Fr. Leahy: Future of BC a ‘Shared Responsibility’

At Convocation, he outlines Master Plan proposals

BY SEAN SMITH
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Rev. William P. Leahy, SJ, marked his 10th anniversary year as Boston College president by presenting an update at Wednesday’s Convocation on the new University Master Plan — a detailed and, by his own admission, ambitious potential blueprint for the University over the next decade.

Fr. Leahy then called upon faculty and administrators to help bring that plan to fruition, and to do so, enable BC to continue striving for institutional excellence while maintaining its Jesuit, Catholic identity and an ethos that stresses care of the individual.

“All of us share responsibility for the future of Boston College, and for ensuring that it is not only an outstanding university but also a place of faith, community and compassion,” Fr. Leahy told the audience in Rehoboth Theater.

Fr. Leahy’s presentation described the University’s new Master Plan, which will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at their Sept. 29 meeting and also must be approved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority, and some aspects of a more broad-based strategic plan now under development for BC’s academic Continued on page 9

Senator John McCain to Address Freshmen Class

US Senator and former presidential candidate John McCain (R-Arizona), an outspoken advocate for reform in campaign finance and American immigration policies, will formally welcome the Boston College Class of 2010 at First Year Academic Convocation on Monday, Sept. 18.

Preceding the convocation will be the First Flight Procession, as members of this year’s freshman class process from Linden Lane across campus to Conte Forum, where the event will take place beginning at approximately 7 p.m.

The convocation will open with remarks by First Year Experience Director Fr. Joseph Marchese and University President William P. Leahy, SJ, after which McCain will present his keynote address.

McCain graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1958 and began a career as a naval aviator, eventually serving in the Vietnam War. Captured by the Viet Cong in 1967 when his plane was shot down, McCain spent nearly six years as a prisoner of war — one of the defining experiences of his life. During his military career, McCain received a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit, the Purple Heart and a Distinguished Flying Cross.

He was elected to Congress in 1982 and to the Senate four years later, replacing the late Barry Goldwater. In 2000, McCain ran unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination for president of the United States. He is currently the chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and serves on the Armed Services, and Commerce, Science, and Transporta-

BC to Offer Degree in Church Management

RESPONDING to a growing need within the Catholic Church to better manage its business operations, finance, resources and personnel, Boston College this month introduces the nation’s first graduate program in church management.

The program will include two options: a master’s degree in pastoral ministry with a concentration in church management, and a joint MBA/master’s degree in pastoral ministry.

Offered as both full and part-time programs, the degrees are geared towards individuals who work in pastoral ministry within a church setting, as well as those handling the financial or personnel management of a diocese, Catholic hospital system or social service agency.

It is estimated that教堂管理 teaches the Church does approximately $100 billion of businesses per year in the United States, much of it done by individuals with little formal training in management and financial practices.

University President William P. Leahy, SJ, said he hoped these new offerings would benefit individuals involved in the management of church-related institutions throughout the country.

“I think recent years have shown there is a need for training in church management, especially in Catholic parishes, schools and dioceses,” said Fr. Leahy. “I am delighted that Boston College’s Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry and Carroll School of Management are collaborating on these graduate programs.”

The master’s degree in pastoral ministry with a concentration in church management will involve the standard master’s curriculum in ministry with at least four management courses in CSOM and a field placement in a church-man Continued on page 8

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A golden year

When the Boston College football team takes the field against Clemson this Saturday afternoon, it will mark the start of the 50th season of competition for the Eagles at Alumni Stadium.

To celebrate the occasion, the Athletic Association has planned a number of commemorative events throughout the coming season.

“We realize that there is a lot of great history in our football program,” says Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Marketing Jamie DiLoreto, “and to mark the 50 years of Alumni Stadium seems like a perfect opportunity to take a look back and to recognize some of those great players, great moments and great games.”

Pre-season print and television ads have included photos of Alumni Stadium over the years, as well as addresses of alumni who have demonstrated their skills on the field in the past half-century.

During the 2006 season, fans will have a chance to cast an on-line vote for their favorite BC players of the past 50 years at the school’s athletics Web site, bcathletics.com. Banners commemorating key victories and leading players from the era will also be placed throughout the stadium.

Members of the 1957 Boston College team — the first to play in Alumni Stadium — will be invited back to attend the BC-Buffalo game on Oct. 28 and the group will be introduced at halftime of that contest.

Tickets for the Buffalo game will also be sold at a “throwback price” of $20, DiLoreto said.

The football Eagles played their first game at Alumni Stadium on Sept. 21, 1957, losing to nationally ranked Navy by a score of 46-6. That dedication game was scheduled by University officials with the assistance of the then junior US Senator from Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy.

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To his health

Dozens of current and former co-workers, friends and family and University administrators turned out on Aug. 29 to honor John McNamara, MD, a long-serving member of the University Health Services staff.

“Dr. John McNamana is a gentleman’s physician,” said Health Services Director Thomas Nary, MD. “and that is the highest compliment I can give. Dr. John is from a generation where medicine was a calling and where they served medicine with dignity and with honor.”

Dr. McNamana, a 1937 Boston College graduate, has been a staff physician for Health Services and a sports medicine physician for the Athletic Association since 1970. Fit and hale at age 90, he is eager to begin another year of service to the University this fall.

“I came to Boston College as a student in 1933 and I have really never left here,” Dr. McNamana told the gathering. “I have enjoyed the people here — no, I have loved the people here.”

State Rep. Peter Koutoujian (D-Waltham), chairman of the House Committee on Public Health, presented a legislative citation honoring Dr. McNamana’s lifetime of contributions to the health care profession. “My community of Waltham has a love affair with this good doctor,” he said. “You have had him here at Boston College for 36 years, but we had him for 45 in Waltham. A grateful community says ‘Thank you’ for your service.”

Boston College Athletic Director Gene DeFilippo presented Dr. McNamana with an autographed football and basketball and hockey team jerseys with his name inscribed on the back. “You are not just a doctor here,” DeFilippo told him. “You are a legend.”

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There’s a new look this fall for Boston College Chronicle, and not just on paper. The Chronicle has been significantly reorganized, with many of its regular features changing places and in some cases sporting a new format.

The “People” section is now located on page 7, as is “Nota Bene,” while “Around Campus” shifts to page 2. Page 3, the former home for “Postings” (now on page 6), will encompass the occasional features “Quote/Unquote” and “Extra Credit.” The “Looking Ahead” section remains on page 8, but has been reformatted.

These changes will, the Chronicle staff believes, help to make for a more attractive, readable layout and design.

In addition, the Chronicle’s campus distribution will be aided by the use of vending racks located in Gasson Hall, O’Neill Library, 21 Campanella Way, McElroy Commons, Stuart Hall and other locations.

ALC reaches out

Dorchester resident James Key was the inaugural winner of a youth scholarship award funded by the Boston College AHANA Leadership Council at the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Roxbury.

Key, a Madison Park High School graduate who is entering Bunker Hill Community College this fall, received the award, a laptop computer, during the church’s July 25 service.

The AHANA Leadership Council established the award through sales of a DVD of a panel discussion, “Nigger: It’s Just a Word or Is It?” Implications of ‘Nigger/Nigga’ As Used in Mass Media,” it co-sponsored in February. The ALC held an essay contest, open to college-bound students, through the Resurrection Church youth program to determine the winner.

In his essay, Key briefly discussed the origins and usage of the words “nigger” and “nigga,” and the circumstances under which each might be considered offensive or a familiar and friendly form of

John McNamana, MD, of Health Services is presented with a citation by State Rep. Peter Koutoujian (D-Waltham). (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)
Boston College recently received two strong endorsements of its academic quality, reputation and mission among the nation’s premier higher education institutions, placing among the top 35 national universities in the US News & World Report annual survey and being named as one of the elite “New Ivies” by Newsweek magazine.

US News ranked BC 34th in its listing of the best national universities for 2006. It is the first use in reference in assessments of higher education. This year’s US News college report also placed BC’s Carroll School of Management at 29th among undergraduate business schools and included the University in its “Great Schools, Great Prices” section. In addition, BC’s First Year Experience was cited in the US News compilation of “Special Programs.”

The Newsweek ranking, which also appears in the Kaplan/Newsweek college guide — published almost at the same time as the US News rankings — introduced for the first time the “New Ivies,” which it identified as colleges “whose distinctive programs, combined with a population boom in top students, have fueled their rise in stature and favor among the nation’s top students, administrators and faculty — edging them to a competitive stance with the Ivy League.”

Boston College was one of 25 schools selected as a “New Ivy,” based on admissions statistics as well as interviews with administrators, students, faculty and alumni.

University administrators said the US News and Newsweek results affirm BC’s efforts to cultivate a reputation as a leading Catholic, Jesuit university — and provide yet more incentive to build on its progress.

“Popularity in the world of higher education means more work,” said Dean for Enrollment Management Robert Lay. “Invariably, these kinds of extensively read surveys and assessments create increased interest from prospective students, which translates into more applications for our Admission staff to evaluate.

“This means that BC can continue to offer admission to the very best students in the country, and thus increase our selectivity. This is how a reputation is built — and that in turn means you attract great faculty, who want to teach at a great school.

“So, the US News and Newsweek results do not represent an endpoint for BC, but rather demonstrate to the US how we are becoming more distinctive, and a less of a ‘surprise,’ to the nation’s college-age population.”

Director of Undergraduate Admissions John Mahoney Jr. said, “When our staff has met with Fr. Leahy, he’s emphasized the importance of Boston College becoming the best Boston College it can be. I think this year’s US News ranking shows that BC has enhanced its academic reputation while remaining true to its mission as a Catholic, Jesuit university.

“We are thankful for the US News ranking is a tribute to our faculty and their dual commitment to research and undergraduate teaching. That’s what prospective students are seeing in Boston College, and that’s why top students are applying.”

—John Mahoney Jr.

Advancing Growth in Research and Sponsored Programs

Boston College has announced that Bert Garza, MD, who last year arrived at the University as academic vice president and dean of faculties, will assume the title of provost and dean of faculties.

Garza’s appointment as provost — the first in BC history — is intended to improve the overall working relationship among BC’s academic offices and resources, according to senior administrators. As provost and dean of faculties, Garza will continue to serve as the University’s top academic officer.

The move to the title of provost represents a strengthening of Boston College’s commitment to its academic programs,” said Garza. “It is an affirmation of the faculty’s excellence, commitment to the University, and aspirations to yet stronger teaching, research, and service programs. It is a move that I welcome and am personally very excited in carrying out.

A vice-provost at Cornell University prior to coming to BC, Garza is a noted scientist who is regarded as a leading expert in the field of human nutrition. Since 1995, he has been director of the Food and Nutrition Program of the United Nations University, a think-tank and community of scholars that serves as a bridge between the UN and the international academic community. Garza is a noted scientist who is regarded as a leading expert in the field of human nutrition. Since 1995, he has been director of the Food and Nutrition Program of the United Nations University, a think-tank and community of scholars that serves as a bridge between the UN and the international academic community.

University Sets Record for Research and Sponsored Programs

Research on aging and retirement issues and work on fine-tuning a global satellite-based navigation system, or “inertial navigation,” brought in a record $44.4 million in research and sponsored projects in fiscal 2006. The total was about 16 percent above the previous fiscal year and 5 percent above the previous record of $42.2 million set in fiscal 2005.

“Congratulations are in order for the Boston College faculty, who set a new university record in research and sponsored program activity,” said John Carfora, director of the Office of Sponsored Programs. “This is good news and a sound investment in the level of scholarly activity among Boston College faculty.”

University faculty also set a record in the total number of new proposals put forward in fiscal 2006, with 349. The previous high came in fiscal 2003, when BC professors submitted 335 proposals.

Provost and Dean of Faculty Bert Garza said the new record in sponsored projects was all the more impressive given increased competition for such funds nationwide.

“It is a testament to the fact the faculty continue to excel in this arena, and suggests that such success will likely continue,” he said.

Garza also tried to allay concerns expressed by some University community members that BC grows its research endeavors, teaching and other activities may suffer.

“Quite the contrary. It enhances the teaching program in very direct ways,” he said. “The opportunity for students to be involved in research increases, as does the number of more professors actively engaged in the knowledge of discovery in the classroom.”

In fiscal 2006, education research accounted for more than a quarter of the dollars in outside funding received. Some $8.3 million went to the Lynch School of Education, while its affiliated International Study Center took in $5 million.

Another top recipient was the Institute for Scientific Research, which studies the effects of the Internet and other communications and systems patterns. Patricia Doherty, co-director of the institute, said slightly more than half of the institute’s funds come from the US Air Force. It also receives money from NASA, the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Science Foundation.

Among the institute’s more interesting work is a NSF-sponsored program that entails installing a series of Ianoptorin sensors in South America to give researchers their first peek at ionospheric characteristics in that region, Doherty said. Institute researchers are also helping fine-tune a global navigation system that aims to land airplanes using satellite signals.

“50 percent of a college simply based on where it is ranked or how few applicants are admitted, you could be setting yourself up for a huge disappointment.”
John Feudo ’82, an alumni relations professional for the past 18 years, was named associate vice president for alumni relations at Boston College this summer. Feudo had also been executive director of the University of Connecticut Alumni Association since 1993, assumed his current post as head of Boston College’s 140,000-member alumni organization on Aug. 7.

“We are very pleased to welcome John back to Boston College,” said Vice President for University Advancement Jim Husson. “As a leader in the alumni relations profession and a member of the BC family, John brings unique educational roots in a job that will encompass all of his career experiences.”

“I have always enjoyed being a student and a teacher,” said Lehane, who will oversee Cape Cod’s largest community-based learning center with programs ranging from early childhood to adult education. “In all of my jobs I was always teaching, and now I am going to a place that will allow me to use my love of teaching and my organizational, administrative and supervisory skills and experiences in a manner that will have a positive effect on so many people throughout Cape Cod and the Islands. It is a wonderful opportunity.”

While at Boston College, Lehane served as Fr. Leathy’s chief of staff, managing the Office of the President, working with senior University administrators in executing the president’s initiatives, overseeing the offices of community relations, public affairs, marketing communications and legal counsel, and serving as chief liaison to the Board of Trustees.

It was a job he handled with dignity, patience and grace, colleagues say.

“Jim Lehane has been a steady and trusted presence in so many areas both on and off-campus,” said Fr. Leathy. “I am one of many people who relied on his judgment, wisdom and knowledge of BC and Greater Boston. He accomplished much and gave much to BC over these past nine years and I wish him and his family the very best in the years to come.”

In addition, Lehane drew plaudits for galvanizing forces on and off campus to do more effectively with student behavior issues surrounding athletic events, and for his efforts to improve relations with the Boston Police and the City of Boston.

“Jim is the consummate professional. He is always positive, knows how to get people to work together and has been an extremely effective problem solver for the president and the University,” said Executive Vice President Patrick Keating. “He has always done his job in a very quiet, respectful way. He will be greatly missed by us all.”

Added Executive Director of Marketing Communications Ben Bierbaum, “We take intelligence for granted at Boston College, because it is a common commodity here. But in Jim Lehanes he is linked to patience, experience, curiosity, a commodity of which, and that is rare anywhere. He brought a worldly and gentle wisdom to the University and to his engagements with people here, and I’tl miss feeling that and witnessing it.”

Looking back, Lehane said he was most grateful for the opportunity to have served Fr. Leathy and his alma mater in an important administrative role.

“I have really enjoyed the incredible people at Boston College. I have had a lot of good jobs in my career, but never have I been in a place where people so readily pull together. There is a real sense of family here, from the people who cut the grass to the folks who clean the offices to the professors and administrators. It is infectious.”

Having enjoyed working in the closest proximity to Fr. Leathy, Lehane saves his fondest praise for a president he says is incredibly modest and who lives out the Gospel messages in his everyday life.

“Fr. Leathy is a person of great patience and equanimity who remains calm in a way that affects everyone around him. He is also a true strategist who sees the big picture better than anyone I have ever known,” said Lehane. “I will really miss working with him.”

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John Feudo, who grew up in the Boston suburb of Everett, knew at a young age that he wanted to attend Boston College. “I started coming to BC when I was about 10 years old,” he says. “My brother Peter was a student and a member of the BC Band. [Former Band director] Peter Siragusa used to let me sit in the stands with the band at Alumni Stadium and play along. It was at that point that I said to myself, ‘This is where I am going to be eight years from now.’”

Entrolling at Boston College, Feudo studied political science and played in the Boston College Marching and Pep Bands.

“One of the fondest memories I have was in [University Historian] Tom O’Connor’s class and using firecrackers to ‘blow up’ a model of the battleship USS Maine,” he recalls. “I sent him an e-mail about it a couple of years ago and he remembered it as well.”

A talented trumpet player, Fee do was named head of the BC Pep Band as an undergraduate. “I remember when the BC basketball team was going down to Virginia to play in a NIT game in 1980,” [Associate Athletic Director] Ed Carroll gave me an envelope with $1,500 in it and the keys to a van and said ‘Fill it with as many band members and cheerleaders as you can and get down there to support the team.’”

“We did,” Feudo laughs.

After graduation, Feudo became manager of membership and public relations for Toastmasters International, a non-profit educational organization based in Santa Ana, Calif.

He eventually sought to return to both the East Coast and the higher education environment and was appointed director of alumni and field services at Tufts University in 1988.

“Experiences I had as a student at BC made me realize what a great culture and great environment it was to be a part of as an adult,” Feudo says. “When I moved back east, I knew I wanted to be in the advancement profession.”

After years at Tufts, and having earned a master’s degree in communication at Lesley University, Feudo was named associate vice chancellor for university advancement at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, overseeing alumni activities for the state’s flagship higher education institution. In 1999, he was named executive director of UMass’s 175,000-member alumni association.

While at UConn, he reengineered the school’s volunteer, reengagement and the University alumni center project. In addition, he launched a $4.5 million campaign for alumni initiatives and coordinated the design and construction of a $3.7 million alumni center project.

In addition to his on-campus work, Feudo was elected president of the national Council of Alumni Association Executives. He has also authored and edited several books on the alumni relations profession.

Feudo and his wife Jann are the parents of three children and live in Belchertown, Mass.
CUNY Psychologist To Be Next Holder of S. Nelson Chair

Dr. Anderson J. Franklin, a scholar whose research interests focus on the psychological well-being of African-Americans and especially African-American men, has been appointed the second holder of the Honorable David S. Nelson Professorial Chair at Boston College.

Dean of the Carroll Graduate School of Management Dean Joseph O’Keefe, SJ, announced that Dr. Franklin, currently a professor in the Clinical and Social Psychology Doctoral Programs in the Department of Psychology at the Graduate School and City College of the City University of New York, will join the Lynch School faculty in January 2007 in the Department of Counseling, Developmental and Educational Psychology.

“We are very enthused about his arrival,” Dr. O’Keefe said. “He is a very important scholar in the psychology community and someone who has been a leader for years in the area of diversity issues and psychology.”

Dr. O’Keefe added that Dr. Franklin will provide an important connection to the African-American community in Boston and has voiced an interest in working with some of the area’s African-American churches.

“While the Nelson Chair is housed at the Lynch School, it is a chair that belongs to the University community,” Dr. O’Keefe said. “Some chairs are focused narrowly in a particular specialty and while Professor Franklin brings that expertise, the nature of the Nelson Chair is someone who can help us as a community think about issues related to diversity and racial justice.”

The Nelson Chair was established in 1995 in honor of David S. Nelson, ’57, JD ’60, the former University trustee chairman and US District Court judge who died in 1998. It is offered to a distinguished professor who reflects the educational aspirational and human qualities Nelson exhibited during his career.

Dr. Franklin called the late judge and former trustee “a man of great distinction, reputation and dedication to Boston College and most importantly to the African-American community and ethnic minority students.” He said he was honored not only to join Boston College but also to continue in the tradition of working with Nelson’s aspirations for students.

“Certainly my work with under-represented minority students and particularly advocating for and supporting the admissions, retention and graduation of those students is consistent with Judge Nelson’s work and his vision,” Dr. Franklin said. “It’s quite a distinction and honor to be able to have a chair not only named after such a distinguished person but also to have shared his vision.”

Dr. Franklin teaches courses on ethnicity and mental health, resilience and psychological well-being, and qualitative research interviewing.

His clinical work, along with understanding resilience among people of African descent, has led him to develop a theory called the invisibility syndrome, which he says helps explain the psychological consequences for American blacks of repeated experiences of perceived racism.

For example, when a student’s genuine abilities and personality are overshadowed by teachers’ beliefs about black males, that student goes invisible until proven of value. Expectations for this student, according to Dr. Franklin, are determined with the rest of their life.

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Associate Dean Jeffrey L. Ringuest, dean of the Carroll Graduate School of Management on June 1, is adding a value-based dimension to graduate studies at Boston College – a strategy designed to produce even more effective and well-rounded management professionals for the future.

Serving for the past eight years as CGSOM’s director of graduate curriculum and research, Ringuest had worked with former CGSOM Dean Robert Taggart to upgrade the school’s academic curriculum, implementing a new MBA studies program that offered students an opportunity to specialize in specific subject areas, such as finance or industry, of the traditional broad-based MBA curriculum.

When Taggart stepped down last year to return to the classroom and devote more time to his duties as the University Representative to Athletics, Ringuest, a 20-year faculty member, was named graduate dean and decided to take the curriculum to an even higher plane.

“We are trying to make sure that the students we are educating stand out, students who have respect for and take pride in management as a profession,” he says.

“Invisibility Syndrome: From Brotherhood to Man to Invisibility”

BY STEPHEN GAWLIK

Economics Department faculty member Peter N. Ireland, a former Federal Reserve economist and researcher whose work is hailed in academic, government and business quarters, is the University’s inaugural Murray Monti Professor of Economics.

“I am very flattered and grateful for being recognized with such a distinction,” said Ireland, who joined the BC faculty in 1998. “I am especially thankful to the donor for this opportunity and pleased to be selected for this honor.”

Ireland previously taught at Rutgers University and served for six years as an economist and research officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. A native of Lexington, Mass., he earned his undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees at the University of Chicago.

In addition to his teaching and research duties at Boston College, Ireland serves as a research associate for the National Bureau of Economic Research, the highly respected research organization dedicated to promoting a greater understanding of how the economy works by undertaking and disseminating unbiased economic relationships and dreams of the invisibility syndrome (2004). the University has faced challenges in finding a Nelson Chair holder because it was seeking a truly special candidate. The chair’s inaugural holder was Lucius T. Outlaw, a scholar in African-American, social and political philosophy, and holder of a 1972 Boston College doctorate. The chair was initially created as a rotating chair and was not founded in a particular discipline, but after Outlaw’s two-year term ended the decision was made to move the chair to the Lynch School and to make it a permanent position.

“It is fitting that we have a chair named to honor Judge Nelson’s honor and that the chair holder be someone who can make a difference in the lives of Boston College students, faculty and staff,” De Leuw said.

“Many chair holders are appointed because they are extraordinary scholars and their scholarship, of course, makes a difference in the world and to them and to their discipline. But chair holders aren’t usually expected to be a real presence on campus in the way we hope the Judge Nelson chair holder will be.”

“With A.J. Franklin I think we have that person. We are very pleased that he will be joining us.”
‘Mad Money’ Comes to Campus on Sept. 20

By Reid Oslin
Staff Writer

Jim Cramer, the zany investment analyst and market commentator whose nightly show on CNBC has become a cable television icon, will videotape his “Mad Money” show at Boston College on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

The taping will be in Conte Forum at 4 p.m. The show is broadcast three times each night on CNBC at 6 and 9 p.m. and midnight.

Admission to the videotaping of the show is free, but tickets must be obtained in advance. Tickets are available by e-mailing madmoneycampus@cnbc.com.

Cramer believes that there is always a bull market somewhere and wants to help his viewers invest in the stock market and by traveling to colleges — like Boston College — I can reach interested students and get them excited at an early age about the world of investing, he says.

Last year, “Mad Money” shows were taped at Harvard Business School, the University of Michigan and Columbia University. The visit to Boston College is the show’s first campus appearance this academic year.

In addition to his “Mad Money” television show and frequent appearances on NBC’s “Today Show”, Cramer is market commentator for TheStreet.com, a multimedia provider of financial commentary, analysis and news; the host of a nationally syndicated radio program on the CBS Radio Network; and writes the popular “Bombat Line” column for New York magazine.

Cramer is the author of three best-selling books on investing: Confessions of a Street Addict, You Get Screwed, and Jim Cramer’s Real Money.

There are, of course, a number of reasons why we revisit disasters.

Apart from the primary reasons for some groups who want to make sure that we as a public never forget the issues they raised — like the Holocaust, for example, or the political motivations for seeking support for the war through reviving 9/11 fears — the nature of disasters seems to always catch us by surprise, to emotionally overwhelm us in such a way that we have to keep reminding ourselves that they are real. That this is really happening, now, to us.

Because of the emotional trauma surrounding catastrophic events, it takes a great deal of time to emotionally heal — to overcome the great fear they inflict — as well as to understand them intellectually. I believe that much of the motivation to revisit disasters is to place them in a larger historical context through which we can make sense of them. And then, through understanding, place their significance within an appropriate perspective. We need to come to grips with the “Why me?” part of the disaster, to feel safe and well again.

Replaying the original experience visually through media taps the deepest emotional responses.

For those who have not healed and still experience post-traumatic stress, the media replay is very upsetting, bringing back anew all the devastating emotions of the original event itself. But for those who have achieved some intellectual distance, it can be emotionally reassuring that we have survived the disaster, and can be a matter of renewing one’s faith in a benevolent God or universe, which can be highly positive.

I believe that our ways of observing disaster have changed over time, primarily because of media. Media creates collective response. It sends the same message over and over again to all people tuned in, and this both a sense of isolation or alienation, too, if our feelings are deeper, more complex, or different from the general media response.

Media coverage brings people together in a particular mindset or emotional set, but it often ends up actually “celebrating” disasters by exploiting them, creating over-simplified heroes and villains, and leaving people emotionally numb through over-stimulation.

As people either begin to feel isolated within a proscribed mass emotion, or as they yearn to be a part of the celebrity produced by the media event, we see numbers of people sporting tee shirts with “NYFD” on them after 9-11, as well as people using their automobiles to announce the death of a loved one in the war with “In mem- oriam” signs on their car windows.

We all want to be noticed, to have sacrifices acknowledged, and to feel a part of something more important than ourselves. Media disaster coverage brings these out in both positive and negative ways.

Media exploits disasters because disaster coverage guarantees audiences. Disaster events have all of the earmarks necessary to grab viewers’ attention and to keep them emotionally involved and tuned in. So every disaster becomes a media event to be used to the max, both now and later. But to the public, mediated anniversaries usually seem to result either in a confirmation of political or religious beliefs, or in an alienated and empty sadness.

They also are political fodder for all sorts of motivations. Politicians exploit the media images that originally produced our emotions, and at the end of the line we are often worn-out emotionally by the experience. Emotional fatigue results in a desensitization to others, which injures us in all our interac- tions with others; media overexpos- ure in general breeds a kind of numbness and oversimplified view of things that is ultimately de- structive to the person and to the society, particularly if we can do nothing to change the situation.
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BC Establishes Church Management Program

"Boston College, with its strength in both theological education for ministry at the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry and in management through the Carroll School of Management, is ideally suited to help meet this most urgent need in the Church."

Carroll School Dean Andrew Boynton praised the new initiative as a way for Boston College to be of service to the Catholic Church and the wider community.

"In addition to developing highly skilled, values-driven leaders, an important aspect of our mission as part of a Jesuit, Catholic university is to be of service to the many communities — local, national and global — which sustain us," said Boynton. "To tailor a program of business and financial management education to suit the needs of religious institutions is a natural expression of that mission."

Students in both programs will be required to participate in an integrative colloquium aimed at helping people to integrate the worlds of religious institutions and business. They will also interact with faculty and students in BC's theology department, Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics and Church in the 21st Century Center.

"Given that so many of the current challenges and problems of the Catholic Church can be traced, in part, to poor management of resources and personnel, the need for this type of formal training in ministry and management has never been greater," said Groome. "We look forward to helping the Church to address this crucial need."

Collaboration Offers Summer Program in Urban Ecology to Boston Area Schoolchildren

BY ROSANNE PELLEGRINI STAFF WRITER

Local public school students and teachers enjoyed the "hands-on" study of bird bioacoustics and urban forestry this summer as part of an annual institute on urban ecology and information technology offered by Boston College.

Created through a collaboration of the University's Urban Ecology Institute, Lynch School of Education and Environmental Studies Program, the summer institute aimed to foster student interest in science and technology and to encourage career exploration in these areas. It included daily classroom lectures and visits to local field sites in Boston, for study of urban ecology using the technological tools of practicing scientists.

Institute participants had opportunities to conduct a field-based research study, learn science in caring for their local environment. Urban students, in particular, have a great deal to offer in regard to caring for their urban environment and one of the major goals is to empower students to take action in caring for their urban environment.

Barrett's co-leaders were Eric Strauss, director of the BC's Environmental Studies Program, and Chatur Lord, executive director of the Urban Ecology Institute.

One of the field projects this year, led by Lynch School of Education graduate student Meredith Houle, addressed animal communication through the investigation of local bird songs and calls. The other project engaged students and teachers in exploring relevant issues related to the health and economic impact of urban trees, with the support of Lynch School graduate students Anne Gatling and Janice Anderson.

Organizers said the institute concepts, interact with scientists and educators, work in science labs on a university campus — and, in so doing, learn career and technology skills that may be useful later on.

Sixty-five students, primarily eighth and ninth graders from Brighton High School, Urban Science Academy, Nativity Prep, St. Columbkille School and Odyssey High School, attended this year’s institute, which ran from July 24-Aug. 3. Prior to their arrival, 46 local middle- and high-school teachers came to campus for a two-week workshop to develop curriculum projects and other materials for the institute.

"The program engages students in learning scientific content about career trajectories in science and information technology," said institute co-leader Ass’t Prof. Michael Barnett (LSOE). "Through their work, students also learn how individuals can make a difference fostered an understanding of how urban ecosystems function and respond to change, established scientific observation and sampling techniques for teachers to implement with their students and provided a forum to discuss strategies that promote student learning and enhance community stewardship.

The use of curriculum materials and scientific experiences, organizers added, can help inner-city students connect their academic work and future career options, and enhance their motivation to succeed in school.

BC organizers also note that, through the program, they have developed an informal technology component for the new field-based urban ecology modules in 7th-12th grade classrooms of Boston-area public schools. The materials have been piloted and will be implemented in multiple schools this fall, with plans to expand the initiative.
Antidepressants and the Self

Sociologist speaks from experience on impact of psychiatric drugs

BY SEAN SMITH

He had good health. Life offered many fulfilling roles for David Karp — husband, father, professor of sociology at Boston College — but another seemed to occupy more and more of his attention: victim of clinical depression.

For more than 25 years, Karp had taken medication to battle his illness, generally accepting that it was in his best interest to do so. But now he was having serious doubts — fueled in part by his visit to a symposium on health and identity — as to whether that was still true.

So, as the summer of 2001 approached, Karp made a decision: He would begin to reduce his intake of psychotropic drugs, and eventually stop altogether.

That choice, and the consequences of it, helped form the basis for Karp’s new book, It’s Me or My Meds: Living with Antidepressants. In addition to documenting his own struggle with depression and medication, Karp interviewed 50 people, each diagnosed with a mental illness, on their experiences with psychiatric drugs.

The book, Karp says, represents an all-too-true view on mental health in the United States, provided by people who deal with such issues day in and week out. “But there are serious questions that need to be asked: How do antidepressants affect self-image? Am I exactly the same person I was before I started taking drugs, or have I become someone else — and how much of that change is because of the medication?”

“Emotionally ill people and their families rarely get to speak their minds in public discourse about their illness. Rather, most of our information on these matters comes from professional experts. Doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, sociologists and therapists bring us academic and clinical perspectives to issues surrounding mental health, but their efforts typically bypass the stories of ill people themselves.”

Interviewees include a distraught teenager who shuns antidepressants while regularly using street drugs and a woman who still suffers for a spiritual solution to depression even after telling intimates “I’m on Prozac and it’s saving my life.”

As Karp reveals, his attempt at reducing his medication ultimately failed: He had severe problems sleeping. “I’m a little bendy — always the barometer of my emotional well-being,” he notes — and the combination of fatigue and anxiety came to a head during an emotional family send-off for his daughter and son-in-law. The return to psychiatric drugs was no smooth ride, either, as Karp tried to find the elusive right balance of medication that would enable him to cope with his depression and lead a satisfying life.

“I have no regrets at all about it,” says Karp of the episode. “While I had thought about medication quite a bit over the years, the experiences more completely sensitized me to the interpretive complexities surrounding psychiatric drug use. I think these experiences were really the chief stimuli to writing the book.”

“Even now, I wonder how I would do and who I might be free of drug. I may even make another effort in the future to get off. However, for the moment I am reconciled to being on the drugs even though I am never certain that they are doing much of anything for me and may even be the cause of some problems. “Right now, though, I am not willing to pay the price required to do another major experiment.”

For more information on “Writers Among Us,” call ext. 2-4820 A Q&A with David Karp is available online at www.bc.edu/hc/engrp/pubs/featurecl/bc5568/karpfeatures.html
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and student formation missions. Both undertakings, he noted, have involved considerable dis- cussion and consultation with members of the University com- munity.

P Datos and Dean of Facul- ties Bert Garza, who became the University’s top academic officer last year, also gave his first-ever Convocation Address.

Garza said his first several months on the job had more than validated his decision to return to BC. He spoke of the “idealism, creativity and intelligence” he has encountered at the University and a “genuine commitment to ser- vice” among its faculty, staff and students.

“With an energy about Boston College,” said Garza, “in its striving for academic excel- tion and growth of the Catholic university’s contribution to society, there is a critical issue facing the Catholic community and advance- ting contemporary reflection on the Catholic intellectual tradition.

“In order to be a leader in liberal arts education in the United States,” Boston College President Father McShane said, “we must be the leading university in the country in terms of teaching and research in the natural sciences; build on the BC professional schools’ reputations and performance; serve as an intellectual and cultural crossroads; and strive to be the leading Catholic university and theologi- cal center.

“Already, said Fr. Leahy, steps have been taken to realize these goals. He noted such examples as: the recent BC Center for the Institute on Aging in the 21st Century, the Center for Catholic Higher Education, the Intersections Pro- gram, the addition of five new faculty in integrated sciences, the proposed reaffiliation with the BC professional schools’ repu-

Fr. Leahy discussed that faculty — who he said are so central to BC’s success — must play a role in such initiatives, urging them to “share your vision, work and com- mitment with alumni and with potential donors. They respond to people who are dedicated to their field and have clear ideas.”

Fr. Leahy reflected on what he said were four key tenets of BC’s character as it continues its emergence as a major national, and international, university. In- stitutional excellence “must be our top priority,” he said, and a willingness to build partnerships — with individuals or with or- ganizations — that help BC pursue its academic and spiritual objectives.

He also cited attention to Catholic and mission heritage as another critical area — representing “a commitment to a truly liberating education” — as well as the importance of maintaining a campus culture in which ambition and care for an- other can co-exist.

“Those past 10 years have been a privilege for me,” concluded Fr. Leahy. “And as we embark upon our new academic year, I ask that you commit your talents, your creativity and your energy to the task of building an even greater University — one faithful to its roots and confident about its future.”

Fr. Leahy Discusses Master Plan

Vatican Education

BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN

A national held at Bos- ton College this summer brought together Catholic school educators and administrators to share views on how to stem the tide of clos- ing Catholic schools in the United States.

“Endangered Species: Urban and Rural Catholic Schools,” held June 25 and 26, was held as part of SPCE (Selected Programs for Improving Catholic Education), an ongoing joint venture between the BC Law School and the National Catholic Educational As- sociation (NCEA) to honor success- ful K-12 Catholic school programs and provide additional res- ources for other educators.

The conference recognized pro- grams that will educate superintend- ents, principals, teachers and other participants on the scope of the challenge of sustaining struggling urban schools and begin to chart a course to bring new stability and vi- ability to Catholic schools that serve the poor. Among the topics dis- cussed were: reorganization, includ- ing closing schools or having one governance body oversee several schools in a region; advocacy initia- tives, such as voucher programs and tax-credits, and sustained fundrais- ing efforts.

Highlighting the summit was an address by Atlanta Archbishop Wilton Gregory, former president of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), who co-spon- sored the event along with BC and the NCEA.

Archbishop Gregory, who was brought up as a non-Catholic but inspired to enter the Church as a re- sult of his Catholic education, called upon the summit attendees not to neglect their mission of educating the poor. Discussing proposed changes to Catholic school closings, he noted that the Chicago Archdio- cese developed a plan to build new schools in strategic locations and market them as viable, accessible and affordable.

“As one once was an inner- city kid in a Catholic school,” he told the audience, “I hope you continue to invite me to tell my story to encourage my colleagues who sit in those desks; I want to see that you believe in the future and to believe in themselves.”

“Endangered Species” also fea- tured an address by Worcester Bishop Robert McManus, chair of the USCCB’s Committee on Edu- cation, and panel discussions on “Research on Urban and Rural Schools” and “The Role of Private Philanthropy in Saving Catholic Schools.”

Lynch School of Education Dean Rev. Joseph O’Keefe, SJ, “by bring- ing together the leaders of Catholic education in the United States, Bos- ton College continues its commit- ment to the renewal of Catholic elementary and secondary schools, especially those that provide educa- tional opportunities for children from poor and underserved populations.”

Daniel Curran, executive direc- tor of NCEA’s Chief Administra- tors of Catholic Education, added, “The 2006 SPCE program is a collaborative effort [in response to the recent bishops letter, Renew- ing Catholic Education] aimed at continu- ing the conversation on developing collaborative strategies and develop- ing relationships with individuals in the non-Catholic community.”

“I understand these are not easy decisions to make, but they are necessary,” said Garza. “And I hope that everyone here can see that the faith and dedication we have to our new academic year, I ask that you commit your talents, your creativity and your energy to the task of building an even greater University — one faithful to its roots and confident about its future.”

Conference Tackles Catholic School Issues

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VATICAN EDUCATION

Fr. Leahy: Education Head to Speak at BC

The Vatican’s Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education, Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, will deliver an address on “Catholic Higher Education in the United States” on Sept. 11 at 4:30 p.m. in Caslin 100.

His appearance is sponsored by BC’s Church in the 21st Century Center, which serves as a resource for the renewal of the Catholic Church in the United States, engaging in critical issues facing the Catholic community and advancing contemporary reflection on the Catholic intellectual tradition.

“Archbishop Miller, the Titular Archbishop of Vertara, is the former president of the University of St. Thomas in Houston and former dean of its School of Theology. He has spoken and written on topics such as public funding for religiously sponsored schools in Canada and the United States, religious and Catholic identity at universities. He has been a member of the Basilian Fathers since 1965. We are very pleased to welcome Archbishop Miller to Boston College,” said Fr. Leahy.

As a former Catholic University presi- dent, he understands the particular challenges that Catholic universities in the United States face in trying to bring into the Church and the Congregation for Catholic Education, the Institute on Aging in the 21st Century Center Director Timothy P. Muldowney. “We welcome the opportunity to hear him reflect on the Vatican’s view of the role that the Catholic university can play in the contemporary world.”

For more information on the Church in the 21st Cen- tury and its activities, see www.bc.edu/c21.
Teaching for SUCCESS

BC program helps new teachers go to the head of the class

BY SEAN SMITH

The first five years of a teacher’s career are considered the most critical — not just for the teacher, but for the profession.

So say administrators of a Boston College mentoring discussion program that builds the professional and leadership skills of new teachers, especially in urban schools, while encouraging them to integrate social justice into their teaching.

The program, Project SUCCESS (School University Collaboration) is a national initiative that was created via BC’s participation in the Carnegie Corp. Teachers for a New Era (TNE) national initiative. A $5 million Carnegie grant funded the TNE collaboration between the University’s Lynch School of Education and College of Arts and Sciences.

SUCCESS brings novice educators together for seminars, workshops, regular meetings and other events, in both formal and informal settings, and with veteran teachers. In late June, for example, the program co-sponsored an institute focusing on teachers who work with English language learners (ELL).

The program is built around the idea that teachers new to the profession, versus vested in educational techniques, practice and philosophy, can use advice on the day-in, week-out details of the job.

“Think about some aspects of teaching — setting up and managing a classroom, putting together a lesson plan — that everyone takes for granted, until you have to do it,” said Carol Pelletier, director of professional practice and induction at the Lynch School and coordinator for Project SUCCESS.

“We think it’s very important in the induction of new teachers that they have the opportunity to share ideas and experiences as well as to listen to perspectives from mentors. These first few years set the tone for how well they do in their careers, or whether they will even stay in the profession.”

Pelletier, a Catholic, Jesuit university, brings a distinctive element to this professional development and mentoring effort, adding an emphasis on social justice.

“Dealing with the dilemmas of practice should not override the quest for social justice in education. Project SUCCESS seeks to keep our graduates aware of this: how as a teacher you can integrate the school culture with respect and dignity for your colleagues, students and families.

“So, through the program, these new teachers can find ways not only to improve, but thrive — and become teachers who, we hope, will become leaders and groundbreakers.”

Louise Kuhlman, supervisor of student teachers at the Garfield Elementary School in Brighton and a veteran of three decades in education who serves a mentor for SUCCESS, says the importance of a program like Project SUCCESS should not be underestimated.

“Often, beginning teachers don’t want to say what they don’t know,” she said. “SUCCESS gives them a safe environment in which they can comfortably express their concerns or anxieties and, in so doing, be able to start resolving these issues.

“As a mentor, my task is to achieve a critical balance: not just to give advice, which I do, but to build their capacity for decision-making.”

Pelletier says SUCCESS participants cite increased confidence in many aspects of their jobs, and positive results that go beyond their own performance: One teacher, for example, reported ‘learning strategies from my colleagues that helped me increase the reading scores of one of my students.”

Marc Banks ’04, M.Ed.’05, heard about SUCCESS first-hand from Pelletier while visiting her office last year and was encouraged to sign up for the seminar for first and second-year teachers. He has since attended a monthly mentoring group through SUCCESS.

“Besides offering the chance to discuss ways of making our, and our students’ classroom experiences better in general, the group is a great outlet for new ideas that I never would have thought of on my own had I not been meeting with other teachers, ” said Banks, who teaches 10th grade English and language arts at Framingham High School. “One of the key aspects of this meeting is being paired with a mentor who has 10 years teaching experience. She gives us little anecdotes about what we have yet to face. She also gives us tips about how to make our pedagogy even better.”

Care Stable, a biology and marine biology teacher at Cambridge Rindge and Latin who completed her master’s of education degree at BC in 1995, took part in the SUCCESS seminar series last year. She cites the program’s monthly mentoring groups as a boon to her progress.

“We get along very well and it provides a relaxed atmosphere where I can ask questions and discuss concerns and triumphs in my classroom. It often helps to hear the thoughts and opinions of people who are not co-workers. They’re removed from the situation and provide a different perspective. The group has been great at providing suggestions for how to handle grading schemes, behavior problems, workplace politics, and so on. I come away from each meeting with more ideas and motivation to succeed at my job.”

POSTINGS

Deadline today for Read Aloud Program volunteers

Boston College employees interested in participating in the Read Aloud Program, which sends volunteers to read to local schoolchildren, must register by the end of today.

Participants in Read Aloud are divided into teams and assigned to a particular class at the Mary Lyon, James Garfield Elementary School, or St. Columbkille School in Brighton. The time commitment is one hour a month, approximately noon-1 p.m. Volunteers also must attend a one-hour training session on Sept. 14.

For more information on Read Aloud, contact the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs at ext.2-4787 or e-mail laura.bitran@bc.edu.

Exhibit on international education opens Monday

O’Neil Library will present the exhibit, “Bridging the Chasm,” a look at international higher education at Boston College, which in addition to helping promote international higher education at Boston College provides links among the more than 200 Jesuit universities and colleges worldwide, and building research capacity in the field of international higher education.

An on-line supplement to “Bridging the Chasm” is available at bc.edu/libraries/meta-elements/html/2006summer/index.html.

Volunteer Fair is Sept. 12

Members of the University community interested in service programs and opportunities are invited to attend the Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Lynn Hall Dining Room.

The event is sponsored by the BC Volunteer and Service Learning Center, at ext.2-1317. For more on the center and its activities, see www.bc.edu/volc.

Sociology lecture series to kick off with Piven

The Sociology Department’s Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series will begin Sept. 13 with a lecture by author Frances Fox Piven, “Challenging Authority: How Ordinary People Change America.” Her talk will be held at 5 p.m. in Devlin 101.

Piven, a distinguished professor of sociology and political science at City University of New York, has published numerous books discussing the development of the welfare state, political movements, urban and electoral politics. The title of her talk is taken from her most recent book, and her other works include Why Americans Still Don’t Vote (2000) and The War at Home (2004).

She also will hold a seminar, “Theoretical Perspectives on Power from Below,” on Sept. 14. Those interested in attending should e-mail sociology@bc.edu.

For more on the event and the Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series, see www.bc.edu/schools/cae/sociology/visit.html.

funeral services were held Aug. 14, at St. Joseph’s Church in Needham for Rose DeMaio, former secretary to the University Historian. Mrs. DeMaio, who worked at Boston College for 33 years, died Aug. 9. She was 82.

Mrs. DeMaio began work at Boston College in 1972 in the Treasurer’s Office. She also worked in the Controller’s Office and Student Accounts before becoming secretary in 1983 to then-University Historian Charles Donovan, S.J.

She continued working in that position until her retirement last year.

“BC was more than just a job to her and she loved every minute of it,” said her son Rick, 84.

She regarded BC as her second family, in every sense of the word,” said Thomas O’Connor, who was appointed University Historian after Fr. Donovan passed away in 1998.

“She seemed to know everybody and everybody seemed to know her. If someone from the carpentry shop came up to fix something in the office, as soon as they came in it was ‘Hi Rose, how are you? And she’d say, ‘Sit down, tell me how you are, how’s your wife, is she feeling better?” O’Connor said. “She felt at home with everyone: faculty, administration, staff and students.”

O’Connor said Mrs. DeMaio preferred using her typewriter to a computer, and always insisted that her title be “secretary” even as terms like “administrative assistant” or “executive assistant” became in vogue.

“She felt that being known as a secretary was something in which you could really take pride,” he said.

Mrs. DeMaio was a lifelong resident of Newton, a passionate Red Sox fan, her interests also included theater, cinema and gourmet cuisine.

“When she went out to a new restaurant, she could give a spoon-by-spoon description of the experience,” O’Connor said. “All these things she did with a lovely Italian grace.”

Mrs. DeMaio leaves her son, Rick, his wife, Laura ’86, and their two children: Stephen and Angela.

Public Affairs staff.
Ireland Is New Economics Chair

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are very fortunate to have him on board.

Ireland’s research interests include macroeconomics and monetary economics, and the courses he has taught at BC include Money and Banking, Money and Banking. Mathematics for Economists, Macroeconomic Theory and Monetary Economics, among others.

He is the author of numerous papers, comments, editorials and media reviews that have appeared in a wide range of academic economic journals. Examples of Ireland’s recently published papers include “Money’s Role in the Monetary Business Cycle,” Journal of Money, Credit and Banking “Technological Shocks in the New Keynesian Model,” Review of Economics and Statistics, and "A Method for Taking

Models to the Data,” Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control.

Ireland also has been an active citizen in the Boston College community. For example, this semester he will volunteer his time as a participant in the new freshman advising program organized by the Academic Advising Center. He also served as chairman of the Planning Committee of the Social Sciences Division of the College of Arts and Sciences and as a member of the Academic Vice President’s Advisory Council.

“Boston College has been a wonderful place for me, and the students here have so many opportunities to learn both inside and outside the classroom,” said Ireland.

A husband and father of two, Ireland and his family reside in Newton.

Nota Bene

Moadley Professor of Political Science Kay L. Schlozman was named as a co-winner of the American Political Science Association’s (APSA) 10th annual Frank J. Goodnow Distinguished Service Award. The award is given to honor the outstanding contributions of individuals, groups, and public or private organizations to the development of the political science profession and the building of APSA, the leading professional organization for the study of political science.

Schlozman, who has served as chair of the association’s ethics committee and currently sits on the Faculty on Inequality in American Politics, received her award at the APSA annual meeting last month in Philadelphia.

Four Boston College students were among the 35 Boston and Worcester-area graduate students named Schweitzer Fellows for 2006-7. Najiba Akbar of the Graduate School of Social Work, Katie Mussen-Fisher of the Lynch School of Education, Monica O’Reilly, of the Connell School of Nursing and Joanna Toku of the Law School.

Honoring the legacy of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the Fellows commit to a Big Dig tunnel accident.

...regarding potential lawsuits related to the President of the political science profession and the building of APSA, the individual, groups, and public and private organizations to the development of the political science profession and the building of APSA.

Moakley Professor of Political Science Peter Skerry (Political Science) has been reappointed to another 3 year term on the editorial advisory board of Polyhedron, American Journal of Chemistry.

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LOOKING AHEAD

READINGS•LECTURES•DISCUSSIONS
Sept. 11
Sept. 13
• “Challenging Authority: How Orange County, Virginia, During Amer- ica,” presented by Prof. Frances Fox Piven, the City University of New York, 5 p.m., Devlin 101. Reservations required; call ext. 2-2131 or email: sociology@bc.edu.
Sept. 14
• Master Class: “The Making of “WTC View: A Career in Independ- ent Film,” with independent filmmaker Brian Sloan ’88, 5 p.m., McGuinn 121. Screening followed by conversation moder- ated by Prof. John Michalczuk (Fine Arts), call ext. 2-4776.
• “Philosophy,” comments by Prof. James Morris (Theology), 7 p.m., Devlin 101, call ext.2-8100.
Sept. 18
• “Dennic Bonhoeffer for Our Times” 2:30-5 p.m., Walsh Hall Function Room, call ext.2-4495 email: cjearn@bc.edu.
• “Memory and the Moral Law” with Prof. Jorge Garcia (Philosophy), comments by Prof. Arthur Madigan (Philosophy), reception to follow, 4:30 p.m., Higgins 310, call ext.2-3847, email: mcvoor@bc.edu.
Sept. 19
• “Reading for Pleasure - Book Discussion” 1:30 by David McCullough with discussion leader: Mary Ellen Kiddle, 12 p.m., O’Neill 413, email: ccoulter@bc.edu.
MUSIC•ART•PERFORMANCE
Sept. 18
• “Music in the Afternoon” with Omar Fattal, piano, 4:15 p.m., Gasson 100, call ext.2-6004.
SPECIAL EVENTS
Sept. 12
• Volunteer Fair, 7:30 p.m., Lyons Dining Hall, call ext.2-1317, email: volunteer@bc.edu.
• Student Activities Day, 10 a.m. Drumhool (Campus Green). Rain date: Tuesday, September 19.
ONGOING EXHIBITIONS
• Francis Xavier: Jesuit Missions in the Far East” in the Burns Library, through Dec. 3., hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, call ext. 3282.
• “Bringing the Chasm - An exhibit on international higher education, collaborative research and global development”, through Oct. 15, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.
• “My Monster is in Safe Keep- ing: The Samuel Beckett Col- lection at Boston College” Irish Room and Fine Print Rooms, Sept. 15, through Jan. 31, 2007, hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, call ext. 3282.
WEEKLY MASSES
• St. Joseph Chapel (Gonzaga 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Trinity Chapel (Newton Campus) 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., St. Ignatius Church, Lan- non Chapel - Lower Church, 9 p.m., Heights Room, 10:15 p.m., St. Mary’s Chapel (Spanish Mass) 7:30 p.m.
• For more on campus events, see events.bc.edu or check BCinfo for updates.

At the McMullen Museum

“Cosmophilia’ a Showcase of Islamic Art
BY ROSANNE PELLEGRINI
STAFF WRITER
A recently opened exhibition at the McMullen Museum of Art explores the role that decoration plays in the visual arts of Islam — and provides a rare opportunity for the American audience to view premier Islamic works.
“Cosmophilia: Islamic Art from the David Collection, Copenha- gen,” which runs through Dec. 31, comprises more than 100 of the finest examples of Islamic art, most of which have never before been displayed in the United States.
It highlights Islamic art’s lavish use of ornament, one of its most characteristic and attractive features (“cosmophilia” means, liter- ally, “love of ornament”) yet never previously the focus of a major exhibition. In addition, it is the first “user-friendly” and accessible presentation of Islamic art, because it is organized visually by theme as opposed to chronologically or historically.
Drawn from the David Collection — one of the foremost reposi- tories of the art of the Islamic world — the works on display range in media from jewelry to carpets, in date from the 7th to the 19th century and in geographic origin from Western Europe to East Asia, and include both secular and religious art.
Members of the University community and the general public are invited to attend a Sept. 12 opening celebration from 7-9 p.m. at the museum, free of charge.[Call ext. 2-8556 or e-mail atms@bc.edu if interested in attending.]
“Cosmophilia” was curated by Sheila Blair and Jonathan Bloom, two of the world’s leading scholars of Islamic art, who are married and jointly hold the Norma Jean Calderwood University Chair in Islamic and Asian Art at Boston College.
“It is an honor to have two of the world’s foremost scholars of Islamic art organize a groundbreaking exhibition from one of world’s finest, albeit lesser known, collections of Islamic art,” said McMullen Museum Director Prof. Nancy Netzer (Fine Arts). “We are pleased and proud to dedicate this exhibition to our former colleague and friend Norma Jean Calderwood, who introduced the study of Isl- amic art to the Boston College curriculum, and to the memory of her husband Stanford Calderwood.”
[Norma Jean Calderwood died on Aug. 31 at age 84. See story at end.]
Kjeld von Folsach, director of the David Collection, added, “It is the first time ever that so many works of Islamic art have left the David Collection to be shown abroad. And since scholarship within this field is manifesting itself stronger in the US than anywhere else for the time being, I am especially pleased that this elegant, enlighten- ing and well-documented exhibition takes place there.”
There have been few comprehensive exhibitions of Islamic art, and those have focused on particular periods, countries, dynasties, rul- ers or even single works of art. The goal of “Cosmophilia,” say orga- nizers, is “to trace the key themes present in Islamic art, separately or together” and to show how they were developed differently at different time and place. Blair and Bloom note that, for most Westerners, exubrant ornament and a love of pattern distinguish the arts of the Islamic lands from the world’s other great artistic traditions.
The exhibition is organized visually by theme in five sections — figures, writing, geometry, vegetation-arabesque and hybrids — which unite the visual arts of the Islamic lands, and reveal how artisans explored major types of decorations.
Blair and Bloom are the principal authors of the accompanying 300-page illustrated catalogue, which includes essays on ornament, individual entries, and color reproductions of all 123 objects. Other contributors are Netzer, von Folsach and Assoc. Prof. Claude Cer- nuschi (Fine Arts), an expert on modern art.
Public events — including a lecture and film series — will be offered, and Blair and Bloom will also provide training sessions to enable teachers to incorporate Islamic studies component into their curricula and tour the exhibition with their classes. Museum docents will offer tours every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and group tours on request.
For more information on the exhibition and related events, see the McMullen Museum Web site at www.bc.edu/artmuseum. Support has been provided by the Calderwood Charitable Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Partners of the McMullen Museum, and an indemnity from the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities.

Norma Jean Calderwood Died Was Former Fine Arts Lecturer and Benefactor
Norma Jean Calderwood, a Boston College benefactor and former lecturer in the Fine Arts department to whom the current McMullen Museum of Art exhi- bition is dedicated, died on Aug. 31 at the age of 84.
Calderwood and her husband Stanford, a partner in Trinity Investment Management in Bos- ton, left a mark on many cultural institutions in the Boston area, including an endowed professor- ship at Boston College.
In 2000 Boston College named scholars Sheila Blair and Jonathan Bloom, a husband and wife team, to the new department for the chair, the Norma Jean Calderwood University Professor- ship in Islamic and Asian Art. It is the first endowed aca- demic appointment of its kind.
Blair and Bloom knew Calde- rood from their days together at Harvard University. “She was an enthusiastic teacher of Islamic and Asian art and that was true interest,” said Bloom, who recalled Norma Calderwood as an energetic and generous friend who opened her house and hosted parties for the Harvard graduate students studying in her field.
The chair was created through a gift from Stanford Calderwood, in honor of his wife, a part-time lecturer in the BC Fine Arts De- partment from 1983 until her re- tirement in 1996. Stanford Calde- rood died in 2002.
Norma Jean Calderwood’s per- sonal passion, and the focus of her study and travel, was Islamic art, a term that encompasses a num- ber of traditions that have flour- ished since the late seventh century across a geographic area ranging from southern Spain and North Africa to the islands of Southeast Asia.
“She was the backbone of our non-Western art program for many years and brought with her a level of intelligence and commitment that helped shape a generation of students,” recalled Prof. Jeffrey Howe (Fine Arts).
“All of that was borne out of her passion for foreign cultures and their art. She was vibrant, had a terrific sense of humor and boundless energy,” said Howe.
Last week the McMullen Museum of Art at BC unveiled “Cosmophilia: Islamic Art from the David Collection, Copen- hagen.” The exhibition, which is dedicated to the Calderwoods, comprises more than 100 of the finest examples of Islamic art, most of which have never before been displayed in the United States.
In addition to the profes- sorship at Boston College, the Calderwoods supported the Norma Jean Calderwood Court- yard Café at the Museum of Fine Arts, the Norma Jean Cal- derwood directorship of the Is- abella Stewart Gardner Museum, multiple curatorial positions at the Museum of Fine Arts and Harvard University, and the di- rectorship of the Cambridge Art Association and the Huntington Theatre Company.
—Stephen Glass

“Lampas fragment, 14th-15th century, Andalusia, Spain” — among the pieces on display at the “Cosmophilia” exhibition. See story at right.

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