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Eagles Rule the Roost, Again
Boston College celebrates third hockey title, first since 2001

BY REID OSLIN STAFF WRITER

Hockey coach Jerry York – like just about everybody else in the Boston College travel party – didn’t sleep a wink in the excitement that followed the Eagles’ 4-1 national championship victory over Notre Dame on April 12 in Denver.

Early the next morning, the team bus was headed from the hotel to the airport where a team bus was headed from the Rockies to Denver. “We had gone out to my left,” York recalled, “there was a beautifully bright and clear morning and you could see right through the foothills into the high Rockies. We’ve got the trophy sitting up in the front of the bus and I couldn’t help but to think that BC’s 1949 championship team might have taken this same route.

“It was a unique feeling of satisfaction,” York said as he thought of the ’49 BC club that won that year’s national hockey crown with a 4-3 win over Dartmouth at the venerable old Broadmoor Rink in Colorado Springs. “We’ve gone out to accomplish something and we have done it. Now, we are going back to Boston.”

This year’s win was especially sweet for the Eagles, who had finished as runners-up in each of the previous two “Frozen Four” championship games. “I have always thought that whatever endeavor you are involved with, you want to become the very best in that pursuit,” said York. “That’s a special, special feeling. We are the best team in the country – no one else can say that.”

When BC’s newest champions arrived back in Boston, the similarities to the “olden days” of college hockey quickly ended. A police escort met the team at Hanscom Field and ended. A police escort met the team at Hanscom Field and

Two days later, coach Jerry York and the team were given of their own in Conte Forum (Photo by Frank Curran)

Gennaro to Head Connell School
Expert in perinatal nursing has extensive international experience

BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN STAFF WRITER

Boston College has named Susan Gennaro, the Florence and William Downs Professor in Nursing Research in the College of Nursing at New York University, the next dean of its William F. Connell School of Nursing. She will assume the post on July 1, succeeding Barbara Hazard who is retiring after serving as dean since 1991.

An expert in perinatal nursing, Gennaro has conducted research throughout the United States and abroad, including Uganda and Malawi, and participated in educational and demonstration projects in Ukraine, Belgium, Taiwan and India. Her work has received funding from the National Institutes of Nursing Research and the Office of Women’s Health at the National Institutes of Health. From 1988 to 2006, Gennaro was on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, where she retains the title of professor emerita. Prior to her tenure at Penn, Gennaro taught at the University of Alabama School of Nursing and the Medical University of South Carolina.

Gennaro’s writing has appeared in publications such as Nursing Research, American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Journal of Obstetrical, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing, Journal of Nursing Scholarship and Journal of Perinatal Neonatal Nursing, among others.

Center for Undergraduate Global Studies Established
$10 million gift will support international study opportunities

Boston College has announced the establishment of the Center for Undergraduate Global Studies, which will expand the international experiences of BC undergraduates by better integrating study-abroad opportunities into the academic curriculum.

The center will also provide funds for students for whom studying abroad would otherwise be out of reach, and enhance international program development. Bernd Widdig, who has served as director of BC’s Office of International Programs since 2007, will head the center.

“Study abroad is at the core of the Boston College undergraduate experience,” said Widdig. “Nearly 40 percent of Boston College undergraduates participate in study abroad programs, and most rate their international experience as one of the best aspects of their BC education.

“With the formation of this center, BC students will now have greater opportunities to learn firsthand how transformative international study can be to their academic interests and personal growth.”

The establishment of the center has been made possible by a $10 million gift from University Trustee Kathleen M. McGillycuddy and her husband, Ronald E. Logue, chairman and CEO of State Street Corporation. The center will be named the McGillycuddy-Logue Center for Undergraduate Global Studies in recognition of their support.

A key priority of the McGillycuddy-Logue Center will be the development of a Fellows Program, which will combine intense academic preparation before study abroad with structured opportunities for reflection on the experiences of BC students.

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Standing behind a baby grand piano, Rev. Hubert Walters struck three keys and explained to the audience in Trinity Chapel on Newton Campus why “Dwell in the House” is one of his favorite spirituals.

“It’s never about the music. It’s always about the message,” Rev. Walters said quietly, striding toward his stand before the smil-ing faces of his Voices of Imani gospel choir.

The man who brought both music and message to Boston Col-lege for the better part of three decades is retiring this year, and so the University community, along with past and present students and family, gathered in Trinity Chapel April 11 to watch his last spring concert with the Voices of Imani. Rev. Walters’ finale with the choir will be tomorrow night when the Voices of Imani perform selections from Duke Ellington’s “Sacred Concerts” with BC BoP! as part of the BC Arts Festival.

Filling the chapel with a reunion-like atmosphere, people clapped, swayed and sang along to hymns and spirituals. Rev. Walters directed both the Voices of Imani and the New Fisk Jubi-lee Singers — founded in honor of the original Fisk Singers, nine men and women who were dis-rect descendants of slaves credited with preserving African American spirituals.

Following the concert were presentations to Rev. Walters and a gala reception in his honor.

The choir’s roots go back to 1977, when a group of African American students at BC began a group that they called “Imani,” the Swahili word for faith. The search for a director was undertak-en and in 1982 Rev. Walters — a founding member of the Afro-American Studies Department at Harvard, where he directed the Kuumba Singers — came to BC at the request of the late Amanda Houston, director of the Black Studies Department.

In addition to his ability as a musical director, Rev. Walters’ admirers praise his enthusiasm for making each song in the Voices of Imani a teachable moment, explaining the importance of spirituals like “Bye and Bye” in the African American historical context.

“Rev. Walters has stressed the importance of history, culture and identity and the importance of what spiritual and gospel music helped the African and African-American slaves overcome,” said the choir’s incoming president, Stephanie Sanabria, ’09. “The spirituals convey messages of hope for a better life, strength that ex-treme difficulties can be overcome and a positive attitude that God will save you in whatever way He can.”

“Rev. Walters coincidentally brought to campus academic courses that set the historical, so-cial and cultural context of this music,” said Associate Vice Pro-vost for Undergraduate Programs J. Joseph Burns.

“He did this at a time when there were very few black students on an overwhelmingly white, Irish, Catholic commuter campus. He made Black Studies [now Afro-American Studies and Cultural Studies] an emotional and intellectual home for black students and gave them the confidence to share their music and their culture with other students and faculty, a huge step toward the more diverse univer-sity of today.”

The April 11 concert was a bittersweet moment for students, who have come to know Rev. Walters and teacher and friend.

“[Rev. Walters] is the living account of what we are learning,” said Charisse Gilmer, ’08. “He’s so wise and has such a great per-sonality. I just don’t see how you can possibly replace him. He has these sayings he always uses and one of his favorites is ‘The world don’t get no better if you just let it be. I think that’s one I’ll always take with me.’

Final chorus

Leading the way

Earlier this month saw the 26th anniversary celebration of the Emerging Leader Program (ELP) as Boston College’s “flag-ship program” for first-year stu-dents interested in developing leadership qualities and skills. The April 12 event in theYawkey Center’s Murray Room honored the program’s facilitators and co-ordinators, who play a key role in helping ELP participants — many of whom later become facilitators and coordinators themselves — realize their leadership potential.

Only 50 students are selected from each year’s freshman class for ELP. They must become in-volved in at least one activity on campus, participate in community service on a regular basis, develop a service project with their small group, and meet weekly on Tues-day evenings with the full group to explore a wide variety of topics in experiential, lecture, and dis-cussion formats.

The 130 former ELP facilita-tors who came to the anniversary dinner offer a living testament for the program, says Assistant Dean for Student Development Mer Zovko, listing the careers and vocations of some attend-ees: CEOs, broadcasters, law firm partners and a Homeland Security official. “They’ve gone on to lead interesting, fulfilling lives,” said Zovko, who has overseen ELP since its inception.

Vice Provost for Undergradu-ate Academic Affairs and Uni-versity Fellowships Committee Director Donald Hafner has been similarly impressed by the quality of the program and all who take part in it.

“For the past 11 years,” says Hafner, who spoke at the event, “I have met with the new ELP-ers during the second week when they are on campus, to talk with them about aiming high and us-ing fellowship opportunities as a way of achieving their dreams. I have often said to them in jest that I must be nuts to be talk-ing with newly-arrived freshmen about what they might want to do after graduation, when they haven’t even used up all the clean clothes in their suitcases yet.

“But they are a wonderfully receptive crowd to the ideas of the challenge, and during their later years at BC, I see many of them again and again as they pursue opportunities.”

ELP alumni express gratitude for the many life-shaping experi-ences the program provided them. Mike Hofman, ’96, now executive editor of Inc. magazine, recalls a debate among the group mem-bers about the value of a service project they had just completed: “Was one day of service really meaningful in the grand scheme of things?”

Campus Minister Rev. Tony Penna told them “service didn’t have to be about affecting change on a grand scale,” recalls Hofman. “There was something special and meaningful about simply saying ‘Yes when somebody asked you to help out. That’s always stuck with me.’

Hofman says ELP taught him that the capacity for leadership exists in everyone, if nurtured and encouraged properly.

“I learned that leaders are not just people to be looked up to and followed, although they often are. Leaders can be your peers, people who can and will ask for your help and support when it comes to accomplishing whatever they are trying to do.”

“There’s a vulnerability to lead-ership, as well as an authority,” he adds. “Leaders don’t have all the answers, and in fact one of the great qualities of at least some leaders is modesty, humility, and a willingness to reveal their human-ity.”

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University President William P. Leahy, S.J., was the featured speaker at the April 18 “Veritas et Vinum,” a monthly gathering of graduate and professional school students that hosts Boston College administrators and faculty. Speakers address serious issues of their career path Higher education, how they arrived at Boston College and what it means to do their work in a Catholic and Jesuit university. (Photos by Lee Pellegrini)
University hosts forum for area police, officials, and educators

BY MELISSA BEECHER STAFF WRITER

Representatives from 14 colleges and universities, area police and city officials, neighbors and student leaders from across the Northeast came to Boston College last week for an innovative conference aimed at candidly addressing off-campus student life issues.

The April 15 summit, held at Corcoran Commons, fostered discussion about topics involving public safety, off-campus student behavior and ways to build community between residents and students.

BC Executive Vice President Patrick Keating said schools shouldered the tremendous responsibility of helping students adapt to their first experience living on their own.

“Universities have to help educate and encourage students to be good neighbors,” Keating said. “It’s the role of the university to help them participate in the lives of the neighborhood.”

Judith Kurfand, chief of staff for Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino, urged schools to develop more quality on-campus housing and better educate the students that choose to live off campus that responsibilities follow.

“Too often, we like it when the universities are of the community, not just in the community,” Kurfand said.

University of Massachusetts—Amherst representatives described how they established the Campus and Community Coalition to promote responsible decision-making about alcohol and drug use.

Since 2004, the group has sought to educate students about risks of binge drinking, helped establish relationships with campus and local police, worked with store owners to curtail underage alcohol sales and established partnerships with landlords to crack down on excessive noise and parties in neighborhoods.

The Campus and Community Coalition also devised BASICS (Brief Alcohol Screen and Intervention for College Students), an intervention course for students who believe alcohol or drugs have become a problem in their lives.

BASICS is mandatory for students who have undergone judicial proceedings due to alcohol infractions off or on-campus. Students cannot register for classes without fulfilling the BASICS program.

UMass Director of Health Education, Community Outreach and Marketing, Sally Linniski credited the program’s intense focus, combined with a marketing campaign about moderate drinking, for a more than 30 percent drop in student drinking in the last three years.

“It started with making sure the policies were in place to aid in enforcement. Just like the old say, ‘clean your own house first,’ meant we had to make sure our on campus issues were addressed before we went off campus,” she said.

Boston City Councilor Michael Ross, who drafted the controversial city ordinance that prevents more than four college students to live together in the same apartment, was also a panelist at the forum.

Ross pointed to Mission Hill as an example of a neighboring community that is on the verge of losing its identity because so many students have moved in as families have relocated.

“There are seismic inequalities that need to be restored,” said Ross. “We are about to lose one of the greatest neighborhoods this town has ever known.”

The son of St. John’s Kentern Elmore challenged Ross. Students are the future of the neighborhoods, he said, and everyone needs to have a first neighborhood.

“This is a city of young people and I think that we all need to really evaluate what that means,” said Elmore. “Elmore called on schools to encourage students to register to vote, join neighborhood associations and make meaningful contributions to the communities, in addition to being responsible neighbors.”

The conference was also attended by administrative members of Berklee College of Music, Brandeis University, College of the Holy Cross, Emerson, Emmanul, Hofstra, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, MIT, Northeastern, Salve Regina, Suffolk, UMass-Boston and Tufts. Members of Radnor Neighborhood Association, Allston Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force and Cambridge Prevention Coalition were in attendance.

Off-Campus Student Life Is Focus of Event

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BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT - Captain William Evans speaks at the April 15 conference. "Student Off-Campus: Perspectives, Issues and Strategies," held in Corcoran Commons. (Photo by Frank Curran)

Gennaro to Take Connell School Reins

IN BOSTON

“‘It’s a choice I have never regretted. My advice is go work and make a promise to yourself that everything you will do is going on there. Make a promise to yourself that everything you will write will be fair, balanced and truthful.’” —Salvatore DiMaisto

Gennaro to Take Connell School Reins

BY MELISSA BEECHER STAFF WRITER

A Staten Island, NY, native, and working two jobs to pay for school, DiMaisto, a Democrat who has worked in the Massachusetts Legislature for nearly 30 years, spoke of the importance of teamwork and building consensus.

“This is a democracy. Leadership doesn’t come from the top down, it comes from the bottom up,” said DiMaisto. “As a leader, you are more a servant of the people.”

Bulger asked DiMaisto to respond to reports dubbing him the “King of the Hill” and “the most powerful elected official in Massachusetts politics.”

DiMaisto downplayed the title:

“‘It’s like operating with a giant bullyeye on your back.’” —Salvatore DiMaisto

“Like the old saying, ‘clean your room first, and your house second, and carefully look after your father’s house,’ DiMaisto said.

“My advice is go work in government and find out what’s really going on there.” —Salvatore DiMaisto

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“...That the search committee was impressed by Professor Gennaro’s formidable record of research, faculty mentorship, recruiting, and commitment to interdisciplinary and inter-institutional collaboration,” said Provost and Dean of Faculties Cuthberts Garza in a letter announcing Gennaro’s appointment. “Professor Gennaro also garnered praise from leaders at medical schools and hospitals in the Boston area who met in the course of the interview process.”

“The Connell School of Nursing deanship is my idea of the perfect deanship,” said Gennaro. “I believe in the values of the Connell School and the University and am really looking forward to working with the stellar faculty and truly exceptional students.”

A Staten Island, NY, native, Gennaro has strong family ties to the profession. Her mother and aunts were nurses, as are her husband, cousin and sister-in-law. “I’m very happy I’m here,” she said, “problem in their lives.”

“I knew that in nursing I would be helping people physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. It is an important part of my profession.”

Gennaro earned a bachelor of arts degree from Le Moyne College in 1972, a master of science degree in nursing from Cambridge College in 1975 and a doctor of science in nursing degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1983.

Her honors include ASPO/LAMAZE “Outstanding Perinatal Educator” award for 1993 and the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetrical and Neonatal Nurses’ Excellence in Research award (1994) and Distinguished Service Award (2001). She was recognized by the University of Pennsylvania with the Lenore Rowes Williams Award for her efforts to improve the health of women around the world. She was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 1990 and serves as editor of the Journal of Nursing Scholar- ship, which reaches 130,000 readers in more than 100 countries.

Gennaro has served on the Nurse Advisory Council for the March of Dimes, working to bring culturally sensitive care to foreign countries to help improve maternal and infant health.

“The 2008 Boston College Arts Festival is in full swing, with its first day completed and a variety of music, dance, film screenings and other activities still to come today and tomorrow.”

Some events of special interest:

Tonight, 8 p.m., O’Neill Plaza: Catch a free screening of “The Visitor,” the new film by Tom McCarthy, ‘88, that has been garnering many positive reviews. After the screening, stay for a “talk back” session with McCarthy.

Saturday, 4 p.m., Gasson Hall: Featured author Mike Lupica, ’74, discus, and answer questions about his career as a writer. A book signing will follow, and copies of his new novel The Big Fat Payne will be available.

Saturday, 8 p.m., O’Neill Plaza: See the very first collaboration between BC bOps and Voices of Imani, as they present excerpts from Duke Ellington’s “Sacred Concerts.” The concert is part of BC’s spring and faculty with IDs, $10 for the public.

All information about the Arts Festival is available at www.bostoncollege.edu/artsfestival.
‘Scholars of Extraordinary Caliber’

Number of endowed professorships at Boston College continue to grow; administrators cite importance to University’s academic mission

BY ED HAYWARD
STAFF WRITER

Five of the University’s most accomplished faculty members have been honored this year with endowed professorships that recognize their teaching, research and service to Boston College and their respective disciplines.

Endowed professorships are created through the generous gifts of alumni and other friends of the University. Two of the five professorships are newly endowed.

“Individuals selected to hold endowed professorships embody our highest ideals of scholarly dedication, craft, and service to the University and broader community,” said Provost and Dean of Faculties Cuthberto Garza. “Perhaps most importantly they ensure that our undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral students interact with the very best and latest thinking in and out of the classroom and research settings.”

Mary Ann Glynn, who teaches organizational studies and also serves as director of research for the Carroll School of Management’s Winston Center for Leadership & Ethics, has been appointed to The Joseph F. Cotter Professorship, newly funded and created by Trustee Robert Cotter, ’73, and his wife, Elizabeth Fenster Cotter ‘73, M.Ed. ’74, in recognition of Mr. Cotter’s father. Roberto Gotti, a specialist in liberation theology, theology of Latinos in the United States, culture and theology, and the individual and social responsibility, has been named to The Margaret O’Brien Flaherty Chair in Catholic Theology, funded by Trustee Associate Trustee Thomas J. and Charlotte Flaherty.

Rev. David Hollenbach, SJ, whose work focuses on the foundation of Christian social ethics, particularly in the areas of the human rights, theory of justice, the common good, and the role of religion in social and political life, has been named to The Professorship in Human Rights and International Justice.

Rev. James Keenan, SJ, whose scholarly work has examined fundamental moral theology, the history of theological ethics, Saint Thomas Aquinas, church leadership and ethics, HIV/AIDS and genetics, has been appointed to The Founders Professorship in Theology.

Kay Lemon, a member of the Carroll School’s Marketing Department whose interests lie in the areas of customer equity, customer asset management and customer-based marketing strategy, is the holder of The Accenture Professorship.

“Professors Glynn, Gotti, Hollenbach, Keenan, and Lemon are among University’s most dedicated and distinguished faculty,” said Garza. “I am pleased their many contributions have been recognized in this meaningful way.”

In addition to honoring exemplary scholars, endowed professorships assist in the recruitment and retention of faculty who might otherwise be lured away by competing institutions, Garza said.

“Endowed professorships are critical to Boston College’s academic mission. They enable the University to honor scholars of extraordinary caliber who serve other special roles in the University community and to retain or attract such individuals when they have competing offers from other universities.”

Thomas Lockerby, associate vice president for Capital Giving in the Office of University Advancement, said donors who support the endowed professorships are looking for ways to make an impact on the Boston College faculty.

“Endowed professorships represent the highest form of investment people can make in the work of our faculty,” Lockerby said. “These chairs are valued within academia, but they are also valued by donors. They get a chance to know these professors. The pride we hear that develops with our donors is incredible.”

Focus the article on the scholars who have been honored this year, such as Roberto Gotti, who is a specialist in Latin American theology and culture, and Roberto Gotti, who is a specialist in Latin American theology and culture.

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New Center for Ignatian Spirituality Director Feels at Home

BY SEAN SMITH
CHRONICLE EDITOR

Rev. Michael Boughton, SJ, the new director of Boston College’s Center for Ignatian Spirituality (CIS), is by no means unfamiliar with the Jesuit mission of the service of faith and justice, faith and culture, and matters of interest to Catholics or people of other faiths — or simply those who care about the spiritual dimension in life.

Fr. Boughton notes that the University’s Strategic Plan devotes considerable attention and resources to exploring questions of faith and its place in the human experience.

“Clearly, BC is poised to take another important step in its history, and issues pertaining to faith and society will remain a key element in this process of growth and transformation. That is why there is a Center for Ignatian Spirituality in the first place: We want to help the BC community reflect on the University’s Jesuit, Catholic mission and its place in their professional, and personal, lives. The center seeks to do this through offering opportunities for reflection, conversation, dialogue and prayer.”

Fr. Boughton sees the next few months as a time to become more acquainted with BC and identify the most effective avenues for re- treat opportunities, for example, or involvement with the Intersections Project, a program for faculty and administrators to share with each other their own sense of vocation as educators, and to discuss how this relates to the Jesuit mission of the University. The center’s website and literature also will be updated.

Having attended the Jesuit 35th General Congregation in Rome — highlighted by the selection of Rev. Adolfo Nicolas, SJ, as the order’s new Superior General — Fr. Boughton sees the prospect of an overall sense of renewal among Jesuits and their institutions.

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Facility members who have been appointed to endowed professorships this academic year are: clockwise from top left: Rev. David Hollenbach, SJ; Rev. James Keenan, SJ; Robert Gotti, Mary Ann Glynn; and Kay Lemon.

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Researchers At Forefront in Advances on Cancer, Electromagnetism

By Ed Hayward

Researchers at Boston College have developed the first laboratory mouse model that mimics cancer’s spread through the human body. Using their novel cell line, the team discovered one of the body’s primary defensive cells plays a role in cancer’s spread.

The development of a new animal model – a line of cancer cells injected into mice – “displays that the full spectrum of systemic metastatic cancer in humans removes a ‘scientific stumbling block’ in advancing cancer research,” said Prof. Thomas Seyfried (Biological Sciences), whose findings appear in the online version of the International Journal of Cancer (AACR) and were presented April 13 at the annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). "Knowing this should allow for new types of therapies that target the macrophage-like cells."

"We show that the metastatic cells have macrophage properties," said doctoral researcher Leanne Huytenbeyk, the lead author of the paper, who presented the findings to AACR. "Knowing this should allow for new types of therapies that target the macrophage-like cells."

The development of new drugs for cancer lags behind basic research," said Seyfried. "How can you cure a disease when you have no model system that replicates the disease except for the sick humans? Here our model has not only demystified the GNP's (gains in neuroprotection) but also the development of the disease is a gain for pig pap." Seyfried said when a person has metastatic cancer, the macrophage-like tumor cells multiply and attack the body, system by system. Human metastatic cancers include breast, lung, colon and melanoma. When injected into mice, the metastatic cancer cells spread to other systems within three weeks. "For the very first time we have an impact on how we view the role of macrophages in cancer progression," said Huytenbeyk.

Seyfried’s research was funded, in part, by a grant from the American Institute of Cancer Research, which provided seed funding. Additional funding for the research was provided by the National Institutes of Health and Boston College.

To read the International Journal of Cancer article, see www.i-j-c.org/doi/full/10.1002/ijc.31775945600000 (abstract subsite). For more information about the Seyfried lab, go to susi.bsdivey.gnd.edu.

"It seems clear from the nominations that Fr. McNelligon’s life is his students and ensuring the well-being and education of each of his students," said Alex Hirs, UCBC. "It’s a great honor to receive an award that recognizes such an extraordinary BC student and it is humbling to be included in the company of the previous recipients. That the award is entirely student-generated makes it especially dear to me and I would like to thank all the students and others who nominated me. I consider this award the greatest honor a BC faculty member could receive. I am very, very grateful to my students."

"If the nominations are any measure, the students return the feeling," said McNelligon. "Fr. McNelligon lives up to Catholic, Jesuit ideals by sacrificing his life for others – he is an Apro Arrecco, SJ, put, a ‘man for others,’" read one entry, praising Fr. McNelligon’s leadership in the Catholic Men’s Group and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. "His greatest importance is the humility and sense of duty that accompanies Father everywhere he goes, in everything he does, indeed, in every word he speaks.”

Fr. McNelligon’s challenging philosophy of life has become campus lore since he began teaching at the University in 2000, as has his storied life before BC, which included military service in the Vietnam War; he also worked as a journalist in Vietnam and with Catholic Relief Services in Cambodia. One nomination described Fr. McNelligon’s patience with students as one of his greatest attributes. "He is a very energetic soul until earlier this year when the Sons of St. Patrick attended a retreat that included a Holy Hour of Adoration at 4 a.m. ‘Father was up early and there before us. We, of course, were late. But he met us at the door patiently. Not many professors would get up before 4 a.m. in order to facilitate an activity for students.’"

For information on the Mary Kay Waldron Award Banquet, e-mail alex.hirs.1@bc.edu or contact the O'Neil Room 102.
BC HOCKEY TAKES HOME THE CHAMPIONSHIP

York, Eagles bask in the Glow of Third Title

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shepherded the buses back to cam-
pons, where TV cameras and an
thletic crowd of well-wishers were
ating at Conte Forum.
In fact, there was a con-
way Park, where the coaches and
ers were introduced before the
Sos-Yankees Sunday night game.
Eagle captain Mike
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ant captain Matt
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On Monday
ight, a crowd of
students and
fans took part in
a rally to celebrate
their BC heroes,
and on Tuesday
the team was intro-
duced on-ice during the Bruins-
Canadiens play-off game at TD
Bank/North Garden.

Ahead will be a trip for
the team to the White House
and commemorative
ship rings for all team members
and support personnel. The BC
team will also be honored at the
Massachusetts State House this
Wednesday, March 30, where they
will meet Gov. Deval Patrick
be introduced on the floor of
the House of Representatives.

“The trophy only starts the
 euphoria,” York said. “We lost two
heartbreakers in the last two years,
and for us to win it this year made
us feel a little better.
“It all reflects back on the Uni-
versity,” added York, who won
his 803rd career victory in the na-
tional title game — the most wins
of any active college coach.

And when you are a graduate of the
University. And when
are a graduate of the
school, it’s even more so. It’s
like something that you can
do for your Alma Mater. It’s
a great feeling.”

York also led the
2001 Eagles
to the NCAA
Championship,
beating North
Dakota in over-
time to capture
the crown, and his teams have
advanced to the “Frozen Four”
eight times in the last 11 seasons.

“My perspective is that we want
to continue to be an elite school,
competing for national titles. I
don’t want to win one and then
 disappear for 20 years. I think
that the validity of the program
is always competing in that group
of half a dozen schools that are
always in contention to win. I think
that we have accomplished that.

“And now that we have won it,
we want to go back again,” he
laughed.

Championship Notebook

Visit to Walter Reed Also
Part of Team’s Itinerary

When the team visits the White
House later this spring for a recep-
tion with President George W.
Bush, York also plans to bring
the players to Walter Reed Army
Hospital where they will visit
with patients wounded in Iraq and
Afghanistan.

“When you think of it, so
many of those soldiers are 18, 19,
20 years old,” he said, “the same
ages as our players. I think a visit
will help our kids and I think
it will be good for the soldiers.”

York is happy to share the
Hockey Championship Trophy
with others on the Boston College
campus. After the student rally,
he brought the hardware to Uni-
versity Health Services where he
personally showed it to Dr. John
McManama, a 1937 BC grad who
was the hockey team doctor for
many seasons.

From there, it went to the Un-
dergraduate Admission Office
in Devlin Hall, where Director John
Mahoney eagerly put it on display
for high school students visiting
campus last weekend to see.

No BC player had a better year
than diminutive (5-foot-5) junior
forward Nathan Gerbe who led
all Division I scorers with 35 goals
and 68 points this winter. The na-
tive of Oxford, Mich., was named
to the First Team All-America
squad and also selected Most
Valuable Player in the “Frozen Four”
after scoring a three-goal hat
 trick in the semi-final round
 victory over North Dakota and
two goals and two assists in the
championship game against Notre
Dame.

“Nathan Gerbe is among
the elite of all BC hockey
players,” said York. “To do what he did
on that stage is really, really some-
thing.”

April 14 was a day for the Eagles
to meet in Conte Forum with well-
 wishing from the Boston area
above) and offer their thoughts
to the media, including WCVB-TV
sports anchor Mike Lynch (bot-
tom, left). Later, at the University
celebration, President William P.
Leahy, SJ, congratulated coach
Jerry York and the team (right),
after which came the arrival of
the NCAA championship trophy
— courtesy of Baldwin and the BC
Zamboni machine, driven by Paul
Gallivan.

(Photos by Frank Curran)

Boston College will pay trib-
ute tomorrow, April 26, to its
female student athletes with the
first “Celebration of Women’s
Athletics: Honoring Yesterday,
Celebrating Today, Building
Tomorrow.”

The event will recognize
the accomplishments of the more
than 1,300 female athlete alum-
nae during nearly four decades of
women’s sports at the Uni-
versity, as well as the more than
350 current BC female student
athletes and women’s varsity
sports coaches, staff and admin-
istrators.

“We are very proud of the
contributions and accomplish-
ments of the hundreds of female
student-athletes who have been
a part of our program,” said BC
Director of Athletics Gene De-
Felippo. “ Over the course of the
past 35-plus years, they have made
us proud in athletic competition,
in the classroom and in the com-
munity. We are excited to have
the opportunity to welcome them
back to the Heights for this special
celebration.”

The event will begin with a bar-
cue at the tennis courts adjacent
to the Flynn Recreation Complex
from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., prior to the
annual Jay McGillis Memorial
Spring Football Game.

From 5-8 p.m. will be a dinner
and reception in Conte Forum
that features a speaking program
and interactive panels with Se-
ior Associate Director of Sports
Medicine Donna Bennett and
former and current student ath-
estics including: Candy O’Terry
Gaffney ’79, (swimming and div-
ing); Kia McNell ’08, (soccer);
Crasin Stuart ’08, (ice hockey);
Amy Campbell ’81, (basket-
ball); Sheila Jackman Campbell
’90, (field hockey, women’s bas-
ketball manager); Alison Cor-
rad, Wallace ’93, (field hockey);
Kathy Haley Powers ’76, (field
hockey); Angela Crowder ’96,
(basketball); Sally Driscoll ’89,
(golf, field hockey); Kate
Connelly Conry ’90, (soccer, lac-
crosse) and Suzanne Troy Cofe
’84, (lacrosse).

Tribute to BC Women Athletes Tomorrow
During the April 13 Mass at St. Ignatius Church, 13 people — all but one of them Boston College undergraduate and graduate students — formally completed the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), becoming full-fledged members of the Catholic Church. Of the 12 — who worked with Campus Minister Mary Sweeney, SC, during their year-long preparation — three were baptized, five who had been baptized in other Christian churches made profession of faith as Catholic Christians, and four received First Communion and/or Confirmation.

MARLENA PAPAVARITI
Class of 2011, College of Arts and Sciences

Since I was a young child I’ve been longing to receive the Holy Eucharist. Joining the RCIA group was probably one of the wisest decisions that I’ve made so far at BC. I just knew that I had to do this. When you feel the call, you have to respond. The whole Mass was an incredibly emotional experience for me. Once I returned to my pew after receiving my First Communion, I felt this wave of gratitude pour over me. I then felt such an overwhelming love for everyone present that I thought that my heart would burst! April 13, 2008, is undeniably the day that my love for Christ and His divine message grew tenfold in me.

CHRISTY TRAN
Class of 2011, College of Arts and Sciences

Going through the RCIA program has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my entire life. This process has helped me grow in more ways than just spiritually. I believe the change I experienced did not happen during the ceremony on April 13. Throughout these two semesters, I have been able to hear other’s stories which were surprisingly similar to mine. What I drew from the people in my group was a sort of encouragement. With this encouragement, I was able to go through the motions that led to my baptism.

More significantly, I have been able to learn from Sister Mary. She has taught me more than just about the Catholic Church, the sacraments, the history of Christ, etc. The advice she gave me helped me grow. I have learned to make better decisions based on the idea that I should do what God would want for me. God loves you and wants the best for you, so be accountable to Him with your decisions. Through that idea, I was able to transition into college and actually mature. Through this maturity, I have grown indefinately closer to God. I realized a little while back that being with God is healthy and practical. I have redefined the meaning of “love” and have found a way to love myself and others around me. This is most definitely a change in my way of thinking (I used to consider myself rather selfish and I did not have clear reasons for the things I did and had very little confidence in my own decisions). The ceremony in and of itself was just HAPPY. When [graduate student] Ryan Matison was baptized, I could not help but tear up out of happiness, which is a first in my lifetime. I feel the same about the others in the group. The liturgy was beautiful. The readings were perfect, and litany of the saints was just so nice. It was perfect.

When You Feel the Call, You Have to Respond

Students who recently completed the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults share the experience

BC Hosts Conference for Boston Area Catholics

BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN STAFF WRITER

As their church’s leader continued his visit to the United States, thousands of Catholics from Greater Boston gathered at Boston College this past weekend to celebrate their faith.

The Archdiocese of Boston’s annual Catholic Men’s and Women’s Conferences, which took place April 18 and 19 in Conte Forum, included talks by prominent Catholics, award presentations and a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Sean O’Malley, OFM Cap. Cardinal O’Malley later traveled to New York City, where he consecrated a Mass with Pope Benedict XVI, who was in the midst of his first trip to the United States as pontiff.

For Boston-area Catholics, the event represented an “opportunity to come together with men and women from all different parishes to pray and to celebrate and to grow in our Catholic faith,” according to organizers from the Archdiocese of Boston, which is celebrating its bicentennial this year.

Prof. Peter Kreeft (Philosophy), the author of such books as Because God Is Real: Sixteen Questions, One Answer: The Philosophy of Jesus, and How to Win the Culture War: A Christian Battle Plan for a Society in Crisis, was one of several guest speakers at the conference.

Others invited to appear at the event included: Kimberly Hahn, lecturer, Bible study leader and author of Life Giving Love: Embracing God’s Beautiful Design for Marriage; Rev. Peter Crowe, OMV, a popular homilist and director of St. Clement’s Eucharistic Shrine in Boston; Bishop Robert F. Hennessey, auxiliary bishop of Boston for the Central Region; musician, liturgical music minister, songwriter and worship leader Martin Doman; businessman and philanthropist Jack Shaughnessy Sr.; and Tarek Saab, a New Bedford, Mass., native who is a Christian author and speaker.

There conference also featured presentation of Catholics of the Year awards in the category of Priest, Layman, Deacon or Religious Man, Laywoman and Religious Woman.

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Photos by Suzanne Camarata

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—Christy Tran

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People of the Church

New book by O’Toole tells story of American Catholicism from lay people’s perspective

BY REID OSLIN
STAFF WRITER

The cover illustration of Clough Millennium Professor of History James O’Toole’s latest book, The Faithful: A History of Catholics in America, offers a classic statement of faith shared by many lay people in this country.

“If you told me, back when I was in high school, that there would be so few priests that six months might pass before a priest could wander through their town to say Mass, hear confessions, baptize and confirm, I found that there was a lot of self-starting, self-conducting, religious activity on the part of lay people. That was enough to sustain the Catholic identity.”

With a current decline in vocations, O’Toole suggests that the modern Catholic Church in this country may, in some ways, have to mirror the religious milieu of those early days. “The situation we are in now is perhaps back to the future,” he says. “I think by looking at episodes in history like that one, maybe some make suggestions as to what the Church of the future will look like.”

One of O’Toole’s chapters focuses on the huge growth of the “Immigrant Church” in America from the time of the Civil War into the 1920s. “This had a decisive effect upon the Church because of the numbers of people that came in a short period of time and the variety of places that they came from,” he says. “Now, it is an ‘immigrant’ Church again — not from Italy, Ireland and Germany, but places like that, but from Central and South America, the Caribbean, Asia and so on. Then again, it is ‘back to the future.’”

O’Toole notes that the physical foundation of the Church in America is changing as well. “The Catholics built a huge infrastructure of churches, welfare agencies, college and universities. The largest system of private education and social welfare anywhere in the world was built by American Catholics in that immigrant era.”

“It has left in place this huge infrastructure that we have now, which at first the population shifts and changes, you find churches in areas where there might not be now many Catholics, so they have to be closed or consolidated,” he says. “I sometimes say to students, ‘When people go to church what happens? What’s going on there and did it mean to them when they went to church week after week?’ It’s to try to explore some of these questions that I found this to be such an interesting effort.”

Taking It on ‘Good Faith’

Student’s documentary seeks to spark dialogue on Muslim community

BY SEAN SMITH
CHRONICLE EDITOR

Junior Matthew Porter has turned the act of asking questions into an art form. Porter, a theater and political science major from Lawrence, recently completed his student documentary, “In Good Faith,” which he screened yesterday as part of the Boston College Arts Festival, as well as earlier this month in Higgins Hall — the latter event included a discussion with Porter and some of the film’s interview subjects.

“In Good Faith” offers a portrait of the Greater Boston Muslim community and its relationship with other area faith communities, using as a point of reference the construction in Roxbury of New England’s largest mosque by the Islamic Society of Boston (ISB), as well as interviews with Muslims and non-Muslims.

Porter, whose 2006 film “American Voices” examined social and political protest in the United States, uses a straightforward philosophy in his approach to filmmaking. “When I want to find out the truth of something it’s the people’s beliefs and opinions — I don’t want to just read summaries or explanations, I want to get it straight from them. I like asking questions, not to put anyone on the spot, but to find out what they truly think and how they feel.”

Appropriately enough, “Immigrant Church” grew out of conversations Porter had with three former roommates, all of whom were Muslims. Porter and his roommates followed the great interest the progress of the mosque’s construction, which began in 2003, as well as the controversy that accompanied it — including allegations reported in the press that radical Muslim groups had ties to the ISB.

The ISB filed a lawsuit against groups it claimed were defaming them, but eventually dropped the matter last year after extensive negotiations.

To Porter, it seemed the perfect subject for a new film. “There were a lot of positive and negative efforts concerning interfaith dialogue going on,” he says. “Some people criticized the building of the mosque, others defended it. I thought, ‘Why not use this as a tool to illustrate the nature of the Muslim community in Boston?’”

Supported by a grant through the Jacques Salomonowitz Program for Moral Courage in Film in the University’s Fine Arts Department, Porter undertook several months of filming Boston area Muslims in faith, family and recreational activities. In addition to representatives of the local Muslim community, including ISB officials, Porter spoke with Jewish and Christian leaders; he also interviewed critics, not to put anyone on the spot, but to find out what they truly thought and how they feel.

“This was a wonderful world out there, and these are very contentious issues, but coming to know our neighbors and removing the veil of suspicion is a key first step if we are going to live up to the pluralist ideals embodied in our Constitution,” says Berkland. “It’s not the end of the story, but only the beginning.”

Porter, who will be an intern at WBZ-TV this summer, “If nothing else, I would hope that the film helps provoke discussion, especially between the non-Muslim and Muslim communities. People shouldn’t be unwilling to deal with Muslims because of fear, or uncertainty, or what’s been reported in the media. ‘Just talk to us.’ That was what I heard from so many in the Muslim community.”

A trailer of “In Good Faith” can be viewed at www.bc.edu/segments/0708/goodfaith.php.

To obtain a copy of the film, e-mail MFRP@bc.edu.
Embracing On a Journey of Hope

2007 grad’s Fulbright project offers insights on immigration issues

BY MELISSA BEECHER
STAFF WRITER

Few people have the perspective on immigration that Allison Ramirez, ’07, does.

The hot-button issue looks very different from her vantage point, says Ramirez — child trafficking and El Salvador on a Fulbright award chronicling the plight of migrant workers, and of their families left behind, as they travel from Central America to the Mexican-Guatemalan border.

Their passage is fraught with danger, says Ramirez. The vulnerable migrants are repeatedly robbed, beaten, raped and mauled by federal agents or dishonest guides. Many become stranded in small villages along the way and rely on churches or donations to ensure their survival. Age and gender are no guarantors of safety, adds Ramirez — child trafficking and forced prostitution are other potential hazards of the journey.

The “lucky” ones continue to find work and make their way along an additional journey of some 2,500 miles — where many live uncertain existences as undocumented immigrants.

Ramirez believes the immigration issue is one of basic human rights, Working with The Central American Resource Center (CA-REcen), she and other activists are attempting to help migrants become official to the United States, provide education and technology training, hold English classes and promote advocacy against abuse.

“Since we live in a world where the most marginalized and poor in our midst are obliged to sacrifice their dignity in the search for a better future,” says Ramirez.

“Their answers might be, they are often wrong, Martens recalls. Some trip participants found themselves dwelling on the deeper poverty they had witnessed in Ugan-

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At BC, she majored in interna-

Kalmar observes such res-

Said Ramirez, “I never felt that the idea of giving them more was something that could be carried on too much. You have to help them to have a better understanding of what’s going on.”

For Chisira Martens, ’08, and her former students, the service trip they took to Uganda in January was a highlight of their year — for many, the defining moment in their collegiate career.

They were very aware that they are seen as criminals, but so many are desperate to provide a better life for their children they would do anything. They are men and women who have been frustrated time after time in their lives, not because they aren’t willing to work, but because no matter how many hours they spend selling things on the streets or working in the fields, they can’t make ends meet.

“There is no possibility for ‘up-

In June, Ramirez will accompany a family who is embarking on the “Caminata de Esperanza,” or Journey of Hope, to locate missing relatives who disappeared on their immigration journey. Among those making the trip will be Anita Zelaya, a woman who has been in the United States since 2002, who left her village to escape dismal economic conditions, lack of jobs and the gang situation at high schools, according to Ramirez.

Like many others in El Salvador enduring the similar torment of not knowing what became of their loved ones, Zelaya is desperate for answers, says Ramirez.

“The Journey of Hope will help families find closure, especially those who have loved ones who have disappeared and would like the chance to go to the place where they were last seen and hopefully find out something about what happened,” said Ramirez. “Or, at very least, to visit the place where their loved one died and was buried. It’s a huge help for grieving families why did not get to say goodbye.

Having had similar experiences as an undergraduate, I realize how important it is to actively reflect on the trips and what the implications are for the lives of people given what we saw and learned,” said Kawehowe, who as a faculty member has led three international and two national service trips.

With a second session under way, Kawehowe said “if the goal is to help those who went on service trips to reflect purposefully, Magis is already a success.”
Making the Appropriate Response

BCPD officer is the go-to guy on addressing emergency situations

BY REID GULIN STAFF WRITER

Boston College Police Lt. Tom King has examined every exterior door on campus, and so far, he and his fellow officers can open them at any time — and in a hurry.

King studied emergency building entry and other critical response tactics as part of the advanced curriculums at the FBI National Police Academy in Quantico, Va., where last spring he became the first BC police officer to take the intensive 10-week course for senior law enforcement officers from all over the country.

While King and his 300 police classmates were at Quantico, a gunman at Virginia Tech killed 32 students and teachers before taking his own life. The campus tragedy, which was analyzed last week at Virginia Tech and elsewhere in the country — put a new focus on the immediate and appropriate responses needed by local police agencies to address emergency situations, he says.

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“The days of waiting for the Boston Police or the State Police to come are gone,” he says. “There’s no waiting anymore. The people who are on duty at the time have to have the training to at least make the initial response.”

In the year since he took the BCFP course, King has prepared and delivered a series of power-point presentations on the effective use of BCFP’s latest equipment and has assisted in the planning of purchasing of new equipment that will assist the department’s response efforts.

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McGillcuddy, Logue Gift Supports International Study

Continued from page 1

even afterwards, in the form of a Capstone seminar taken during stu-
dents’ senior year. Capstone seminars help students evaluate their BC educa-
tion and prepare for lifelong commitments to work, relationships, soci-
ity and spirituality.

“A fully developed study abroad experience includes three phases: preparation, experience, and reflection,” said Widdig. “The Fellows Program will enable us to enhance students’ academic preparation dur-
ing their sophomore year, and to provide a forum during their senior year in which they can discuss the experience in a structured way. We hope that these initiatives will bring about a longer-term engagement by students with the world.”

Additional areas of focus for the McGillcuddy-Logue Center in- clude implementing a Travel Grants Program and increasing the number of nontraditional study abroad des-
tinations, including Latin America, Southeast Asia, and South Asia, from which students can choose. Currently, 88 percent of the 1,000 students who study abroad each year in Western Europe.

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More than 1,000 alumni, par-
ents and friends of Boston Col-
lege filled the grand ballroom at New York’s Waldorf-Astoria Hotel last night for the 20th an-
nual Wall Street Council Tribute Dinner.

The gathering generated more than $1 million for the University’s Presidential Schol-
s program, an elite curriculum for select undergraduate schol-
s that integrates course work with summer programs focusing on service, internationalism and professional skills. The annual Wall Street Council dinner has raised more than $12 million for the program since the event was instituted in 1989.

Among the highlights of last night’s dinner was the presenta-
tion of the President’s Medal for Excel-
bility by University President William P. Leahy, S.J., to William C. Weldon, chairman and chief executive officer of Johnson & Johnson and parent of a 2000 Bos-
ton College graduate. An endowed fund will be established within the Presidential Scholars Program in Weldon’s name to reflect his award.

Seventeen seniors in the Presi-
dential Scholars Program attended the dinner.

The fact that this annual event has enabled the founding of the Presidential Scholars Pro-
gram has provided an enormous academic enticement for Boston College to be able to attract the most academically talented stu-
dents in the country,” said Ter-
ance Granahan, director of prin-
cipal gifts in University Advance-
ment and an original organizer of the event. “The generosity of the New York-area alumni and friends. It’s a tremendous night for Boston College.”

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**Newsmakers**

- Several Boston College faculty members offered remarks on, or were cited by, the media about the recent visit to the United States by Pope Benedict VI, including:
  - Prof. Stephen Pope (Theology), Bloomberg News, Newsday, Professor of Human Rights and International Justice David Hollenbach, St. Philadelphia Se- Quirer, and Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry Director Prof. Thomas Groome (Theology), Boston Herald.

- Prof. EllenWinner (Psychol- ogy) was quoted in an article in Education Week about the need for better research on arts and cognition.

- Lynch School of Education Dean Joseph O’Keefe, SJ, was interviewed by the New York Times for a story about teachers at Catholic schools in the New York Arch- diocese striking over health care issues.

- Coldwood Professor of Islamic and Asian Art Sheila Blair dis- cussed the place of calligraphy in Islam’s rich tradition of decorative arts for a story that appeared in US News and World Report.

- The Boston Globe “Living” sec- tion profiled Prof. Maxim D. Sharkey (Slavic and Eastern Lan- guages and Literatures). Sharkey also was a guest on WBZ-AM’s “Jordan Rich Show.”

- America published a response by Prof. Rev. Robert Imbelli (Theol- ogy) to the final Lawrence J. Mc- Ginity lecture delivered by Car- dinal Avery Dulles at Fordham University.

- Prof. Charlie Derber (Sociol- ogy) co-authored a piece in the Christian Science Monitor suggesting that the time is right in American politics for “peace heroes.”

- Assoc. Prof. Harold Petersen (Economics) was interviewed by the Boston Globe about income disparity in Massachusetts.

- Prof. Paul Lewis (English) was quoted on the political impact of late-night comedy in a Chicago Tribune article.

**Publications**

- Assoc. Prof. Kalpana Rahita Ses- hadri (English) published “When Home is a Camp: Global Sover- eignty, Biopolitics, and Internally Displaced Persons” in Social Text.


- Prof. Sharlene Hess-Biber (So- ciology) co-edited The Handbook of Emergent Methods in Social Re- search.

**Honors/Appointments**

- Part-time faculty member Jim Hamm (Sociology) published “Pablo and Maria: A Marxian Class Analysis” in Rethinking Marxism.

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  - Prof. Diana Pollin (LSEOE) has been appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Board on Testing and Assessment at the National Academy of Sciences, which advises the federal govern- ment and Congress on matters concerning testing and assessment in education and employment.

- Prof. Zhijie Xiao (Econom- ics) presented “Estimating Con- ditional Quantiles in GARCH Models” at the Case Conference in Financial Econometrics, City University, London, and “Unit Root Tests at the New Zealand Econom- etric Study Group, University of Auckland.

- Assoc. Prof. Vlad Perju (Law) served as a judge in the US Re- gional Round of the European Union Must Court Competition at Southern Methodist University Law School, and taught an in- tensive week-long course on the “The Importance of Job Quali- ty and Inspired Leadership” at the annual meeting of the American Society on Aging, Washington, DC.

- Adj. Prof. Chris Constas of the College of Arts and Sciences’ Honors Program presented “The Medieval Invention of Faith” to the 14th annual conference of the Association of Core Texts and Courses in Plymouth.

- Assoc. Prof. Paul Gray (Sociol- ogy) presented an invited talk on “Participatory Evaluation Re- search in Business” at the School of Management, University of Bath, England.

- Prof. J. Christopher Hepburn (Geology and Geo-Physics) pre- sented invitations during the Geological Society of America meet- ings in Buffalo, “Mid-Paleo- zou Arc Accretion on the Eastern Side of the Appalachian Orogen, Eastern Massachusetts and Ad- jacent Areas” and “Significance of Detrital Zircon Ages from the Westboro Quartzite, Avalon, Ter- rane, Eastern Massachusetts.”

- Prof. EllenWinner (Psychology) spoke to the teachers and staff of the Reggio Emilia preschools in Italy about the role of the arts in education.

- College of Arts and Sciences As- sociate Dean Claire Dunford pre- sented “Mutants and Wild Types: Our Sequence, Ourselves” and gave a reading from her book Spelling Love with an X; A Mother, A Son, and the Gene That Binds Them during the sym- posium “Disability, Reproduction, and Parenting” held at the St. Louis University School of Law’s Center for Health Law Studies.

**PEOPLE**

Chorale Conducts Salute to Its Leader

University Chorale of Boston College

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John Finney receives a gift in honor of his 15 years as director of the University Chorale of Boston College. (Photo by Christopher Huang)

**JOBS**

The following are among the most recent positions posted by the De- nver Post of Human Resources for more information on employment opportunities at Boston College, see www.bc.edu/hr/.

Accounting Specialist, Student Ser- vices
Teacher Assistant, Campus School, Lynch School of Education
Health Education/ RN, University Health Services
Associate Buyer, Procurement Ser- vices
Grant Manager, Connell School of Nursing
Manager of Utilities, Facilities Man- agement
Assistant Director, Practicum Ex- periences and Teacher Induction, Lynch School of Education
Senior Systems Programmer, Infor- mation Technology
Assistant Director, STM Continu- ing Education
Assistant or Associate Director, An- nual Giving, Classes, Development Communications Specialist, Lynch School of Education
Associate Director, Merchandising, BC Bookstore
Looking Ahead

Readings • Lectures • Discussion
April 25
• Lecture: “Consciousness is Not a Bag. Immanence, Transcendence, and the Constitution in Husserl’s ‘Idea of Phenomenology’,” with John Brough, Georgetown University, 4 p.m., Gasson 305. See fmwww.bc.edu/pl/lectures/dep.html or e-mail mccoybm@bc.edu for more information.

April 28
• Lecture: Dante Series: Purgatorio XXVIII, with Alessandro Vettori, Rutgers University, 7:30 p.m., DeVin 101. See www.bc.edu/schools/cae/honors/ldante.html for information.

April 30
• Aline and Michael Magde Colloquium in Physics: “Does Science Progress Through Blind Chance or by Intelligent Design?”, with Sheldon Lee Glashow, 1979 Nobel Prize in Physics winner, 4:30 p.m., Higgins 300. Call ext.2-5975 or e-mail chevry@bc.edu for more information.

• Lecture: “Detecting Clandestine Underground Nuclear Explosions: Forensic Seismology,” with James Brough, Georgetown University, 7 p.m., Boston College Weston Observatory, 381 Concord Rd., Weston. Reservations required due to limited seating, call ext.2-8300.

May 14
• Reading for Pleasure: A Thousand Splendid Suns, by Khaled Hosseini, with Mary Ellen Kiddle, noon, O’Neill 413. Contact perrypd@bc.edu.


May 24
• Annual Faculty Day event, noon, Heights Room, Corcoran Commons. To attend, call ext.2-1838 or e-mail samya@bc.edu by April 28.

Music • Art • Performance
April 25
• Annual Mary Kaye Waldron Award Banquet, 5 p.m., Murray Room, Yawkey Center. E-mail alex.hin,10@bc.edu or caaf@bc.edu. hsvick1@bc.edu.

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Ongoing Exhibitions
• Tree of Paradise: Jewish Mosaics from the Roman Empire, at the McMullen Museum of Art, through June 6.
• Neenan, Have You Read a Good Book Lately?, O’Neill Library Lobby, through June 10.
• Fighting Irishmen: Celebrating Celtic Prizefighters 1820 to Present, Burns Library, through Sept. 5.

In the Rhythm

Looking back — because, believe it or not, that eats up a good third of my discipline. I’ll run through a day in the life of a writer and, of necessity, the whims of publishers, the morass of competition, the challenge of self-rejection to completion, even the afterwork of editing, revising, and proofreading. I’d like to talk about the pitfalls, too — the whims of the publisher, the meander of competition, the challenge of self-discipline. I’ll run through a day in the life of a writer and, of necessity, I’ll touch on the business side of being a writer — PR, Web sites, blogs — because, believe it or not, that eats up a good third of my work time.

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No Secret to Bestselling Author Delinsky’s Success

By most any yardstick, Barbara Delinsky, MA’69, is one pretty successful author. Published in 25 foreign languages, her books (including The Woman Next Door and Family Tree) invariably wind up on national bestseller lists and garner positive reviews. Her most recent work, The Secret Between Us, is another of what the Boston Globe’s Diane White describes as Delinsky’s “straightforwardly written, insightful stories about family relationships.” The book chronicles the personal, familial and professional consequences of a doctor’s decision to take the blame for an accident caused by her daughter.

Delinsky is a first-rate storyteller who creates believable, sympathetic characters who seem as familiar as your neighbors,” writes White.

But Delinsky, who will present a master class on writing April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Murray Room Function Room of the Yawkey Center, had no inkling of her career when she came to Boston College in 1967 as a graduate student in sociology.

“I wish I could cite some grand intellectual motivation for going to BC,” she says. “Back then, through, women weren’t thinking about grand intellectual motivations. In fact, I was drawn to BC largely because my husband was about to start law school there and making the commute from Cambridge together was a very newfangled thing to do.”

Although Delinsky spent one year actually on the Heights — the following year she wrote her master’s thesis at night while working days for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children — she has very pleasant memories of her time at BC.

“My BC experience was delightful — wonderful people, interesting classes. Did it contribute to my becoming a writer? I’ve actually gone back and forth on this ad infinitum. Did my training in sociology at BC teach me insight into people, or was it my insight into people that drew me to the field of sociology in the first place? I suspect the latter. But the time I spent at BC exposed me to new and different people. Any such exposure adds depth to a writer’s work.”

It wasn’t until 1981 when Delinsky, by then a stay-at-home mother, had her career revelation — “a fluke,” she calls it. One day, she happened to glimpse a newspaper article profiling three women writers and she was intrigued enough to try research, plotting and writing her own book. It sold, and she was on her way.

While her resume includes an undergraduate degree in psychology from Tufts as well as her MA in sociology, Delinsky plays down her academic background’s influence on her writing.

“What makes my writing effective has nothing to do with formal training and everything to do with my fascination with people. My mother died when I was young; this set me up to be both independent and attuned to life’s traumas. As a child, I was the confidante of my mother died when I was young; this set me up to be both independent and attuned to life’s traumas. As a child, I was the confidante of my friends. As an adult, I still ask questions that get people to open up. I am naturally inquisitive. I can sit in a mall people-watching for an hour and come away with a dozen plot ideas.

“When it comes to my books, it’s all about interpersonal relationships, family dynamics, and emotions.”

At the April 30 master class, where she will be interviewed by Newton College Alumnae Professor in Western Culture Judith Wilt, Delinsky plans to talk about the creative aspect of being a writer, but also about other areas critical to one’s success.

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