

Grad Student Life

Halloween Happenings!



To reach the Murray Graduate Student Center exit McElroy and cross Beacon to Hammond Street. The Center is the third house on the left.

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Halloween is a fun and spooky time for people of all ages. Today, many think of candy and kids in costumes when they think of Halloween. However, the holiday derives from annual fall events such as the Celtic festival of Samhain, which dates back approximately 2,000 years. Celts believed that on the night before their new year, ghosts could return to earth and cause havoc or help Celtic priests make predictions. Over the years, Samhain traditions merged with other festivals such as the ancient Roman festival of Feralia and the Christian All Saints' Day.

Though commercialized and secularized, most modern Halloween celebrations still possess many attributes similar to the Halloween festivals of centuries past. For instance, one source for the tradition of dressing in costumes is the fear of encountering a roaming evil spirit while out at night. In order to avoid an encounter with such a spirit, people would wear masks so that ghosts would mistake them for spirits as well, and so would not disturb them. Today, whether for costumes, candy, or other related items, Americans spend approximately \$7 billion annually on Halloween.

*For additional information on Halloween, please see <http://www.history.com/content/halloween>.

You too can celebrate Halloween this year in and around Boston! Below is a list of just some of the great Halloween events scheduled for this year. Also, don't forget to stop by the Murray Graduate Student Center on Friday, October 30th beginning around 2pm for some sweet treats! Have a happy Halloween! Mwahahahahahaha!!!

Harvard Scare in Harvard Square Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 30, 2009: Magicians and mimes take over the streets of Harvard Square in preparation for a costume party for children and a Monstah Mash block party for people of all ages. Arrive dressed to thrill and enjoy an evening of entertainment and costume contests, thrills, chills, prizes and surprises. Location: Harvard Square, Brattle Street. Time: 4 p.m. Information: www.harvardsquare.com

Beacon Hill With a Boo! October 31, 2009: On this Boston By Foot walking tour you will hear true stories of ghosts, murders and mayhem that haunt this quiet neighborhood while walking among the Halloween decorations and all the people who come to Beacon Hill every year to celebrate. Location: Massachusetts State House, 24 Beacon Street. Time: 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. Information: www.bostonbyfoot.org/tours/Beacon_Hill_Halloween

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Monday-Thursday, 9am-10pm
Friday, 9am-5pm

DVD Lending Library Hours
Monday-Thursday, 11am-9pm
Friday, 10am-4pm

Graduate Student Achievements

In each edition of *Grad Student Life* we will publish brief notices of graduate student achievements. Read, enjoy, be inspired, and send in your own (or your friends') submissions for recognition in future issues. All submitters will be recognized of graduate student scholarly and professional excellence. Keep the submissions coming to marvinb@bc.edu.

Katherine Kim, a third year doctoral candidate studying English in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, presented a paper at the Third Annual International Poe Conference: The Bicentennial, held October 8-11 in Philadelphia, PA. Her paper was entitled "Who Knoweth the Mysteries of the Will, With Its Vigor?": Perfection, Obsession, and Incest in Poe's 'Ligeia.'" Katherine's area of interest is 18th & 19th century gothic fiction and folk and fairy tales.



Several students from the School of Theology and Ministry have recently been ordained. Capuchins Richard Crawley and Andrew Nowak, were ordained to the Presbyterate and the Diaconate respectively, by Bishop John Corriveau, OFM Cap, on October 3rd, in Yonkers, NY. Representing the STM faculty at the ceremony were Professors Francine Cardman and Thomas Kane.

Congratulations also to the seven Jesuits who were ordained to the diaconate this past Saturday at St. Ignatius Church: Kevin B. Dyer, SJ; Derrick J. Weingartner, SJ; Michael S. Christiana, SJ; John P. Mulreany, SJ; Miguel Yaksic, SJ; Richard E. Ross, SJ; and Miguel Carbajal, SJ.

Day Tripping: Rockport!

By: Kait Martorelli

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. I love the beautiful leaves, the crisp air, and taking in the scenery on a sunny day. And who can resist the wonderful flavors that have come to define the season – pumpkin, apples, cinnamon, and spice. You can enjoy fall’s wonders just about anywhere in the area, but Rockport, MA has become my favorite spot to experience the season.

Rockport, Massachusetts is about an hour’s drive from campus, but taking the trip is well worth it. It is a beautiful drive with colorful fall foliage everywhere, so you can enjoy the scenery throughout your trip. As soon as you enter Rockport, you get a sense of what a warm and inviting place it is. Small shops and eateries line the streets, but are also intertwined with personal residences, which gives the town a cozy feel. It is located on the Cape Ann peninsula and surrounded by the Atlantic, so the harbor views make Rockport even more beautiful.



**Rockport's
Rocky
Shoreline.**

**Photo by:
Will Long**

One of the first things I did when arriving to Rockport was to walk along the rocky shoreline. The views of the fishing boats and rock formations are amazing, and you get a great view of the town. I then went to the “downtown” area, which is called Bearskin Neck, to check out the local shops. As you walk up and down the streets, you’ll find an abundance of boutiques selling various types of merchandise: clothing, jewelry, beach-themed décor, and a variety of handmade items. I was surprised to find that Rockport is host to many galleries for local artists, so be sure to walk through some while you are there.

As much as I enjoyed the wonderful scenery and shops, I was equally excited about all of the amazing food choices in Rockport. Because the town is right on the water, you can find some of the freshest and most delicious seafood here. There are many places to satisfy your lobster roll craving or to warm up with a hot cup of chowder. I ate at a cozy place called “The Greenery” which is right on the

**A classic
view of
Rockport,
Mass.**

**Photo by:
Will Long**



water. It offered gorgeous views of the ocean and excellent food. The Roy Moore Lobster Company is a town favorite, where you walk in and choose what fresh seafood you’d like from a deli-like counter. You really can’t go wrong when it comes to finding great food in this town.

It would be a shame to leave Rockport without eating dessert; there are too many enticing options for your sweet tooth, most of which are homemade. Many of the candy shops sell homemade chocolate creations, and the smells that fill the air are amazing. They also make salt-water taffy right in front of you, and give free samples if you ask. I tried the seasonal flavor: pumpkin spice. Next I tried “Country Kettle Fudge,” a well-known fudgery, and bought a small slice to take home with me. Although the ice cream shops smelled amazing, I was a little too cold from the chilly, ocean winds to try any, so I warmed up with a coffee from one of the many cafés.

You might be interested in the many concerts, plays, and festivals in town throughout the fall. Check out Rockport’s Travel Guide website for detailed information about the area: <http://www.rockportusa.com/index.cfm>

Rockport is accessible by commuter rail from North Station. By car, travel Route 93 North to exit 37A, which leads to 128/95 North. Follow Route 128 North to Rockport/Gloucester. In Gloucester, you will come upon 2 rotaries, continue straight through both rotaries. Follow the signs toward Rockport past the second rotary, to the first traffic light. This is Route 127 North, (Eastern Ave) Turn left onto Route 127 and follow for 3.0 miles.



**Colorful
buoys add
to the
scenery**

**Photo by:
Will Long**

Updates from Graduate Student Organizations

GSA Social Committee Meeting

Come join us for planning upcoming GSA social events! We will be discussing our Grad Night Outs, our November tailgate, a wine tasting, a spring ball and much more. We will have free pizza and soda for meeting attendees.

DATE: Wednesday, October 28
WHERE: Murray Graduate Center
WHEN: 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.
contact Mark Thomas (thomasby@bc.edu) for more information

Ph.D. Directions

DATE: Wednesday, October 28th
WHEN: 4:30PM - 6:30PM
WHERE: O'Neill Library, Room 257
Food will be served!

Join Candace Hetzner, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, who will talk to Master's students applying to Ph.D. programs. She will share her insight on the application process for programs in any discipline.

GEA and the GSA Social Committees invite you to TRICK-OR-TREAT down Harvard Ave.

Join us on October 29th for good conversation and refreshments along the way! COSTUMES are encouraged!

DATE: Thursday, October 29, 2009
WHEN: 8:00PM - midnight
WHERE: Starting at Big City!
8pm-9pm: Big City
9pm-10pm: White Horse tavern
10pm-11pm: The Draft
11pm-the end: Wonder Bar
*Lower level of Wonder Bar reserved for BC!
If you're arriving late - Check the GSA or GEA Facebook pages for important information!

Volunteer Opportunity with the GSA Spirituality Committee

On November 15th, 2009 we will be arranging visits to elderly Jesuits residing at Weston Theological Seminary. On November 25th, 2009, in partnership with Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly, we will conduct home visits and give holiday gifts to elderly citizens in the Boston area. For the latter event in particular, we encourage multilingual students to volunteer, as many of the visits will be to senior citizens from various ethnic backgrounds. If you'd like to participate on the 15th, please RSVP by 11/5. If you'd like to participate on the 25th, please RSVP by 11/10. To RSVP or if you have any further questions, please e-mail Stefaan Deschrijver at deschris@bc.edu.

Volunteer Opportunity with the GSA Service Committee: Take the Challenge – Mentor a Teen Today!

Mentor Connection matches middle and high school students from the Newton community with adult volunteers to build meaningful, lasting relationships and promote active citizenship. As a mentor, you will have a profound impact on a young person's life and on your community-- and, you will be amazed by what you get in return.

Time commitments are flexible and average 1-2 hours per week. Training, supervision and skilled staff support are provided. To inquire or apply, contact Carrie von Glahn at call 617.244.1404 x226. You can also contact Justin (justin.fugo.1@bc.edu) if you have further questions.

Grad Night Out

Come join the GSA for free appetizers and pool. Take the opportunity for a mid-week break and meet other graduate students.

DATE: Wed. November 4, 2009
WHERE: Big City
WHEN: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Campus Updates for Graduate and Professional Students

From Campus Ministry

The next **Twilight Retreat** will take place on Monday, November 2nd. Enjoy a dinner, to meet students from other programs and schools, and to take time for quiet reflection, prayer, and sharing. We meet at Murray House at 6:30 and conclude at 9. Interested? Email Mary.Sweeney.4@bc.edu

If you're interested in a longer **directed retreat**, Campus Ministry offers the Manresa Retreat which takes place in Dover January 13-17. FMI email Sister Mary at Mary.Sweeney.4@bc.edu

15 Minutes of Peace and Quiet and Prayer:

Thursdays, 4-4:15 we gather in Cushing Chapel, next to Room 327 in the School of Nursing. We have a brief scripture passage, time for quiet prayer, and then we pray for one another's intentions.

"Whole Person Education"

Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Center for Student Formation, and Graduate Student Life This series considers the social, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual experiences and concerns of graduate and professional students at BC. Fr. James Fleming, S.J. will host the second of four workshops. He will explore the topic "The Faith Lives of Undergraduates: Spiritual but also Religious"

DATE: Thursday, November 12
WHEN: 12:00PM-1:30PM
WHERE: Hovey House Library.

To RSVP or for more information about the series visit: <http://www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/programs/wholeperson.html>

On The Line Film

a look inside the nonviolent movement to close the School of the Americas/WHINSEC

DATE: Wednesday, October 28, 2009

WHEN: 8:30 pm

WHERE: The School of Theology and Ministry, Brighton Campus, Rm.100

ON THE LINE is an inside look at the people behind one of the largest nonviolent movements in America today: the movement to close the School of the Americas/WHINSEC, a U.S. Army school that trains Latin American soldiers. In a world where politics, passion, and Constitutional rights collide, protesters discuss their activism, the dark side of U.S. foreign policy, and the challenges of protesting since 9/11.

Halloween Treats at the Murray Graduate Student Center



DATE: Friday, October 30

WHEN: 2:00PM - 5:00PM

WHERE: Murray Graduate Student Center

Come on over to Murray for Halloween decorations, treats, cider, candy corn, and more!

Call for Volunteers: Cradles to Crayons Program

The Volunteer and Service Learning Center is seeking volunteers for Cradles to Crayons, provides young children with what they consider the basics: clothing, school supplies, and toys. Volunteers will work at the local Giving Factory, which is T-accessible and can host a large group of students at one time. For more information contact the VSLC at volunteer@bc.edu.

Mark Your Calendar...

October

- 28: P.h.D.irections (4:30-6:30pm, O'Neil Library, Rm. 257)
- 28: GSA Social Committee Meeting (7:00-8:00pm, Murray Graduate Student Center)
- 28: *On the Line*, film (8:30pm, School of Theology and Ministry, Rm. 100)
- 29: Feeding Ourselves, Feeding the World (6:30pm, Gasson 100)
- 29: "Trick or Treat" down Harvard Ave (8:00pm-12:00am, See announcement)
- 30: Halloween Treats at Murray (2:00-5:00pm, Murray Graduate Student Center)

November

- 2: Twilight Retreat (6:30-9:00pm, Murray Graduate Student Center)
- 4: Grad Night Out (7:00-9:00pm, Big City)
- 12: Whole Person Education (12:00-1:30pm, Hovey House Library)
- 13: Veritas et Vinum (4:00-5:30pm, Fulton Honors Library)

BC Calendars
On the Web:

Student Life Calendar
www.bc.edu/studentevents

University Calendar
<https://events.bc.edu/cgi-bin/publish/webevent.cgi>

Academic Calendar
www.bc.edu/acal