Winter of 2011 (80 Inches and Counting) a Tough Test for BC

BY REID OSLIN STAFF WRITER

Boston College’s three campuses have 215 staircases, 40 acres of parking lots and 11 miles of sidewalks — all of which, thanks to a dozen substantial storms this winter, have been covered with a total of 80 inches of snow.

That adds up to a major challenge, a major expense — and sometimes a major headache — for the crews from the University’s Facilities Services Grounds maintenance and custodial crews assigned to clear and remove the tons of white stuff that has fallen from winter skies.

The nasty stretch of snowy weather has meant long hours for the plowing, sanding and shoveling crews, who have worked up to 30 consecutive hours during the biggest storms to keep campus roads and walkways clear, safe and accessible.

“The guys are exhausted,” said Associate Director of Facilities Services Gina Bellavia, who heads up the snow clearing operation, in an interview after yet another recent storm. “There have been at least five times when we have had to keep everyone overnight. When the snow starts, we have them going right through the end of evening classes so that everything is safe for the people leaving campus. They might catch a couple of hours of sleep and then they’ll be out at 5 a.m. getting right back at it.”

This year, Facilities Services has borrowed emergency cons from University Director of Emergency Management and Preparedness John Tommaney, along with bedding and pillows from the Office of Residential Life, to provide a clean and comfortable resting place for the bone-weary crews. A temporary rest area has been set up in the lower level of the former Cardinal’s Residence.

The grounds crew is assisted in their work by equipment and operators hired from four local contractors.

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Grants Will Aid Study on Housing and Children

BY ED HAYWARD STAFF WRITER

Lynch School of Education Associate Professor Rebekah Levine Coley is part of a team of researchers who have been awarded a $900,000 grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to examine the role that housing plays in the development of children in low-income families.

Coley, with Tufts’ Tama Leventhal and Duke University’s Linda Burton, will study how housing influences children’s well-being both during infancy and the middle school years. The funding for the project comes from the MacArthur Foundation’s $25 million How Housing Matters to Families and Communities initiative.

“We’re trying to understand how parents with limited economic resources make difficult choices about housing within the context of economic and social constraints,” said Coley, a developmental psychologist. “Many low-income families have to make decisions between access to quality housing and access to decent medical care or to adequate food. We hope to learn more about how they make those decisions.”

The role of housing in childhood development has never been studied in as comprehensive a fashion as proposed by the research team of Coley, Burton, an urban sociologist, and Leventhal, a developmental psychologist.

“There is a fair amount of research on housing costs and housing policy,” said Coley. “But relatively little of it has focused on...”

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Students are warming to the Agape Latte series on faith and spirituality

BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN STAFF WRITER

For the past five years, Boston College undergraduates have gathered at elliades Café on the first Tuesday night of the month for sustenance — both physical and spiritual.

At Agape Latte, co-sponsored by the Church in the 21st Century Center and Campus Ministry, students are offered tasty desserts, coffee, and an opportunity to hear from a BC faculty member or administrator about issues of faith, religion and spirituality. The free events regularly draw crowds of 100-300 students, who also can participate in a Q&A session with the featured speaker.

“I think the relaxing environment and broad topic range has made Agape Latte a very popular event for students,” said John Kely ‘12, an accounting and theology double major. “It’s an opportunity for students to take a break from their hectic schedules and listen to how professors and staff members on campus have become who they are today: both as a professional and as a person. The talks also bring up a lot of great issues into conversation facing us as BC students.”

Adds Meghan Wegner ’13, an international studies major, “The speakers are engaging, honest and personable. They tell their story without bias and allow conversations to flow from there. Personally, this is my favorite part—the genuine sharing of people’s stories.”

“Through Agape Latte, BC is sending a message that critical reflection on faith life and how it works with daily life is important,” said Campus Minister Rick Rossi, who oversees the program with C21’s Karen Kiefer and Paul Wendt. Agape Latte was founded in 2006 by then-C21 Director Tim Muldoon, now assistant to the vice president for University Mission and Ministry, and former C21 Assistant Director Dawn Overstreet. The event’s first speaker, other Agape Latte speakers have included Philosopher Adjunct Associate Professor Brian Braman; Monan Professor of Philosophy Lisa Sowle Cahill; Theology Associate Professor Fr. Ken Himes; Founders Professor of Theology James Keranan; SJ; Director of Undergraduate Admission John Mahoney; Adj. Associate Professor of Economics Richard McGowan, SJ; Campus Ministry Director Fr. Anthony Pennac, Volunteer and Service Learning.

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Wandering mind

O’Neill Library patrons who seek a study break will find a whimsical space in the new level One Gallery — one that’s literally over their heads. 

On display in the gallery through March 24, the BC Art Club’s exhibition “The Mind Often Wanders: A Floating Show” contains 2-D collages, drawings, paintings, sculptures, paper objects, collages, dream catchers and mobiles, all suspended from the ceiling. In keeping with the Art Club’s theme of “the wandering of the mind,” the installation seeks to create a space to dream, to allow the mind to wander. 

The week prior to the exhibition’s Feb. 3 opening, club members gathered for an evening of art making to create the pieces from such supplies as paint, ink, wire, yarn, glass and recycled materials.

Art Club President Lauren Gom- zer ’11 said the opened reception for “The Mind Often Wanders” — which featured artfully arranged colorful candy treats and a display bowl of five live goldfish — was met with positive response. “Students seemed to re- ally like the varied nature of the show.”

Although “The Mind Often Wanders” represents a departure from previous Level One exhibitions — displaying works hung from the ceiling rather than on the walls — it has helped to continue raising the gallery’s profile, according to O’Neill Senior Library Assistant Kevin Trimigle, who spearheaded the effort to create a venue to highlight campus creativity and showcase the art work of BC community members. To date, the gallery has presented works from students in studio art courses taught by Fine Arts Department faculty Karl Baden, creations by members of the BC Libraries staff and the photography of international students, among other exhibitions.

“With each successive exhibit, the interest and recognition of the Level One Gallery is growing,” says Trimigle, who credits In University Librarian Thomas Wall with encouraging its creation a year and a half ago. “The Boston College Libraries have always fully supported the arts here, and this is an extension of that. It’s been re- warding that the gallery has been well received by the community.”

For more information about the exhibition or the Art Club, contact Cornel BPC@bc.edu.

BC community members are encouraged to submit exhibition proposals for the Level One Gallery. For a submission form, exhibit guidelines, contact information and an archive of previous exhibitions, see http://www.bc.edu/libraries/about/exhibits/ onell/level1.html

Hard sell

Red Bull’s red and gold logo can “give you wings” — for better or worse — even if consumers don’t know it, according to a new study by the Carroll School of Management faculty members S. Adam Brasel and Gips Gips, who found the brand’s edge marketing efforts have a heavy dose of attitude and a display bowl of five live goldfish — was met with positive

All this took place without the consumers being aware of their own behavior, said Brasil. These changes are a result of “non-con- science brand priming,” according to Brasil and Gips, who is Egan Professor of Computer Science and chairman of the Carroll School’s Information Systems Department. It appears that the personality of a brand can non-consciously “push” or “nudge” a consumer to act in ways consistent with that personality when exposed to brand imagery.

The study shows that this priming effect can extend beyond how we think about internal consumer performance, with both positive and negative consequences.

In a world where ambient advertising swaddles banners in wrap-around billboards and product placements in TV, movies, Internet, videogames and other media, the Red Bull effect shows advertising and marketing programs can push beyond simply making a sale. They can have a behavioral influence that consumers don’t expect.

Red Bull has built its brand identity by sponsoring promotions such as street luge contests, airplane crashes and other border-line-to-crazy events such as street luge contests, airplane crashes and other border-line-to-crazy events. “This management system provides a really robust event calendar that we hope everyone on campus will use as a resource,” said Miceli.

New and improved

The Boston College community will have a better way to keep tabs on upcoming student organiza- tion events, thanks to a newly launched portal, MyBC [http:// bc.collegiatelink.net/]. MyBC and its virtual bulletin board, recently added to the Student Programs Office website [http://www.bc.edu/offices/studentprograms.html], is the latest upgrade to the revamped Student Affairs division’s online presence [http:// www.bc.edu/offices/dsa.html].

Student Programs Office Associate Director Mark Miceli said the office worked with all official student clubs and organizations last semester to ensure each were represented on, and could contrib- ute to, the new site.

“As an institution, there was never a single place to go to view all the student events. This was needed for the community to see what is happening on campus,” said Miceli.

The Office of News & Public Affairs has added an offer of social media and in- formation resources with the Boston College Blog [thebostoncollegeblog.com]. Check the BC Blog for news and other items about Boston College people, programs and activities.

In addition, blog readers can e-mail ques- tions about BC, News & Public Affairs Director Jack Dunn will answer the most common questions in the blog.

Correction

A story in the Feb. 3 Chronicle about a joint meeting of the University’s student leadership programs incorrectly identified the AHANA Leadership Acad- emy. All of the participating programs did not include Sankofa Leadership Program, through the Office of AHANA Student Programs.

Chronicle regrets the errors.
Going the Distance
BC freshmen are hitting the road from Newton to Main Campus to raise awareness of water crisis

BY MELISSA BEECHER
STAFF WRITER

Each day, dozens of children at the Longa Secondary School in the Ruwuma Region of Tanzania face a two-mile walk to get water — a journey that takes time away from the classroom and often brings to the community water that is contaminated because of poor sanitary conditions.

This week and next, 30 Boston College freshmen are walking the roughly two miles between the Newton and Chestnut Hill campuses to raise awareness of the world water crisis that affects Tanzania and other countries.

Proceeds from the Walk for Water — a goal of $2,500 has been set — will be used to help the children of the Longa Secondary School by purchasing rain catchment systems and hand washing stations.

The BC-Longa School connection was established by H2O for Life, a Minnesota-based nonprofit that links schools in the United States with schools in developing countries.

Freshman Chris Olmanson took part in a similar event while a junior at Wayzata High School in Minnesota to benefit a school in the Philippines.

When I started learning about the world water crisis in high school, it came as a complete shock to me, ” said Olmanson. “In talking with a group of friends here at BC about the issue, we decided it would be great to continue the effort.”

According to the World Health Organization, 1.1 billion people in the world — one out of six people — lack access to safe drinking water and an estimated 2.6 billion lack adequate sanitation.

Through Feb. 25, freshman organizers Kerhey Stuart, Jon Geary and Du Park will join Olman- son in leading two groups of stu- dents the symbolic two miles. The walks — which began on Monday — will take place at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Organizers say students are un- deterred by the prospect of cold temperatures, slippery sidewalks and large snow banks.

“We were hoping to do it when it was a little warmer, but real- ized that it really couldn’t wait,” said Park. “People are used to turning on the faucet and having clean, safe drinking water come out. That is not the reality for millions of children in developing countries.”

“Many of the students who at- tend the Longa School miss classes because of the long journey to get water. Female students usually drop out once they hit puberty due to a lack of proper hygiene available to them,” he said. “We should do everything in our pow- er to help provide clean drinking water for people, especially the children at this school.”

For more information, to donate or participate, visit the event website www.bcwalkforwater.com. For more information on the world water crisis, visit www.h2oforlife- schools.org.

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Students during the Walk for Water earlier this week. The two-mile trek they cover is equal to the distance school-children in Tanzania must travel to get clean water, according to walk organizers. (Photo by Christopher Huang)

March 3 BC Law Forum Will Honor Fr. Drinan
BY MELISSA BEECHER
STAFF WRITER

The life and work of Robert Drinan, SJ, the accomplished Boston College Law School dean who became the first priest to serve in the US Congress, will be celebrated at a BC Law event next month.

On March 7, the school will host a panel discussion featuring Raymond Rothschild, SJ, author of the first comprehensive biography on Fr. Drinan, Bob Drinan: The Congressional Life of the First Catho- lic Priest Elected to Congress. Also scheduled to take part in the panel: US Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), who in 1980 assumed the seat held by Fr. Drinan and in 2009 received a human rights award named for him; BC Law Associate Professor Gregory Kalscheur, SJ, who will discuss Fr. Drinan’s impact on younger Jesuits; and Jerome Grossman, who chaired Fr. Drinan’s congressional campaign committee. Darald and Juliet Libby Professor of Law Sanford Katz will moderate the panel.

The discussion, which is free and open to the public, will take place at 7 p.m. in East Wing, Room 120.

Katz, who was recruited to BC Law by Fr. Drinan himself, said the event will both reflect on the life of Drinan and introduce a new generation to the important work of one of BC Law’s brightest stars. Fr. Drinan, who graduated from Boston College in 1942 and joined the Society of Jesus that same year, served as BC Law dean from 1956 until 1970. He was widely credited for BC Law’s emergence as one of the nation’s top law schools.

Robert Drinan, SJ
University Historian Thomas O’Connor referred to him as a “dy- namic force at Boston College... He attracted the kind of scholars and professors to the law school that would eventually make it one of the most significant in the coun- try.”

Fr. Drinan was elected to Congress in 1970 on an anti-Vietnam War platform. During his 10 years on Capitol Hill, he was often a lightening rod for controversy, notably his disagreements with Cath- olic Church leaders over his politi- cal support of abortion rights.

He was the first member of Congress to file a resolution calling for the impeachment of President Richard Nixon — not for Water- gate, but for his ordering of the secret bombing of Cambodia in 1969 and 1970.

In 1980, when Pope John Paul II demanded priests withdraw from election politics, Fr. Drinan opted not to seek reelection instead of renouncing his priesthood. He taught at the Georgetown Univer- sity Law Center until his death in 2007.

To read more about Fr. Dri- nan, see the Law School tribute at http://bit.ly/gWNOQS. A reception and book signing will follow the March 7 panel discussion. Registration is available at www. bc.edu/law/anniversary
ROUNDTABLE
Turmoil (and Hope?) in the Middle East

As anti-government protest swept Egypt — forcing the resignation of Hosni Mubarak and his government — the world woke up call for regimes in the region. Must have democracy, and few; under this unspoken agenda, there have been recent anti-authoritarian demonstrations.

LAURENCE: Each country has its specific role to play in the process, with voices up for change in regimes in the region. Must have democracy, and few; under this unspoken agenda, there have been recent anti-authoritarian demonstrations.

What’s your reaction to Mubarak’s departure? Will it have any effect on the other countries in the region where there have been recent anti-authoritarian demonstrations?

LAURENCE: Mubarak’s departure has certainly been the most recent state in the Arab-decline region. Egypt is no longer a ratings power in the Arab world, but it is still a ratings power in the global world. The potential 2012 presidential candidates have been vocal about Mubarak’s departure, and they have been vocal about their desire for a transition to a democracy.

BAILEY: The difficulty for Mubarak is that Egypt is now at the beginning of the country’s own transition to democracy. The transition is likely to be complex and challenging, and it will depend on how the new government and its leaders handle the transition. The pressure on Mubarak is mounting, and it will be interesting to see how he responds.

SALAMEH: I am both elated and frightened. I am elated about the thought of bringing democracy to Egypt, but I am frightened of the potential for violence and instability.

The complexity of the 1000 Genomes Project draws on a range of expertise in the Middle East. The map will play a crucial role in sequencing-based research. One of the major challenges the project faces is the need to understand the genetic diversity of the region, which is extremely complex and varied. The project is working to develop new insights into the evolution of the Middle East and its impact on modern human populations.

The United States should continue to support the ongoing work to develop the project, which will have significant implications for our understanding of human evolution and health.

We are preparing our papers on processes and data in a timely fashion to send to our colleagues around the world.”

The researchers report in Nature the generation of a map of structural variants — those pieces of genetic code that are the base pairings of instruction, also known as the genotype, that ultimately define our outward appearances and characteristics, or phenotypes.

The new map is built upon a range of structural variants, including 22,052 deletions, or missing pieces of DNA, and 6,060 insertions, pieces of DNA that have been added along the evolutionary journey, and tandem duplications.

The analysis has produced new insights into genetic selection, the introduction of deleterious mutations into DNA and structural variants – “hotspots” formed by common local signals that drive the evolution of biological systems in Nature. The map will play a crucial role in sequencing-based association studies, where this new understanding of human variation is applied to unlocking new ways to use the genome to understand the world’s population and to inform the life and medical sciences.
 Whenever a major snowfall hits Boston College, you can count on a dense and sturdy group of groundskeepers ready to accept the daunting challenge of keeping Lower Campus sidewalks and stairways — notably the 126-step Higgins stairs — clear and safe for students, employees and visitors to the University.

Groundskeepers frequently seen at work in this most challenging sector are John McGovern, Ber...
Students Enjoy Agape Latte

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Director Dan Ponsetto, and Men’s Ice Hockey Coach Jerry York, among many others.

The first talks are part personal story, part intellectual component and relative to the undergraduate experience,“ said Rossi.

She is co-director of O’Neill Li- brary Instructional Services Man- ager] Kwasi Sarkodie-Mensah’s talk, said Wegner. “He spoke about his experience with the Church in Ghana compared with his experience of the Church in America. The contrast of cultures and ways of praying was striking and intriguing, but it really showed that the Church is universal even if practices differ.

Lauren Contri ’13, a double marketing and communication major, was impressed by Vice Pres- ident for University Mission and Ministry Jack Butler, SJ: “He has such a natural story-telling ability. He said that ‘life is a dance’ and that we have to dance the dance of life in order to feel more fulfilled. Simply, his talk was inspiration at its core.”

“Agape Latte is really a kaleido- scope of faith,” said Kuefer, who is C21 associate director. "Each event has its own feel to it, depending on who is speaking, demonstrating that every faith journey is unique.”

As a double major in theatre and psychology, and is studying Peace and Conflict Resolution, Kuefer emphasized that much of the credit for the enduring success of Agape Latte can be attributed to the work that is done by the C21 Student Advisory Commit- tee. The group, which includes experts from children’s physical, intellectual, others, makes posters and banners promoting the events on campus. They use email and social media tools such as Facebook and with "Coffee in theQuad" the day of an Agape Latte, passing out co- ffee with flyers reminding students of the event.

At this month’s Agape Latte, Theology Associate Professor John McNab—a faculty member at BC, for more than 30 years, shared his faith journey. He spoke of times felt on the margins, such as growing up Catholic in the Protestant South, and about turning points in his life, including the late 1960s, when the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the Vietnam War and other on- currences loomed large.

He urged the students in the audi- ence that in their own search for the right faith community, "You need to find a community you can live in and a community you can die in."

Other Agape Latte speakers this semester will be Campus Minister Sister Mary Sweeney and Associate Professor of Philosophy Marina McCoy.

A video archive of Agape Latte events can be found at http://bit.ly/ bkhjQP.

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Grant to Aid BC Study

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children and how housing choices influence children’s development. Of that research, none has studied housing and related contexts in a really comprehensive way.”

The researchers will draw on data from the ongoing Three-City Study, which tracked 2,400 low- income children and their families from poor urban neighborhoods in Boston, Chicago and San Antonio between 1999 and 2006. Coley and Burton were part of the team that collected the Three-City data study.

The researchers will be examin- ing the trade-offs low-income fami- lies must make when considering housing options by weighing factors such as physical quality, crowding, stability, homeownership, subsidies and affordability. Where housing falls as a priority among other needs — such as neighborhood safety, food and medical care — is another point of inquiry. The team will ultimately develop a conceptual model that explicates how children’s physical, cognitive and socio-emotional de- velopment is influenced by housing.

Through the three-year project, the team plans to work closely with the judges’ professional credentials. 1st@bc.edu

John Gilooly/PEI

Newly arrived – The Lynch School of Education welcomed the inaugural group of Lynch Leadership Acad- emy Fellows on Feb. 8. The academy prepares leaders from Catholic, district and charter schools to lead urban schools toward greater effectiveness and success. (L-R) Sean Shirley-Davidson, Neighborhood House Charter School, Dorchester; Thabiti Brown, Codman Academy Charter Public School, Dorchester; Monica Haldiman, Sacred Heart School, Roxinlade; Eileen Morales, Joseph P. Tynan School, South Boston; Walter Henderson, Winthrop Elementary School, Dorchester; Maura Bradley, OLPH Mission Grammar School, Roxbury.

BC Theatre Students Earn Honors

By Sean Smith

Chronicle Editor

Discovering you have a hidden talent can be very satisfying — and earning recognition for it even more so, as Boston College junior Flore- nce Hudson finds out.

Hudson and fellow junior Nzi- nga Williams were honored earlier this month at the region 1 section of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, which promotes excellence and diversity in undergraduate theater. Hudson won a fellowship to plan a regional costume design, while Wil- liams received an honorable men- tion for her national entry in stage management.

A double major in theatre and human development from Nash- ville, Hudson created costume de- signs for “The Magic Flute” as a class project (entries for regional competitions don’t have to be part of an actual production). While she had taken part in school the- atrical activities prior to arriving at BC, Hudson had little behind-the- scenes experience. Desiring to be- come “a more well-rounded theater student,” she took classes in direct- ing and costume design and did a work-study stint in costume design at Robsham Theater.

Hudson says her design for “The Magic Flute,” Mozart’s famous op- era, was inspired by her love of fantas- ty and fairy tales. But the actual process involved far more than sim- ply dashing off drawings on a whim: she notes: “You have to think, ‘How does the costume move on the char- acter? How does the costume affect his or her presence?’”

For the comic Papagena, for example, Hudson designed a bird cage-like dress, “something big- fluffly and buoyant, so that it rocks back and forth on her. I thought the costume helped create the right overall look for her, and could be incorporated into her actions and movements.”

Hudson was pleasantly surprised at her second-place finish in the fes- tival competition, especially given the three-year project, bringing in schools from New York to Maine to com- pete in events such as acting, direct- ing, playwriting, dramaturgy, design, technology and administration.

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Clough Events Focus on Immigration, Partisanship

Two compelling topics — immigration courts and partisanship in American politics — will be the subject of upcoming events sponsored by the Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy.

On Feb. 23, Boston College faculty members Professor of Political Science Peter Skerry and Law Professor Daniel Kanstroom, who is director of the International Human Rights Program, will be joined by US Immigration Board of Appeals member Edward R. Grant and Russell Wheeler, a visiting fellow at the Broockings Institution, for a roundtable on US immigration courts. The event will take place at 4:30 p.m. on location to be announced.

Skerry was the co-convenor for the Immigration Policy Roundtable, which in 2009 produced a report recommending major reforms of US immigration policy. Kanstroom was the founder and is current director of the Boston College Immigration and Asylum clinic, in which students represent indigent noncitizens and asylum seekers.

Grant is a former counsel to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims in the US House of Representatives, and served as a deputy associate general counsel for the US Citizenship and Immigration Services Refugee and Asylum Law Division. Wheeler is former deputy director of the Federal Judicial Center, research and education agency for the federal court system.

On March 2, the Clough Center will host “Is Partisanship a Bad Thing?” at 4:30 p.m. in the Murray Room of the Wyckoff Center. The discussion was organized by O’Neill Professor of American Politics R. Ship Melnick, Harvard University Department of Government Professor Maryann N. Bosco, and Russell Muirhead, the Robert Clements Associate Professor of Democracy and Politics at Dartmouth College.

NOTA BENE

Louise and James Vanderslice & Family Professor of Chemistry Larry Scott has been named winner of the ExxonMobil George C. C. (CSOM) Award for the Study of Constitutional Democracy.

On Feb. 23, ExxonMobil’s chief geoscientist from a pool of 137 proposals from the world’s leading geoscience centers, Scott received a $7,500 ExxonMobil Geosciences grant, which will support her master’s thesis project studying the origin and age of the Merrimack terrain in northern New Hampshire and southern Maine and Massachusetts. Scott was one of 10 recipients selected by ExxonMobil’s chief geoscientists from a pool of 137 proposals from students at 20 different universities.

NEWSMAKERS

Members of the Boston College community offered the media their perspectives on the re- cent anti-government activity in Egypt, Tunisia and elsewhere in the Middle East:

• Associate Professor Jonathan Lawarence (Political Science) spoke with Radio France Internationale about the impact of democratic pres- sures on the region’s leaders.

• Islamic Civilization and Societies Program Director Prof. Ali Ban browski discussed American media coverage of the protests as a guest on Al Jazeera’s “Inside Story.”

• Prof. Frank Salamache (Slavic and Eastern Languages) wrote about perceptions of a “moderate Arab world” in an article for The National Interest.

• Graduate School of Social Work student Stephanie Butler, who had been working on a Habitat for Humanity project in Egypt, spoke with KNXV-TV in Phoenix upon her return home.

• Jessica Soltino ’10, who has been living in Cairo for several months, offered a personal per- spective on the turmoil on the blogatten to CNN’s Anderson Cooper.

Boston.com ran a feature on Applied Power Innovations, a start- up created by BC sophomore en- trepreneurs Kevin Driscoll, C.J. Reim and Rich Rines.

CBS MoneyWatch cited results from a study by the Center for Retirement Research that showed how marital status affects one’s cost of living.

An essay published in American magazine included Assoc. Prof. Nancy Pineda-Madrid (STM) in its list of “most promising” Catholic theologians.

Prof. Carlo Rotella (English) discussed the works of Charles Portis on WNYC-FM’s “Leonard Lopate Show.”

OBITUARY

Rita Leonard, IT Administrator

A memorial service for Rita L. Leonard, systems program administrator in the Univer- sity’s Information Technology Services division and a Boston College employee for nearly 44 years, will be held on campus later this spring.

Ms. Leonard died of lung cancer in Littleton on Feb. 3. She was 61.

A native of Somerville who grew up in Jamaica Plain, Ms. Leonard graduated from St. Josep- h’s Academy in Roxbury in the spring of 1967 and immedi- ately began working as a payroll clerk in the University Trea- surer’s office. In 1974, she was promoted to financial systems program administrator on the re- cent construction projects in the Woods College of Advancing Studies, and held various administrati- ve and supervisory posts in the expanding Treasury department.

Ms. Leonard was named IT’s systems program administrator in 1994.

“Rita was very proud of Bos- ton College,” said Vice Presi- dent for Information Technol- ogy Michael Bourque. “That was very evident in her com- mittment and contributions to the University. She took a special pride in doing things that were related to students and spent a huge amount of time during the years working on projects such as the student orientation programs, move-in weekend and graduation. She was incredibly hard working and very much focused on the ‘customer.’”

“Rita was a good mentor – for me and for everyone who worked for her,” added IT’s Director of Systems Management Leo Chahary. “She also organized and oversaw the department’s ‘pot luck’ Christmas celebration every year, even in recent years when she became ill. She mobilized the department around those types of things.”

Ms. Leonard was well-known for her dry sense of humor, co- workers said. She was also an avid quilter and seamstress.

Ms. Leonard is survived by her husband, Raymond Bresnick and her sister, Jean E. Leonard, both of Littleton.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Cancer Society, Boston College’s “Light the World” campaign or Nashoba Nursing Service and Hospice.

—Reid Olson

PUBLICATIONS

Cawlphorne Professor of Teacher Education for Urban Schools Marilyn Coogan-Smith (LSOE) was among the scholars who con- tributed to the American Educational Research Association’s new volume, Studying Diversity of Teacher Education.

Prof. Emeritus J. Enrique Ojeda (French) presented his research on the turmoil in Cairo before the audience at the European Center for Modern Research.

Prof. Christopher Wilson (Eng- lish) published “Risk Manage- ment: Frank Abagnale, Jr. and the Shadowing of Pleasure” in Crime Culture: Figuring Criminality in Literature and Film.

Prof. Jeffrey Cohen (CSOM) published “Perceptions of Retail Investors of the Decision-usefulness of Non-Financial Informa- tion” in Behavioral Accounting.

TIME AND A HALF

Prof. Maxim D. Shrayver (Slavic and Eastern Languages) gave a lecture at the inauguration of the Hebrew University & Geno- stics Studies program at the College of New Jersey and presented “Jewish-Russian Poets Bearing Witness to the Shoah” at Princeton University.

Adj. Assoc. Prof. Joseph Ningen (English) presented “Ulyssesian Ar- chitecture” at “The Portrait of the City” Conference in Dublin Cork.

Prof. Carlo Rotella (English) pre- sented “The Rust Belt Canons” and led a faculty seminar on urban literature and culture at McGill University in Montreal.

Music Department chair Professor Michael Noone was guest con- ductor of a concert given by the Excentria Choral Academy in Madrid’s National Theater and presented “Vicente Lizaneto y le contrepoint improviése la renais- sance” at a conference convened by the Université de Toulouse, France.

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JOE LISTINGS

The following are among the most recent positions posted by the De- partment of Human Resources. For current opportunities at Boston College, see http://www.bc.edu/office/hr/

Applications Developer, Infor- mation Technology, Internet Strategy
Senior Associate Director, Gift Acceptance, Finance and Analy- sis, Development
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Looking Ahead

Gospel Showcase an Event Not to Be Forgotten

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In celebration of Black History Month, the Multicultural Christian Fellowship will present the first annual Gospel Showcase, “Not Forgotten,” tomorrow, Feb. 18, from 6-8 p.m. in Robsham Theater.

The event will highlight the black Christian experience through dance, singing and drama, according to organizers, who note that “talents within the black church have evolved over the years, and this event will make sure that these treasures are ‘Not Forgotten.’”

“I want the audience to not only experience the celebration of the black church through dance, song, and spoken word, but to participate in the various forms of worship,” says MCF Artistic Director Jamila Jones ‘11.

Jones is founding director and one of the five members of MCF’s liturgical dance group, Moving Forward, which will perform as part of the Gospel Showcase.

The evening also will feature performances by campus groups including the Voices of Imani Gospel Choir and the hip-hop dance ensemble Phaymus, as well as poet Terry Carter and others.

Established in 1977, the Voices of Imani — “Imani” is the Swahili word for “faith” — began as a small group of black students who met to encourage and support one another by singing the songs of their religious tradition. In addition to making numerous campus appearances, including at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Banquet, the Voices of Imani have toured various parts of the country during the spring break period, including Tennessee, Florida, Texas, California, Washington, DC, Virginia, and Atlanta.

The group is directed by Chauncey McEachery, who last year succeeded Rev. Hubert E. Walters, who had served since 1982. [For more on the group, see http://www.voicesofimani.com]

Phaymus, founded in 2004, incorporates jazz, tap, modern and cultural dance as part of their hip-hop style. The group has performed at the BC Arts Festival and other campus events; their off-campus appearances include “Blaze the Stage” in New York City. [See http://www.bc.edu/clubs/phaymus]

According to Jones, there also will be an art gallery, for viewing during intermission, showcasing the work of black students.

The showcase, she adds, “is distinguished from other events by connecting the arts and worship, giving everyone something to identify with.”

Tickets for “Not Forgotten” are $10. For information on the show, contact jamila.jones@bc.edu.

The Gospel Showcase is among a number of Black History Month events being held this month on campus — organized by the Office of AHANA Student Programs and the Black History Month Planning Committee — on the theme “I Am History.” A full calendar of events is available at http://tinyurl.com/8hn5ny7

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University of Virginia cultural historian and media scholar Siva Vaidhyanathan will present “The Googlization of Everything” — based on his forthcoming book of the same title — on Feb. 24 at 4:30 p.m. in Cushng, 001. E-mail harrislo@bc.edu.

Associate Professor of Romance Languages Franco Mormando will speak about his most recent book, Domenico Bernini’s Life of Gian Lorenzo Bernini: An English Translation and Critical Edition with Introduction and Commentary, on Feb. 25 at 3:15 p.m. in Lyons 315. E-mail iib@bc.edu.

For more on Boston College campus events, see events.bc.edu or www.bc.edu/physics.

DATE & TIME

Tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. in Higgins 300, the Albert J. Fitzgibbon Lecture Series will host Princeton University Professor of History of Science Daniel Garber, who will present “Hobbes vs. Spinoza on Human Nature: Political Ramifications.” For information, e-mail byrne@bc.edu.

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Boston College and high school students and schoolchildren — and even a few audience members — performed in a production of Mozart’s opera “The Magic Flute” that was held in Lyons Hall this past Sunday. The adaptation was directed by Music Department faculty member Barbara Gawlick.