CSON Fills Dean Positions with Tabloski and Read

BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN
STAFF WRITER

Connell School of Nursing faculty members Catherine Read and Patricia Tabloski have been appointed to fill key leadership positions in the school’s academic programs, CSON announced recently.

Read, an associate professor in the Adult Health Department, will serve as associate dean for undergraduate programs, while Tabloski — an associate professor and former chair in the Adult Health Department — is associate dean of CSON graduate studies.

Read, who joined Boston College in 2001 as an assistant professor, is a researcher in the field of health promotion and psychological adaptation in persons with, or at risk for, genetic disease, and last year co-chaired a National Institute on Aging-sponsored conference on aging and genetic technology.

A CSON faculty member since 1998, Tabloski has focused her nursing care and research in the areas of hospice and long-term care, care of the elderly, and sleep improvement in those with Alzheimer’s disease. In addition, Tabloski is director of a newly established graduate program in palliative care at theConnell School [see story on page 3].

CSON Dean Barbara Hazard hailed the appointments as a boon to the school’s academic, professional and outreach missions.

“Cathy brings extraordinary knowledge of the core curriculum, as well as the School of Nursing curriculum to the job. She has an amazing ability to relate to students, parents, faculty, and staff,” said Hazard. “She hears them and finds creative solutions to their issues. Cathy is playing a major role with our partners in clinical settings to devise new models for the education of nurses.”

“Pat is recognized nationally for her expertise in the care of the elderly, and her research has resulted in new strategies for improving the care of aged clients.”

—CSON Dean Barbara Hazard

Findin Her Niche at BC

Helped by BC as a kid, senior Adrienne Andry now is giving back

BY OLEG FROST
STAFF WRITER

As far as inspirational stories go, they don’t get much richer than Boston College senior Adrienne Andry’s.

Raised in the Commonwealth Housing Development (CHD), a low-income Brighton public housing complex less than two miles from Chestnut Hill, Andry started receiving tutoring by BC student volunteers at a young age.

Determined to defy the odds and make something of herself, she studied hard at Boston Latin and was accepted to BC. And almost as soon as she got here, she turned around and started giving back.

Weeks after she enrolled as an undergraduate, Andry signed on to 4Boston, the campus group that places student volunteers in programs across the city. Just like the stream of BC students who tutored her, Andry has spent the last three years shuttling back and forth between campus and her former home to help kids just like her.

Now in her final year, the chemistry major doesn’t want to leave the Heights.

“I didn’t really find my niche in life until I came here,” she says of BC. “This has been an ideal atmosphere for me. People here think more like I do about service and helping others.”

Andry says she is torn between pursuing a career in the sciences or some form of service after graduation, although the scales ap—Continued on page 4

George Brown Named to Drinan Chair

Long-time Law School faculty member George Brown, an expert in the field of federal-state relations and government ethics who has taught at the school for more than three decades, is the inaugural holder of the school’s new Robert F. Drinan, SJ, Endowed Chair, Law School Dean John H. Garvey has announced.

Established through the efforts of the BC Law class of 1958, the new chair honors one of the most influential and beloved figures at BC Law, former dean and congressman Rev. Robert F. Drinan, SJ.

“George Brown is a natural choice for this important position,” said Garvey. “He has served the Law School with warmth and energy for 35 years, and is a world-renowned ethics scholar. We are fortunate to have him.”

Brown said he was honored to be named as the inaugural holder of the Fr. Drinan Chair. “Fr. Drinan’s ex—Continued on page 4
A Nov. 1 event sponsored by the Council for Women of Boston College will celebrate the rich history and myriad contributions of women to the past, present, and future of the University.

Highlighting the event, which begins at 4 p.m. in the Yawkey Athletics Center’s Murray Room, will be the first campus-wide screening of a newly produced film, “Making Our Place: A History of Women at Boston College,” said council member and Vice President Mary Lou DeLong, NC’71, who is chairing the event with University Trustee Mary J. Steele Guifilfe ‘76, chair of the council’s history project.

“I am delighted that we have this chance to have members of the community come together to celebrate not only the women of BC’s past, but also those who contribute so much to the University today,” said DeLong.

The event, open to all faculty and staff, will include a panel discussion about the film and the evolving roles of women in colleges, universities and religious and cultural experiences, as well as the teaching and study of theology, liturgy, ethics, canon law, and tenure and black faculty.

For more information, or to register for the event, call Nicole Huard at ext.2-9175 or visit org/index.html.

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The performance of cadets such as (L-R) Charles Riley ’08, Drew Firnender ’10, Christopher Rosser ’07, Master Sergeant Ted Curline and Cameron Hosmer ’07 — shown after winning the Marine Corps 10K Honor Run for the third consecutive year — has made the BC Army ROTC program one of the best in the country.

“Making Our Place” was produced to commemorate a special BC milestone: On Commencement Day 2000, women graduated represented more than 50 percent of the University’s total alumni population of 146,500. Women also continue to represent more than 50 percent of full-time undergraduate students.

The film includes historical milestones such as the 1915 founding of the women’s Philomatheia Club that raised critical funds for BC, the 230 archdiocesan runs who in the summer of 1924 became the first to take classes on the Chestnut Hill campus and the 200 women who arrived in 1970 as the first fully recognized female undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Also featured are trailblazers such as Mary Catherine Melly, the first woman to receive a BC degree (an honorary one, in 1925), and Alice Bourneuf, BC’s first female tenured full professor.

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Cadet pride

It’s been a pretty good fall for BC as far as rankings go, both academically and athletically — from the University’s placement among the US News & World Report top 35 to the men’s hockey team No. 1 pre-season spot — and now there’s another achievement to report: Members of the University’s senior Army ROTC class have been ranked individually among the top 25 percent in the nation.

The National Order of Merit ranks ROTC seniors who are 1800 out of 3800, compared to 1003 of 3800 for MIT and Harvard cadets and 1835 of 3800 for Boston University cadets.

Adding to their achievements, the BC cadets won the recent Marine Corps 10K Honor Run in Boston for the third consecutive year. “I believe these results speak to the quality of our cadets and the balance we have achieved between academics, physical and leadership training,” said Tashiro.

A proud history

One of the most important resources for the African American Catholic community came to Boston College last week in the form of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium, which took place Oct. 12-15 on Newton Campus.

This year’s symposium — organized by Assoc. Prof. M. Shawn Copeland (Theology) — featured a keynote talk, “Katrina, King and the Challenge of Unconscious Racism,” by Rev. Bryan Massingale, an associate professor at Marquette University, as well as panel discussions on trends in Catholic theology and tenure and black faculty.

There were few academically credentialed African American Catholic scholars and liturgists when the symposium began in 1978. Copeland notes. Throughout the years, the symposium has mentored many significant Black Catholic scholars in theology, liturgy, ethics, canon law, church history and biblical studies, while encouraging the teaching and discussion of Black Catholic religious and cultural experiences and thought in colleges, universities and seminaries.

“The symposium provides necessary critical space for grappling with the theistic, practical, moral, and pastoral needs of the black Catholic community,” said Copeland. “It’s an honor to have it take place here at BC.”
Replacement kicker finds himself in the big-time spotlight

BY REID OSLIN
STAFF WRITER

Like many Boston College stu-
dents, Carroll School of Manage-
ment sophomore Steve Aponavi-
cius occasionally checked out the
"Facebook" page on his computer, a favorite cyberspace port for under-
graduates to exchange greetings and information.

Last week, he found his page swamped with messages from Vir-
ginia Tech boosters as the young place-kicker from Easton, Pa., pre-
tared to play against the Hokies on Thursday night in the first orga-
nized football game that he’s ever played. "I got a lot of messages from Vir-
ginia Tech kids telling me that I was going to miss every kick and
their big guys were going to go after me," laughed Aponavicius, who complet-
ed a perfect night by kicking two field goals and two of extra points in BC’s stunning 22-3 victory over the Techsters.

Aponavicius said he also had a queue of 21 voicemail messages on his campus telephone when he awoke the morning after the na-
tionally televised ESPN game that marked his first college game. Most, he assumes, are congratulatory calls from BC fans thrilled with his per-
formance in the game.

"It’s kind of scary how accessible we all are," he mused. Aponavicius became the object of widespread attention when he was called upon by Eagles’ coach Tom O’Brien to handle placekick-
ing chores after their former kicking unit was suspended for violating team rules.

The new kicker — often called "Sid Vanilla" by coaches and teammates wishing to avoid wrestling with his polysyllabic family name — earned a spot on the roster as a walk-on candidate who had nev-
er played football before ("I had played lots of backyard football, but never with pads or anything like that."). He was a soccer and baseball standout at his hometown Easton High School.

Enrolled as a finance and mar-
ting dual major in the Carroll School, Aponavicius spent some of his spare time as a freshman prac-
ticing placekicking by himself in the Student. He was spotted by an assistant coach one day and was added to the roster in spite of his lack of previous football experience.

His on-field debut came on one of college football’s biggest stages — a nationally televised game against Virginia Tech, a team renowned for their kick-blocking skills.

The Eagles deferred the ball after winning the pregame coin toss, and Aponavicius found himself pre-
taring to kick off for the game’s opening play. "The kickoff actually helped me settle my nerves a little," he admitted.

He showed no signs of nervous-
ness in his ensuing placements, ei-
thet, hitting the pair of extra points and field goals from 36 and 26 yards out. "On the first extra point I was just real excited to think about any-
thing," he says. "I just wanted to keep my head down and follow through."

"I tried not to forget about the cam-
era, the crowd, everything. It was just Jack (Geiser) snapping the ball and Chris (Crane) holding," Aponavicius said. "I was not even fazed by having his parents in the stands to watch him play."

"They weren’t planning on coming. Thursday night is not a great time to make that five-hour drive from Easton. But as soon as they heard I was playing, they wanted to come," he added.

His father Ben, a retired chemist, and mother Jan, a nursery school teacher, received lots of ESPN screen time as they joyfully watched their son add eight points to the Eagles’ winning total.

"It would have been a disaster if I had let all of the outside factors get to me," Aponavicius said. "But one thing a kicker has to be able to do is block things out."

Stephen Aponavicius

CSON Launches Palliative Care Program

Funded by a three-year, $728,000 grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Carroll School of Nursing has es-
tablished a new palliative care nurs-
ing specialty in its master of science degree program.

Palliative care nursing provides care for patients with serious and life-
threatening illnesses or injuries. The program, which can be directed by CSON Dean O’Keefe for Graduat-
Programs Patricia Tabloski — a nationally recognized expert on care of the elderly and one of the pioneers of hospice care — is the first of its kind to be offered through a New England university or college.

The first of the program will be held next summer.

While there are many benefits to hospice care, says Tabloski, it is

usually limited to patients with less than six months of life expectancy who forgo active treatment. Statistics show that more than one third of hospice patients die within a week or less of being admitted, and many others do not live long enough to receive adequate home care.

Palliative care offers treatment for seriously or chronically ill patients to relieve their suffering, control symp-
toms and keep them functioning at the highest level possible, Tab-
loski says. Such care is guided by the patient’s needs and involves the patient’s family.

"We’ll be teaching students the art of nursing as well as the science," she explains. "We need to be sure that most nurses are not always the most medical. Quality of life is also important."

The Carroll School palliative care program will also take strides to ad-
dress the shortage of this type of care among racial and ethnic minorities. There is mistrust among some in this population," explains Tabloski; "and as a whole they are diagnosed later, are sometimes treated less ag-
gressively and have poorer outcomes. Our program’s goal is to prepare nurses to provide culturally sensitive care to seriously ill minority patients and their families.

Graduates of the program will be eligible to take the certification exam offered by the National Board of Certification of Hospice and Pal-
liative Nurses. Nurses with palliative care training can work in hospi-
tals, home care agencies and nursing homes.

—Kathleen Sullivan

Symposium to Examine Role of US Judiciary

United States Court of Appeals Justice Richard Posner, converso-
torial Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret Mary Murray; former New York Times columnists Anthony Lewis will join other prominent jurists, legal schol-
ars and journalists in Robsham Theater this Saturday, Oct. 21 for a public symposium on the States Supreme Court, dubbed “the least dangerous” branch by Alexander Hamilton in his "The Federalist Papers: The His-
tory of An Image."

Also, Yale Law School South-

ward Professor of Law and Political Science Aldud Reed Amur, an expert in constitutional law; and Marci Hamilton, who holds the Verkull Chair in Public Law at the Ben-
jamin N. Cardozo School of Law and specializes in church/state relations, federalism and representation for information, see www.

bc.edu/supremecourt/.

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BC to Host World Education Summit

A major conference co-sponsored by Boston College next week will bring together education leaders and advocates from around the world to discuss ways to improve and sustain student achievement and school quality.

Some 400 teachers, administra-
tors, parents, students, researchers, policymakers, union leaders and school officials are expected to attend "Leadership for Sustain-
able Innovation: The Third Inter-
national Summit and iNet Confer-
ence for Leadership in Education," which will take place Nov. 2-4 at BC and the Omni Parker House Hotel in Boston.

The event includes presentations and interactive sessions sponsored by leading international researchers and practitioners. The kickoff key-
note session on technology, educa-
tion and the future will be held at Robsham Theater at 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 2, and the remaining sessions will be held at the Omni Parker House Hotel.

BC’s Lynch School of Education is sponsoring the conference along with the Boston Public Schools and Net, the international arm of Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, a support organization for secondary education in England.

"This conference brings together people from around the world, in policy, practice and research, to discus-
how to raise achievement and improve as well as to transform the quality of education here in our schools," said summit chair Breen-
nan Professor of Education Andrew Hagraves, who will deliver a key-
note address at the event.

Other BC representatives appear at the event will include Lynch School Dean Joseph O’Keefe, SJ, professors Robert J. Sturratt, Dustin Shirley and Diana Pullin, Research Prof. Irwin Blumen and Director of Practicum Experiences and Teacher Induction Carol Pelletier.

Session topics will include the future of education technology, diversity, how schools can be in-
novative in a climate of standardiza-
tion, leading a strategically focused school and how schools can support the achievement, high-stakes accountability in education, and school reform, among others.

For more information, see the conference Web site at www.su-

—Public Affairs Staff

A&S Dean Search Under Way

The quest for a successor to College of Arts and Sciences Dean Joseph Quinlan, who has been A&S dean since 1999, announced this past spring that he will step down after the 2006-07 academic year and return to the College of Arts and Sciences faculty.

The search committee is chaired by Vice President and Special Assistant to the President William B. Neman, SJ, and consists of Vice President for Mission and Ministry Joseph Appleyard, SJ; Graduate Student Association representatives Ultra Blume and Carl Hayden; UVU BC Col-
lege President Santiago Bunce ’07; University Trustee Charles Clough ’64; Prof. Robert Gini (Theology); Murray Munro Professor of Economics Peter Irland; Prof. Marilyn Johnson, History Department chair; Prof. Suzanne Matson (English).

Also, Special Assistant to the President Robert Newton; Lynch School of Education Dean Joseph O’Keefe, SJ; Prof. Lawrence Scott (Chem-
istry); Prof. Ellen Winner (Psychology); and Elizabeth B. Landman Goldsmith; and national security and civil liber-
ties.

Other panelists will be former US Assistant Attorney General Jack

Landman Goldsmith; Slate maga-

zine writer Emily Nussbaum; Karen; and David Greenberg, an assistant professor of journalism and media

studies at Rutgers University and

author of A History of an Image.

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Brown Is Appointed to Chair Honoring Fr. Drinan

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In the field of federal-state relations, Brown is best known for his advocacy for the jurisdiction of federal courts and on the federal grant-in-aid system. He has also served as chair of the Section on Federal Courts of the Association of American Law Schools.


The idea for the Fr. Drinan Chair originated from a discussion between Doug MacMaster JD’78 and his classmates on how they could support the school’s efforts to improve fundraising and scholarship. Naming a chair after Fr. Drinan seemed a most appropriate choice, said MacMaster.

"Fr. Drinan was very close to the class of 1958," he said. "He became dean during our second year, and he influenced me and so many others, both personally and professionally. And he was a major cornerstone, a building block of the Law School. That better person after which to name an endowment professorship?"

Fellow 1958 alumnus Robert Trevisani, who played a key role in the fundraising efforts, said that Fr. Drinan’s distinguished career "brings honor to the Class of 1958 and the chair that bears his name,” noting that BC Law made significant progress in becoming a nationally recognized legal education leader under Fr. Drinan’s leadership.

"Fr. Drinan was nothing less than an energetic, dynamic leader, giving constant support and encouragement to us as we suffered through a stiff curriculum," Trevisani said. "He made it a point to know his students and it was unusual for him not to attend our social functions. In fact, Fr. Drinan presided at my wedding."

"More information on Robert F. Drinan, SJ, Professor George Brown can be found at www.bc.edu/schools/law/fac-staff/deans-faculty/brown/ -Law School Communications Manager Nathaniel Keyes"

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Ready to ‘Go a Long Way in Life’

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Tabloski, Read to Lead CSON Programs

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Our new palliative care program is a testament to Pat’s determination and commitment to current societal needs. This expands the focus on the role of the courts in the war on terror.

Among the highs, however, has been watching Andy bloom.

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This is my 30th year as a nurse and I have to say it is the most exciting time for the nursing profession," she said. "Job prospects are great for nurses. I have fielded a lot of calls from those interested in our under- grad program. We had 25 internal transfers into CSON last year."

Discussing this increased interest in nursing, Read said, "When I sit and talk with students they speak about their desire to go to work every day and help people. Nursing is such a personally rewarding career."

"There is no better place to teach or study nursing than Boston Col-
lege."

"It is a great time to be in nurs-
ing. I’ve worked a lot of places and BC is the best.”

Patricia Tabloski, left, and Catherine Read. (Photo by Chad Minnich)
Faith in the System

Alan Wolfe tackles that volatile mix, religion and politics

BY SEAN SMITH
CHRONICLE EDITOR

The picture window looks out on a clear, cool early autumn afternoon, but here in the seminar room at 24 Quincy Road the attention of a doz- en Boston College undergraduates is firmly fixed on Prof. Alan Wolfe (Political Science). Wolfe, seated at the head of a lounge-shaped table festooned with several pale pastel-colored candles and a matching cloth, is making a point about the shifting trends in American politics.

Look at Evangelical Protestants, he says: Once a force in 19th-century American politics — as well as a long-time champion, William Jennings Bryan — by the late 1920s, they were on the fringes of the American political landscape, with no role in either major party. But in just five decades, Wolfe continues, the Evangelicals would reappear and at century’s end occupy a central place in American politics.

So, Wolfe says, today’s Evangelicals are the 1920s Evangelical Protestant — politically marginalized, seemingly out of sync with current social trends? “Probably a Massachusetts college professor,” he answers with a smile, as the students chuckle. “I mean, think about it: I live in the Northeast, and nobody – including me – lives to the Northeast. I like living in cities, and nobody likes living in cities. I listen to classical music, and nobody likes classical music.”

It’s a pithy, trenchant bit of analysis, but if you’re a Massachu- setts college professor named Alan Wolfe, things are actually pretty good. You’re the director of the internationally recognized Boisi Center for Religion and American Democracy — doesn’t seem to regard the person in the room who can talk to scholars, writers, journalists, policy makers and other experts to campus to speak on just about every hot-button issue involving religion and politics: school choice, faith-based social initiatives, intel- ligent design and, most recently, the debate about religious phrases in the Pledge of Allegiance and American currency. In 2002, only days after the first anniversary of 9/11, the center hosted a seminar, “Religion in Contemporary Europe: Church, State and Society,” for scholars from Mus- lim-majority coun- tries, including Paki- stan, Jordan, Nigeria and the Palestinian Authority in Israel’s West Bank.


But Wolfe — who also directs the American Po- litical Science Association Task Force on Religion and American Democracy — doesn’t seem to regard his workload as particularly onerous or even signifi- cant: “I’m a writer,” he says simply. “I write.”

Well, something a little more than that, says At- lantic, Monthly Editor Cullen Murphy. “Most scholars don’t have the skill or the way to write for an audience of ordinary, well-educated people,” explains Murphy. “Alan can do that while not let- ting go of the special expertise that makes him a scholar. So he becomes one of the leading influences, the person in the room who can talk to everyone else but also enjoys intellectual heft in his own right.”

For Wolfe, then, BC has been a perfect fit. “The kind of issues I’m concerned with resonate with the Jesuit, Catholic tradition,” he says. “Furthermore, a lot of programs in political science don’t ask the big questions in the way we do here, with a focus on faith, philosophy and the human condition. I think it’s a case where my interests, and the settings I wanted to explore, dovetailed with BC’s mission.”

Cullen Murphy agrees: “The subjects close to his heart, concerning values in American life and their intersection with the great political issues roiling the nation, straddle both the ‘real world’ and the life of the mind — not a place where you find most scholars. People who wonder what has happened to public intellectuals in America simply don’t know Alan.”

Still, it would seem an unlikely scenario: Someone from a non-observing Jewish background, who didn’t take an interest in religion until well into his adulthood, working at a university with an avowed devotion to its Jesuit, Catholic heritage and mission — and he’s one of America’s leading authorities on religion in public life. Wolfe came of age in 1950s Philadelphia, an era in which the city’s Big Five college basketball teams, along with its professional sports franchises, and a locally produced TV show began sweeping teens onto the dance floor across the country — “American Bandstand.” “I got to dance on the show once,” recalls Wolfe, “but it was only once. They were more plugged into the Catholic schools than the public schools.”

“The biggest thing about Philadelphia for me was that it wasn’t New York City, and to be Jewish growing up in a place other than New York just made me feel different,” he says. “Philly wasn’t the same kind of city, but it was big enough to, for example, have its own orchestra — with Eugene Ormandy and Leopold Stokowski — which was where I picked up a great love of classical music.”

“My father was in the construction business, and in those years Philly construction was dominated by Grace Kelly’s father, John, so I learned a lot about ethnicity and its role in civic life.”

His parents were both children of immigrants — his mother’s family from Hungary, his father’s from Ukraine — and, as Wolfe explains, of that next-generation which generally were more interesting than its professional sports franchises, and a locally produced TV show began sweeping teens onto the dance floor across the country — “American Bandstand.” “I got to dance on the show once,” recalls Wolfe, “but it was only once. They were more plugged into the Catholic schools than the public schools.”

“He’s deeply committed to teaching, and he makes no effort to underplay his responsibility in that regard,” says a colleague. (Photo by Leo Pelligrini)
Reardon has enjoyed successful corporate careers in research and development management and as a principal of TKL Research, Inc., a privately held clinical research firm focused on conducting clinical trials for safety and effectiveness of pharmaceuticals. He also has served as a member of BC’s Gas- son Society for alumni giving and received the Alumni Association’s highest honor, the William V. McKenney Award, as the graduate who has made outstanding contributions to service, industry and the University.

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• CNN interviewed Prof. David Hollenbach, SJ (LSEO) was interviewed by the Boston Globe about how to calm children's fears in light of reports of school violence.

• College of Arts and Sciences Dean Joseph Quinn discussed changing retirement patterns with Minyard.

• Peter Gottschalk (Eco-
nomics) was quoted by the Boston Business Journal for a story on rising wages in the medical device industry.

• Law School Dean John Garvey was quoted by the Boston Globe for a story on the future of the also-rans.

• Assoc. Prof. Kathleen Seiden (CSOM) was interviewed by the Boston College Chronicle about the upcoming annual convention of the Broadcast Education Association.

• Prof. Michael Cassidy (Law) was quoted by the Associated Press re lawsuits resulting from the RI night-

• An op-ed by Bosnia Center for Religion and American Public Life Director Prof. Alan Wolfe (Political Science) on voter responsibility was published by the Los Angeles Times and was praised by a subsequent op-ed in USA Today on the day.

• Prof. Michael Bergin led his teams to 359 victories during his career at the University, Mr. Pellagrini was a part of the Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago, chaplain of the superior general in Rome. After a six-year term, Mr. Pellagrini was reappointed as dean of the JESuits.

Fr. Guinidon Dies, Was Physics Chair, New England Provincial

Former Physics Department faculty member Rev. William Guinidon, SJ, an educator and leader of New England Jesuits in the late 1960s and early 1970s, died Oct. 14. He was 84.

A Newton native, Mr. Desmond worked for Boston College for 37 years. He was the son of Eleanor P. (Reilly) Desmond and the late Thomas E. Desmond and brother of Boston College Police Sgt. Joseph Desmond.

Besides his mother and brother, Mr. Desmond is survived by his wife Patricia A. (Bennett) Desmond, his children Christopher S., Joseph T. and Kelly A. Desmond, brothers Thomas, William, Edward and Richard, sisters Mary Ann, Caroline and Maureen and grandchildren.

Donations in his name may be made to West Baseball League, Inc., 48 Winnredd Road, Brockton, MA 02301.

Notable

Work/Life Matters Magazine honored Boston College Center for Work & Family Executive Director Brad Harrington as one of "the most influential men in work/life" at its Annual Awards Gala Oct. 5 in New York City.

The center, created in 1990, is recognized as a national leader in helping organizations create effective workplaces that support and develop healthy and productive employees. Last month, the center launched a new initiative, the Global Workforce Roundtable, in London. Work/Life Matters seeks to provide top executives with current information on the latest news, trends and analysis on the benefits of offering employees comprehensive work life resources and benefits.

The publication reached some 5,000 CEOs, CFOs, COOs and human resource directors at Fortune 100 companies throughout the New York-

nary Based Employment Supports."
October 19

• “Stress and the Good Life,” with Prof. Joseph Tecse (Psychology) 9 a.m., McElroy Conference Room, call ext.2-8532.
• “Journey to the Sun” a film directed by Yeun Unggla, 7 p.m., Devlin 206, call ext.2-8100, e-mail armattamb@bc.edu.
• “The Jesuit Tradition and the Current Debate,” with Prof. Richard Cobb Stevens (Philosophy), 7 p.m., McGuinn 121, call ext.2-8695, e-mail cronndfr@bc.edu.

Oct. 20

• An “Intractability Challenge: Do Immigrants Catch or Carry Race and Culture?” For more information contact ispet@bc.edu or call ext.2-2482.
• “What is a Nation?” presented by Pierre Manent, Centre de Recherches Raymond Aron, 4 p.m. McGuinn 121. Contact gesh@bc.edu or call ext.2-4144.

Oct. 21

• The Least Dangerous Branch! Liberty, Justice, and the U.S. Supreme Court. For more information and to register, go to www.bc.edu/supremecourt or call ext.2-4281, 3 p.m., Roboham Theater Arts Center.

Oct. 22

• Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord: A Symposium on the U.S. Bishops’ Statement on Lay Ecclesial Ministry” 1:30 p.m.

Wolfe Feels at Home with BC

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democracy can, in the process fomenting a new brand of populism, find its trouble. And it’s a public that is by turns indifferent to, ignorant of, and isolated from, the country’s political process — where accountability and bipartisanship are increasingly rare commodities — and you’ve got a democracy on the rocks, says Wolfe.

“No, this is a call to sweep out the Republicans and vote in the democrats, because much as I might like to wish otherwise — it won’t improve the quality of our democratic life, the way laws are passed or stood up to the executive branch.”

Perhaps the young men and women Wolfe sees each week at his seminar will help to enact that will. But Wolfe is not about to get on a metaphorical soapbox and urge them to the streets: He’ll offer some history, perhaps a little personal perspective, and nudge the students to provide their own. On this particular afternoon, the discussion for a time focuses on religious movements and 18th to 19th-century America (“How do we reconcile evangelicalism and its pessimism — especially Calvinism — with America’s penchant for optimism?” Wolfe asks), and leaders and activists such as Jonathan Edwards and John Wesley.

Eventually, the time-line shifts to the present, and the future. Wolfe notes the recent death of former Massachusetts Governor Edward King ‘48, a Catholic Democrat, and the Kerry Healey-Deval Patrick gubernatorial race — “An Episcopalian Republican versus a Protestant Democrat” — as heralding a new era in Bay State politics.

Wolfe turns to the national election campaign, and the X factor that may shape this and future political seasons: Has the Evangelical-Christian conservative movement peaked? “Wolfe says he, and a few other observers, think it may have — not so much due to controversy over the Civil War, which is, metaphorically, a generation gap of sorts.”

“The question is, are these young evangelicals against political correctness as their parents? says Wolfe, noting that the student newspaper at Baylor — an institution with a socially and religiously conservative lineage — recently endorsed the concept of gay marriage. "Let's look at this another way: What does it mean to be born again? It means you had a moment in which you broke from your family's religion. What if you're a child of someone who's born again — do you have a similar moment?”

In addition, Wolfe adds, it’s hard to believe that the socioeconomic common ground some Catholics and Protestants might have found during this recent “ Era of the Evangelicals” will hold indefinitely. “If so, what will religion mean then? Maybe people will go back to separating religion from politics.”

Yet Wolfe is quick to emphasize the fallibility of pundits, he included, when it comes to predicting the future of political movements. “I remember, sometimes in the late 1960s, writing that liberalism is the future of this country,” he tells the students. “It certainly looked that way. There had been JFK, although he sadly left too soon, and then LBJ and the Civil Rights Act. If you were a liberal, you thought ‘We’re here, this is it.’ But then in about five years, everything’s changed, and you were on the outside looking in.”

“It’s easy to get caught up in the moment, and to overlook what afterwards seems obvious,” he says, a smile forming. “I guess that’s why I’m never short of material to write about.”

Looking Ahead

Barnes Exhibition Offers Insight Into Life, Career of Beckett

An exhibit honoring the centennial of the birth of acclaimed Irish playwright Samuel Beckett is now on display at Boston College’s John J. Burns Library of Rare Books and Special Collections. The free public exhibit, titled “...my monster is in safe keeping,” will be on view throughout the entire exhibit floor of Burns Library through Jan. 31.

The exclusive exhibit, which includes items never before displayed in the United States, is comprised of correspondence, manuscripts, posters, photographs, publications and other papers by and about Samuel Beckett (1906-1989), winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1969 and noted for works that include “Waiting for Godot.”

The exhibit is drawn from Boston College’s celebrated Beckett Collection, considered to be one of the world’s finest. It is comprised of more than 400 manuscripts and other pieces collected by the playwright’s friends Calvin and Joann Israel, as well as correspondence between Beckett and North American literary agent Barney Rosset, director Alan Schneider, and French novelist and playwright Robert Pinget.

The exhibit is in celebration not only of the centennial of Beckett’s birth but also of a new Burns Library acquisition, The Judith Schmidt Dow Collection of Correspondence with Samuel Beckett, 1957-1984, which contains more than 130 letters from Beckett to Judith Schmidt (later Judith Schmidt Dow), secretary to Barney Rosset of Grove Press, Beckett’s American publisher.

For more information, see www.bc.edu/bc_org/eng.Childcare/2006/Burns_Beckett.pdf or visit the Burns Web site at www.bc.edu/library/centents/bursel/.

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