Season of Service

BC volunteers prepare to head to Gulf Coast over Christmas break

Three groups of volunteers from the Boston College community will spend time during the semester working in areas of the Gulf Coast still recovering from hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The more than 100 faculty, administra tors, students and staff members are scheduled to travel next month to sites in Mississippi and spend weeks helping residents continue to rebuild after this fall’s catastrophic weather disasters.

In doing so, these BC volunteers will replace Boston College’s other representatives of the University community who in the past few months have contributed their time, energy, and talents — even their sense of humor — to support relief efforts in Louisiana, Mississippi, and elsewhere in the Gulf Coast.

Other BC service trips this semester will include sites in Belize, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and, for the first time, Uganda.

The ranks of BC-affiliated Gulf Coast helpers past and future include a recent grad who put her career plans on hold to lend aid, a 2000 alumna and Big Easy native using her writing skills to help displaced New Orleanians re-establish their sense of neighborhood, and 13 members of the Presidential Scholars Program, which brings some of the nation’s top high school students to BC.

First to travel down south during the break will be a group of faculty and staff members led by Volunteer and Service Learning Center Director Dan Ponsetto, which is scheduled to work in Biloxi, Miss., from Jan. 4-9.

As of last weekend, Ponsetto said he hoped to have around 10 participants go on the trip. Faculty and staff members interested in signing up can contact him at ext.1317.

From Jan. 6-13, the 13 Presidential Scholars, along with the program’s assistant director, Jennie Thomas, will also be in Biloxi. Their trip is one organized by Ponsetto, will be coordinated with Hands On USA, the US-based affiliate of Hands On Worldwide, a non-profit volunteer organization that provides disaster response and relief.

“Each year, the program does some kind of service project, and this fall Katrina was fresh in the students’ minds,” says Thomas.

Initially, we thought about raising money for relief efforts, but it became clear that something more was needed, so we decided to expand the project into a service trip.”

Thomas credits William Driscoll ‘05, a Hands On USA volunteer who has filmed documentaries for the organization, with helping facilitate the visit.

To find the group’s progress, continue on page 5

GSWS group to assess aftermath of 2004 tsunami in India

By Sean Smith

It was the harbinger for a year that seemed full of natural disasters. The Dec. 26, 2004, Indian Ocean tsunami killed an estimated 275,000 people and caused untold damage in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and other areas of Southeast Asia.

One year later, faculty and students from Boston College will assess the tsunami’s impact on communities along the east coast of India, and lend a hand where possible.

Graduate School of Social Work Prof. Karen Kayser and part-time faculty member Richard Shankar will lead 10 GSSW students on the trip, which will last from Dec. 27 to Jan. 15. Accompanying the group is an alumna who organized the trip with the help of contacts from the Jesuit Relief Services.

“The more we only want to see what they faced, and how they tried to meet the needs of those around them, but how the providers themselves coped, emotionally and spiritually. That’s a very important, but often overlooked, aspect of human services work.”

The GSSW students also will spend time with children in Tamil Nadu. Continued on page 5

Putting ‘Her Heart and Soul’ Into Everything

Christmas or any other time of the year, CSON’s Hawkins is generous with her time

By Kathleen Sullivan

If Christmas is the season for giving, then for Prof. Joellen Hawkins (CSON) it’s a season that lasts 12 months.

Year round, Hawkins collects donations of household items, clothing, children’s playthings and books for some 30 agencies in eastern Massachusetts.

Pass by her car and you’ll likely see several bags of gently used clothes and a box of books and toys inside.

Her friends, colleagues and students know of her extensive social service agency connections, so they set aside outgrown toys and clothes, and they teach layouts or save hotel sample shampoo and soaps from their travels for Hawkins.

Among the beneficiaries of Hawkins’ efforts are: Head Start affiliates in Newton and Haverhill; the Women’s Lunch Place, a day shelter in Boston for poor or homeless women; Brigham’s Cottageiraum Havings House, a nonprofit organization offering housing and educational and support services for individuals and families; Newton’s Second Step, a non-profit agency that provides transitional housing, and support services to women and their children who have been victims of domestic violence; Youth on Fire, a Cambridge drop-in center serving homeless and street-involved youth, and Roxbury’s First Parish’s youth programs.

She knows first hand where donations will be most appreciated because she provides nursing care at some of these very sites.

“Joellen is an amazing woman,” says longtime friend Loretta Higgins, who recently retired as CSON associate dean of undergraduate programs.

“She puts her heart and soul into everything she does. Her connections in the nursing world are legendary.”

“Tinice a month, Hawkins, who is a women’s health nurse practitioner, conducts prenatal care classes for pregnant homeless women at the Pine Street Inn. She also volunteers as a nurse practitioner for Sidney Borum Jr. Health Center in Boston, an agency affiliated with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center that offers medical care and mental health services to homeless and uninsured teens and young adults.

Hawkins also regularly visits an inmate at the women’s state correctional facility in Framingham and coordinates a holiday gift bag project for prisoners at MCJ-Concord.

For more than a dozen years, Hawkins has organized the annual silent auction held during the Connell School’s holiday party. Sports memorabilia, jewelry, artwork and other items are auctioned off and the proceeds are donated to charity. This year’s event raised more than $1,700 for Rosie’s Place; last year’s netted more than $1,900.

“Hawkins’ care for the community is abundantly evident in her work in the city of Haverhill. She is a co-Continued on page 4
“People” includes only those items sub- mitted for publication. Due to space limitations, a bibliography of submissions frequently exists. To improve and ensure timely publication, Chronicle asks that submissions for “People” be sent via email to peoplechronicle@bc.edu, and that in- dication in all entries be consistent with their current title or fac- ulty rank. Submissions may also be sent by campus mail, if necessary, to Chronicle, c/o People Editor, Office of Public Affairs, 14 Mawney Road.

NEWSMAKERS
■ Assoc. Prof. Richard Hanna (CSOM) was interviewed by WCVB-TV News about the closing of New England’s Krispy Kreme doughnut chain.
■ Robert Ross (Political Sci- ence) discussed President Bush’s Asian trip on WBUR-FM’s “Here & Now” program.

■ Prof. Beth Casey (LSEO) spoke with the Boston Herald on new school poli- cies against spreading rumors and gossip.
■ Prof. Joan Lucariello (LSEO) was quoted by the Boston Globe for a story on children playing classic games newly available on DVD, and by the New York Times about efforts to educate infants about faith.
■ Prof. Alan Wolfe (Political Sci- ence), director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, wrote a column for the Morning News on what today’s colleges should be teaching.
■ Prof. Kent Greenfield (Law) of- fered his views on the Superior Court hearings on the Solomon Amendment in interviews with the Boston Globe, NECN, CBS News, and CBS Radio’s “Ogged Files.”
■ Prof. Walt Hany (LSEO) was quoted in the ABC News and CBS Radio’s “Ogged Files.”

■ Prof. Thomas Kohler (Phil) co- authored an article in The Los Angeles Times on the impor- tance of a democratic sovereign to democracy.
■ Graduated School of Social Work Director Kohler Continuing Education Vincent Lynch was quoted in The Daily Free Press article “Massachusetts Reacts to Over-The-Counter Steringy.”
■ Assoc. Prof. Jonathan Laurence (CSON) co-authored a new纽约 Times article about the recent social unrest in France on WNYC’s “Brian Lehrer” radio program. Laurence was also the sub- ject of an article in the New York Times about “The Crisis of Religious Studies” (ANSA) regarding his re- search in Islam on Radio in Italy.

■ Alumni generated a letter to the Chronicle asking that submissions for “People” be sent via email to peoplechronicle@bc.edu, and that in- dication in all entries be consistent with their current title or fac- ulty rank. Submissions may also be sent by campus mail, if necessary, to Chronicle, c/o People Editor, Office of Public Affairs, 14 Mawney Road.

EXTRA Credit

Cathwoor Millennium Profes- sor of Teacher Education for Urban Schools, Marilyn Cochran- Smith last officially began her work as part of a congression- ally mandated initiative focusing on how America trains and pre- pares its teachers.

Cochran-Smith was appointed earlier this fall to a committee, organized by the National Acad- emy of Science’s National Research Council, that will conduct a two-year, $5 million “Study of US Teacher Education Programs (STEP).” The 18-member commit- tee, which is expected to release its report in mid-2007, held its first meeting last Thursday and Friday in Washington, DC.

Cochran-Smith was mandated by the House of Representatives’ Consolidated Ap- pointments Act of 2004, comes at a time when teacher quality in American education is under the microscope of researchers, policymakers and practitioners alike. According to an NRC state- ment, “accountability measures in federal education law are increas- ingly focused on demonstrating that there is a highly qualified teacher in every classroom, and that in turn, the teacher preparation pro- grams housed within institutions of higher education are themselves of high quality.”

Tackled on the committee’s agenda include assessing who en- ters teacher preparation programs, what educational background they bring with them, what kind of instruction and experiences do participants receive in such programs, and how a program’s read- ing and writing skills are deve- loped to convey scientific evi- dence.

Cochran-Smith has more than a little experience tackling these issues. During her recently com- pleted three-year stint as chair of the American Educational Research Association, she served as co-editi- tor for a major AERA study on research and teacher education published earlier this year. Among its findings, the study reported “relatively small and inconclusive empirical evidence connecting preparation of teachers and suc- cessful outcomes, such as higher standardized test scores by stu- dents of those teachers.”

“The AERA report answered a very important question: What do we know from empirical research about the impact of teacher prepa- ration on various desirable educa- tional outcomes, like teacher knowledge, pupil learning and teacher retention?” said Cochran- Smith last week. “It is very rel- evant to the work of the new committee.

“How high the nation’s teachers should be selected and prepared has been an extremely important — and controversial — issue for more than a century. This commit- tee certainly has its work cut out for it, but I look forward to working with its members who bring many different perspectives and areas of expertise to the table.”

Sean Smith

PUBLICATIONS
■ Collins Professor of Finance and Banking Waverly F. Mohn published “Counterparty Risk in Predictability Revised” in Management Science.

■ Prof. John Bieweni (EPS) (CSON) published “Sexual Abuse of Older Adults” in American Journal of Aging.
■ Assoc. Rosanna DeMarco (CSON) published “Doctor of Nursing Practice: Thinking Through the Rationale and Im- plications of the AACN Resolution” in Massachusetts Report on Nursing, co-published “Lisbon Use and Abuse of Alcohol: Results of the Lisbon Lesbian Health Project II” in Substance Abuse and, with Prof. June Hennenmiller (CSON) and doctoral candidate Mary McCurry, published “Effective Use of Critique and Dialogue at Scholarly Conferences” in Nursing Outlook.

HONORS/ APPOINTMENTS
■ Connell School of Nursing fac- ulty member Assoc. Prof. Rosanna DeMarco and Assoc. Prof. Anne Norris (CSON) were co-conveners, for an honorable mentioned by the Media Awards Committee of the America Academy of Nurs- ing for “Eating Out: Women’s Voices, Women’s Lives.”
■ Assoc. Prof. Patricia Tabloski (CSON) was appointed by the Massachusetts Board of Register- ing in Nursing to a task force that will review and make recom- mendations concerning Massachusetts’s regulations govern- ing the practice of nursing in the expanded role. She also was invited to join the Committee on the Gerontological Society of America.

TIME AND A HALF
■ Prof. Cynthia Simmons (Slavic and Russian Language) presented “The Role of NGOs in Post-War Development in Bosnia” at the Center for International and Comparative Studies at North- western University.

■ Graduate School of Social Work Continuing Education Director Vincent Lynch authored “A Bump and Discussion facilitator at a World AIDS Day Event organized by the Museum of Science in Boston.
■ Assoc. Prof. Jonathan Laurence (Political Science) co-convened a conference on anti-semitism in France and Europe at New York University. He also presented a research in a seminar at the John Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC, and in a con- ference on state-church relations at the Harvard University Center for European Studies.
■ Assoc. Prof. Patricia Tabloski (CSON) was appointed to two National Home Care task forces, one advising the Home Care loby- ing organization on regulations for the new Medicare payment schema, the other the Visiting Nurse Association of America clearinghouse for better home care practices.

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The Boston College Chronicle NSSS 2005-2006 yearbook is now on sale. The book, which gives an overview of BC and its campus, is now available in the Office of Public Affairs, 14 Mayflower Road, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467. The deadline for ordering is March 19, 2006. For information on ordering, please call (617)552-3400.
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dean Michael Smyer, co-director of the Boston College Center on Aging and Work/Workplace Flexibility, was notified the day before a White House conference that she was selected as a delegate to take part in an academic panel on aging. Co-hosted by the White House, the conference focused on the contributions of the baby boomer generation to the workforce and the economy.

Smyer was among 29 Massachusetts representatives at the White House, which named her a conference expert and reporter on older workers.

Coinciding with the conference, the Boston College football team, which finished 7-5 and ranked in the top 25 of the final AP and Coaches Polls, prepared to play in their seventh consecutive bowl bid – a date that is historically significant for BC football fans. The team moved into the Yawkey Center to work towards their new league. Once their football season is over, the BC Athletic Department will begin to prepare for future recruiting efforts.

Depending on the conference, Smyer said, “The Conference on Aging is taking place as the first wave of Baby Boomers prepares for retirement. This gathering of experts provides an important opportunity to creatively explore the workplace of the future and opportunities for older workers.”

The two reports issued by the Center on Aging and Work/Workplace Flexibility and the Families and Work Institute (FWI) – a Manhattan-based non-profit organization that conducts research on the changing workplace – offer a hint of what future may hold, and the challenges which will be part of it. Based on data from the Families and Work Institute’s “National Study of the Changing Workforce,” the reports offer one of the most comprehensive analyses to date of the demographics and working situations of older workers, defined as workers 50 years of age or older, according to census data.

“The Conference on Aging will be highly competitive in the field of aging,” said Smyer, “I think the work preferences of older workers as well as how they perceive the workplace of the future. The Center Matters: Insights about Older Workers, the 11th National Study of the Changing Workforce found that older workers are more likely to continue working when they have more control over their work hours, workplace flexibility, job autonomy and learning opportunities. The second report, “The Diversity Employment Experiences of Older Men and Women in the Workforce,” claims that female workers prefer the flexibility of shorter hours, workplace flexibility, job autonomy and learning opportunities.

Prior to leaving for the conference, Smyer said, “The Boston College football team is ranked in the top 25 of the final AP and Coaches Polls, and the BC Athletic Department is preparing for future recruiting efforts. I think our teams already have proven that they will be highly competitive in the ACC.”

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There's No Shortage of Roads for Him to Travel

BC Rhodes finalist has plenty of career options from which to choose

BY GREG FROST

Some people might envy Gregory Wiles ’06 for his energy, his enthusiasm, his wide range of interests and his intellect. But Wiles envies his fellow seniors who already know what they want to do after they graduate.

Wiles said next semester will wrap up a remarkable four-year stint at Boston College that has seen him captain the rowing team and lead the University’s first undergraduate research journal.

Perhaps it’s the downside to having so many passions in life, but Wiles, a stalwart on the Eagles’ rowing team, was part of the BC group that last month made it to the semi-finals of an economics challenge at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (see separate story). Last summer, he interned at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. And earlier this year, he headed a group of students published the maiden issue of Elements, BC’s first undergraduate research journal.

“The second issue of Elements is set to come out in February, and just like the first it will examine a broad mix of topics, including Islamic art, malaria, and women and the effects of pornography,” Wiles said the magazine serves as an outlet for undergraduate research. “I envy anyone who thinks they know what they want to do next year,” he said.

Wiles said he plans to fine-tune his options by using the skills he learned in Career and Human Resource Planning, which he describes as the best class he has taken at BC. The course, taught by Prof. Candace Jones (CSOM), helps students identify their interests and talents.

Judging from his track record, it’s safe to say that once the Colossus of Gentlemen and women graduate school, Wiles will succeed at everything he plans to attend graduate school. “I don’t have any hobbies,” chuckles Wiles. “The reality is that importance of service was instilled in Hawkins at a young age. She grew up in a poor farming community where her father, a general physician, “gave away more care than he ever paid for. He got paid more in produce than cash.”

“I grew up in a home where service to others was paramount. As kids, we called out our old toys every year and gave them away,” she recalled.

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New Orleans Students Bid Adieu to Heights

BY GREG FROST  STAFF WRITER

It was with mixed feelings that Hurricane Katrina survivor Christie Cleveland prepared to end her semester at Boston College and return to Loyola University in New Orleans.

"Part of me wants to stay and part of me is looking forward to going back to what I started," she said last week. "I am horribly sad about leaving, but I plan to finish out my education at Loyola — unless another hurricane hits."

Cleveland is among the 135 students from the Gulf Coast who came to BC this past semester after their own universities were shut down because of Hurricane Katrina. Under an emergency program, BC allowed the students to enroll in classes and housed most of them in St. Williams' Hall on the Brighton Campus.

Like many of the emergency visiting students, Cleveland praised the Boston College community for taking her in and making her feel at home.

"Boston College has been wonderful to me," she said.

"The administration, the faculty — they've been incredible," she continued. "They definitely made the transition as easy as possible. They dealt with a situation that had no precedent and really excelled at it."

Alex Morris, an English major at Loyola, echoed Cleveland's heartwarming sentiments about leaving Boston and returning to New Orleans. Morris said he has tried to take advantage of his time in Boston by exploring the city and forging friendships with other Boston students.

"I've spent most of the semester hanging out with BC kids, essentially trying not to spend too much time in St. Williams," he said. "When I wasn't doing coursework, I preferred to be out getting to know Boston and the people around campus."

That being said, Morris misses his Loyola classmates and is looking forward to returning to New Orleans to see them.

"I have such an attachment to the school and the city, and even though the city is not in good shape, all of my friends are going back," he said. "As much as I'd like to continue building the friendships I've made here, my real attachment lies with the people I've been going to school with for the previous three years."

Many students said the onset of wintry weather, while something of a novelty, provided an extra incentive to get back to the more temperate Gulf Coast climate.

Robert Prescott, a Tulane University senior, said he had never before lived in an area where snow was common. That may be why one of his fondest memories of his time at BC will be waking up in New England on Thanksgiving morning and seeing snow on the ground.

Sam Sotolongo, a Loyola student and a New Orleans-area native, said the snow is one of two things he'll never forget about his final fall semester in Boston.

"I think I've hit everybody I've seen with a snowball. I don't discriminate," he said.

But Sotolongo's other long-lasting impression is of the way Boston College welcomed him and his fellow evacuees.

"BC has done so much for us," he said. "The University went out of its way, big time."

BC Community Continues Its Outreach to Gulf Coast

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Web site launched by New Orleans native Charles Veprek '80 and fellow Louisiana expatriates living in New York City.

The site, www.nycnolahelp.org/, features "The Creole Tomato," a collection of satirical news stories by Veprek that will be released online in the coming weeks. The title of the collection is a satirical depiction of his city's cuisine.

"Everyone knows it's all good fun and that there's no malice involved. The point is to make people laugh, because there's not too much about New Orleans in the news," Veprek said. "We just want to give residents of New Orleans a way to re-establish their sense of neighborhood, to connect with another reader and talk about where they're from, what they've been through, what they want to do."

Staff writer — Public Affairs staff

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Nadu communities, leading them in arts and crafts, dance and movement exercises and other means of self-expression. "It's not therapy, but it can be therapeutic," explained Kayser. "This will be an opportunity for the children to tell their stories, to perhaps help them start dealing with the trauma they and their families endured."

"We know we can't solve every problem in the brief time we'll be there, but at the very least we can offer service as a way of showing our solidarity and concern," Kayser noted that the villages on the GSSW itinerary are poor, largely made up of the Dalit, or "Untouchable" caste, and have received aid only through other affected areas.

McCabe, a history major from Salem who is minoring in Film Studies, visited northern India last summer to undertake a still-uncompleted documentary about life in impoverished villages, through funding from the Jacques Salomonowitz Program for Moral Courage in Film, which is housed at BC.

"There are a lot of reasons I wanted to go — to learn more about the tsunami and what it did, to see how people deal with such a terrible event," she said. "I'm going to document the GSSW field studies, but I also want to film the people and the community in which they live. Still, it's hard to predict what I'll be doing, because I just don't know what's there." 
A ‘Consummate Librarian’ Closes the Book

After 33 years, Burns Library’s John Atteberry turning over a new leaf

BY REID OSLIN STAFF WRITER

He’s a bayou native and Navy veteran who for almost two decades has been the guardian, tireless, knowledgeable face of Burns Library to thousands of scholars from Boston College and around the world.

Among his accomplishments, Burns Senior Reference Librarian John Atteberry will officially retire after 33 years of service to the burns College libraries, 18 of them spent at burns, which houses the University Archives, rare collections and centuries-old churches.

“John is the consummate professional librarian,” says Burns Librarian Robert O’Neill. “In addition to assisting countless researchers and students with their projects, John has coordinated the library’s much-acclaimed exhibits program.

“Under John’s leadership, the exhibits program at Boston College has introduced numerous visitors to the wealth and the Burns Library collections. John, of course, would be the first to credit the many staff and students who have assisted him in all these undertakings, but his indefatigable imprint can be found on so many exhibits at Burns.”

“John has been a tireless_pcination within the institution,” adds Head Librarian for Archives and Manuscripts David Horn. “I told John that he couldn’t retire until he had conveyed everything that he knows that is not written down.

“T’m not sure he has done all that yet. There may be some things out there that we will have to call him on,” Horn says.

Atteberry, who will officially leave BC on Dec. 22, was honored last week at a farewell party in the Burns Reading Room. Interviewed recently, Atteberry shared some little-known — and perhaps surprising — personal history while reflecting on his time at Burns.

“Many visitors to the right source. It is a scholarly reason, want to look at the object itself.” Atteberry laughs. “Again and again.”

During his tenure as senior reference librarian, Atteberry saw Burns’ holdings grow by leaps and bounds, and witnessed an equally dynamic expansion in the world of library technology.

He recalls one conversation with the inaugural Burns Library Visiting Scholar in Irish Studies All Mac Lochlainn, in which the then director of the National Library of Ireland told him that a library should be so well-catalogued and well-arranged “that people can do it themselves.”

“I have often thought of that, particularly in the past few years,” Atteberry says. “We’ve got so many more works catalogued now. People can go to our system from anywhere to find out what our holdings are. It’s been a great boon and a wonderful thing to see how much of this material has been made available so that people can actually help themselves.”

“‘I’m not worried about sensory librarians ever running out of a job,’ he says. “There are always people who need to know how to access these materials. There are always people who come in, and for a scholarly reason, want to look at the object itself.”

Atteberry won’t be leaving Burns completely. He has agreed to return to help finish a catalogue for an upcoming exhibit. He also hopes to work as a volunteer at the American Antiquarian Society, a national research library of American history, literature and culture that is located near his Worcester home.

Atteberry also plans to devote some time to a favorite hobby — gourmet Creole cooking.

He is, after all, from Louisiana.

Welcome Additions

Asst. Prof. Gretchen Guisich (Philosophy)
PhD, Catholic University of America
Fields of interest: Phenomenology, history of philosophy.
Course Philosophy of the Person.

Guisich spent the last four years teaching at Catholic University of America, in addition to her doctoral she earned her master’s degree. A Colorado native and University of Notre Dame alumna, Guisich has focused on the work of Hegdegger and Hesse in her writing and presentations. Her professional activities have included moderating the Catholic University of America 2004 Phenomenology Symposium, and memberships in the American Philosophical Association and the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy.

Asst. Prof. Benjamin Howard (Mathematics)
PhD, Stanford University
Field of interest: Number theory and arithmetic geometry.
Courses Calculus I for math and science majors, Introduction to Analysis.

Howard received a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in 2002 and spent two years at Harvard University before teaching as a Dickson Instructor at the University of Chicago last academic year. His honors also include the Paul R. Cohen Memorial Prize for Excellence in Mathematics at Chicago, where he earned his undergraduate degree in 1997. Howard was a guest speaker at the Mathematics Department this past February, and he has given invited talks at the London Mathematical Society Durham Symposium and Midwest Number Theory Conference, among other venues.

Assoc. Prof. Christina Klein (English)
PhD, Yale University
Fields of interest: American studies; film studies; American literature; the literature and culture of Americas encounters with Asia.
Courses: Contemporary Asian Cinema; Globalization and Culture; Immigrant Narratives.

A 1986 graduate of Wesleyan University, Klein arrived at BC this fall after teaching at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1997. Klein, who is currently writing a book about the globalization of the United States and Asian films industries, authored C’dwar Orientalism. Asia in the Middleway. 1945-1961 in 2003 and has contributed numerous articles on contemporary Asian and American film in newspapers such as the Los Angeles Times, International Herald Tribune and South China Morning Post, and academic journals including Comparative American Studies and Cinema Journal.

Asst. Prof. Zachary Morgan (History)
PhD, Brown University
Fields of interest: Modern and colonial Latin American history; Brazilian history; African diapora.
Courses: The Mexican Revolution; Modern Brazil.

A 1992 graduate of Hunter College of the City University of New York, Morgan will serve as faculty advisor for the BC service trip to Brazil next summer.

“Welcome Additions,” an occasional feature, profiles new faculty members at Boston College.

Sean Smith

Prof. Udayan Mohanty (Chemistry) was named a Fellow in the Division of Biological Physics of the American Physical Society, an honor given to APS members who have made advances in knowledge through original research and publication that have been innovative in applying physics to science and technology, or have made significant contributions to the teaching of physics.

Mohanty’s citation reads, “For his advances in the theory of polyelectrolyte behavior and its applications, which contribute to the understanding of the structure and transport properties of nucleic acids in free solution and in gels.”

APS Fellows are chosen each year, with election limited to no more than one half of one percent of the group’s 43,000 members.

John Atteberry with one of his favorite books: Arcana Noae (Noah’s Ark), published in 1675 by Athanasius Kircher. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)
**Have a cow**

A group of students and faculty working through the Volunteer Service and Learning Center have started the Boston College Hunger Initiative, which is involved in a special holiday project to help provide families in need with a source of food that they can use to sustain themselves and share with the rest of their community.

In cooperation with the aid organization Heifer International (www.heifer.org), the BC Hunger Initiative hopes to raise enough money, $5,000, to “fill an ark,” according to group coordinator Christine Hogge of the Lynch School of Education’s International Study Center. These funds would enable Heifer International to provide animals — ranging from bees to rabbits to goats — for some 30 families, who also receive instruction on proper care of the livestock. In return, Hogge says, the families must “pass on the gift” and help others in their community.

“We’re asking BC offices, departments and programs to consider making this project part of the staff holiday celebration,” she says. “Instead of the traditional gift exchange, employees could pitch in together and buy an animal. There are various types of animals that Heifer provides to families, with descriptions of how they can help those families support themselves. You just choose which animal you would like to give, and decide how your group would like to contribute.”

For more information, contact Hogge at hogue@bc.edu or ext. 2-1505.

— $5

**Good buddies**

Saturday saw one of the more heart-warming Christmas traditions at BC. The Office of Residential Life’s “Christmas Buddies,” a program, which for the past several years has brought area foster children and their families to campus for a Christmas party.

The office works with the Department of Social Services, which serves families from Allston, Brighton, Brookline, Jamaica Plain and Roxbury. Student volunteers each buy a gift for a specific gender and age and serve as a “buddy” for a child during the day. The children participate in arts and crafts, games and other activities in Cheverus Lounge and O’Connell House, and also get to visit with Santa Claus.

This year, 40 children visited campus — as did a number of their foster parents, who attended a potluck in Shaw House — for about two-and-a-half hours, according to Assistant Director of Residential Life Catherine-Mary O’Connell, who is also a director of the Flyer Recreation Complex.

One frequently heard comment, says Rivera, was “This is the best day of my life!” At the same time, she says, there was some poignancy to the occasion.

“Kids would ask the BC students, ‘Are you going to be here next year?’” she said. “Of course, some of the BC students are seniors, so it’s hard to say where there’ll be. And some of the kids might be out of foster care by next year.”

In fact, says Rivera, two of the guests at the party were brought by a couple who, unknown to the children, are planning to adopt them.

“The best thing you say in a situation like that is simply, ‘Sure, are you?’”

**Starting the fire**

The annual Boston College Arts Festival is still more than five months away, but campus organizations can get started on the celebration by participating in the collaborative sculpture project, a popular feature of the event.

Recently, the BC Arts Council announced the theme for the 2006 festival will be “Set the Enchanted Forest,” the phrase Society of Jesus founder Ignatius Loyola said to enthuse Francis Xavier as he set out to carry the Gospel. The council will work with BC programs such as First Year Experience to encourage campus organizations, departments and students to groups to express their missions and messages through sculptures that reflect St. Ignatius’ famous adage.

Adj. Asst. Prof. Mark Cooper (Fine Arts) will again build the basic sculpture, copies of which will be made available to organizations to embellish and decorate. Once completed, the sculptures will appear in buildings throughout campus and will come together to form an exhibition on O’Neill Plaza during the Arts Festival, which will be held April 27-30.

Sculpture projects from previous festivals have included “5,” which commemorated the fifth Arts Festival, and last year’s “The Enchanted Forest,” a tribute to acclaimed nature photographer and Arts Council Alumni Award winner James Balog, 74.

Campus groups must apply for sculptures by Jan. 25. Applications are available at the council Web site, www.bc.edu/arts.

— $5

**On board**

Don’t blame Assoc. Prof. Joseph Tecce (Psychology) if he feels a little like William Tecumseh Sherman, the Civil War general who turned reluctant politician who famously said, “If nominated I will not run; if elected I will not serve.”

Tecce is a long-time member of the prestigious International Organization of Psychophysiology — an inter-disciplinary group associated with the United Nations and made up of scientists who study mind-body associations — serving for many years on the editorial board for the IOP’s journal and, for the last six years, on its board of governors.

When Tecce was asked earlier this fall by the IOP president to run for election to the group’s board of directors, he balked. Though flattered by the request, Tecce explains, he felt unsure about being able to meet the responsibilities of the position. “The job description basically said, ‘Don’t even think of running for election to the board if you’re looking for just the honor. It’s a working position,’” he says.

But the IOP president wouldn’t accept “no” for an answer. “He said flatly that I owed it to the international community to utilize my experience and background to enrich the organization and the field,” says Tecce, who adds that he was mindful of Dante’slegation to the lower regions of hell “those individuals who failed to use their talents while on the planet.”

Tecce relented and allowed his name to be put on the ballot — and wound up being elected with the highest percentage of votes. “Big surprise for someone who is an inwardly drawn scientist and writer without political zest,” he says.

But much to his surprise, Tecce says he’s actually enjoyed the job so much in the highlight of his career he participated in the passage of a resolution selecting Turkey as the host country for the IOP’s next major scientific meeting. According to protocol, Tecce explains, Turkey has to work with the previous host country — Greece.

“Our resolution had the effect of forcing leaders from two countries that have been at odds for years to sit down and sign an agreement of scientific cooperation that would go to the UN for final approval,” he says. “Pretty heady stuff.”

— $5

**Overheard**

“Don’t you think it’s a little funny that all these grown-ups, 18-and-over college students will want to have their picture taken with Santa?”

The following are some recent additions to the list of available positions compiled by the Boston College Human Resources Department. For more on employment opportunities at BC, visit the Human Resources World Wide Web site, http://hrwweb.bc.edu/jobs.

Assistant/Associate Trainer, Athletic Association
Administrative Secretary, Geology and Geophysics Department
Administrative Secretary, Career Services
Carroll Graduate School of Management
Assistant/Associate D.irector, Alumni and Development, Law School
Assistant/Associate Sec. Assoc. D.irector, Alumni and Development, Leadership Gifts
Senior Database Administrator, Information Systems
Manager of Utilities, Facilities Management
University Risk Manager
Administrative Secretary, Classes, Development
Staff Nurse, University Health Services
Assistant/Associate Director, Gift Planning, Development
Assistant D.irector, Career Center
Bioinformatics Programmer, Biology Department
Help Desk Specialist, Information Technology Services
Photography Production Assistant, Audiovisual Services
Assistant Manager, M.E. Dining Services
Senior Admission Assistant, Graduate School of Social Work Admissions
Asst. Electrical Foreman, Facilities Management
Assistant D.irector, Facilities Services
Cahier, B.C Bookstore
Digital Collections Systems Librarian, O’Neill Library

**Dance Marathon Set for Feb. 17-18**

It hasn’t been going on for quite as long as the University’s Arts Festival (see separate story), but the Boston College Dance Marathon has already become a highly anticipated campus event.

The marathon isn’t just about good fun and great entertainment, but plenty of that, what with hours of dancing, games and other entertainment. Since its debut in 2003, the BCDM has raised many thousands of dollars for charitable causes such as the Boona-Bana Center for Children’s Rights in Tanzania and Children’s Hospital Boston.

Plans were recently announced for the 2006 dance marathon, which takes place Feb. 17-18 in the Flynn Recreation Complex. Organizers have set a goal of raising $100,000 for the Franciscan Hospital for Children, and are encouraging faculty, administrators and staff as well as students to get involved.

For information, send e-mail to marathons@bc.edu or call ext. 2-7074. Many details about the event are also available at the BCDM Web site, www.bc.edu/c lubs/dance mar athon/ default.html.

**Former Massachusetts Governor and 1988 presidential candidate Michael S. Dukakis speaks with students following his speech, “Learning from the Past and Looking Ahead: Lessons from Greece.” In Merkel 127 on Dec. 5, 2005, sophomore Carmen S. Fajardo**

**DECEMBER 21, 2005**
Looking Ahead

UPCOMING AND ONGOING EVENTS AT BC

Dec. 15
EXHIBITION: “Seeing Voices: A Brief History of Type” through Dec. 22, Burns Library, for information call ext.2-2465 or send e-mail to john.ambery@bc.edu.

Exhibition: “MOSAIC,” multicultural art exhibition of student works, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Student Art Gallery, Basil Library, through Dec. 16, e-mail: mc@bc.edu or see www.bc.edu/libraries/centers/basil/about/undergraduate/.

Mass: First Semester Baccalaureate Mass, 4 p.m., Gannon 100.

Dec. 16
Performance: “A Dancer’s Christmas,” Robsham Theater, through Dec. 18, see www.bc.edu/offices/robsham/schedule/ for show times and other information, or call ext.2-4802 or e-mail marion.doyle@bc.edu.

Masses: St. Joseph’s Chapel (Gonzaga Hall - Upper Campus) 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., Sanctuary Chapel (Newman Campus) 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; St. Ignatius Church (Lannon Chapel - Lower Church) 9 p.m.; Heiligen Room, Canongate Commons, 10:15 p.m.; St. Mary’s Chapel (Spanish Mass) 7:30 p.m.

Women’s Basketball: BC vs. BCU, 2 p.m., Conte Forum.

Men’s Basketball: BC vs. Texas Southern, 3:30 p.m., Conte Forum.

Meeting: Grief Support Group, 5 p.m., Cushig Hall Chapel, call ext.2-3927 or e-mail moca@bc.edu.

Dec. 17
Term examinations end.

Dec. 18
Masses: Martin Luther King Holiday Mass, 4 p.m., Gasson 100.

Women’s Basketball: BC vs. Florida State, 2 p.m., Conte Forum.

Women’s Basketball: BC vs. Duke, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

Holiday: Martin Luther King Day; All University offices closed.

Women’s Basketball: BC vs. Northeastern, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

Seminar Series: Spiritual Direction Supervision Program, with part-time faculty member Rosemeny Brennan, 7-9 p.m., Institute for Religious Education and Dancel Ministry, 31 Lawrence Ave. Call ext.2-8057 or e-mail iredm@bc.edu.

Dec. 19
Meeting: Grief Support Group, 5 p.m., Cushig Hall Chapel, call ext.2-3927 or e-mail moca@bc.edu.

Dec. 20
Exam Period begins.

Women’s Basketball: BC vs. Niagara, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

Men’s Basketball: BC vs. Harvard, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

Christmas Break: All University offices closed through Dec. 30.

Women’s Basketball: BC vs. Stanford, 2 p.m., Conte Forum.

Women’s Basketball: BC vs. Colgate, 2 p.m., Conte Forum.

Women’s Hockey: BC vs. Yale, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

Men’s Basketball: BC vs. UMass, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

Women’s Basketball: BC vs. Maryland, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

Men’s Hockey: BC vs. Northeastern, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

Law School classes begin.


Retreat: Campus Ministry Silent Retreat, through Jan. 15, Ower Retreat Center, e-mail picam@bc.edu or see www.bc.edu/offices/ministry/faith/retreats/.

Women’s Hockey: BC vs. Vermont, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

Men’s Hockey: BC vs. BU, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

For further information and updates on Boston College events, see BCInfo [www.bc.edu/bcinfo] and the on-line University Calendar [event@bc.edu]. To submit items for “Looking Ahead,” e-mail to calendar.chronicle@bc.edu.

Act two of Robsham Theater’s 2005-06 season begins next month with the Department of Theater Workshop production of “Sight Unseen,” the story of an enormously successful American mega-artist, leading a life of opulence supported by wealthy patrons. But a visit to a former lover and model of his stirs up some unresolved emotions.

Directed by Elizabeth Bouchard ’06, “Sight Unseen” runs Jan. 19–21, with performances in the Bonn Studio of Robsham at 8 p.m. each night.

Bonn will be the site for the Theater Department-Robsham Theater production of “We Want Pay! We Want Pay!” from Feb. 22–26. Written by Danio Fe and directed by Assoc. Prof. John Housh (Theater), the play is a sociopolitical farce centering on a theft of groceries that precipitates a series of hilariously snowballing deceptions.

Michael Frayns’s “Copenhagen” will be staged at Bonn March 16–18, under the direction of Megan Rulison ’06, winner of the National Drama Award at Dramaturgy this year’s American College Theater Festival. This historical drama revolves around the 1941 meeting of pioneering atomic scientists Werner Heisenberg and Niels Bohr, former colleagues who were on opposite sides in World War II.

The Contemporary Theater of Boston College will present the popular Sam Shepard play “True West,” which depicts a clash between two very different brothers—and between American mythology and pop culture—from March 30 to April 1.

The following week, April 6–8, will be the Boston College Drama Society production of “St. Joan of the Stockyard,” Bernadette Brehch’s story of an uprising among stockyard workers in Chicago that draws upon Marxist theory and fundamental questions of humanity.

Closing out the Robsham season April from 26-30 will be “Cabaret,” the popular musical based on Charles Isherwood’s study of life in Berlin between the two world wars, as the shadow of the Third Reich begins to fall across Germany. This Robsham Main Stage production will be directed by Robsham Theater Director Howard Enoch.

In addition, Robsham will be the venue for concerts and other special events, including a March 18 performance by BC bOp! and presentations in February by the Philippine Society of BC, the Dance Organization of Boston College, the South Asian, Korean and Chinese student associations and the Organization of Latin American Affairs.

For more information on Robsham events, see the theater Web site at www.bc.edu/offices/robsham/ or e-mail marion.doyle@bc.edu.

— Sean Smith