Lynch School Program Gets $9.2 Million Boost

BostonConnects will expand service efforts to 14 local schools

By Ed Hayward Staff Writer

The Lynch School of Edcuation’s BostonConnects program, a partnership-driven school reform effort that delivers a comprehensive array of supports — such as mentor- ing, counseling and family services — to Boston elementary students, is expanding to serve 14 schools through a new $9.2 million initia tive, Lynch School Dean Joseph O’Keefe, SJ, announced last week.

A $4.6 million grant from New Balance Foundation, a $2 million award from Strategic Grant Part ners, $1 million from the Charles Hayden Foundation and other foundation, university and govern ment support will fund Bos tonConnects in nine current and five new schools for the next three years. With the new schools, the seven-year-old program will serve 4,000 elementary students in 14 Boston Public Schools.

New Balance Foundation, the charitable arm of New Balance Athletic Shoe Inc., has contributed $6.3 million to support a cornerstone of BostonConnects, the New Balance Foundation Health Curriculum, designed to help students make smart choices around nutrition and overall health.

Initial findings show students who were recommended for extra services made academic improve ment at approximately the same rate as peers who were not found in need of additional supports. The new grant funding will deepen the research into raising student achievement among different stu dent groups, the program’s effects on academic achievement, and the impact on obesity rates, social skills and classroom behavior.

“This kind of collaboration with the Boston Public Schools, our foundation partners, and communi ty-based organizations is critical to improving the lives and eduction of children, particularly those living in poverty,” Fr. O’Keefe said. “The Lynch School of Education and Boston College are proud to expand a success story like Boston Connects, which brings best-prac tices to bear on resolving societal problems in our city and provides a model for urban school reform nationally.”

BostonConnects currently serves the Farragut Elementary (Mission Hill), Gardner Extended Services School (Allston), Garfield Elementary (Brighton), Hamilton Elementary (Brighton), Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Allston), Jackson/Mann K-8 (Brighton), Mission Hill K-8 School, Tobin K-8 (Roxbury), and Windup Elementary (Righ ton). The program will expand to the Blackstone (South End), Eilot (North End), Emerson (Roxbury), Quincy (Chinatown) and Mission Hill.

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State Reputation Survey Ranks Boston College First

By Jack Dunn Director of Public Affairs

Boston College has placed first in the latest Massachusetts Corporate Reputation Survey as the institution business leaders throughout the Commonwealth respect most.

The survey, which ranks the reputations of the state’s lead ing private and public organiza tions, solicits 200 Massachusetts executives on their opinions of 74 well-known businesses and orga nizations. The respondents rate each institution on six attributes: overall reputation, products and services, workplace environment, degree of social responsibility, ethics and corporate governance, and financial stability.

Looking at the results by organization type, Boston College ranked highest in the private, non-profit category.

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Counting Down to November

With the 2008 presidential cam paign in full swing and the Feb. 5 “Super Tuesday” primaries loom ing, Chronicle asked members of the University community for their views on various aspects of the race. (Comments were made prior to Tuesday’s Florida primary.)

Campaign 2008: The Story So Far

College of Arts and Sciences Dean Patrick Mannel

This is overall, the most unpredict able year in presidential elec tions. I’ve never seen an election where so much was at stake, but where so little is known. All these campaigns have had to re-calibrate after each primary.

Aust. Prof. Jennifer Steen (Politi cal Science):

I am amazed by the campaigns’ focus on the new media, and I think it is wonderful. This may finally be the year in which younger voters get engaged because the campaigns are being waged on their turf. I loved the submission of debate questions via YouTube — it makes the pro cess seem much more democratic. I am very interested to see whether there will be any correlation be tween the election outcome (or out comes, counting the primaries) and things like the number of Facebook friends or the number of views of YouTube clips posted by the candidates themselves.

Prof. Alan Wolfe (Political Sci ence), director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life:

Perhaps the most important theme of the campaign in both par ties is the dog that did not bark. The war in Iraq is not being discussed in any serious way.

John Wheeler ‘08, president of the College Democrats of Boston College student organization:

There haven’t been any real surprises, especially on the Republican side. Maybe Hillary in New Hampshire. It’s been the nature of this race, though.

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While BC has placed in the top 10 in each of the five years the survey has been conducted, this year marks the first time the University has been ranked number one. Rounding out the top five were Northeastern, Boston College, Children’s Hospital, Blue Cross/ Blue Shield and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Massachusetts Corporate Reputation Survey is conducted on behalf of Morrisey & Co., a Boston reputation management and public relations firm, and ad ministered through Opinion Dy namics Corporation of Waltham, a national leader in market re search and polling.

“Boston College’s dedication to academic excellence and commitment to the greater good has been showcased in a variety of ways, and the results speak for themselves,” said Fr. O’Keefe.

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A dark history

More than 10 years later, the failure of the international community to prevent the Srebrenica massacre during the war in Bosnia continues to raise haunting questions about human rights and ethical issues, all of which is at the core of an exhibit now on display through Feb. 29 in the Bapst Library Art Gallery.

“The Betrayal of Srebrenica: A Commemoration” comprises photos and commentary by survivors and observers of the 1995 massacre, during which more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys were killed in the United Nations-designated “safe area” of Srebrenica. The exhibition is another collaboration between Visiting Asst. Prof. Lisa DiCaprio (History) and photographer Paula Allen, who also joined forces in 2004 to produce a retrospective of the “disappeared” of Chile.

DiCaprio first traveled to Bosnia and Serbia in the summer of 2003 for the eighth anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre and then returned to Bosnia with Allen to document the 10-year commemoration. While in Sarajevo, DiCaprio presented her research at the first international conference on Srebrenica, which was organized by the Institute for Research on Crimes Against Humanity and International Law at the University of Sarajevo.

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Some of the BostonConnects program leadership at a classroom in Brighton’s Garfield Elementary School. (Adams/Staff photographer)
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media coverage. Clinton has for the most part done a good job with this, but has at times been depicted as too feminine and at other times as too masculine. She really has to define for the time what “being presidential” might mean for a woman.

THE REPUBLICANS

Jennifer Steren:

So far, Huckabee has made conservative values a larger feature of his campaign than the other Republicans, and I expect that he will continue this emphasis in a general election. Romney has made a point of courting conservative reserved, but I think he also wants to be careful not to make his own religion any more prominent than it has to be. McCain is a social conservative, but I don’t expect him to emphasize “values” issues in a general election campaign because that just hasn’t been what he’s been about in the Senate (or the primaries). Giuliani, of course, is possibly less appealing to “values” voters than either of the likely Demo- cratic nominees, but I think he is more likely than anyone else to win the Republican nomination anyway. [Guiliani left the race Wednesday.]

John Wheatley:

Speaking on Obama vs. Clinton, it’s the whole change-versus-experience thing, and what it really boils down to is young-versus-old. The older women, who vote more than any other demographic, are behind Hillary. The younger people are behind Obama. It’s really split: The old liberals, the college students, they’re behind Obama. I think Massachusetts is going to be one of the most important states. And it’s going to depend on who comes out to vote.

Asoc. Prof. Mark Geftand (History):

Through the decades Massachusetts Democratic primary voters have largely been spectators to their party’s presidential nominating process, but in 1952 those casting ballots placed themselves on the wrong side of history by almost fatally derailing the candidacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Four years before, Al Smith had carried Massachusetts in his futile quest for the White House — a victim of religious and cultural prejudices — and when he chal- lendered his fellow New Yorker in the 1932 Massachusetts primary, FDR went down to a humiliating 3-1 thrashing.

As they approach the voting booth in 2008, Democratic party members in Massachusetts will have little choice but to align themselves with the future. In selecting among the first woman and the first African American to be taken seriously in their pursuit of the presidency, and the first white male Southern tort attorney to make populist attacks upon the corporate structure the basis for his candidacy, Bay Staters will undoubtedly be overshadowed by voters in the bigger states that will be batting the same day. However, with New York and Illinois likely to be pivotal to their respective candidates, California and Massachusetts might well be the best in- dicators of the direction the liberal wind is blowing.

WHAT NEXT?

Dennis Hale:

Romney will need to do well in his home state, but if he does well only in Massachusetts his campaign will almost certainly be over. It’s hard to imagine Giuliani espousing a strong showing in Florida into victories elsewhere, given his shrinking campaign staff. On the Demo- cratic side, votes have divided their votes fairly evenly between Clinton and Obama (unlike in 2004, when Kerry scored a number of decisive victories early on.) And given the big metropolitan areas in the Super Tuesday lineup, with their reli- ably liberal voters, it’s likely Clinton and Obama will continue to break more or less even. I think this will continue to be true until we know better who the Republican nominee is likely to be. It is then that the Democrats will finally resolve the conflict between their heads (Clinton) and their hearts (Obama).

Jennifer Steren:

The worsening economy will probably have a multifaceted effect on the election. Certainly, it should make the decision “able to manage the economy” more im- portant for some voters. I haven’t seen any survey data that indicates which candidates are currently perceived as strong on the economy, so I can’t say who in particular might benefit, although there’s some evi- dence that financially strapped voters pre- ferred Hillary Clinton in the New Hamp- shire primary. In general, voters tend to punish the incumbent president’s party for bad economic times, so this may end up helping the Democratic nominee.

Alan Wolfe:

I think it safe to say that neither of the populists, Edwards or Huckabee, will capture the nomination of their respec- tive parties. [Edwards ended his candidacy Wednesday.]

The crowd at Hillside Cafe for last week’s appearance by Chelsea Clinton.

Patrick Maney:

For a political historian, Super Tuesday is like the Super Bowl. It is the closest we come to a national election with states like Cali- fornia and New York all in play. There are a huge number of delegates up for grabs. Right now, it looks like everything is at stake. But even with a huge number of dele- gates, it’s still not clear that Super Tues- day will decide the race. It might settle everything, or might settle nothing.

Lisa Cuklanz:

“The wings” of the Republican Party are easily visible, and each has put forward at least one candidate. Mitt Romney is the economic conservative; McCain and Giuliani (while he lasts) are the national security conservatives. Thompson was and Huckabee is the candidate of the social conservatives and the so-called “values” voters. Since each of these wings is roughly the same size and each is led by ac- tive candidates, the debate in the Republican campaign has been more interesting than the Democratic debate, largely because it has fea- tured actual differences over matters of prin- ciple. (The YouTube Republican debate had the highest viewership of any cable debate in history.) The relative equality of these wings has been mostly responsible for the fact that there are still three or four viable candidates left in the Republican pack.

Alan Wolf:

The decision of Rudy Giuliani not to go for broke in the early primaries leaves me puzzled.
We All Came Back So Changed

First alumni service trip to New Orleans setting the stage for more

BY REID OSLIN

The 38 Boston College alumni who took part in a volunteer service trip to New Orleans earlier this month reaped far greater dividends than they could have imagined from their week-long work project in the still-heavily damaged Crescent City.

“We all came back so changed,” says Alumni Association Associate Director for Alumni Spiritual and Service Dianne Duffin, who organized the week of work and reflection. “I think we were all touched by what we had all learned. That’s why we were undergraduates: that our lives are not meant to be shared just amongst ourselves. A service project like this definitely revitalizes that. We went down there as strangers and came back as a community.”

“The call to service is something that alumni are still very sensitive to,” Duffin says, “whether they have been out of BC for one year or for 40.”

Duffin came up with the idea of an alumni service trip not long after Hurricane Katrina ravaged New Orleans in 2005 and numerous BC volunteers began to assist in the region’s rebuilding efforts. “Students have gone, faculty members have gone, staff members have gone and individuals have gone,” she says, “but there hadn’t been an organized alumni group.”

She sent an e-mail outlining the idea to alumni and immediately received more than 300 responses from graduates who wanted to help. After the group of 38 was selected, and another 10 other alumni asked to be placed on waiting lists to participate in future service trips, she said, “each one of them had covered their own travel and expenses — we were representative of the entire alumni body. Duffin said. “It was pretty evenly divided among men and women, graduates in their 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s. We had doctors, nurses, accountants, real estate professionals, investment bankers, retirees and even an actress.” The group included two married couples and a woman who brought her two college-age sons.

Duffin made a connection with St. Bernard Project, a non-profit reconstruction effort that was co-founded by 1994 Lynch School of Education graduate Liz McCartney. The organization facilitates house rebuilding projects in St. Bernard’s Parish, a mostly rural area that was one of the five hardest-hit parishes.

“We are excited that Boston College alumni are involved,” says McCartney. “They contribute a lot of rebuilding support to this community. But even more important for the families involved, the work that these volunteers did just means the world to them. We see over and over again that the real value added to the community is having people come into the community and, in addition to the rebuilding, talk to the families who are struggling and need emotional support.”

The BC volunteers, who stayed at Jesuit-run Loyola University, shared their personal experiences of the terrible aftermath.

“We all came back so changed,” McCartney said. “We were just moved by the lack of anger and the amount of graciousness that the students showed us,” she said. “They were very grateful to us for being there, and I know that everyone that came back gave very grateful for the opportunity to have been there.”

Duffin noted that the displaced residents of houses where the volunteers were working frequently stopped by the projects to offer their thanks and share their individual stories. “I was so moved by the lack of anger and the amount of graciousness that the residents showed us,” she said. “They were very grateful to us for being there, and I know that everyone that came back gave very grateful for the opportunity to have been there.”

McCartney said groups and individual volunteers are always welcome to assist in the rebuilding efforts in New Orleans. “The problem is fixable,” she said. “We can get a family back into their house that had been flooded in 8-12 weeks for about $10,000.”

Information on the St. Bernard Project is available at www.stbernardproject.org.

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C21 series on women, will take place at 5:45 p.m. (registration at 5:30 p.m.) in the Highlands Room of Corner Commons. A reception will follow.

For more information, see www.bc.edu/hr/21/program/ series/serieswomen.html or call ext 2.0470.

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Local Jesuits Hail Choice for New Leader of the Order

This month’s election of Spaniard Adolfo Nicolas, SJ, as the 29th superior general of the Society of Jesus was enthusiastically welcomed by members of the local Jesuit community.

Fr. Nicolas, 71, succeeds Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, as the spiritual leader of the 19,200-member Jesuit order that is dedicated to education, mission, and social service.

He was ordained in Tokyo in 1967 and has served as the director of the East Asia Pastoral Institute in Manila; provincial of the Japanese Province; professor of theology at Sophia University in Tokyo; and moderator of the Jesuit conference of East Asia and Oceania.

He holds a doctorate in systematic theology from the Gregorian Institute in Rome. “Fr. Nicolas is fluent in Spanish, French, Italian, English and Japanese,” noted Fr. Regan. “He has done an outstanding job of coordinating provinces in Asia. Considering that they encompass many different countries, cultures and languages this is no small accomplishment.”

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Panel to Discuss Great Women in Catholic History

A panel of Boston College female theologians will discuss the work, words and wisdom of prominent women in the history of Catholicism, and the inspiration and insights they have provided, at a Feb. 6 forum sponsored by the Church in the 21st Century Center and the Women’s Resource Center.

“Foremothers in Faith: Historic Women For Our Time” will look at such figures as Mary Magdalene, Catherine of Sienna, Evelyn Underhill and Julian of Norwich. Discussions for the event will be Vice Provost for Faculty Patricia DeLeeuw, Monan Professor of Theology Lisa Sowle Cahill, Assoc. Prof. Prof. Shawn Copeland, Adj. Assoc. Prof. Colleen Griffith, who is faculty director of spirituality studies at the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, and Center for Christian-Jewish Learning Associate Director Assos. Prof. Rabbi Ruth Langer.

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Era and the Carnegie Lecture series, see Economy and the Educational System: the fourth annual Carnegie Lecture, to be high-stakes testing of International and Public Affairs. International Conflict Resolution and a bique civil war, will share his experi M ozone peace process will discuss such matters as the role of ly Care; and Metropolitan Methodios, (Classical Studies) will join a panel that K atos (Theology) and Maria Kakavas (Law) that Ireland's Magdalen Laundries. "In the modern, global, successful 'Catholic Ireland,' the attitude is, 'Yes, that was a terrible thing, but it's all done now.' The movies, the plays, other cultural representations about the Magdalen Laundries tend to focus on the narra- tive and dramatic qualities, largely from the survivors' perspective. "What we don't have — and this is the reason for the book — are the archival and official aspects. There is a great complexity to this chapter of Irish history, in particular the role of the state and the Catholic Church. The state has put a fair amount of blame on the Church, and because the religious orders have not opened their archives, there are still important details unavailable. "In this scenario, the religious orders become the scapegoats of contemporary Irish complicity, enabling the state and families to evade all culpability. ’s reading at the Feb. 5 Writers Among Us” event will in- clude an introduction by Mariavene Paul, Dean of the Catholic Graduate Council of Ireland. For more in- formation, call ext. 2-4576 or e-mail artsci@bc.edu.

Lowell Lectures Humanities Series Spring Schedule Now Under Way The Lowell Lectures Humanities Series, celebrating 50 years of bring- ing top writers, artists, journalists and other prominent figures to Boston College, concludes its winter-spring schedule next Thursday, Feb. 7, in Devlin 101 with Cathleen Kaveny presenting the 2008 Candace Lec- ture titled “Prophets, Priests, and Kings: Christianity, Confidence, and Humility in the Public Square.” [The other evening this week will be an intro- duction by Marianne Petrowich, formerly an associate research scientist in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Johns Hopkins University, states that the religious orders have not opened their archives to enable the state and families to evade all culpability. “In this scenario, the religious orders become the scapegoats of contemporary Irish complicity, enabling the state and families to evade all culpability. “What we don’t have — and this is the reason for the book — are the archival and official aspects. There is a great complexity to this chapter of Irish history, in particular the role of the state and the Catholic Church. The state has put a fair amount of blame on the Church, and because the religious orders have not opened their archives, there are still important details unavailable. “In this scenario, the religious orders become the scapegoats of contemporary Irish complicity, enabling the state and families to evade all culpability. “Getting at the history of Magdalen Laundries is a valuable and necessary task not just for a national acknowledgment of the part played by state, church and society, but a step toward providing redress for victims and survivors.”

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WELCOME ADDITIONS

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Aust. Prof. Seung-A Jin (Communication) PHD, University of Southern California Research Interests: Social-psychological aspects of interactive communications technologies. Courses: Communication Research Methods, Communication Technology and Society, Computer-Mediated Communication Jin is an expert in the “new media” — involving such topics as instant messaging, multi-player on-line role-playing gaming, computer video games and virtual reality, and avatar-based advertising and marketing communication. A graduate of Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea, where she received a dual degree in mass communication and journalism, as well as a degree from Yonsei University in the U.S., Jin is currently investigating the topic of “Experimenting with Socially Interactive Robots and Creating Human-Robot Interaction Interfaces for Social Science Research and Teaching” with a University Academic Technology Innovation Grant.

 Residents of New York City who have been released from the Magdalen Laundries and their family...
**Lynch School Doctoral Student Earns Two Honors**

Maryann Jerinaga, a doctoral student in counseling psychology in the Lynch School of Education, has been honored by two leading psychological associations.

The 2008 International Counseling Psychology Conference has selected her as one of 14 individuals to receive the inaugural "Many Faces of Counseling Psychology" award.

Awards are described as "a celebration of creative, adaptive work and the critical focus to strength-based, developmental and preventive approaches to psychological issues. She will be recognized at the 2008 International Counseling Psychology Conference in March in Chicago.

In addition, Jerinaga has been awarded the 2008 APA/APAGS Award for Distinguished Graduate Student in Professional Psychology administered by the Board of Professional Affairs for the American Psychological Association.

The award recognizes a graduate student who has demonstrated outstanding practical and application of psychology through performance in working with an underserved population in an applied setting or has developed an innovative method for delivering health services to an underserved population.

**Office of Public Affairs**

**BC ROTC Cadets to Pursue Medical Studies**

Two Boston College Army ROTC cadets have received medical school education delays allowing them to pursue medical school delay authorizations for active duty. Senior Anthony Tolisano and Charles "Alex" Riley are among the 25 recipients of the medical school authorizations issued by the Army for ROTC cadets who are graduating and commissioning this year.

Tolisano is a pre-med/biology major from Glastonbury, Conn. Riley, from Pomfret, Conn., will receive his commission in biochemistry.

Both seniors spent last summer working with military doctors as a student intern at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii. Tolisano looks to eventually practice in orthopedics or ear, nose and throat specialties, while Riley hopes to become a surgeon.

"I believe that the Army ROTC program attracts some of the brightest and most talented individuals and the Army has told us out the promise of making the lives of many individuals better off as your ideas are implemented in practice," Riley said. "I fully expect to be awarded the prize at the 2008 International Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare this June in Montreal.

**Notable Alumni**

Prof. Maxim D. Shrayber (Slavic and Eastern Languages) has won the 2007 National Jewish Book Award in Eastern European Studies — the Ronald S. Lauder Award — for *An Anthology of Jewish-Russian Literature: Two Centuries of Dual Identity in Prose and Poetry.*

Prof. James Najar (English) published his story "The Store" and the poems "Schoolhouse" and "Near Apex, PA" in *Watershed: A Journal of the Susquehanna.*


**Time and a Half**


- "The multimedia exhibit "Still Present Past: Korean Americans and the Forgotten War," organized by Prof. Ramsey Liem (Psychology), has been invited to show at the Wing Luke Museum in Seattle this November until February 2009. The exhibit just completed successful showings in two galleries in Seoul, Korea.

- Prof. Frances Restuccia (Engl- lish) presented "Resisting the Spectacle: To End To Not-Be" at the Modern Language Association Convention in Chicago.

The following are among the most recent positions posted by the Department of Human Resources. For more information on employment opportuni ties at Boston College, see www.bc.edu/life/hr:

- HVAC Mechanical, Facilities Management
- Director, Admissions and Recruitment, STM Administration
- Interlibrary Loan Assistant, O'Neill Library
- Third Cook, Dining Services - Lower Campus
- Fiscal Coordinator (32 hours/ week), Weston Observatory
- Manager, Technology Consultants
- Investment Officer, Public Equities
- Manager, Technology Consultants
- Compensation Analyst, Human Resources
- Graphic Designer/Communications Specialist, Connel School of Nursing
- Job Coach, Lynch School of Education - Career Resources
- Audiovisual Archives Assistant, Burns Library
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LOOKING AHEAD

READINGS • LECTURES • DISCUSSION
January 31
"CLE: James’s Misplaced Affections," with Nadia Ellis, 4:30 p.m., Devlin 218. Call ext.2-3238, e-mail mcanreem@bc.edu.
"Cardiology, Natural Law, and Homosexuality," with Prof. Stephen Pope (Theology), 7:30 p.m., Gascon 112. Call 677-566-7772, e-mail eblake@bc.edu.
February 1
• Undergraduate Research Symposium, 12:30 p.m., Gascon 100.
February 4
• Atlantic World Series: "Race and Rights: The View from Irish-America, at the Turn of the Twentieth Century and the Turn of the Twenty-First," with Matthew Fye Jacobson, Yale University, 4 p.m., Connolly House, see www.bc.edu/ atlanticworlds.
February 5
• Written Among Us Series: "Ireland’s Magdalene Laundries and the Nation’s Architecture of Containment," with Assoc. Prof. James Smith (English), 7 p.m., Gascon 305. Call ext.2-4576 or e-mail caflit@bc.edu.
February 6
• Continuing the Tradition: C21 Women’s Series: "Forevermothers in Faith: Historic Women for Our Time," panel discussion, 5:30 p.m., Heigton Room, Gorman Commons. Call ext.2-0470, e-mail church21@bc.edu.
• Tic That Burns: Assessing Methane Hydrates as an Energy Resource and Contributor to Climate Change," with Carolyn Ruppel, US Geologic Survey (Woods Hole), 5 p.m., Weston Observatory, 381 Concord Road, Weston. Weekly through Feb. 20. Reservations required, call ext.2-8300, e-mail weston.observer@bc.edu.
February 7
• The "Vicious Negro Lunatic" and the "Violent African" Transnational Discourses of Black Male Insanity in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries," with Martin Summars, 4:30 p.m., Devlin 101. Call ext.2-3238, e-mail mcanreem@bc.edu.
• Health Communication on the Ski Slopes: The Go Sun Smart Campaign," with Peter Andersen, San Diego State University, 6:30 p.m., McGaion 121. Call ext.2-4280, e-mail marylauer@bc.edu.
• Panel Discussion: "Love Thy Neighbor: Building a Just Society," 7 p.m., Heights Room, Gorman Commons. Call 617-671-5908, e-mail ashiann@bc.edu.
• Peace From Africa: The Mozambique Story," with Ambassador Jaime Pedro Goncalves and Andrea Bartoli, Columbus University. Call ext.2-8491 or e-mail jane.vescich@bc.edu.
MUSIC • ART • PERFORMANCE
February 2
• Philippine Society Annual Culture Show: "Diwa ng Buhay: Discover the Magic of Our Culture," 7 p.m., Roshbash Theater, tickets $10. See www.bc.edu/pbse, e-mail reynes@bc.edu.
February 4
• Concert: Hyperprism performs works by Bartok, Berio, Messiaen and Pinkham, 7 p.m., Thompson Room, Burns Library. See www.bc.edu/ gadcock.
February 6
February 7
• Triton Brass Quartet performs new music for brass by Composers in Red Sneakers: Lansing McLoskey, ken ueno, Delwyn case and Howard Frazin, 8 p.m., Gasson 100. Call ext.2-6004, e-mail concerts@bc.edu.
February 8
• Concert: Hyperprism performs works by Bartok, Berio, Messiaen and Pinkham, 7 p.m., Thompson Room, Burns Library. See www.bc.edu/ gadcock.
ATHLETICS
February 1
• Men’s hockey: BC vs. Providence, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.
February 3
• Women’s basketball: BC vs. Virginia, 2 p.m., Conte Forum.
February 6
• Men’s basketball: BC vs. Maryland, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.
February 7
• Women’s basketball: BC vs. Duke, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.
For more on Boston College events, see events.bc.edu or check BC2life (www.bc.edu/extracurricular) for updates.

CLOWN TOOLS
(L R) E. Kevin Ayers ’88, Dan Fabrizio ’10 and Steven Conroy ’10 had their game faces on, and red noses, on a workshop on theatrical clowning led by part-time faculty member Susan Thompson (Theater) last Friday and Saturday at the Brighton Cam pus Dance Studio. The facility at 2115 Commonwealth Avenue offers Boston College a new venue for rehearsals and classes, and is also available for student groups evenings and weekends. (Photo by Chris Huang)

New McMullen Show
Looks at Ancient Mosaics
BY ROSANNE PELLEGRINI
STAFF WRITER

The role of Roman-period mosaics in the development of synagogue decoration in the late Roman Empire — and what they reveal about life in that era — is the focus of an upcoming exhibition at the McMullen Museum of Art.

“Tree of Paradise: Jewish Mosaics from the Roman Empire,” which runs from Feb. 17 through June 8, will showcase works originally organized and displayed by the Brooklyn Museum. The McMullen Museum is the second venue in a three-city tour, which marks the first time the mosaics have left New York City.

A public celebration of the opening exhibition will be held Feb. 18 from 7-9 p.m.

Twenty-one mosaics — along with some 40 works from the Brooklyn Museum’s Roman art collection, including contemporary jewelry, coins, marble statues, ritual objects and textiles — shed light on the role of synagogues in the Diaspora during Late Antiquity, the development of Jewish art in the Roman period, the importance of female patrons in the ancient Jewish community, connections among early Christian, Jewish and Pagan symbolisms in this period, and the relationship between ancient and modern understanding of the synagogue as an institution.

Takes together, exhibition organizers say, the works of art reveal a society where Jews were more integrated and accepted than ancient texts would suggest.

“Superbly conceived by the Brooklyn Museum to pose larger questions about links among various faith communities in Late Antiquity, this exhibition and its public programs draw on strengths of the Boston College faculty’s research and curriculum and on the University’s commitment to exploring the relationship among Jews, Christians and Muslims from antiquity to the present,” said McMullen Museum Director Prof. Nancy Nierer (Fine Arts).

“We look forward to welcoming at the McMullen visitors from all three faith groups.”

The exhibition presents the reconstruction of an ancient mosaic floor from a synagogue in Haranum Lib, Tunisia — the ancient town of Naro, later called Aquae Petrensis by the Romans.

A Latin inscription in one of the surviving panels records that the mosaic floor was a gift to the synagogue from a certain Julia, a resident of Naro in about 500 CE. Other mosaic panels in the exhibition, datable to the first or second century CE, originated either in an earlier part of the same synagogue or in a nearby building.

The mosaics were discovered by chance in 1883 by a French army captain, Ernest de Prudhomme, while preparing ground for gardening. In 1905, the Brooklyn Museum acquired most of the panels Prudhomme had owned and transported back to his home in Lyon. “Today, these panels provide a fascinating contrast to the much richer archaeological evidence for synagogues of this period now known from the Land of Israel,” said Assoc. Prof. Rabbis Ruth Langer (Theology), academic director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College.

The exhibition will also feature nine Tiraz textiles from the Brooklyn Museum collection that illuminate the role of Islam in North Africa in the Middle Ages. A catalogue by the exhibition’s curator, Edward Bleiberg, associate curator of Egyptian, Classical and Ancient Middle Eastern Art at the Brooklyn Museum, accompanies the exhibition.

“The Tree of Paradise” is made possible by the Martha A. and Robert S. Rubin Exhibition Fund. The presentation of this exhibition at the McMullen Museum is underwritten by Boston College with major support from the Lasser and Fanny Agoss Charitable Fund. Additional funding was provided by the Patrons of the McMullen Museum.

For more information on tours and programs of the museum, see www.bc.edu/museum or call ext.2-8100.