museum of Art has a highly acclaimed exhibition of Belgian Modern art in place now, but its next show has already been drawn considerable attention, and some controversy, about some of the works to be displayed.

On Sept. 1, the museum will present “Pollock Matters,” which explores the personal and artistic relationship between famed American abstract expressionist painter Jackson Pollock and noted Swiss-born photographer and graphic designer Herbert Matter.

Included in the exhibition will be 25 recently discovered experimental works found in 2002 by Herbert Matter’s son in a storage facility belonging to his late father. The paintings — although identified as “Jackson Pollock works” by an inscription in Herbert Matter’s hand — have been the subject of controversy, scientific study, and scholarly analysis, and have generated significant media attention.

The storm over the Pollock Matters paintings was described in a recent Boston Sunday Globe story [www.boston.com/as/theater_articles/2007/02/18/did_herbie_forged_her_biz/], which also touched on the McIlhenney Museum’s decision to go ahead with the exhibition despite the discord.

McIlhenney Museum Director Prof. Nancy Netzer (Fine Arts) says, “The exhibition will focus on ‘the state of the question,’ not on

the authenticity of the paintings. One of the aims of the exhibition will be to bring together present and past to the public all the known ‘possibly conflicting’ evidence concerning the attribution of the newly discovered paintings.

“We hope that the high-profile discovery of these works generates public interest in this exhibition and encourages further research by other scholars who have not yet seen the works.”

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Committee formed to organize CIT project events and activities

BY SEAN SMITH CHRONICLE EDITOR

Boston College’s Catholic Intellectual Tradition (CIT) project has been strengthened by the recent formation of a committee to organize events and activities in support of the initiative.

The CIT project will support and encourage explorations of how BC’s programs and activities reflect its Jesuit, Catholic character, and assess the opportunities — and obstacles — for strengthening it.

University Provost and Dean of Faculty Paul Preda, who launched the three-year initiative last fall, announced the appointment of the following faculty and administrators to the CIT committee, which is chaired by Prof. James Keenan, SJ (Theology): Prof. Ali Banuazizi (Psychology), James Keenan, SJ (Theology), Prof. Ray Madoff (Law), Prof. Judith McMorrow (Law), Assoc. Prof. David Quigley (History) and Prof. Alan Wolfe (Political Science), director of the Bosi Center for Religion and American Public Life.

The committee met twice last month and plans to convene again after next week’s spring break, said Fr. Keenan.

“I want to thank each of the individuals who generously agreed to serve on this committee,” said Garza. “I am confident that this group will serve BC exceedingly well as we strive to discover our way of proceeding, inclusively and without compromise, to BC’s Catholic inheritance.

The committee’s membership “is representative of the University’s academic units, inclusive of multiple spiritual traditions and high standards of scholarship,” added Garza. These characteristics, he noted, had been cited as crucial by a faculty at a luncheon discussion last fall, among several events held to formally introduce the CIT initiative, he noted.

Garza said a major goal of the CIT project is to support a faculty dialogue “about the origins, nature and future responses to concerns that surround BC’s Catholic distinctiveness.”

This dialogue could have far-reaching effects as the University begins implementing its strategic plan, project organizers note, who envision the Catholic intellectual traditions as supporting academic excellence and fostering a scholarly community “that embraces all students, faculty and staff, and works for the development of the whole person.

In addition, they said, the CIT initiative would contribute “to the growing conversation of the domestic and international roles of secular and Catholic universities in higher education and civil society.”

Fr. Keenan said the committee is considering sponsoring a series of faculty seminars to build on last fall’s CIT-related events.

Besides four luncheon discussions, the CIT initiative also held a talk by by Asst. Prof. Stephen Schildkraut, SJ (History), with additional commentary by Banuazizi and Madoff, to summarize and respond to points raised in the luncheons.

“The committee exists to serve as a catalyst for sustained critical discourse among Boston College faculty,” said Fr. Keenan, “about the ways in which elements from the Catholic Intellectual Tradition affect them and their diverse competencies.”

Researchers Find Flaw in DNA Technique

It turns out that there is a flaw in a common tool that biochemists around the world use to copy DNA – a flaw that has been quantified by Prof. Gabor Marth (Biology) and one of his graduate students, who also have suggested a reliable solution fixing the problem.

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is a technique developed in the 1980s by a California scientist who were on to win a Nobel Prize for his work. The procedure enzymatically replicates DNA without using a living organism, such as E. coli or yeast, and is widely used in laboratories for everything from identifying genetic fingerprints and hereditary diseases to cloning genes.

In a letter published in this month’s issue of the journal Nature, Method, Marth and Quinlan spell out both the error and the suggested fix.

The duo were able to quantify the impact of the PCR problem using a software program Marth developed called POLYBAYES, which looks for DNA sequence variations. Marth said researchers around the world probably have to resequence many genes using the solution he and Quinlan identified if they want a full picture of mutations in those genes.

“If researchers incorporate the fix, their availability to spot genetic mutations will improve substantially,” Marth said.

---Greg Frea

Diet for Epilepsy May Be Key to Treating Brain Cancer

Continued from page 1 different kinds of tumors into the brains of mice. The mice were then divided into three groups. One group was fed a high-carbohydrate mouse chow, was given unlimited amounts of KetoCal, and the final group was given KetoCal in a restricted dosage.

The researchers found that in the mice on the restricted diet, KetoCal decreased the growth of brain tumors by between 35 percent and 65 percent. Moreover, survival rates were higher in the mice on the restricted diet.

This preliminary study indicates that KetoCal is a safe and effective therapy and should be considered as an alternative therapeutic option for malignant brain cancer,” the researchers wrote.

KetoCal is manufactured by Nutricia North America. The study authors report they have no financial interests in the company, although it did provide the KetoCal used in the experiments.

A March 23 pre-trial conference in Brighton District Court has been scheduled in the case of a Boston College sophomore charged with allegedly stabbing a classmate in a residence hall incident following an argument last February.

Briania L. Jones ’09 was released on $2,500 bail and a $10,000 personal surety following her appearance in Brighton District Court on Monday charged of aggravated assault. Jones has been issued a summary suspension from the University pending the outcome of the matter.

The victim, who was stabbed three times according to police records, is a sophomore from Boston. Both students had been living in Vanderbilt Hall.

The victim was admitted to Beth Israel-Deaconess Hospital for treatment and was expected to be released this week.

---Reid Oslin

He’s Talking Family and Faith - Not Football

‘Coach Jags’ to speak at Alumni Association Laetare Sunday celebration on March 18

BY REID OSLIN STAFF WRITER

When football coach Jeff Jagodzinski addresses the more than 1,000 attendees at Boston College’s 56th annual Laetare Sunday celebration on March 18, he won’t spend much time talking about Xs and Os.

Jagodzinski, who was named head coach of the Eagles in December, will be the keynote speaker at the alumni event to be held in Conte Forum, but instead of a football-related topic, he has chosen to speak on the importance of faith and family in his own life.

“That’s going to show what a unique individual we have brought in to lead a very important program within the Boston College world,” says Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations John Feudo.

“One of the things that makes Boston College such a special place is pursuing the Ignatian mission. Laetare Sunday is one way of bringing people back to campus in a way that allows us to pursue that mission.”

Laetare Sunday marks the mid-point of the liturgical season of Lent, and Boston College has held an annual Mass and breakfast gathering for alumni and friends of the University since 1951, making it the longest-running on-campus spiritual event of its kind in the country.

“This is a single event that really appeals to all members of the Boston College family and brings us together as a family,” says Feudo. “It doesn’t bring us together as just sports fans, or just classmates or just alumni, it brings us all back as part of a very special family.”

This year’s Laetare Sunday will include a 9:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by University President William P. Leahy, SJ. University Vice President and Special Assistant to the President William B. Neenan, SJ will deliver the homily.

Mass will be followed by a brunch that will feature Jagodzinski as the principal speaker.

All members of the Boston College community are welcome to attend. Tickets are available through the Alumni Association at ext. 2-4700 or at www.bc.edu/alumni.
The Scientific Method

Scholarship winner envisions King’s dream in the fields of science

BY STEPHEN GAWLIK STAFT WRITER

Martin Luther King Jr. ’s most famous speech is one that detailed his dream of racial harmony. Now, Jacqueline Grant ’89 — that year’s winner of the annual Boston Col- lege scholarship named for King — hopes to help young people spin their own dreams.

“Native of Mill Valley, Calif., who is planning a career in the biotech industry, Grant would like to develop a “mentorship program between biotech companies and academic institutions to expose students to color to the various fields of science at an early age,” she said.

Grant received the honor at the annual “Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar- ship Award Banquet held Feb. 13 in the Welch Dining Room of Lyons Hall. Faculty, administra- tors, students and alumni gathered for the event, which marked the scholarship’s 25th anniversary. The Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship, awarded in 1983, which provides 75 per- cent of senior year tu- ition, is presented each year at Boston College to a junior who reflects King’s philosophy in his or her life and work.

Grant and the other 2007’ scholarship candidates — Trenia Bass, Marvin Francois, Brittany Macklin and Lauren Weaver were honored at the ban- quet.

Stephen J. Pem- berton ’89, a former senior assistant direc- tor of undergraduate admission at BC who is chief diversity officer and vice-president for diversity and inclusion at Monster.com, was the featured speaker. University President William P. Leahy, SJ, and the 2006 MLK Scholarship winner Alex Bradshaw ’07 also offered remarks, as did the inaugu- ral scholarship winner, Darcey Clark ’83.

Pemberton discussed his experiences as both student and administrator at Boston College, reminding that his presence on campus felt like a homecoming. He thanked many of those in attendance, including Under- graduate Admissions Director

John Mahoney Jr., Prof. Andrew Buni (History), Bookstore Branch Manager Brenda Osborne and others from the ranks of faculty, administration and customol staff with whom he used to serve with at BC.

“It is an honor to come back here,” said Pemberton. “Boston College will always be my home.”

He said that corporate America is beginning to embrace the notion of diversity in the workplace and that it is now a “mainstream” value, no longer “the sidekick.”

Interviewed recently, Grant, who says she was left “speechless” by the award, expressed her color, she said, “For me, being multi-racial... I don’t see myself belonging to one racial group and so I think that I did allow me to be reached out not only to the AHANA community but to whites as well.”

In her future, Grant wants to work at giving opportunities to young people of color.

“I want to go into a biomedical or biotech company and manage projects, but first I also want to have a strong scientific back- ground,” said Grant, who is interest- ed in the interplay of biology and psychology in the field of neurobiology.

“My career goal is to enter the biotechnology industry because it is at the forefront of bringing new scientific discoveries to clinical use that have the potential to influence and improve many lives,” she said.

Grant has already gotten a lot of help from people through her scientific endeavors. She is working with Asst. Prof. Elizabeth Kensinger (Psychology) in her Cognitive and Af- fective Neuroscience Laboratory in McGuinn Hall. This past summer she served in a lab at California Polytechnic University studying Huntington’s disease.

“It was really, really hard and a lot of fun,” she said, crediting the program with helping steer her toward her goals.

Grant says she is planning to study for an MBA to go along with a doctorate in neuroscience, a combination she hopes will help her attain a leadership position in industry.

“I hope to inspire other scientists and other students of all diverse cultural backgrounds to actively work against racism while pursuing their passions and dreams.”

FOR A QUARTER century, Boston College has awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship to students whose service and dedication to the community recall the life and works of the civil rights leader. To help commemorate the 25th anniversary of the King Scholarship, Chronicle invited past recipients to reflect on the award’s impact and meaning on their lives.

Darcey Clark
Year Awarded: 1992 (first recipient)
Major: Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York

“Winning the Martin Luther King Scholarship caused me to parent my life after Dr. King and his dream. I dedicated my life to public service just as he gave his life serving others. I have personally given my life to God and ask Him how to be a voice for the voiceless. My career in law has given me the power and opportunity to speak out against injustice, and at the same time, to seek and achieve justice and equality in my community.”

Rufus L. Caine
Year Awarded: 1998
Major: Government Relations Consultant with Russo Reed Company, which helps non-profits secure federal support for funding and regulatory needs.

“As a scholarship recipient I was reminded of how Martin Luther King Jr.’s life and death illustrate that while no nation can ever fully reach the heights of perfect justice, perfect equality, or perfect liberty, leadership in public interest recognizes that we can and must do better to tangibly advance those ends. Dr. King’s audacity and visionary commitment to results, resistance to indifference, resilience and courage, provide a great example of how to lead for the benefit of the common good—lessons public servants can ill afford to forget.”

Saya Hillman
Year Awarded: 1998
Major: Owner, Digital Editor for Mac ‘n Cheese Productions

“When I first read the Martin Luther King Schol- arship application, I knew I wouldn’t be selected. When I sat in a most intimidating interview session, at the head of a seemingly 50-foot conference table, I found myself answering questions of seemingly 50 com- mittee members, I knew my answers were simple and less profound than those of my peers.

At the banquet, when I read the basis of the other nominees, with their extensive activities, volunteer- isms, and accolades, I knew I didn’t measure up.

When Fr. Leahy called my name, when friends on either side of me urgently whispered to get up as I sat down, I knew there was a mistake or another Saya in Lyons Dining Hall.

Yet here I am, nine years after that magical evening, so thankful that I dis- missed what I knew and allowed myself to dream. When confronted with a challenge or the daunting, I peer backwards to pull motivation from past success. I chose two years ago to leave behind such nine fine perks as guaranteed paycheck, paid vacation, and affordable health insurance for the scary world of self-employment. It turned out to be one of my best decisions.

Now, as I finally transition from day dreams and blueprints to concrete steps towards realizing a professional dream, producing a documentary on children from a low-income Chicago neighborhood whom I’ve gotten to know over the past four years as a volunteer at their school, I am nervous and questioning. Goals for the project – PBS airtime, a sweep of the film festival circuit, and most importantly, catalyzing outreach to eradicate the gang violence, homelessness, and atrocious academic environments faced by these adorable small beings – perhaps ar a bit high, perhaps even into the unrealistic realm. But the MLK banquet and its aftermath gave me confidence to aspire for what I know will never happen. Because sometimes it does.”

Candace Nichols Carter
Year Awarded: 1983
Major: Psychology, “The Oprah Winfrey Show” Winner

“I am currently teaching toddlers and preschool- ers through a children’s educational DVD called, “It’s Hip Hop, Baby!”. I developed a series where children learn key developmental concepts while they’re having fun.”

For a quarter century, Boston College has awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship to students whose service and dedication to the community recall the life and works of the civil rights leader. To help commemorate the 25th anniversary of the King Scholarship, Chronicle invited past recipients to reflect on the award’s impact and meaning on their lives.
A Champion for All Seasons

BC gridder finds working with kids is the best achievement of all

BY RED OSLIN STAFF WRITER

It has been a championship season — on the field and off — for Boston College football player Nick Larkin ’07, whose notable gridiron accomplishments are matched by his academic achievements and his volunteer work on campus and in the neighboring Allston-Brighton community.

The 6-4, 250-lb. defensive end from Cincinnati was a key player in the Eagles’ successful football season. He was also one of six BC players named to the ACC All-Academic football team for his outstanding classroom achievements as a human development major and psychology double major in the Lynch School of Education.

In addition to his ample football- and classroom accomplishment, Larkin finds time to work with elementary and middle school students in local public schools, schedules frequent visits to Brighten’s Franciscan Hospital for Children, and takes a regular shift as a volunteer teacher assistant in BC’s Campus School for severely disabled children.

In February, the University nominated Larkin as its candidate for the Coca-Cola Company All-America Award in appreciation of his multiple volunteer duties. The Coca-Cola Award, presented in conjunction with the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, recognizes student-athletes who make a difference in their communities with volunteer, leadership and role model contributions.

Larkin participates in the BC Athletic Association’s “HEAR” program (Help Educate through Athletic Responsibility), which brings student-athlete speakers to 11 schools in the Allston-Brighton district. “We talk to the children about our own experiences,” says Larkin, who has participated in the program at three Boston schools. “We talk about athletics, but we also talk about things like overcoming adversity, life priorities and goal setting.”

Richard Maloney, assistant director of the Boston College Neighborhood Center in Brighton, who helps coordinate the HEAR program, says that Larkin is a big hit with local children. “He’s tremendous working with kids,” Maloney says. “He gives them a great message.”

“Nick is a great credit to Boston College, not just the athletic department. He’s one of those kids who is always there when he is needed. I can’t say enough good things about him.”

Larkin is also one of a number of Boston College student-athletes who visit the Franciscan Hospital for Children on a monthly basis during the school year. Once each semester, he joins the varsity team group that visits patients at Boston’s Children’s hospital.

“The hospital visits are great,” Larkin says. “I think we get just as much out of it as the children do.” (Photo by Suzanne Camarata)

“Actually, I think that Nick would make a great school teacher. He has the ability to get the kids’ undivided attention when he speaks. He’s got some great leadership qualities.”

Larkin also is a four-year volunteer in BC’s Campus School, where he often can be found reading stories, singing songs and interacting with the youngsters. “I have really been able to see some incredible development in the children,” he says. “It started with just an hour a week, but I am able to get there twice a week in our off-season.”

Although he is due to graduate from LSE in May, Larkin is eligible to return for another season of football in the fall. Larkin says he will “try to take football as far as it will take me,” but will probably apply to doctoral program in clinical psychology. He also expresses an interest in research, having worked for three semesters with Assoc. Prof. Donnaha Canavan (Psychology).

But Maloney, as a former teacher in the Cambridge schools, knows educational talent when he sees it.

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“Most the work actually has more meaning for the students, rather than the community they seek to help,” Chiozzi says. “We understand that there are more than practical connections in service trips, especially when there’s an environmental component to the experience, and those with none at all, and this diversity is great. It’s a challenge for us in our preparation, but it’s rewarding on the trips. Students learn a lot from one another, especially when there’s an environment where everyone’s encouraged to share their thoughts.”

“As even their most ardant proponents acknowledge, service trips, especially short-term ones, often carry a philosophical issue with them: How much of an impact can volunteers really have in so brief a time? Does the work actually have more meaning for the students, rather than the community they seek to help?”

Volunteers experience lies ahead, though. For now, Chiozzi and Keating are focused on getting their group packed, ready and onto the bus the day after tomorrow. But there are more than practical considerations on their minds, Chiozzi says.

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“The hospital visits are great,” Larkin says. “I think we get just as much out of it as the children do.” (Photo by Suzanne Camarata)
**POSTINGS**

*Care at the End of Life* workshops Saturday

A March 3 workshop sponsored by the Institute of Religious Education and Retreat Ministry will address ethical and spiritual issues related to end of life decision-making.

*Care at the End of Life,* presented through IREP's Continuing Education Program, will be led by Rev. Hamel, senior director of ethics at the Catholic Health Association of the United States. The event will take place from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m in Higgins 263.

The workshop will examine topics such as the Catholic tradition on forgoing life-sustaining treatment, terminal sedation and palliative care and the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services.

For more information, call ext. 8-6037, e-mail: richarsh@bc.edu, or see the IREP's Web site, http://www.bc.edu/irep/edu/.

*Gaetlic Roots to feature BC alum Kate Chadbourne*

Kate Chadbourne, who recently played an Irish singer and storyteller in the Irish tradition, will perform at Courtly House Wednesday, March 14, at 7 p.m as part of the Gaetlic Roots Music, Song, Dance, Workshop and Lecture Series.

Chadbourne, a member of the Arts and Sciences faculty at Harvard University, appeared at the original Gaetlic Roots festival and school hosted at Boston College that is the namesake and inspiration for the series. She has recorded four albums, the most recent of which is *The Trifty Girl,* a collection of some of her favorite traditional songs in Irish and English.

Her Web site is katechadbourne.com. For more information, call ext. 2-3933 or e-mail irish@bc.edu.

**”Voices of the Church” lecture March 15**

The Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life will present its last lecture of the “Voices of the Church” lecture March 15 with Rev. Peter J. Gomes of Harvard University.

Rev. Gomes, who is Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in The Memorial Church at Harvard, will speak on “The Danger of Prophecy” at 7:30 p.m. in the Heilgene Room of Congdon Commons.


For more information, see www.bc.edu/bc_org/research/rap/events/index.html or call 617-552-8181 or e-mail richarsh@bc.edu.

**GSSW Conference Gives Social Work Global Focus**

A conference co-sponsored by the Graduate School of Social Work next week will cast a spotlight on the increasingly critical role of international social work.

The conference, titled “How to Enhance Global Collaboration,” will take place March 9-11 at the Omni Parker House Hotel in Boston. GSSW’s co-sponsors for the event are the National Association of Deans and Directors of Social Work and the Council for Social Work Education.

Among the speakers scheduled to appear are GSSW Dean Albert Goeden, Director of Internationals; Kendall was the keynote speaker at GSSW’s 2005 graduation ceremony.

Kendall’s research has been published in *Organization Science* and *Academy of Management Journal,* along with other publications including “Dynamic Electric and Magnetic Material Response at Terahertz Frequencies” in *Physical Review Letters* and “Negative refractive index metamaterials” in *Materials Today.*

**The Prendergast Letters correspondence from Famine-era Ireland, 1840-1850**

By historian Ruth-Anne Harris, a part-time faculty member in BC’s Irish Studies Program, and Marie Daly, director of the New England Historical Genealogical Society.

“The Prendergast letters are a rare and almost unique opportunity to study the raw material for judging both the lives of a family in Ireland during the Famine years and the lives of emigrant children in America,” writes Harris. “Studies of the immigrant Irish have tended to emphasize either those who became distinguished major figures in America or the relatively unimportant unappropriated of their lives that hardly showed up in the [records]."

*“Voices of the Church” lecture March 15* — Office of Public Affairs

*Aust. Prof. Willie Padilla (Physics)*

PhD, University of California at San Diego

Research Interests: Condensed matter physics, metamaterials

Course: Solid State Physics

Padilla, a McNair Scholar at San Diego State University, supported himself and his wife while working in a supermarket as he earned his doctorate. A large part of his work involves artificially fabricated “metamaterials” that have properties superior to materials known in nature.

Recent publications include “Dynamical Electric and Magnetic Material Response at Terahertz Frequencies” in *Physical Review Letters* and “Negative refractive index metamaterials” in *Materials Today.*

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*Aust. Prof. Maya Tamir (Psychology)*

PhD, University of Illinois

Research Interests: Emotion, motivation, affective processing

Course: Social Cognition

Tamir earned her undergrad-uate degree from Tel-Aviv Univer-sity in Israel and did postdoctoral work at Stanford University before joining the BC faculty last fall.

Her research examines the extent to which individuals are actively involved in shaping, rather than passively experiencing, their emo-tions: “I am interested in whether individuals can use their emotions in ways that help them in every-day life.” She recently published the article “You may worry, but can you recognize threats when you see them? Neuroticism, threat identification and negative affect” in *Journal of Personality.*

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*Prof. Mary Ann Glynn (CSOM)*

PhD, Columbia University

Research Interests: leadership and organizational behavior

Courses: Leadership, Social Cog-nition

Glynn has taught at Yale Uni-versity, Emory University, and the University of Michigan. A fellow at the CSOM Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics, Glynn focuses her research on the inter-section of micro-level cognitive processes and cultural influences — social norms, institutional ar-rangeements, and status affiliations — on identity, symbolism, and organizational leadership. Her research has been published in *Academy of Management Journal,* *Academy of Management Review,* *Organization Science,* and *Strategic Management Journal,* among others.

She is the nationally elected program officer for the Academy of Management, Managerial and Organizational Cognition Divi-sion and serves on the editorial board of *Organization Science.*

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*“Welcome Additions,” an occa-sional feature, profiles new faculty members at Boston College.*
Newsmakers

• Prof. Dale Herbeck (Communication) was quoted by the Gainesville Sun about communicating a legal issue related to an online and email defamation suit.

• Prof. Ann Burgess (CSON) was quoted by the Hartford Courant for a story on possible motivations and triggers for serial killers.

• Bosi Center for Religion and American Public Life Director Prof. Alan Wolfe (Political Science) discussed the topic of America and Iraq on the National Public Radio program “On Point” and was interviewed by USA Today and the WCVB-TV program “Chronicle” regarding the issue of religion in the US presidential race. Wolfe also was among a group of experts gathered by NPR and asked to debate the question of whether America is too religious.

• Prof. Robert Bloom (Law) was interviewed by the Orlando Sentinel for a story on dangers associated with the FBI’s use of informants.

• Drucker Professor of Management Sciences Alicia Munnell, director of BC’s Center on Retirement Research, was quoted by Dow Jones News Service regarding the erosion of company pensions, and by Money magazine regarding baby boomer retirements. She was quoted by the Wall Street Journal and the Washington Post for stories on Americans’ retirement savings.

• The Boston Herald interviewed Adj. Prof. Richard McGowan, SJ (CSON), for a story on the lotter’s local use of informants.

• Assoc. Prof. Michael Russell (LSEO) was quoted by Educa- tion Week for a story on students using computers to take writing tests. His previous research on the subject was also cited by the San Francisco Chronicle.

• An op-ed by College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program faculty member Martha Bayles on Layalina Productions — a Washington-based nonprofit that makes Arabic-language programs for broadcast on the most-watched TV channel in 22 Arab countries — was published by The Wall Street Journal.

• Center on Wealth and Philanthropy Director Prof. Paul Schervish (Sociology) was quoted by the New York Times regarding a new venue for fundraising.

• Urban Ecology Institute Executive Director Adj. Lect. Charles Lord (Biology) was interviewed by the Toronto Star about sustainable communities in light of Toronto’s bid to be North America’s greenest city.

• Prof. Paul Lewis (English) was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “Joy Cardin Show” discussing the Fox News Channel’s comedy program and political satire.

• As the season of Lent began, Assoc. Prof. M. Shavun Cope- land (Theology) wrote an essay for America magazine on what it means to follow Jesus.

Publications

• Assoc. Prof. Rena A. Syska-Lamparello (Romance Languages) authored Lettorino e scienza. Gregorio Calapresti teorico e critico della letteratura e co-edited La scena del mondo. Studi sul teatro per Franco Fido.

Grants

• Lynch School of Education faculty members Prof. Ina Mullis and Research Prof. Michael Martin: $600,000, Minnesota Department of Education, “Minnesota Benchmarking.” — TIMSS 2007.


• Center for Complex Adaptive Matter, “I2CAM Fellowships.”

• Bosi Center for Religion and American Public Life Direc- tor Prof. Alan Wolfe (Political Science): $156,905, National Endowment for the Humanities, “Religious Diversity and the Common Good.”

• Assoc. Prof. Torstein Fiebig (Chemistry): $100,000, National Science Foundation, “DNA Photonics.”

• Prof. Zhifeng Ren (Physics): $100,000, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “Noncomposite for Radiotransistor Power Conver- sion.”


• Prof. John Michalczyk (Fine Arts): $1,000, Foundation for Moral Courage, “Gugel Documentary.”

Time and a Half

• Prof. Patrick Byrne (Philosophy) offered a workshop on “Ethics in Everyday Life” at the Brimmer and May School in Chestnut Hill.

• Assoc. Prof. Jonathan Laurence (Political Science) gave a series of speeches in Berlin on intercultural dialogue and Islam in Europe to the European Union Workshop on Integration, the German-Jewish Dialogue and in the Transatlantic Dialogue on Muslims in Europe.

• Assoc. Prof. Michael Keir (Communication) was invited to give the inaugural address in the “Scholarship in Radio” lecture series at Columbia College.

Service for Law Student March 13

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, March 13, from 12:30- 2 p.m. in Trinity Chapel on New- ton Campus to celebrate the life of Meghan Catherine Cooney, a BC law student who died in January. She was 28.

Ms. Cooney had received a prestigious LEND Fellowship for the 2006-07 academic year, the only law student in the United States to earn this honor. As a LEND Fellow, she was working at Children’s Hospital Boston on the rights of developmentally de- layed individuals.

In a recent letter to members of her class, BC Law Prof. Mary Ann Chirba-Martin described Ms. Cooney as a beautiful young woman “whose smile could light up the darkest room and melt the coldest heart.” She said Ms. Cooney’s work at Children’s Hospi- tal not only gave her an invaluable opportunity to participate in a rigorous interdisciplinary train- ing program but also helped the other LEND Fellows and their program directors appreciate the importance of the legal discipline their endeavors.

Ms. Cooney had recently ac- cepted a position with Edwards, Angell, Palmer, and Dodge that she would have assumed after graduating this spring.

Norah Wylie, associate dean for students at the Law School, called Ms. Cooney’s death a griev- ous loss.

“I hope we can all take solace by rejoicing in the blessing of her life and in our great good fortune in having known her, even if for too short a time,” Wylie said. “We should also take inspiration from the fact that so much of her short time on earth was spent in caring for and helping others.”

Ms. Cooney was the daugh- ter of Edward J. and Mary C. (O’Reilly) Cooney of North Kingstown, RI. She is also sur- vived by two brothers, Edward Jr. of Boston and Neal of North Kingstown.

For more information on the memorial event, contact collinbu@ boston.edu.

Atu: Prof. Lisa Fluet (English) has been awarded a fellowship by the American Academy of Arts and Science and will be a visiting scholar at the academy during the 2007-08 academic year.

Atu: Prof. Ben Howard (Mathematics) was selected as an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow. The awards, which carry an unrestricted grant available over a two-year period, are intended to enhance the careers of the very best young faculty members in specified fields of science. Cur- rently a total of 116 fellowships are awarded annually in seven fields: chemistry, computational and evolutionary molecular biology, com- puter science, economics, mathematics, neuroscience, and physics.

Alumni Association Senior Associate Director of Chapters Victoria Leeman has been chosen a winner of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District I Rising Star Award. The honor recognizes the accomplishments of advancement professionals who have worked in the field three to five years and whose early success promises future leadership and achievement.

The Lynch School of Education sponsored a dinner Feb. 23 to celebrate the arrival of Dr. Anderson J. Franklin (center) as the Honorable David S. Nelson Professorial Chair. Dr. Franklin, who was appointed to the chair last summer, was joined by his wife, Nancy Boyd-Franklin, at the event. (Photo by Suzanne Camarata)

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Aur: Adj. Assoc. Prof. Michele Montavon (LSEO): $20,000, Boston Public Schools, “Brighton High School — Smaller Learning Communities.”

• Assoc. Prof. Francois Fido (Biology): $20,000, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “Schering-Plough Fellowship in Organic Chemistry.”

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**READINGS• LECTURES• DISCUSSIONS**

March 1  
• Lowell Humanities Series: Sharon Olds reads from her poetry, 7:30 p.m., Gasson 100, call ext.2-3705, email: paul.doherty1@bc.edu.

March 2  
• Catholic Women’s Discussion Group, noon, McElroy 141, call ext.2-3489, email: wrc@bc.edu.

March 13  
• Reading for Pleasure Book Discussion: The Last Painting by Jonathan Harr, with discussion leader Reference Librarian Sonia Ennis. 1 p.m., O’Neill 413, email: crinch@bc.edu.

March 14  
• Lowell Humanities Series: Reading by Julia Glass, 8:30 p.m., Fulton 511, email: ennisa@bc.edu.

March 15  
• “Be Fabulous: Lessons from the Life of Sybilvester, Queen of Disco” with Joshda Gamson, University of San Francisco, 8 p.m., Fulton 511, email: ennisa@bc.edu.

• Sixth Annual Prophetic Voices of the Church Lecture with Rev. Peter J. Gomes, Harvard University, 8:30 p.m., The Heights Forum, Corcoran Commons, call ext.2-3489, email: richard@bc.edu.

March 16  
• Two Modernisms, Two Thomisms: Reflections on the Centenary of Pius X’s Letter Thomisms: Reflections on the Centenary of Pius X’s Letter — money — is no longer a factor, so it’s really a great time to be a filmmaker. The exhibition “A New Key” continues at the McMullen Museum. Pictured: “The Life of Sylvester, Queen of Disco” by Paul Delvaux.

**MUSIC• ART• PERFORMANCE**

March 14  
• Gaelic Roots Music, Song, Dance, Workshop and Lecture Series: Concert: Singer and storyteller Kate Chadbourne, 8 p.m., Connolly House, call ext.2-3938, email: kchad@bc.edu.

March 15  
• Baldwin Awards Film Festival, 6 p.m., Cushing 001, call ext.2-4576, email: thebaldwin@bc.edu.

• Documentary: “Cartoneros” followed by Q&A with director Assoc. Prof. Ernesto Livon-Grosman (Romance Languages), 7:30 p.m., Devlin 008, call ext.2-2680, email: emeetro.livon-grosman@bc.edu.

• Film: “Duress” 8 p.m., Devlin 026, call ext.2-8100, email: artmusm@bc.edu

• The Shape of Things” by Neil LaBute, directed by Matthew Callinan ’07; through March 17, 8:30 p.m., Buson Studio, call ext.2-4002, email: marion.doyles@bc.edu.

**ONGOING EXHIBITIONS**

• “Lost and Heartbreak,” Student art exhibit. Bapst Library, through March 13, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., email: hardinj@bc.edu.

• “A New Key: Modern Belgian Art From the Simon Collection” McMullen Museum, through July 20, Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-4 p.m., weekends hours noon to 5 p.m., for more information call ext.2-8587 or email artmusm@bc.edu.

**ATHLETICS**

March 1  
• Men’s Hockey vs. New Hampshire, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

March 2  
• Men’s Hockey vs. U.Mass-Lowell, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

March 3  
• Men’s Hockey vs. New Hampshire, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

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

**BC SCENES**

This month, Boston College will once again celebrate its student filmmakers with the third annual Baldwin Awards Film Festival on March 15, at 5 p.m. in Cushing 001. The Baldwins recognize student filmmakers in 13 categories: Best Picture of the Year; Viewer’s Choice Award; Beginning Film and Video; Advanced Film and Video; Best Work by a Non-Major; Cinematography; Editing; Best Actor; Sound; Screenwriting; Drama; Documentary; and Comedy.

A panel of faculty will lead the judging for the Baldwins, but from March 12-23 members of the BC community can vote in their favorite for theViewer’s Choice Award at www.bc.edu/baldwins.

The winners will be honored at the Baldwin Awards Ceremony on March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Heights Room of Corcoran Commons, and organizers say the event will feature “red carpet arrivals, special guest presenters and effective acceptance speeches.”

A record 100 films were submitted this year to the Baldwins, double the number from last year, organizers note. One organizer, part-time faculty member Michael Civille (Fine Arts), believes the increasing participation in the Baldwins reflects wider social and artistic trends in which technology has made filmmaking easier and cheaper, and thus a more accessible art form.

“This allows people who don’t have $1 million, or even $100, to have their voices heard, and many times, those are the most interesting voices. Because those are the people who are not overly influenced by their favorite films or restricted by ‘rules’ of technique, and therefore, allow themselves to be free in presenting their stories in a unique way.”

Furthermore, with iTunes, YouTube and other Internet sites, filmmakers can now showcase their work in more ways than ever before, he notes.

“A student told me the other day that he has had over 600 viewers watch his Filmmaking I final on YouTube — that’s 10 times what he has had before their screenings here on campus. The industry is watching these sites for that untapped pool of talent, and this is inspiring anyone and everyone to grab a camera and make a movie.

“You still have to know what you’re doing, but the major restriction — money — is no longer a factor, so it’s really a great time to be a filmmaker.

The Baldwins are sponsored by Boston College Magazine and @BC, a streaming-media service, and co-sponsored by the BC Film Studies Program and Communication Department. For more information, email thebaldwins@bc.edu or call ext.2-4576.

—Office of Public Affairs

**BC Filmmakers Set to Take Center Stage**

**Screening of “Cartoneros” Is March 15**

Assoc. Prof. Ernesto Livon-Grosman (Romance Languages) will screen his documentary “Cartoneros,” which depicts the “industry” of recyclable trash that has evolved in Buenos Aires, on March 15, at 7 p.m. in Devlin 008.

In “Cartoneros,” Livon-Grosman, who will participate in a Q&A session, chronicles how street people and former members of the middle class make their living by collecting and selling recyclable paper and other materials they find throughout Buenos Aires. His film also examines the social, political and cultural implications of the advent of “cartoneros,” which loosely translated from Spanish means “scavenger.”

See the BC Chronicle story on “Cartoneros” at www.bc.edu/bc_org/rvp/pubaf/chronicle/v15n2/cartoneros.html

The event is sponsored by Boston College Magazine, @BC and the Office of the President.

**GAME FOR THE DAY**

ESPN’s “Game Day” set up shop in Conte Forum Feb. 17 in preparation for the BC-North Carolina men’s basketball game. The show broadcast live from Conte throughout the day and up until the 9 p.m. tip-off. (Photo by Frank Corraro)