A WORD FROM THE BCARF PRESIDENT:

*A Swan Song of Sorts*

The last day of class each semester was a special one for me. While I didn’t always learn every student’s name in a course, I developed a warm feeling for most classes, and wanted to leave “my” students with something more than the subject matter we had worked on during the many weeks we had met together.

At the outset of the last class meeting of the semester, we disposed of wrap-up details for the final exam, and then I suggested that they put down away their notes, that there would be nothing more presented on which they would be tested. If anything was worth remembering, they probably would without writing it down. I then shared a small number of values that have become important to me over the years, making clear these are mine and not a recommended code for them. Perhaps some of you have done something similar.

The above comes to mind as I write this. It is the tenth newsletter since ARF was born, and I have had the privilege of contributing an article as president to each of them. Since I rarely look back at what I’ve penned previously, undoubtedly there has been some redundancy, for which I apologize. Actually, being near the center of building our Association from its inception in late 2002 has been a very rewarding experience for me. Best of all has been the opportunity for me to renew ties with colleagues of many years from all over Boston College, and rather than being limited to a quick greeting as we raced across campus to a meeting or class, ARF members can tarry and savor the moment with one another.

Being provided with our own elegant space on campus in 2005 was an affirmation by the University that we are a welcome part of the BC community… “We are here!” That was a real high point for me of course. But as I look back, far above having a meeting place and everything else about the Association of Retired Faculty, what really stands out for me is us, you and me. Getting emails and calls from ARF members, as I have in recent months, with new ideas for activities and events, tells me that we have
caught fire, that a feeling of shared ownership among us is widening. And that bodes well for our Association in the years ahead.

I look forward to enjoying our monthly get togethers and other events as ARF moves ahead, and will tuck a quick joke in my pocket to share in case things get dull.

Jack Lewis
President

VOLUNTEERS

HOSTS AT COMMENCEMENT
(MONDAY, MAY 21)
University Hosts distribute programs, welcome guests, answer questions and provide directions. Retired faculty will be assigned to Alumni Stadium to greet visitors and distribute programs. The date, time and location of an optional information meeting will be provided at a later date.
To sign up, please send an e-mail to Louise Lonabocker at louise@bc.edu by May 4th

MARRSHALS FOR COMMENCEMENT
ON MONDAY, MAY 21
Retired faculty are invited to serve as Marshals during Commencement activities in Alumni Stadium. Marshals guide students and faculty to the appropriate areas.
If interested, contact Jean Mooney at mooney@bc.edu by May 4th.

OUTREACH TO COLLEAGUES.
Though we are generally a hardy bunch, from time to time, a retired colleague becomes ill or disabled. We in ARF are a caring group and we want to know about that. If you hear of such a case, please let a member of the Executive Committee know about it. Better yet, how about being part of a small group of ARFers which calls, sends cards and/or visits fellow colleagues in need.
If so, please contact Fr. Bill McInnes at 552-8200 or william.mcinnes@bc.edu to take part in an outreach initiative that will brighten someone's day and make you feel pretty good in the process.

NEWS OF RETIREES
Rachel Spector (Nursing) recently was named a Living Legend by the Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses.

Vera Lee’s (Romance Languages & Literatures) new book *The Black and White of American Popular Music* has been published by Schenkmman Books and is available at the BC Bookstore. The book probes the interplay of black and white popular music in America from antebellum times to the rise of bebop and examines connections between the races in a wide variety of fields, such as musical comedy, radio, recording, songwriting and vocalists, business, dance, and jazz. Recurring and ever-present patterns in the symbiotic relationship between black and white musicians and their music are uncovered.
Laurel Eisenhauer (Nursing) is co-author of article on nurses’ thinking during medication administration published in the Journal of Nursing Scholarship.

Joe and Ailene Orlando (Biology) went to New Orleans in March as part of a group of volunteers to help with the recovery of this ravaged city. Ailene was part of a team that was involved in “gutting” one of the hundreds of thousands of houses that were rendered uninhabitable by Katrina. Joe and another group put up dry wall in a house that had been gutted last year. The situation in that city and the rest of the Gulf Coast is still desperate and almost all of the work is being done by thousands of volunteers. See photos of Ailene as she prepares for the day’s work and Joe working.

Elaine Pinderhughes (GSSW) was named one of six “Heroes for Humanity” by the Art of Living Foundation, Greater Boston Chapter. The honor is given to individuals who have demonstrated strong commitment to improving the lives of others through dedication and service. Elaine was cited for her work “to empower people to understand and to transform the crippling dynamics of oppression in their lives.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise indicated all meetings of BCARF are held in the Donovan Suite on the 5th floor of 21 Campanella Way. Spouses and significant others are welcome to attend events. See the August 2006 ARF Newsletter for information about parking. A copy is available at http://fmwww.bc.edu/ARF/ARF/html

If anyone needs a ride, we will try to coordinate drivers and riders!! Call Laurel Eisenhauer (617-965-4877) at least one week before the event

April
Thursday, April 12: 11 AM Book Club
Thursday, April 19 10:30 AM ARF meeting. Speaker: Kevin Bedell, Associate Provost for Research

May
Thursday, May 10: 11 AM Book Club
Thursday, May 17 10:30 AM ARF ANNUAL MEETING (with election of officers and members of the Executive Committee.

Monday, May 21: Commencement

Wednesday, May 30: Annual ARF Dinner, Murray Room, Yawkey Center
RECENTLY DECEASED
We note with deep regret the passing of the following Boston College retired faculty members:

Robert F. Drinan, SJ (Law)

REFLECTIONS: FRED PULA
After attending the January meeting of BCARF, I realized how fortunate I was in being able to renew regularly my contacts with my colleagues and with the campus. In my seventeenth year of retirement, I appreciate with wonder the circumstances that have led to this happy situation: the generosity of BC administration in providing the comfortable meeting place; the willingness of people to maintain the organization and to arrange the instructive programs.

What is of greatest value is the support and understanding that is present in the group as we as individuals move along in the “third stage” of our lives. The January 18th BC Chronicle featured the work of Jacquelyn James with the life and interests of retired professionals and their ability to cope with events in their lives. In the situation of my wife and myself it was the “agony” of down-sizing. It was a horrible year in our lives: deciding that we should move to a retirement community; selling our home in a down market; down-sizing from a jam-packed ten-room house to a five-room apartment; suffering the physical trauma of moving.

But here we are with seven hundred new neighbors (with more to come)—all with fascinating skills and talents which they are sharing in a variety of clubs and interest groups. After nine weeks we are so happy that we have made this move and that we are residents of Linden Ponds in Hingham.

For those who have yet to travel this path we wish you well, and pray that your decisions will be as satisfying as ours.

MALE CONNECTIONS:
NORM BERKOWITZ
Joe Orlando and I have met and discussed things that were going on in our lives. We found the discussion quite satisfying and thought that a group might be formed for members to discuss similar matters of more personal interest, learn more about the lives of others, share our current, activities and events in our lives, and form somewhat deeper relationships than is currently the focus of our organization.
Members interested in participating in such an activity should contact Joe Orlando (orlando@bc.edu) or Norm Berkowitz (berkowin@bc.edu)

BC FRONT ROW PROGRAMS
Jesuits and Friends: Looking to the Future
John Padberg, SJ, director of the Institute of Jesuit Sources, St. Louis University, discusses future challenges and responsibilities of Jesuits as they relate to the secular world and work with other Jesuits. This is the third of three lectures in the Center for Ignatian Spirituality’s Triple Anniversary Talks, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the births of St. Francis Xavier and Blessed Peter Faber, and the 450th anniversary of the passing of St. Ignatius Loyola. Each program focuses on a theme pertinent to the legacy of one of these Jesuit saints.
http://frontrow.bc.edu/program/padberg/

Development or decline?
Gasson Chair Keith Pecklers, SJ, analyzes Vatican II’s liturgy reforms 40 years later.
http://frontrow.bc.edu/program/pecklers

BCARF website:
http://fmwww.bc.edu/ARF/ARF.html

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NEED COMPUTER HELP?
The Faculty Micro Resource Center, moderated by Michael Connolly (Slavic & Eastern), Richard Jenson (Mathematics) and Kit Baum (Economics), in Gasson 010 (Basement) is at your service.
Spring-semester staffed hours:
Connolly: Mon/Wed 3:30-4:45
cnnmj@bc.edu, 552.3912
Jenson: Tu/Th 9:00-10:15
jenson@bc.edu, 552.3757
and other staffed times by arrangement
Come by with your BC ID to register for round-the-clock 24x7 access to the latest technology.

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On the Web
Health for Seniors (Health topics, directories and locators, Medicare information):
http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Seniors/Health.shtml

Tips on protecting and preserving family treasures-papers,photos, books, and other materials:
Library of Congress:
http://www.loc.gov/preserv/familytreasures/ftprotect.html
Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation:
http://aic.stanford.edu

Reminders
You will need to have a valid passport with you in order to re-enter the US from any country, even Canada, Mexico and Caribbean countries

Medicare does not cover your medical expenses outside of the USA. To obtain medical coverage when traveling abroad, go to:
http://www.insuremytrip.com
for information about types of travel insurances available and comparisons of various plans.

Check the Transportation Security Administration’s website for latest information about permitted and prohibited items for air travel.
http://www.tsa.gov/

If you have the Boston College Blue Cross Blue Shield Medex Plan, you might want to consider using mail order prescriptions using Express Scripts and save money on co-pays since you order a three month supply at a time. You can reorder by phone, mail, or internet. You may want to check out with Ann Crowley at BC to see if it is right for and/or accessible to you

Conflict Resolution Films
If you are interested in viewing the films discussed by John Michalczyk at the March ARF program on the impact of film on conflict resolution, you can take these out from the Media center (617-552-4466) located on the second floor of O’Neill Library:
Prelude to Kosovo: War and Peace in Bosnia and Croatia (1999)
South Africa: Beyond a Miracle (2001)
Unexpected Openings: Northern Ireland Prisoners (2000)