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STEPPING UP



The Boston College Irish Dance Club helped usher in St. Patrick's Day with their fourth annual performance, "Elevation," Tuesday night at Robsham Theater. The show featured a mix of traditional Irish and contemporary dance choreography. (Photo by Christopher Huang)

Ancient Meets Modern at Burns Exhibit

Undergraduates make major contribution to show on history of East-West exchanges

BY MELISSA BEECHER
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iPads, flat screen TVs and interactive online databases might not be the first thing to come to mind when you think of 16th century China, but a group of Boston College undergraduates are marrying the latest technology with an extensive history of cross cultural exchange between East and West.

The students of Assistant Professor of History Jeremy Clarke, SJ, will unveil an exhibit this Monday at Burns Library titled "Binding Friendship: Ricci, China and Jesuit Cultural Learning." Supported by a \$35,000 Boston College Academic Technology Advisory Board grant, the exhibit will eventually feature a number of multimedia resources to demonstrate Christian mission history in Asia. The major sponsors of the exhibit are the Jesuit Institute, the Institute of Liberal Arts and the University Office of Mission and Ministry. Co-sponsors include the History Department and the Asian and Asian-American Studies Program.

"It's about East-West cultural exchange and how even though we think the Europeans brought all of their knowledge over to the East and the Chinese, what we have found is that the Chinese were able to contribute as much to that exchange as the West," said Gregory Pidgeon '11, a member of Fr. Clarke's class,

Beyond Ricci: Christian History in China Since 1552.

"This exhibition simply could not have come about without the work of this class," said Fr. Clarke. "They have worked very hard to make this idea a reality."

Students have illustrated — through a series of films, online essays and other visual aids — that the Chinese made significant contributions to modern thinking, including the measures of solar time, the first use of the celestial globe, measures of movement of celestial bodies and the measures of an angle between two objects, just to name a few.

In the 16th century, the Chinese were utilizing what at the time was advanced technology through their observatory in Beijing, Fr. Clarke notes.

"In one display, we show the

observatory and all the astronomical devices that they used during the time the Jesuits were there. It's been fun to match up the original etchings with the contemporary footage," said Alexander Gilman '11.

Utilizing excerpts and outtakes from Fr. Clarke's documentary, "Beyond Ricci: Celebrating 400 Years of the Chinese Catholic Church," students have been able to compile their own virtual history. They are in the process of designing an online database of all the material so their work can be seen around the world.

"This exhibit provides a visual medium as an accompaniment to the books, because books are very static," said Zachary Citarella '12. "We're showing how people communicated back then, but being able to have an audiovisual medium,

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Asst. Prof. Jeremy Clarke, SJ (History), with items to be featured in the upcoming Burns Library exhibit "Binding Friendship: Ricci, China and Jesuit Cultural Learning." (Photo by Gary Wayne Gilbert)

Grad Programs Surge in Latest US News Rankings

BY ED HAYWARD
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Boston College's graduate programs surged upward in rankings of elite national universities released Monday by *US News & World Report*.

The Connell School of Nursing saw its ranking climb five places to 21st, while the Carroll School of Management moved up five places to 34th. The Lynch School of Education moved up four places to 15th on the list of graduate education programs, its highest ranking in 15 years, and retained its position as the top-ranked program among Catholic universities.

Boston College Law School advanced one spot to 27th. The Economics Department's doctoral program ranked 31st, the highest ranking among the University's PhD programs. In the sciences, the Chemistry Department ranked 45th in the US. The Graduate School of Social Work, a program that was not reviewed this year, ranks 14th in the country.

Provost and Dean of Faculties Cutberto Garza praised the work of faculty and staff and credited a range of strategic initiatives in the

University's graduate and professional programs.

"The latest set of rankings confirm what is widely recognized — the excellence of these Boston College professional schools, the 'across-the-board' strength of the University's graduate and professional programs, and our shared determination to continue our rise among institutions of higher education," said Garza.

Carroll School of Management Dean Andy Boynton said he was thrilled by the recognition earned by the University's graduate management programs. "Our MBA is nothing less than a bright jewel of a remarkable program — small and flexible, encouraging personalized learning and career development, enriched with real-world company-based project work, energized by outstanding faculty, and attended by experienced and talented students," said Boynton. "Given all that, our continued rise in the rankings is well earned."

Carroll School Associate Dean for Graduate Programs Jeffrey Ringuest said the *US News* rankings confirm the high regard for the program reflected in addi-

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Trustees Set Budget, Tuition for 2011-2012 Academic Year

BY JACK DUNN
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The Boston College Board of Trustees has approved the budget for the 2011-2012 academic year, which calls for a 3.6 percent increase in tuition, fees, room and board, and provides \$4.5 million for new academic programs outlined in the University's Strategic Plan. Tuition was set at \$41,480.

The board also upheld Boston College's commitment to providing access to students regardless of their family's financial means by increasing need-based undergraduate financial aid by 6.5 percent, or \$5.1 million, to \$84.5 million, and overall student aid (undergraduate and graduate) to \$135 million.

Boston College remains one of only 21 private universities in the United States that is need-blind in admissions and meets the full demonstrated need of all accepted undergraduate students. Seventy

percent of Boston College students receive some form of financial assistance, with 43 percent of full-time undergraduates receiving need-based financial aid from the University. The average need-based financial aid package is projected to exceed \$34,000 in 2011-2012.

"In light of the challenges our families continue to face in this slow-recovering economy, we made every effort to limit tuition increases and still maintain our commitment to academic excellence, financial aid and the student formation initiatives so critical to the BC educational experience," said University President William P. Leahy, SJ.

Provost and Dean of Faculties Cutberto Garza and Executive Vice President Patrick Keating reiterated their commitment to reducing operating costs and improved programs through a comprehensive assessment of academic and administrative depart-

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Reaching out to Japan

For 10 hours last Friday, Yamamoto Kui '11 was suspended between hope and dread, and there was nothing he could do about it.

Kui awoke that day to numerous text messages asking if his family back home was safe. Confused, he turned on the news and learned that his native Japan had been devastated by an earthquake and tsunami. When his attempts to call his parents in Tokyo were unsuccessful, he e-mailed them. And then he waited.

"They got back to me 10 hours later saying that everyone in the family was safe," recalled Kui earlier this week. "Those 10 hours were absolute hell for me because I felt so powerless."

Once Kui got a better handle on the situation, he felt moved to respond in as substantial a way as possible, through his role as co-president of the Japan Club of Boston. He contacted other club members to discuss what actions they could take, as well as club advisor Assistant Dean for Student Programs Karl Bell, Volunteer and Service Learning Center Director Daniel Ponsetto and Office of International Studies and Scholars Director Adrienne Nussbaum.

The club has set up a table on the first floor of McElroy Commons this week and early next to update students on news from Ja-

pan and collect donations; bracelets with the message "Pray for Japan" will be available for sale. Visitors to the table will be welcome to fold origami cranes, Kui notes: "There is a legend that if a thousand cranes are folded the wishes of those who folded them come true."

Kui created a Facebook event



page to encourage relief for Japan, at <http://on.fb.me/hdNa6l>. In addition, Kui said, the Undergraduate Government of Boston College and the Japan Club will co-sponsor residence hall walks to raise awareness of Japan's plight and solicit donations. The club also is organizing a benefit concert.

Kui praised the support he and other students with ties to Japan have received from the administration — including Vice President for Student Affairs Patrick Rombalski, who arranged to host a dinner this week for Japanese students on campus — as well as Campus Ministry, UGBC and BC's other Asian culture clubs.

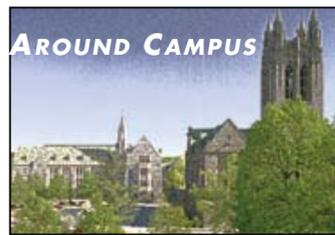
"Throughout all of this, friends, roommates and classmates have been very supportive and caring by asking about my family and friends back home," said Kui, who notes that club vice president Shotoro Imazu '12 is in Tokyo preparing for his study abroad program and is sending along news of the disaster and its aftermath.

"After talking to other Japanese students on campus, we are all going through similar experiences because we all felt powerless initially. Now that we know what we can do to help the situation in our home country, we are all extremely motivated to raise as much as possible to donate to charity."

"Although the Japan Club will be spearheading all of the relief efforts on campus, we are not doing it as the Japan Club but as BC men and women for others. We want as many people as possible to get involved because people in the BC community — students, alumni, parents and faculty — are affected by this tragedy."

Six Boston College students studying in Japan this semester have been reported safe, Office of International Programs Director Bernd Widdig confirmed Tuesday.

Widdig said three of the six students are currently in Japan, while three are in the United States during the Japanese spring break. The



students are studying at Waseda and Sophia universities in Tokyo. Widdig said his office is working with the students and the overseas directors to determine the appropriate course of action for the students, including whether the full-year students at Waseda should continue their studies and whether

the students at Sophia should begin classes when they resume on April 1.

Information on campus events and activities in support of Japan will be available at <http://www.bc.edu/offices/upsa/Japan.html>, [BCInfo](http://www.bc.edu/bcinfo/) [<http://www.bc.edu/bcinfo/>] and other University websites. —SS

Suggested sources for donations and information related to the Japan disaster

American Red Cross

TEL: 1-800-733-2767

<http://www.redcross.org/>

Donate Funds page:

http://american.redcross.org/site/PageServer?pagenam=ntld_main

Text-to-Donate for Japan relief efforts

You can donate through one of the following organizations by simply sending a text message from your mobile phone (billed to your mobile phone bill).

The American Red Cross: Text REDCROSS to 90999 to give \$10.

Convoys for Hope: Text TSUNAMI to 50555 to give \$10.

GlobalGiving: Text JAPAN to 50555 to give \$10.

World ReliefCorp of National Association of Evangelicals: Text WAVE to 50555 to give \$10.

When prompted, please remember to reply with YES to confirm your one-time, tax-deductible mobile donation.

This donation will appear on your next mobile phone bill.

Message and data rates may apply.

GlobalGiving

<http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/japan-earthquake-tsunami-relief>

Catholic Relief Services

<http://www.crs.org/japan>

The New York Times also created a list of contact information and links for some agencies that plan to provide relief.

<http://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/03/11/japan-earthquake-and-tsunami-how-to-help/>

Up to date information about the Japan earthquake and tsunami is available at these sites:

Google Crisis Responses: 2011 Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami

<http://www.google.co.jp/intl/en/crisisresponse/japanquake2011.html>

NHK World (English)

http://www3.nhk.or.jp/daily/english/11_53.html

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New UGBC Team Seeks to Broaden Mandate

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Michael Kitlas and Jill Long were recently elected Undergraduate Government of Boston College president and vice president by the narrowest victory in UGBC history — just 85 votes.

The dramatic election season included virtual campaigning, traditional residence hall walks, banners in the Quad and a fair share of flash mobs. The UGBC Elections Committee reported a record-setting 3,916 votes were cast, both in person and via myBC, the Student Affairs portal.

The narrowness of their victory has not been lost on the two juniors, who promise to start working as soon as possible to be the voice of all students.

"After the primaries, we were behind by 700 votes so we knew we had a lot of ground to make up and that it would end up close. I think everyone was shocked just how close it became," said Long.

Kitlas said he and Long are already focused on the year ahead.

"I think everyone who gets into student government does it to help other students. We really want to be the voice of students on campus and work with the administration to make BC into a place that we all really love," said Kitlas, an economics major with an environmental studies minor from Bernardsville, NJ.

Having served as class president in high school, Kitlas continued his student leadership experience at BC in the Mentoring Leadership Program (MLP), where he met Long. Involved in UGBC since his freshman year, Kitlas said he decided to run for top office "as a way to effect change. There are things that we would like to see improved, and we know that we can make that change happen."

Long, a sociology major with an African and African diaspora studies minor, calls herself a "global no-



Michael Kitlas and Jill Long are the new Undergraduate Government of Boston College leaders. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

mad" with many "homes," including Venezuela, but most recently Atlanta. Prior to arriving at BC, she had little student leadership experience other than organizing a homecoming dance as part of her responsibilities as a varsity cheerleader in high school.

"I saw a booth at Student Activities Day my freshman year with the MLP group and thought that would be a way to get involved," said Long, who worked her way up to chief advisor of the UGBC Community Relations department.

Among the major issues Kitlas and Long plan to tackle are the continuation of academic advising improvements and establishment of an ethnic studies major. Another top priority item is to revamp the UGBC website.

"One of our platform pillars of the campaign was better accessibility. We see the website as a way to give students better access to programming and news," said Kitlas. "We're also going to start posting meeting minutes to help student become more up to date on what's going on."

Kitlas and Long also want UGBC to address the problem of underage drinking.

"We want to take on the drinking culture on campus," said Kitlas. "We want to put our efforts behind programs that offer students alternatives to drinking. I think that's something many people want to get behind."

With a strong background in

programming for UGBC and MLP, Kitlas said he believes increasing activities is how best to curb substance abuse on campus. One of the student leaders who help to organize the popular "Ice Jam" event this academic year, Kitlas said students will participate in programming if it is exciting and inclusive.

"The larger issue is to build a sense of school pride that extends beyond football season," said Long. "We're interested in starting a 'Maroon and Gold Week' and establishing programs and pre-events before major campus events that encourage good behavior."

Long said that UGBC will establish a director of alcohol awareness position that focuses exclusively on promoting responsible behavior and alternatives to drinking.

"We want to establish a 'Rethink Drink Week' that will start when the freshman arrive on campus to show UGBC is focused on this important issue," said Long.

Having run on the slogan "Building Community Through Programming, Outreach, Accessibility, and Formation," Kitlas and Long said they believe student voters embraced their new ideas — and now the two are ready to put them into action.

"We have a lot of work to do. The outcome is still surreal to me," said Kitlas. "It was an incredibly close election and we're just really looking forward to hit the ground running."

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Citing Health Concerns, Fr. O'Keefe Declines Post

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Former Lynch School of Education Dean Joseph O'Keefe, SJ, has announced that he will not be assuming the presidency of St. Joseph's University after a physical examination revealed serious cardiovascular issues that his doctors say will preclude his service.

In a letter to the Lynch School faculty and staff and the Boston College Jesuit Community, Fr. O'Keefe stated that a physical, mandated by the St. Joseph's Board of Trustees, revealed issues that required immediate medical attention, and that in consultation with his physician and the Provincial of the New England Province of Jesuits, he would not be able to assume the presidency.

"With great sadness and regret, I have informed Saint Joseph's University that I will not be moving forward," said Fr. O'Keefe in his statement. "This is particularly painful because I was so enthusiastic about this position and found such a gracious and warm welcome from

the entire St. Joseph's community."

Fr. O'Keefe said that following a stress test that was scheduled for last Friday, he would engage in a multifaceted wellness plan that will include a residential stay at the Duke University Weight Loss Clinic, or a similar facility.

He will be on sabbatical from Boston College for the 2011-2012 academic year, and then return to the Lynch School as a full-time faculty member in September of 2012.

"I am grateful for your encouragement in the past, and I ask for your continued prayerful support as I begin this next phase of my life. As I face my medical challenges, the thought of your friendship and prayers is deeply consoling."

In a letter to the St. Joseph's University community, Board Chairman Paul Hondros, wrote, "I know you are as deeply disappointed as I am that we will not be welcoming Fr. O'Keefe to our campus as our next president. I know, too, that you join me in extending heartfelt prayers to Fr. O'Keefe for his complete recovery at this difficult time."

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Graduate Programs Buoyed by New Rankings

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tional business school rankings in *BusinessWeek* and *Financial Times*.

"This uptick in the rankings is a result of the hard work of our staff and faculty and a reflection of the quality of our programs and students," said Ringuest. "It's gratifying that *US News, BusinessWeek* and the *Financial Times* all recognize our programs as being

among the very best."

Lynch School Interim Dean Maureen Kenny said the rankings reflect the concerted efforts of faculty, staff, students and alumni on furthering the Lynch School's mission of service to all children and social justice.

"The strength and impact of the Lynch School is confirmed this year as we remain the highest rated program among Catholic universities and one of the very best programs among all universities," said Kenny. "We welcome this recognition of our outstanding faculty, students, staff, and alumni who keep the mission of service and social justice at the core of their education, outreach, research, and practice."

Kenny also commended programs within the school that were rated among the best in the country, including Elementary Teacher Education, which ranked 16th, and Student Counseling and Personnel Services, which ranked 17th.

Law School Interim Dean George Brown welcomed the school's improved ranking, but stressed, "We're not done," improving a range of programs and services for students.

"This is a reflection of a lot of hard work by a number of people," Brown said. "We have put many important initiatives

in place during the past several years, aimed at strengthening the School, including hiring more faculty, creating more job opportunities for our students, and increasing our available scholarship money.

Susan Gennaro, dean of the Connell School of Nursing, said

the school's graduate programs have benefited from the addition of new faculty, who have added to the high quality of teaching and research in nursing science. In addition, the school has pushed to provide its graduate students with global opportunities for study and research.

"The ranking is foremost a reflection of our excellent faculty," said Gennaro. "In addition to that, we have absolutely fantastic programs and we are in one of the leading health science centers in the world. People who come here as graduate students get a world-class education."

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"I suspect that most Catholics today, were they asked what Lent is, would reply that it is a season of penance. To be sure, repentance is an important theme of the Lenten season in that our commitment to life of Christ in communion with the people of God always entails rejecting sin and doing penance for it. But that is not the central focus of Lent. It is not primarily about penance; it is about Baptism. For those of us who were baptized long ago, and especially for those who (like me) were baptized as infants and have no memory of what is or should be the most important sacramental moment of our lives, Lent is a 40-day communal retreat in preparation for renewing our baptismal promises once again this year."

Gary Wayne Gilbert



Professor of Theology Fr. Michael Himes is publishing a series of reflections during the season of Lent at <http://www.bc.edu/alumni/association/spirituality/reflections.html>.

Film and faith

Everyone knows film's capacity to entertain and educate, but an upcoming School of Theology Ministry event will explore the medium's spiritual dimensions.

On March 24, STM will present "Cinema Divina: Viewing

periences of the main character, Henry Poole, who moves into a house in his old neighborhood to spend what he believes are his remaining days alone. The discovery of a "miracle" by a nosy neighbor ruptures his solitude and restores

uncover fears and prejudice and strengthen relationships. The participants will then be able to bring this skill set back to their faith communities.

Cinema divina is appealing because it can be used with adults, teenagers and intergenerational faith-sharing groups, said Melinda Brown Donovan, STM associate director for continuing education.

The workshop, which takes place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in room 100 of 9 Lake Street on Brighton Campus, will be led by Daughters of St. Paul Sisters Sean Mayer, Nancy Usselman and Christina

Wegendt. The event is free but early registration is recommended. See <http://tinyurl.com/4mw3pk2> or call ext.2-6501.

—KS



Scene from "Henry Poole Is Here," the subject of next week's School of Theology and Ministry discussion on *cinema divina*.

his faith in life. Film, according to the organizers, can create a setting to facilitate dialogue, open minds and hearts,

The 2008 film depicts the ex-

Straight Talking at a White House Roundtable

Senior's spring break includes a visit from Obama

BY SEAN SMITH
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"Whatever differences we might have, we agreed the big question is, how do we encourage young people's civic participation?"

—Kristoffer Munden '11

Senior Kristoffer Munden didn't expect much to happen on his spring break, having decided to spend it catching up on work.

Instead, he wound up shaking hands with the president of the United States.

On March 4, the Friday before spring break week, Munden — president of the College Democrats of Boston College — received an invitation from the White House to take part in a roundtable discussion on bipartisan partnerships and building young people's interest in civic affairs. The event took place at local high school TechBoston Academy on March 8, the day of President Obama's visit there.

Obama made a brief appearance toward the end of the roundtable, greeting Munden and the other participants, all representatives from Democratic, Republican and independent student organizations at Tufts, Boston University, Harvard and Northeastern. Kalpen Modi, associate director for the White House Office of Public Engagement, was the roundtable moderator. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, White House Senior Advisor David Plouffe and Domestic Policy Council Director Melody Barnes also were in attendance.

"Overall, it was an extraordinarily cordial discussion," said Munden, a political science major with a minor in history from San Pedro in the Philippines. "Whatever differences we might have, we agreed the big question is, how do we encourage young people's civic participation? On the one hand, voter turnout for college students tends to be low, yet students are very passionate about political and social issues."

Munden acknowledges that he was a little nervous about meeting the president ("I wanted to make sure I introduced myself properly, so I kept thinking to myself, 'I'm Kris Munden and I'm a senior at Boston College'"), but felt very much at ease when the discussion resumed. In fact, Munden asked Obama for his thoughts on the dilemma of channeling students' passion into a greater commitment to civic engagement.

Obama told the group that nurturing civic interest can take time, and the results may not be immediately apparent — and he held himself up as an example, Munden noted: "He talked about his own college years and said he wasn't always that politically active."

Obama said the under-30 vote in the 2008 election — which one study found was the third-highest total in history — was "an exception," according to Munden. "He explained that people under 30 years old took more of an interest because he was younger and

didn't fit the usual mold of presidential candidates."

Although he had seen the president in person before, Munden said the smaller, more intimate setting seemed to suit Obama. "He was articulate, funny and friendly, and you could see he enjoyed talking with us."

Munden said he and his fellow student representatives expressed hope that the discussion could serve as a springboard for future collaborations to encourage their peers' civic and political involvement.

"We felt this could be a great opportunity to work together, in a bipartisan fashion, to get more students engaged."

Politics isn't the only thing that's been on Munden's mind of late, however. The non-profit charitable organization he founded, Leap Ahead [www.leapahead.org] — which seeks to help poor Filipino youths obtain a high school education — recently awarded its first scholarship.

"Her name is Rachel, she's the youngest in a family of nine, and the only one still in school," said Munden. "She's a sweet, articulate girl who someday wants to be a flight attendant so she can travel the world, but her socioeconomic situation puts her at risk of not attending school. The scholarship, however, will cover her tuition and all school-related expenses. We're really pleased to be able to help Rachel and her family."

In addition, Munden is preparing to attend a conference next month in San Diego sponsored by the Clinton Global Initiative, a problem-solving organization founded by former President Bill Clinton, and looks forward to starting his job with Teach For America after graduation this spring.

A story about Kristoffer Munden's involvement in Leap Ahead is available at <http://bit.ly/fgyU89>



Fr. Clarke praises the students in his class *Beyond Ricci: Christian History in China Since 1552* for their role in the "Binding Friendship" exhibition: "This exhibition simply could not have come about without the work of this class. They have worked very hard to make this idea a reality." (Photo by Gary Wayne Gilbert)

Students Aid New Burns Exhibition

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we provide a contemporary look at how things were and how things are today."

Drawing on resources across departments and schools, Fr. Clarke has incorporated many talents of BC faculty and students in "Binding Friendship."

"One of the ways people learned about East-West cultural exchange was through six melody lines written down by a Jesuit in Beijing at that time," said Fr. Clarke. Using these melodies as a creative point of departure, Fr. Clarke commissioned Assistant Professor of Music Ralf Gawlick to compose an aria that is played as people pass through the exhibit. Gawlick subsequently wrote a

piece incorporating text from Ricci's journals. A public performance of this work will take place on April 26.

A number of rare books will be on display, including *Confucius Sinarum Philosophus*, the translations of the first three of the four canonical books of Confucianism. It was a group of Jesuits that originally translated the fundamental philosophies of the Chinese to lead to greater understanding of the Chinese thought and brought the culture to Europeans and beyond, Fr. Clarke said.

Lynch School of Education junior Anne Orłowski used "Binding Friendship" as a subject of lessons plans to be used by high school and middle school teachers in the area.

"The big emphasis in the Lynch School is on interconnection and the many ways you can expand the education field beyond the classroom," said Orłowski, who is also in Fr. Clarke's class. "We're into interactivity and bringing kids into a historic setting. They will be able to view primary sources combined with a fun activity so help them better understand the material."

"*Binding Friendship: Ricci, China and Jesuit Cultural Learnings*" will run through Oct. 31. The first talk of the seminar series will take place on March 28, at 5.30pm. For more information, see the online version of Chronicle [<http://www.bc.edu/chronicle>]

University Announces 2011-2012 Tuition

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ments now in progress.

"By reviewing all departments, continuing our energy conservation efforts, implementing efficiency improvements, and embarking on a new 'Healthy You' initiative to improve productivity and reduce health care costs, we are committed to making BC more efficient," said Keating. "At the same time, we are pleased that we are able to continue our institutional momentum through strategic investments in academic, student formation, and capital programs."

The University continues to monitor tuition costs at the select private universities with which it competes for students.

Among tuitions announced this year at competitor institutions:

- George Washington University, up 2.9 percent to \$44,148
- Carnegie Mellon University, up 4 percent to \$43,160
- Dartmouth College, up 4.4 percent to \$41,700
- University of Notre Dame, up 3.8 percent to \$41,417
- Brown University, up 3.5 percent to \$41,328
- Cornell University, up 4.8 percent to \$41,325
- Georgetown University, up 2.9 percent to \$40,920

Nationally, the average tuition increase for private universities for the 2010-2011 year was 4.5 per-

cent, according to the College Board.

Boston College received more than 33,000 applications for the 2,250 seats in its freshman class, placing it among the top 10 private universities in the United States for freshman applicants.

Boston College was ranked 43rd in the "Great Schools, Great Prices" category among national universities by *US News & World Report*. It also placed 22nd in *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine's ranking of the top 50 "best values" among American private universities. Overall, the University is ranked 31st among national universities by *US News & World Report*, and 27th in *Forbes* magazine's "America's Best Colleges."

Urban School Advocate to Present Boisi Lecture

Louis M. Gomez, whose research focuses on bringing state-of-the-art computing and networking technologies to urban schools, will be the featured speaker at the 17th Annual Boisi Lecture in Education and Public Policy on Thursday, March 31, at 4:45 p.m. in Cushing 001.

The inaugural holder of the Dr. Helen S. Faison Chair in Urban Education at the University of Pittsburgh and first director of its Center for Urban Education, Gomez will present "Building Networked Im-

provement Communities in Education."

Gomez, who joined the Pittsburgh faculty in 2009 after teaching at Northwestern University, seeks to transform instruction in urban schools while supporting the formation of communities within schools. He was a founding member of the MacArthur Network on Teaching and Learning, which explores the relationship between research and practice in education, and he worked extensively in Chicago-area

schools for more than a decade.

He has served as a board member of the Center for Applied Special Technology — which has earned international recognition for its development of innovative, technology-based educational resources — and two terms as a trustee of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

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—Office of News & Public Affairs

IN THEIR WORDS

Every year, young Boston College scholars showcase their work — funded by Advanced Study Grants from the University — at the Undergraduate Research Symposium. Five of this year's participants discussed with *Chronicle* how they got the idea for their projects, and what they got out of their research experience.



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MAJORS: Sociology and psychology
PROJECT TITLE: "The Homeless Experience: The Role of Social Relationships in Pulling Women Out of Poverty"
PROJECT ADVISORS: Visiting Asst. Prof. Deborah Piatelli (Sociology) and graduate student Autumn Green

INSPIRATION FOR PROJECT: I was initially interested in the homeless population through my work with 4Boston Volunteers on campus freshman year. I spent four hours Friday afternoons playing cards, dominoes and chatting with homeless men at Pine Street Inn before serving them dinner. Sophomore year when I moved to St. Francis House, my interest only grew. In addition to my service, I was taking a class called Poverty in America with Autumn Green. She is an amazing woman and really opened my eyes to the great amount of poverty in America and the adverse effects of poverty on every aspect of one's life. For my final term paper, I did a research project on poverty and depression, looking at the shocking connection between the two and how little is being done formally to address the issue. My Advanced Study Grant proposal sort of naturally grew out of that project as I decided to look at social networks of homeless women, and depression and isolation became huge themes within my research.

MOST INTERESTING THING SHE LEARNED: I learned that I love listening to people tell their stories. That was actually the part of my project that I most dreaded, actually conducting the interviews, but I have truly come to understand and love that every human being is a source of beautiful and infinite knowledge. If we took the time to slow down and not just listen to, but understand each person's story, I have no doubt that the amount of compassion and love on this earth would be more than we could possibly handle.

NAME: Michael Slovak '12
HOMETOWN: Chicago
MAJORS: Communication and theology
PROJECT TITLE: "Intensive Theological Immersion in Rome for Intellectual and Spiritual Development"
PROJECT ADVISOR: Assoc. Prof. David Vanderhooft (Theology)

INSPIRATION FOR PROJECT: I was inspired to undertake this particular project for two main reasons. First, my experience as a Protestant-raised student studying theology at a Catholic university has raised many questions regarding the similarities and differences within the various denominations of Christianity. I wanted to pursue these questions for both personal and academic reasons, and my Advanced Study Grant provided an opportunity to do just that. Second, while studying in Rome I participated in discussions with representatives from the Anglican and Catholic churches concerning the ecumenical work currently in progress between the two. These discussions were a major influence that shaped the focus of my research. **MOST INTERESTING THING HE LEARNED:** The answers that one knows or believes in may be quite different from the answers held with equally strong conviction in the past. In order to make an informed decision about the validity of a given statement or belief, one must first understand the development of that belief throughout history and recognize the forces that may have altered or manipulated the original version.



NAME: Isiuwa Mabatah '11
HOMETOWN: Houston
MAJOR: History
PROJECT TITLE: "HIV/AIDS and Sexual Violence: Lessons from South Africa"
PROJECT ADVISOR: Assoc. Prof. Rosanna DeMarco (CSON)

INSPIRATION FOR PROJECT: I had learned about the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) while taking the Sociology of HIV/AIDS course taught by [sociology doctoral student] Shelley White. When another internship possibility fell through, I decided to return to South Africa and work with the vigilant members of the TAC in the township of Khayelitsha, the second largest township in South Africa and the most HIV/AIDS affected township in the Western Cape. I had expected to spend my six weeks in front of a computer assuming my clerical duties; however, my experience with TAC surpassed my expectations.

MOST INTERESTING THING SHE LEARNED: I was able to attend a Women's Summit where approximately 50 HIV-positive female TAC members gathered for three days to discuss the main problems, such as gender based violence, rape and HIV, that were greatly affecting South Africans, as well as African women today. The most important lesson I learned from being around the women at the conference is that African women are incredibly resilient people. African women manage to survive even when the odds are overwhelming against them. They offered their stories of rape and poverty as life lessons that should be told and learned from. They welcomed all outsiders who wanted to join them in their struggles for equality and they were prepared to fight those who were against them. This quality of resilience is an attribute that will always stay with me when I think back to my experiences at the TAC and the wonderful women and men I was lucky enough to have worked with.

For more on this year's Undergraduate Research Symposium, see <http://bit.ly/cQgRy0>
The Office of Marketing Communication also has produced an audio slideshow about the event, at <http://at.bc.edu/findings>

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University President William P. Leahy, SJ, and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino presenting grants to Jason Patnode, left, and Dan Cuddy of the Brighton Board of Trade. Also on hand were, at far left, Massachusetts State Rep. Kevin Honan and Boston City Councillor Mark Ciommo. (Photo by Justin Knight)

A/B Community Grants Awarded

Last week, 11 Allston-Brighton organizations were awarded grants from the Allston-Brighton/Boston College Community Fund. The grants, totaling more than \$30,000, went to fund initiatives such as the expansion of holiday lights in Brighton; improvements to the plantings at the Brighton Allston Congregational Church; games and activities programs at the Charles River parklands; signage improvement on the Boston-Newton city line; the purchase of new football equipment; and assistance to a café that provides nutritious meals for children. The grant winners were: Aberdeen-Brighton Residents Association; Boston Minstrel Company; Boston Police Department; Brighton Board of Trade; Brighton Garden & Horticultural Society; Charles River Conservancy; Jackson Mann K-8 School; Na Fianna Youth Gaelic Football; St. Anthony's Parish Show Committee; The Vocational Advancement Center, and the West End House Boys & Girls Club.

Fr. Leahy and Cardinal Mahony Among C21 Speakers This Month

BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN
STAFF WRITER

One is a recently retired archbishop. Two others hold leadership positions in one of the premier Catholic universities in the country. Yet another is still years away from ordination. But the four share a common experience: Each responded to a calling to serve God by entering the priesthood. And each one will offer his perspective on vocation at campus events this month, both free and open to the public.

Cardinal Roger Mahony, archbishop emeritus of Los Angeles, will present "Looking Back, Looking Forward: The Bishop's Ministry of Oversight," on March 29 at 4 p.m. in the Yawkey Center's Murray Room. In his talk, sponsored by the Church in the 21st Century Center, the School of Theology and Ministry and the Theology Department, Cardinal Mahony will underscore the importance of being attentive to the vital forces in human life, history, the world and, specifically, in the life of the local Church.

On March 31, University President William P. Leahy, SJ, Vice President for University Mission and Ministry Jack Butler, SJ, and STM student Jeremy Zippel, SJ '00, will each discuss his vocation and why he joined the Jesuit order. Center for Ignatian Spirituality Director Michael Boughton, SJ, will serve as moderator for the event, "Three Jesuits: Who Do They Say They Are?"

Fr. Leahy, a member of the Society of Jesus since 1967, is in his 15th year as Boston College president. Fr. Butler, who entered the Je-

suit order in 1991, previously served as director of vocations for the New England Province of the Society of Jesus. A former Presidential Scholar, Zippel is a filmmaker who entered the Society of Jesus in 2002 and is pursuing a master of divinity degree at STM.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. in the Heights Room in Corcoran Commons. Sponsors are C21, the Center for Ignatian Spirituality, the Ignatian Society and the Alumni Association.

Cardinal Mahony, who was born in Hollywood, served as archbishop of Los Angeles from 1985 until his retirement last month. Pope John Paul II named him a cardinal in 1991. He serves on a number of committees of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, including those on Pro-Life Activities and Migration and Refugees, and on the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, the Prefecture for the Economic Affairs of the Holy See and the Congregation for Eastern Churches. He is a member of the board of trustees of The Catholic University of America.

During his visit to campus, Cardinal Mahony will meet with faculty members from STM and the Theology Department and with students on the C21 Student Advisory Committee as well as students from the Los Angeles area. Prior to his address, the cardinal will celebrate Mass at noon in St. Mary's Chapel.

For information on the Church in the 21st Century and its events and programs, see <http://www.bc.edu/church21>

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Dinner Honors Volunteers

BY REID OSLIN
STAFF WRITER

Boston College will honor five individuals for their generous contributions of loyalty and leadership to the University's educational advancement, and recognize the Class of 2005 Reunion Committee co-chairs for their efforts to boost BC's financial well-being and reputation, at the Distinguished Volunteer Tribute Dinner on March 25 at Boston's Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel.

The honorees and their awards are: David T. Griffith '68, the John J. Griffin Sr. '35, Hon. '72 Alumni Association Award; Danielle Auriemma '10, the James F. Stanton '42 Senior Class Gift Award; Kim Gasset-Schiller and Philip W. Schiller '82, the John P. Curley '13 Award; Charles I. Clough Jr. '64, the James F. Cleary '50, Hon. '93 Masters Award; and Class of 2005 Reunion Committee co-chairs Timothy P. Harvey, Stephanie Miles Klock, Doug Wakefield and Sarah K. Williamson, the Philip J. Callan Sr. '25 Young Alumni Award.

"This year's Distinguished Volunteer Award recipients have helped move Boston College forward," said Senior Vice President for University Advancement James Huson. "By leading volunteer committees, spearheading local and regional advancement events and motivating their friends and classmates to make BC a priority in their lives, the honorees personify Boston College's motto of 'Ever to Excel.'"

"Like all volunteers," Huson added, "they make Boston College a stronger community. We are grateful for the direct and tangible impact each of our recipients has on the work of our faculty and students."

Griffith, who will receive the Griffin award in recognition of his contributions "to the advancement of the academic mission of higher education in the Jesuit tradition," is a member of the BC "Light the World" capital campaign Executive and Legacy committees. He and his wife Janet have endowed the Griffith Family Millennium Chair to support a deserving University faculty member and the Griffith Family Capital Project Fund.

Stanton prize recipient Auriemma is known for her outstanding volunteer service and leadership as a member of her Senior Class Gift Committee. She helped to institute a number of successful class fundraising initiatives, such as Senior Class Gift Day, Marathon Monday and Trivia Night events. She is also a member of the Boston College Technology Council and an associate member of the Council for Women at Boston College.

Philip Schiller and his wife Kim Gasset-Schiller will receive the Curley award for their commitment of time and resources to the Boston College Athletic Association. The couple has endowed the Schiller Family Scholarship for men's ice hockey and are active members of the University's California Regional Campaign Committee. Phil Schiller is also a mem-



Philip Schiller and Kim Gasset-Schiller, above, and Charles Clough Jr. will be among the honorees at next week's Volunteer Tribute Dinner.

ber of the West Coast Technology Council Executive Committee and a long-time supporter of the Carroll School of Management's "TechTrek" program.

"Light the World" co-chair Clough earned the Cleary award, presented to University Advancement development volunteers who have distinguished themselves by "providing ideas, energy and leadership that elevate fundraising initiatives at Boston College to new levels of excellence." Clough, an executive committee member on the successful "Ever to Excel" University campaign, and his wife Gloria MDiv '90, MS '96, have provided funds to establish the Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy and endowed the Clough Colloquium on Leadership and Ethics and the Clough Millennium History Chair, in addition to many other scholarships and projects across the University.

Clough, a BC trustee for 17 years, received the University's William V. McKenney Award — BC's top alumni honor — in 1991 and the Andrew



Carney Medal for Distinguished Lay Leadership in 2008.

The Class of 2005 Reunion Committee co-chairs are being honored with the Callan Young Alumni Award for "exceptional leadership, dedication and perseverance on behalf of Boston College Advancement." The quartet helped obtain more than 1,000 gifts from their classmates, totaling more than \$130,500 — surpassing all commitment and participation goals and setting a new record of gifts from a single Boston College class.

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Archbishop Romero Scholarship Award Ceremony Is March 26

Boston College will honor a junior who has demonstrated superior academic achievement, extracurricular leadership, community service, and involvement in the Hispanic/Latino community with the 2011 Archbishop Oscar A. Romero Scholarship Award, to be announced March 26 at the annual Romero Scholarship Dinner.

Established in 1992 and named for the martyred El Salvadoran archbishop, the Romero Scholarship covers 75 percent of senior year tuition. Applicants for the scholarship are evaluated by a committee of BC Jesuits, staff, faculty and students.

For more on the Romero Scholarship, see <http://www.bc.edu/romero> — Office of News & Public Affairs

Chemistry Lecture Series to Feature Cal-Berkeley's Bergman

The Chemistry Department's annual University Lecture Series, which runs March 21-23, will feature Robert G. Bergman, who is the Gerald E.K. Branch Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley.

Bergman's research focuses on the synthesis and reaction mechanisms of new organic, inorganic and organotransitional metal compounds. These materials are used to develop and study new chemical reactions and their components.

Bergman will deliver three talks in Merkert 127:

March 21 at 4 p.m.: "The Application of Physical Organic Methods to the Investigation of Organometallic Reaction Mechanisms."

March 22 at 4 p.m.: "Selective Stoichiometric and Catalytic Reactions in Water-Soluble Host-Guest Supramolecular Systems."

March 23 at 1:45 p.m.: "Toward Greener Routes to Hydrocarbons: Deoxygenation of Biomass-Related Polyols."

—Ed Hayward

March 30 Event Reaching Out to Graduate Alumni

BY REID OSLIN
STAFF WRITER

Graduate degree holders from all of Boston College's post-graduate and professional schools are invited to join fellow graduate alumni for a special look at emerging trends in higher education, a presentation on the University's Institutional Master Plan, and a networking-focused social reception on March 30 at The Residence facility on the Brighton Campus.

The event — the first of its kind for all of the University's graduate alumni — will feature a panel of deans from BC's graduate divisions that will examine trends in higher education during a discussion moderated by WBZ-TV news anchor Paula Ebben '89. Ebben is a member of the BC Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The panel presentation will be followed by a look at the future of the Institutional Master Plan with Executive Vice President Patrick Keating.

"We are thrilled to be able to reach out to our graduate and professional school alumni this way," said Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations John Feudo '82. "Our goal for this event is two-fold. We want to let our graduate school alumni know that they are valued members of the Boston College family. The second goal is to showcase our graduate programs to show that they remain at the highest levels of academic quality. It's a great networking opportunity for them as well."

Feudo says the graduate and professional school sub-committee within the Alumni Association Board of Directors proposed and planned the inaugural graduate alumni event to engage graduate degree-holders in a wider range of University activities. "This provides us with a platform to bring everyone together at one time for one great event," Feudo says.

Graduate alumni from the Boston Law School, Carroll School of Management, Connell School of Nursing, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Graduate School of Social Work, Lynch School of Education, School of Theology and Ministry and the Woods College of Advancing Studies are encouraged to attend.

Attendees must register before March 20 at www.bc.edu/graduatealumni or by calling the Alumni Association at ext.2-1607. A \$10 registration fee includes hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and a commemorative gift.

University Showcases Work by Graduate and Professional Students

Following last month's Undergraduate Research Symposium [see page 5], March has seen the spotlight shift to Boston College graduate student research, thanks to two recent campus events: Tuesday's Graduate Scholarship Symposium, held in Burns Library, and the Multidisciplinary PhD Research Development Day, which took place March 4 in the Heights Room of Corcoran Commons.

Both events were launched last year to provide master's, doctoral or other graduate students with an opportunity to showcase their work while promoting connections between faculty and students in other disciplines.

The PhD Research Development Day, sponsored by the Graduate School of Social Work, Connell School of Nursing and Lynch School of Education, featured a talk by Rocio Calvo, a GSSW doctoral program graduate and adjunct faculty member who will join the faculty this fall as an assistant professor.

Projects presented included "Development of an Agitation Scale for Use with Acute Presentation Behavioral Management Patients" by Tania Strout (CSON); "Exploring the Development of Self-Efficacy Beliefs of Widowed and Deserted Women through Self-Help Micro-credit Groups: The Case of Rural South India" by Chrisann Newransky (GSSW); "Parent Educational Involvement and Student Achievement: Disentangling Models of Parent Socialization and Child Evocative Efforts Across Development" by Christina Cipriano (LSOE), and

"Early Maternal Employment and Childhood Obesity: Long-term Effects of Timing and Child Care" by Caitlin McPherran (LSOE). "The participants find many underlying concepts of mutual interest in their work," said CSON Professor Sister Callista Roy. "Also, they identify the different ways the common Jesuit theme of service for others is expressed in each discipline. We are delighted with this opportunity for both the content sharing and the enthusiasm and collegiality generated."

The Graduate Student Scholarship Symposium, organized by the Office of the Provost, Office of Graduate Student Life and Graduate Student Association, divided presentations into five categories: "Rights, Tolerance and Reconciliation," "Identity: Defining Self and Others," "The Importance of 'Place,'" "Growing Up: Parents and Families" and "Teaching, Learning and Using Science."

Among the topics were: "You Can't Shout 'Fire' (or Fire a Gun) in a Crowded Theater: The Second Amendment and a Second Look at Interest Balancing" by Ryan McLaughlin (Law); "Kh-irbet Qana in Galilee and the Gospel of John," by Kimberly Bauser (Theology); "Perceptions of Self and Family Among Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities," by Miriam Tillinger (LSOE); and "Development of a High Sensitivity Detector of Chemical Warfare Agents," by Binod Rizal (Physics).

—Office of News & Public Affairs

NEWSMAKERS

Assoc. Prof. **Jonathan Laurence** (Political Science) was interviewed by the *Christian Science Monitor* for an article on Europe and multiculturalism.

The *Wall Street Journal* profiled Sullivan Artist-in-Residence **Seamus Connolly**, director of Irish Music Programs, including his work on the popular Gaelic Roots festival — now a concert series — and his project involving the transcription of some 400 traditional Irish tunes.

The *National Catholic Reporter* featured a Q&A with Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry Department Chair Prof. **Thomas Groome** (STM) about an increasing emphasis on home catechesis

A study by Prof. **Ellen Winner** (Psychology) and doctoral candidate **Angelina Hawley-Dolan** published in *Psychological Science* on people's perception of differences in paintings by abstract expressionists and similar works thrown to canvas by monkeys, elephants and children was noted in the *New York Times*, *Psychology Today*, *ArtInfo* and the *Toronto Star*.

Asst. Prof. **Intisar Rabb** (Law) discussed with the *Center for American Progress* the controversy over several states' efforts to ban Sharia law.



Asst. Prof. **Franck Salameh** (Slavic and Eastern Languages) wrote in *The National Interest* and the journal *Middle Eastern Studies*

OBITUARY

Sophomore Alexander Grant

The Boston College community last week mourned the death of Alexander Grant, 19, a sophomore economics major from Briarcliff Manor, NY, who was found dead March 8 in upstate New York.

Mr. Grant was visiting friends at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY, on March 6 when he was separated from them and became lost, according to police accounts. A search crew consisting of Saratoga Springs firefighters and New York State forest rangers located his body in Putnam Creek, less than a mile from where he was last seen.

A member of the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program, Mr. Grant was a gifted and popular student in his class, BC administrators said. As a student at Briarcliff High School, Mr. Grant was in the Science Research program and won an award for a mathematics project at the Westchester Science and Engineering Fair.

"To lose a gifted student in the prime of his life is always the most difficult news to accept," said Director of News & Public Affairs Jack Dunn, who noted that University President William P. Leahy, SJ, offered condolences to the family on behalf of Boston College.

A funeral Mass for Mr. Grant was celebrated last Saturday at St. Theresa's Church in Briarcliff Manor.



University President William P. Leahy, SJ, recently received a donation from the Boston College Club in support of a BC scholarship fund benefiting students from the inner city. According to John E. Joyce '61, club co-founder and board member, second from right — shown with club general manager Meredith Waites and found board member Owen Lynch '56 — 12 scholars are currently receiving 24 awards through BC Club donations. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

about the role of language as a key factor in shaping (and misshaping) the Middle East.

ity Formation in Rosamond Jacob's *Diary*" in *Eire-Ireland*.

BC BRIEFING

Prof. **Sharlene Nagy Hesse-Biber** (Sociology) spoke with CBS Boston about a new federal report on changing attitudes among women toward marriage and children.

Boston College students' service trips during spring break were featured by, among others, the *Huntington Herald-Dispatch* (West Virginia), *Gloucester County Times* (NJ) and *WALB News* (Albany, NY).

Prof. **Paul Lewis** (English) wrote a piece for the *Boston Globe* on the differing responses among Edgar Allan Poe aficionados in Boston and other cities to the announcement that ABC would introduce a TV series depicting the famous mystery writer as a detective in pre-Civil War Boston.

PUBLICATIONS

Visiting Assistant Professor **Nadia Smith** (History) published "A Good Quaker and a Bad Sinn Feiner: Ident-

Prof. **Maxim D. Shrayev** (Slavic and Eastern Languages) published "Mark Egart and the Legacy of His Soviet Novel about Halutzim" in the inaugural issue of *On the Jewish Street: A Journal of Russian-Jewish History and Culture*.

TIME AND A HALF

Assoc. Prof. **Jonathan Laurence** (Political Science) presented the paper "Hardware or Firmware? The Unknown US Role in North African Uprisings" at a workshop on "The Mediterranean Microcosm" held at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy.

Part-time faculty member **Fang Lu** (Slavic and Eastern Languages) presented the paper "A Widow, a Nun, a Courtesan: How the Images of Three Marginalized Women from Chinese Literature are Represented in Lin Yutang's English Adaptation, 'Translation and Rewriting'" at the international conference "Culture in Translation: Reception of Chinese Literature in the World" organized by School of Arts and Social Sciences, the Open University of Hong Kong.

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JOB LISTINGS

The following are among the most recent positions posted by the Department of Human Resources. For more information on employment opportunities at Boston College, see <http://www.bc.edu/offices/hr/>

Housing Assignments Specialist, Residential Life Assistant Manager, Residential Life

Associate Vice President, Residential Life

Manager, Grounds Maintenance

Senior Applications Systems Administrator, Information Technology - Internet Strategy

Associate Director, Classes & Resolutions, Law School - Alumni and Development

Web Developer, Office of Marketing Communications

Research Technician, Biology Department

LOOKING AHEAD

Freya's Story One of Courage and Inspiration

BY ROSANNE PELLEGRINI
STAFF WRITER

A film directed by German Studies Associate Professor Rachel Freudenburg that brings to life the compelling story of German Resistance fighter Countess Freya von Moltke (1911-2010) will have its Boston College premiere next week.

"FREYA!" will be screened on March 24 at 7 p.m. in Devlin 026, followed by a Q&A session with Freudenburg. The event is free and open to the public.

The film, which debuted earlier this year, is a permanent memorial to a strong, independent and inspiring woman who with her husband formed an opposition group to Hitler's regime, according to Freudenburg, and a means of generating interest in her life's work and unflinching dedication to democratic ideals — a legacy she ensured would endure.

"For decades, the world was not ready to hear about the German Resistance, but now it is, and Freya's story helps us look at German history differently," says Freudenburg. "I'm always surprised how important this film is to those who watch it.

"I think her story really touches people because she's completely matter-of-fact about everything that happened, even events that were rather horrible. Her unassuming style makes history very tangible, and her biography gives us a more positive view of German history than we are accustomed to. But her story also touches people because she so consistently stood up for what she believed in; and what she believed in — civil rights, democratic governance, and bridging differences — is generally considered good."

During Germany's Nazi era, Freya and her husband Count



German Studies Associate Professor Rachel Freudenburg, director of "FREYA!" (shown in background): "For decades, the world was not ready to hear about the German Resistance, but now it is, and Freya's story helps us look at German history differently." (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

Helmuth James von Moltke (1907-1945), were founding members of the Kreisau Circle, a group of politicians, military officers, educators and businessmen who opposed Hitler's regime on democratic and humanitarian grounds. The group was named after the von Moltke family estate in the small Silesian village of Kreisau.

When the Gestapo discovered Helmuth von Moltke's connections to other well-known members of the German Resistance, he was executed in January of 1945. Despite her husband's death, the loss of her home and failure of the German Resistance, Freya von Moltke was firm in her belief in the potential of democratically structured organizations to carry humanity forward into a more peaceful future.

Due in large part to her dedication and guidance, today Kreisau is home to the Center for European Understanding, which supports programs fostering democratic practices

and European integration through The Freya von Moltke Foundation for the New Kreisau, established in 2005. Through her books, interviews and speeches, Freya von Moltke also helped shape Germany's public remembrance of the Resistance, and helped transform a national shame into an opportunity to embrace democracy, create understanding and increase tolerance.

The 45-minute film is based on von Moltke's last English-language interview, conducted by Freudenburg in 2002. Narrator Amy Evans guides viewers through the Weimar Republic, the Second World War and the decision by von Moltke and her husband to resist Hitler. Also chronicled are Helmuth's arrest, imprisonment, trial and execution, the postwar years, and von Moltke's involvement in the New Kreisau. The film includes excerpts from Helmuth's "Letters to Freya," hundreds of historical photos, stock footage and the piano music of Bach

and Busoni — performed by Veronica Jochum — and Gasieniec's "Kreisau Oratorio."

"FREYA!" premiered in January as the centerpiece of a tribute to von Moltke, held in commemoration of the first anniversary of her death, at Goethe-Institut Boston. The event was cosponsored by the German Consulate.

"Many people are grateful to Freya von Moltke for her resistance to Hitler, for her dedication to the memory of the resistance, and for her efforts on behalf of the Kreisau Center for European Understanding in Poland. I am grateful to her for all of that, but also for something much more personal," Freudenburg says.

"I have Freya to thank for the fact that I can now call myself a filmmaker. Before having met her I never seriously entertained the idea of directing movies. She gave me a wonderful, polished interview — material that not even a complete novice could ruin. With that and the support of Boston College, I had what I needed to learn how to make a film, and I've discovered that I really enjoy it."

Freudenburg credits Fine Arts Department Chair and documentary filmmaker John Michalczyk with providing the impetus and initial support for "FREYA!" and offering guidance and assistance throughout the long journey to its completion. Michalczyk will give an introduction to the film prior to its campus screening.

For further information on "FREYA!" — including her biography and a version of the 2002 interview, which von Moltke considered one of her best — visit the film web site at <http://www.freyavonmoltke.com>

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DATE & TIME



Victoria Reggie Kennedy, widow of US Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), will present "Catholicism and Progressivism" on March 22 at 6 p.m. in the Welch Dining Room of Lyons Hall. For information e-mail munden@bc.edu.

English Department faculty members Amy Boesky and Suzanne Berne, and area writer Joan Wickersham — all authors of recent memoirs — will take part in the panel discussion "Why Memoir? A Discussion of Form, Function and Family Matters" on March 23 at 4:30 p.m. in Devlin 101. Office of Marketing Communication Executive Director and Special Assistant to the President Ben Birnbaum will serve as moderator. E-mail tracy.bienen@bc.edu.

Irish Times religious affairs correspondent Patsy McGarry will present "Child Sexual Abuse and the Catholic Church: An Irish Disease and/or Global Phenomenon" on March 24 at 4 p.m. in Devlin 101. E-mail joan.reilly@bc.edu.



Boomer Esiason, former pro football star and current CBS Sports analyst, will speak on March 25 at 3:30 p.m. in the Yawkey Center Murray Room, sponsored by the Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics Chambers Lecture Series. E-mail grafe@bc.edu.

The **Graduate School of Social Work Fifth Annual Pinderhughes Diversity Lecture and Breakfast** will feature a talk by Washington University Brown School of Social Work Professor Jack Kirkland on March 25. The event runs from 8:30-11 a.m. in the Yawkey Center Murray Room. E-mail heartz@bc.edu.

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

BC SCENES



On March 5, students serving in the Appalachia Volunteers of Boston College Program loaded their luggage into buses and set off for a week of community service during spring break. More than 600 BC students participated in the program this year, working at 36 different locations within the Appalachian region.

SERVICE CALL

Photos by Caitlin Cunningham

