BC Agrees to Buy Archdiocese Land

BY REID OSLIN STAFF WRITER

Boston College has reached an agreement in principle with the Archdiocese of Boston for the purchase of an additional 18 acres of land and several administrative and academic buildings on the Brighton campus that has been home to the archdiocese for nearly a century.

The University will pay $65 million for the property, which includes the Archdiocesan Chancery Office, Bishop Peterson Hall, a library used by students at St. John’s Seminary and a smaller research library. The sale is expected to be finalized by late summer.

In transactions completed in 2004 and 2006, Boston College purchased 46 acres from the Archdiocese at the Brighton site bordered by Commonwealth Avenue, Lake Street and Foster Street. Those acquisitions included the former Cardinal’s Residence, St. William’s Hall, St. Clement’s Hall, the former Tribunal Building, and several smaller structures.

The Archdiocese of Boston will retain ownership of St. John’s Seminary on Lake Street. The 200 employees of the Archdiocese who are employed at the Chancery offices are expected to be relocated to an office complex in Braintree by next summer.

“It’s the final piece of the puzzle,” said University Vice President for Community Affairs Thomas Keady, noting that the Archdiocese had previously agreed to offer the additional parcels of land to the University if they decided to sell them. Keady said he proposed the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, which would be the result of the reaffiliation of the Chancery Office, Bishop Peterson Hall, and Chancery offices are expected to be finalized by late summer.

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New Leadership for Undergrad Education

Historian Maney takes the reins as College of Arts and Sciences dean

BY PATRICIA DELANEY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Boston College has named Patrick J. Maney, professor and chair of the history department at the University of South Carolina, to be the next dean of its College of Arts and Sciences, the oldest and largest undergraduate school within the University.

Maney formally assumed the post on July 15, succeeding Joseph Quinn, who returns to the faculty after serving as ACS dean since 1999.

Discussing Maney’s qualities, University administrators said that he had cultivated an impressive reputation while department chair at South Carolina, nurturing young faculty, recruiting and retaining top scholars, and enhancing the department’s reputation in Southern and African-American history.

“I am pleased that Dr. Patrick Maney will be the next dean of the College of Arts and Sciences,” said University President William P. Leahy, SJ. “He is an accomplished teacher, scholar and administrator, knows liberal arts education, and is committed to fostering the Jesuit, Catholic dimensions of Boston College.

Added Provost and Dean of Facilities Curbartha Garza, “I look forward to working with Dean Maney. His record of achievement in building a nationally recognized department of history, attracting the best in the field to his department, and proven commitment to diversity and undergraduate education, no doubt will serve the College of Arts and Sciences very well.

“His enthusiasm for our Jesuit heritage is another strength he brings to us,” Garza added. “I have no doubt that our faculty and students will be the next dean of its College of Arts and Sciences.

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Together On the March of Their Lives

Trio of BC alums trek across Gobi Desert to raise funds

BY SEAN SMITH CHRONICLE EDITOR

In the space of a week, three Boston College friends traveled 150 miles, endured blistered-like conditions and brutal desert heat, climbed some 6,000 feet and — during one day — crossed roughly 30 rivers, in a remote area of the globe relatively few in the Western world get to experience.

The trio, Mian Azmy ’02, Sean Lobo ’03 and Tim Ryan ’03, were drawn in part by the sheer physical and mental challenge of crossing the Gobi, they had another purpose for participating: raising money for the Grace Children’s Foundation, a New York City-based organization that aids Chinese orphans.

“Part of our inspiration was by Racing the Planet, as a means of inspiring people to explore other cultures while stretching their athletic fronts.”

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The trio, who competed as the “Grace’s Eagles” team, collected more than $20,000 in donations for the foundation, which provides education, medical care and a family-like environment for its residents.

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Church in the 21st Century Head Moves to Mission and Ministry Office

Church in the 21st Century Center Director Timothy Muldoon '92 has been appointed as assistant to Vice President for University Mission and Ministry Joseph Appleyard, SJ.

Announcing the appointment, Fr. Appleyard said Muldoon will be involved in developing the content of programs for administrative staff and faculty focusing on the Jesuit and Catholic dimensions of the University’s mission. He also will teach courses on Ignatian spirituality in the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program, and work with Campus Ministry and Intersections to plan an Ignatian leadership program for undergraduates.

In addition, Muldoon will develop an online journal about faith and contemporary issues for undergraduates and young adults. “I’m delighted that Tim will be working with me,” said Fr. Appleyard. “His theological background, his experience working with young adults, and his ability to communicate about faith issues are resources that will be very useful for the programs that we are developing.”

Two years ago, Muldoon was named inaugural director of the Church in the 21st Century Center, an outgrowth of BC’s Church in the 21st Century initiative that was launched in the fall of 2002 to assist the Catholic Church in the 21st Century. Muldoon has written and lectured widely on faith issues and young adults, and is the author of two books on spirituality for young adults.

Muldoon holds a master’s degree in theology from Emory University and a doctorate in systematic theology from Duquesne University. In 2004, Muldoon was named inaugural director of the C21 Center until a new director to the president, who directed the C21 initiative during its first two years, will serve as interim director of C21 until a new director is named. Newton said he was confident that a robust schedule of C21 events would be in place for the fall.

It’s Official: 21 BC Fulbrights

Boston College’s 2007 Fulbright success story — with a school record 20 BC-affiliated students earning the coveted awards — has a postscript: Earlier this summer, graduating senior David Saunders was confirmed with a school record 20 BC-affiliated students earning Fulbrights.

Saunders, a native of Hastings, Minn., had been one of four BC students named as Fulbright alternatives. He plans to travel to Nepal, where he will research pluralistic healing modalities, specifically TB and other infectious diseases in the neighborhood of Boudhla and the surrounding Kathmandu area.

BC Researchers Make Key Advance on Antibiotic

Asst. Prof. Steve Bruner (Chemistry)

Asst. Prof. Steve Bruner (Chemistry) and his team of researchers have taken a key step toward understanding how vancomycin, dubbed “the antibiotic of last resort,” is produced in nature.

The research comes as doctors are running out of antibiotics to treat increasingly potent bacterial infections. Understanding the chemistry behind the existing arsenal of antibiotics like vancomycin, which is used to treat aggressive, drug-resistant staph infections, could allow drugmakers to synthesize them in laboratories. It could also lead researchers to develop new kinds of antibiotic weapons.

In a letter published in a recent issue of Nature magazine, Bruner’s team provided the first picture of how an enzyme called DpgC interacts with oxygen gas as part of the process of creating vancomycin. Oxygen is used in all processes of cellular biology, including energy production and primary metabolism. The vast majority of oxygen-using enzymes exploit metals or vitamin-like substances called cofactors to incorporate oxygen into organic molecules.

DpgC, however, is unique in that it catalyzes complex oxidation chemistry without the help of any metal or cofactor. In their letter to Nature, Bruner and his team reported the first atomic picture of DpgC — giving chemists around the world an unprecedented amount of detail regarding the mechanism of the enzyme and the general mechanism of oxygen activation.

“We need to know how these enzymes work so that the people developing new analogs know what changes can be made,” Bruner said. “We’re still a little far away from being able to synthesize these drugs in a lab, but this is one of the early steps toward that goal — and one of the more complicated ones.”

The Chemistry Department called the accomplishment a “huge coup” both for Bruner and the sciences at BC, noting it was rare for a junior faculty member to be published in a journal with the prestige of Nature.

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NOT JUST TOOLING AROUND—Lynch School of Education graduate student Ismail Muralek and Brighton resident Michael Green work on an engineering project using Lego blocks as part of an academic enrichment program Boston College has sponsored this summer in conjunction with St. Columbkille’s School. Fifteen BC students are staffing the nine-week program, which runs until Aug. 17. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)
Workers began the renovation of Gasson Tower earlier this summer. (Photo by Gary Gilbert)

Gasson Getting a Make-Over

BY STEPHEN GAWLIK STAFF WRITER

This summer, in the small town of Alma, Quebec — some 600 miles from Chestnut Hill — the newest parts of Gasson Hall are being born.

There, in the Beton Prefabriques Du Lac Inc. foundry, new cast stone elements of Boston College's signature building are being created from a high-tech concrete, using molds developed from the stones currently being removed from atop Gasson. When completed, they will make their way to BC, eventually to be installed in the place of their predecessors.

Since late April, crews from Phoenix-Bay State Construction have been hard at work on Middle Campus taking apart the façade of Gasson's 120-foot tower, stone by stone, foot by foot. The project is aimed at addressing numerous aging issues that have resulted from nearly a century of service — and continual exposure to various environmental conditions — all of which have aged the building's cast stone components.

The disassembly of the tower will take another couple of months. Reassembly will begin this fall and, after pausing for the winter, continue next spring. A second phase, to begin when the tower is complete, will address problems in Gasson's lower portion.

“This project is on schedule and making progress,” said architect Wendall Kalsow of McGinley Kalsow & Associates. “The four pinnacles have been removed to the roofline, which is about 30 feet off the top of the tower.”

Kalsow says the work done thus far reaffirms the need for the project: While Gasson is essentially in good shape, he explained, the removal of the tower's stone elements revealed how much of a toll the decades have taken. Fortunately, he adds, the Roxbury Puddingstone, which comprises about 75 percent of Gasson's façade, is in excellent shape.

Crews are currently at work cutting the stones from the tower. The stones, some of which weigh more than a ton, are then secured to a 200-foot-tall electric crane that carefully lowers them down to the ground. From there, a crew member uses a forklift to move the stones to an area where they are studied and readied for shipping to Canada. In all, 2,500 stones will be fabricated using 500 unique shapes.

The fenced-off area adjacent to Gasson now serves as something of a museum of masonry pieces, each one telling a different history of both how a building ages over a century and how master craftsmen of yesteryear were able to produce such an architectural marvel.

“One of the things we’ve developed is a healthy respect for the people who did this 100 years ago,” said Project Manager Jake Myfcysik.

The University’s first Gothic building, Gasson took four years to complete before it opened in 1913.

For those involved in the project, Gasson’s disassembly helps keep them in touch with skills and techniques that the world has only recently forgotten.

“The way that they built Gasson was the way they built masonry buildings going back to the Middle Ages,” said Kalsow. “This is for us a continuum of masonry practices that goes back to the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans and the great Medieval cathedrals. Buildings completed in the 20th Century are not the same.”

Conservator Ivan Myjer, who serves as a special consultant on the project, is at work determining the original shape and size of each stone. After one is removed it is marked and a pattern is developed. The pattern serves as the basis for a new mold that is used by the foundry in Canada to create a new piece.

While each new stone will have the same size and shape of its predecessor, each will be a remarkably different element. Thanks to some advances in cast stone technology, the new stones will be infused with tiny air pockets to accommodate the freeze-thaw cycles that are common in modern new England winters.

Another improvement to the new stones will be the addition of stainless steel support, in place of regular steel, which has a much shorter lifespan.

Myjer explained that Gasson’s original cast stone used a black aggregate, which became quite visible as the building weathered and thus darkened the building’s façade.

Crews will begin rebuilding the tower later this fall, but the process is highly dependent on the weather, as the stones must be set when temperatures are above 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

The project is expected to be finished by Labor Day. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

Catholic Press Association Cites C21 Book Series

Two books from a series based on Boston College’s Church in the 21st Century initiative were honored in the annual awards presented by the Catholic Press Association.

Sexuality and the US Catholic Church, edited by BC Law Dean Jean M. theirsby, Monan Professor of Theology Lisa Soileau Cahill and Jesuit Institute Director T. Frank Kennedy, SJ, was awarded first place in the Catholic Press Association’s Gender Issues category, with an honorable mention in the category of Theology.


The books were among four volumes released during the past year as part of the Church in the 21st Century series. The works in this category are based on conferences hosted through the Church in the 21st Century initiative, which explored issues of public policy highlighted by the Catholic Church's sexual abuse scandal.

For more information, see the Church in the 21st Century Web site at www.bc.edu/cwp.
An Unforgettable Week for BC Trio

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cal, vocational and other train-
ing and services for millions of
abandoned or orphaned Chinese
children.

Interviewed recently, the BC
alums — all professionals in
the business and financial sector
who have known each other for several
years — recalled a week of gruel-
ing hardship, breathtaking scenery,
camaraderie and, most of all, the
kindness shown them by villagers
along the marathon route — a rep-
tent that transcended their lack of
a common spoken language.

“In the end our experience be-
came more than what we just indi-
vividually wanted out of it,” said Lobo.
“It became about helping
others — something that led me
several years ago to choose to at
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“Maybe in a few
months time I will bet-
ter understand. Perhaps it will
just remain an ultra-marathon I competed in,
perhalls it will grow into a bigger
life-long experience. Won’t think
about it too much, but it is impor-
tant to realize it was just a race and
I think anyone who is interested
in such an experience can com-
plete it if they dedicate their mind
and heart to it.

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Mian. It will forever be another
bond that we share.”

BC Retirement Center to Study State, Local Pensions

The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College will launch a study of state and local pension plans, under a $3.5 million
grant by the newly created Center for State and Local Government Excellence (CSLGE).

The two-year initiative will establish a data clearinghouse on state and
local pension plans and explore their funding status and eco-
nomic impact. Although state and local plans cover about 10 per-
cent of the workforce and hold more than 20 percent of the nation’s
total pension assets, according to the CSLGE, to date research and
data collection have been limited and fragmented.

“We are delighted to be working with the new Center for Excel-
ence in State and Local Government,” said CRR Director Alicia H.
Munnell, who is the Drucker Professor of Management Sciences at
BC.

“Our program of research and data collection will be tailored to the
unique circumstances of public sector employers and employees.
By supporting this effort, the center will set the stage for a national
research agenda that will benefit policymakers, plan participants, and
the public.

The mission of the CSLGE, formed through initial funding from the
ICMA Retirement Corp., is to help state and local governments
become competitive employers so they attract and retain a talented,
innovative and committed workforce. The center will collaborate
with leading researchers to help policymakers better understand
emerging challenges in pensions and retiree health care, and also seeks
to promote careers in state and local government.

The announcement of the study comes, as CSLGE noted, at a time
when more than 60 percent of state and local employers are
over age 40, and two-thirds of knowledge workers are eligible to
retire in the next 10 years. Decision makers need high quality data
and a better understanding of the complex environments they face,
including complex retirement security issues, so they can attract and
retain skilled workers, according to CSLGE.

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“The point of these races is to
challenge your mind and body
and to see just how far you can go.

This experience led him to seek op-
portunities to challenge himself,
and Ryan’s description of the Gobi
March piqued his interest.

Army found a similar appeal
when Lobo talked to him about the
marathon: In the midst of what
he describes as a “crossroads”
in life, the Gobi March seemed
a means for him to find new vistas
and in so doing discover unex-
plained dimensions within himself.

The marathon required team
participants to start and finish to-
et other, but two days in the Grace’s
Eagles members faced an unex-
pected obstacle when Lobo injured
his left eye, and eventually
contracted the same virus and was
forced to drop out.

“Don took it all in stride,” said Lobo.
“He even had his daughter
out in China to see him finish
and he was not able to
Yet Don just
kept telling me not
to worry about the outcome since I had
done everything I could. It will for-
ever be one of those moments
where in life you will feel
an outcome which is not
favorable, I will draw upon Don’s
intensity that day to
progress forward.”

Lobo’s team-
mates were encountering their own
difficulties, as Ryan notes, such as
the roughly 30 river crossings they
had to make on the fourth
day. “You have to navigate through
rivers up to your knees, which literally
nearly tore apart your feet as your
ankles swelled, and that is the lon-
est stage of the marathon, which
entailed covering about 50 miles
in “brutal heat — truly just a test
of will.”

Ryan, like Lobo, found his spir-
its boosted simply by the example
set by others. “You had the leaders
who literally sprinted the distance,
but also the people that have never
completed and simply want to fin-
ish the hardest experience of their
lives. There was even a blind man
who was led the whole way by a

fellow competitor.

The Gobi March behind them,
the three now find themselves sift-
ing through the memories of that
week and reflecting on its
significance for the short and
long term.

“For me it is too early to
deconstruct this
experience,” said Lobo.

“We have known each other for several
years — something that led me
several years ago to choose to attend
Boston College and explore
the Jesuit tradition of ‘men and
women serving others.’

“We encountered so much
generosity and consideration, from
the family, friends and benefactors
who supported us to the other
marathon competitors and to
the people we met along the way.
It meant a lot to the three of us to be
able to accomplish this.”

Added Ryan, “It was quite liter-
ally the worst week of your life, yet
the best week of your life: being in
a remote region with people who
had never seen an outsider in their
lives; meeting amazing people who
will be lifelong friends; enjoying an
untroubled part of this world few
of us are likely to see.

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put into words. To compete with
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Competitors at the starting line for the Gobi March. (Photo courtesy of Sean Lobo)

IN FULL BLOOM—Israeli Consul Rony Yedidia (left), Irish Consul General David Barry (center), and comic Jimmy
Tingle read from James Joyce’s Ulysses, while actress Elaine Theodore looks on during the Bloomsday Boston 2007
celebration, held at Bapst Library on June 16. The readings were part of a larger event presented by the New Center
for Arts and Culture and Boston College’s Irish Studies Program and Office of the Provost. (Photo by Frank Curran)
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Weston Jesuit School of Theology and the Boston College Theology Department — a move that has yet to be finalized — would be located in Bishop Peterson Hall, which contains classroom, aademic and office facilities.

The Weston School’s book collection, as well as Boston College-owned theology volumes, will be located in the former St. John’s Library. Seminarians studying at Boston College and St. John’s will have access to the library, Ready says.

Plans also include the construction of a graduate housing for Weston Jesuit School of Theology students on the newly acquired real estate located on Foster Street. Ready said that the purchase of the additional land and structures has delayed the filing of a master plan with the Boston Redevelopment Authority for the entire 28-acre site. “We had originally planned to file the master plan in June, but with the anticipated sale of the property to Weston College, we made the decision to wait because now we have to rezone that property for institutional use.”

The Boston College long-term vision plan, which has previously been made public, includes the relocation of the former Cardinall’s Residence as a conference center; the continued use of various existing buildings as academic and office spaces, and the proposed construction of baseball, softball and intramural playing fields, a tennis center, graduate and undergraduate housing, and parking facilities.

This is the first plan in the city of Boston where an institution has shown its long-term plan to the community before filing the master plan,” Ready said. “Neighbor have said what they like and what they don’t like. We have taken their comments back and we are now working on our formal submission to the BRA.”

Ready said several University administrative offices have already moved into existing office space on the Brighton campus and the University Advancement and business offices are expected to move from More Hall into St. William’s Hall and the Chancery building sometime next year. Plans call for More Hall to be razed and a future dormitory built on the site.

In addition, Ready said a former gymnasium on the Brighton campus is being renovated as a student rehearsal space and will be completed in September.

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Scholar of Faith, Science Fr. Anderson Dies
A funeral Mass was celebrated June 11 in St. Mary’s Chapel for Asoc. Prof. Ronald Anderson, SJ (Philosophy), who died during the weekend of June 2-3. A scholar whose research interests combined facets of religion and science, Fr. Anderson was 57.

Fr. Anderson joined the Boston College faculty as an assistant professor in 1987, after serving as a lecturer during the spring of 1985. He was promoted to associate professor in 1993. At BC, he taught such courses as Philosophy of Physics: An Introduction to its Themes, Science and Religion: Shifting Boundaries, Changing Contexts and God and Science: Developing Spiritualities for the 21st Century. He published articles in Physical Review, Journal of Physics and Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science, among other publications, and contributed to such volumes as Jesuit Pseudepigraph: Scholarship, Vocation, and Identity in the Jesuit Order.

Colleagues recalled Fr. Anderson as a dedicated teacher and mentor who pursued diverse interests, as evidenced by his doctorates in philosophy and physics, respectively, Boston University and the University of Melbourne, as well as a master’s of divinity degree from the Weston School of Theology.

“Ron was a rare person who was equally at ease in the disciplines of religion and science,” said Rev. Francis Clooney, SJ, a former member of the Theology Department faculty residing in the University’s Jesuit Community who knew Fr. Anderson for 20 years. “He could do the ‘hard numbers,’ yet he also was active in archival work tracing the development of science.”

Even as he tended to pastoral duties — assisting at the Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Marblehead, for example — and other aspects of Jesuit priesthood, Fr. Clooney noted, Fr. Anderson had made a serious exploration of Buddhist philosophy.

“Ron was knowledgeable in so many ways. He had a great range of gifts and put them to very good use,” said Fr. Clooney.

University Vice President for Mission and Ministry Joseph Ap- 

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pplied, said, “He was an intel- lectually restless person in a way that I always enjoyed having conversations with him. The fact that he had a doctorate in physics and another in philosophy indicates the kind of intellectual journey that he was on.”

Fr. Appleby said Fr. Anderson was devoted to his students. “That’s probably a conventional thing to say about a teacher, but I think he did have a strong impact on a lot of students in the variety of courses that he taught.”

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BC Alumnus Devran to Receive Honor from President Bush
Peter B. Devran ’67, a 1997 Boston College honorary degree recipient who is the Bren Professor of Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology, has been named one of eight recipients of the 2006 National Medal of Science.

The National Medal of Science is presented annually by the President of the United States. Devran and the other seven recipients will receive their awards at the White House on July 27.

The National Medal of Science honors individuals for pioneering scientific research in a range of fields, including physics, biological, mathematical, social, behavioral, and engineering sciences — that enhances understanding of the world and leads to innovations that improve American quality of life. Significant accomplishments include inventions that have improved medical care, boosting economic productivity or having a positive impact on the environment.

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Devran is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and fellow of the French Academy of Sciences and the Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina. His honors include the Harrison Howe Award, Arthur C. Cape Award, Willard Gibbs Medal, Nicholson Medal, and the Wilbur Cross Medal.

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field of bioorganic chemistry with studies directed toward understanding the chemical processes for the sequence-specific recognition of the genetic material, DNA. He and his coworkers have combined the art of synthesis, physical chemistry, and biology to create synthetic molecules with affinities and sequence specificities comparable to nature’s proteins. This chemical approach to DNA recognition underpins the design of programmable cell-permeable small molecules for the regulation of gene expression.

A native of Boston, Devran, in addition to his bachelor’s degree from BC, holds a doctorate from Yale University. He was a postdoctoral fellow for a year at Stanford before arriving at Cal Tech as an assistant professor in 1973.

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And...something to measure from,” which will be on view through Sept. 14, is comprised of correspondence, manuscripts, posters, photographs, publications and other papers and items — including some never before displayed in the United States — drawn from Boston College’s celebrated British Catholic Authors Collection, considered to be one of the world’s finest. The collection seeks to document the British Catholic experience from Catholic Emancipation in 1829 to the present time. The Burns Library is well known for the significance of its holdings related to leading Catholic writers from the British Isles, among them John Henry Cardinal Newman and Graham Greene to Gerard Manley Hopkins, T. S. Eliot and C. S. Lewis. Peter Milward’s papers include a complete collection of his books, articles, and chapters on Shakespeare, as well as the entire collection of Milward’s critical output.

For information see www.bc.edu/libraries/centerforburs or call ext. 3282.

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Maney Succeeds Quinn as Dean of Arts and Sciences

Maney has served as a commentator on historical subjects for National Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television, and is the author of numerous publications, including the books "Young Bob" La Fellette: A Biography of Robert M. La Follette, Jr. 1899-1953, and The Reserved Presence: The Life and Legacy of FDR, which historian Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. described as a "model compact biography." He has also written a number of articles and book chapters and is currently researching a book on the Clinton presidency.

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Hafner Is Appointed Vice Provost

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Hafner said, "It’s a little daunting, but I am looking forward to the job. There are a number of fine ambitions BC has set out for itself in the forthcoming strategic plan, and I hope to contribute when and wherever possible in this new role."

As vice provost, Hafner will serve as a liaison of the Office of the Provost to — and help provide support for — undergraduate academics and student life at BC. "Obviously, the focus for me will be more on the academic side of things, since our very capable Student Affairs division is well-equipped to fulfill BC’s student life and student formation missions," he said.

But since academics, student life and formation are of paramount concern to all of us at BC, I will certainly be taking part in the conversation."

Hafner said he expects to continue his involvement with the Fellows’ Committee, "I am devoted to helping students pursue these valuable opportunities, and very much want to ensure BC continues its forward progress. In fact, I hope that this new position as vice provost will provide a perspective that could enhance the committee’s work.”

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