Islam and the West: Peaceful Co-existence?

Muslims are making a successful adaptation to life in US and Europe, say BC political scientists

BY IRENE FROST
STAFF WRITER

From the 9/11 attacks to war in Afghanistan and Iraq to bombings in Madrid and London, there has been plenty of material to support the view that a clash of civilizations is afoot between Islam and the West. But this month's election of the first Muslim to the US Congress highlights a reality that counteracts the alarmist thinking. Far from clashing with the West, significant numbers of Muslims have and continue to be integrated into US and European democracies.

Boston College is home to two political scientists, Prof. Peter Skerry and Asst. Prof. Jonathan Laurence, who have studied Muslims in the West. Their findings tend to challenge the sky-is-falling views laid out in books like Tony Blinkley's The War's Last Chance: We Will Win the Clash of Civilizations or Bruce Bawer's While Europe Slept: How Radical Islam is Destroying the West.

Skerry is completing a book about the estimated two million to three million Muslims in America and says that contrary to what many people think, Muslims are adapting socially and culturally to American society much as other immigrants have.

Skerry's research shows that Muslims are gradually taking on a pluralist perspective in America, in which they see themselves as one of several religious denominations in society. So, too, are Muslims fitting into American congregationalism, with each mosque a self-governing and self-supporting institution.

It is inside US mosques that Skerry sees Muslims truly adapting to American-style democracy. Women, he says, are participants in US mosques—not full participants, but a far cry from many Islamic countries where mosques are male-dominated preserves and off-limits to women.

"The role of women is one of the single most telling ways in which the Islamic tradition is best reflected by BC's academic and non-academic activities. However, it is vital for us as faculty to have shared knowledge of what that tradition is so we can proceed."

"This means examining a set of questions: What is the role of religious traditions in fostering a more humane world? How can the Catholic intellectual tradition inform not only Catholics, but also other people of good will? What resources must Catholics bring to light in the academic community in order to address the neuralgic issues of our time?"

In fact, such questions have often been voiced by faculty, says Fr. Kalscheur and another C21 co-organizer, Prof. James Keenan, SJ (Theology), and for that reason the C21 initiative appears to have struck a chord, judging by its reception thus far.

The two lunchtime discussions kicked off the program in October, when 175 faculty, representing disciplines and fields including the humanities, law, nursing, management and the natural and physical sciences, the organizer said. A talk by Asst. Prof. Stephen Schlosser, SJ (History), with additional commentary by professors Ali Banuazizi (Psychology) and Ray Madoff (Law), held to summarize and re-present to points raised in the luncheons, was similarly well-received.
Tattoo you? Prof. Sharlene Hesse-Biber (Sociology) is well known for her research and commentary on women’s eating disorders and other aspects of self-esteem and body image. But her expertise also extends to what might seem an unlikely topic in the academic realm: body art and tattoos.

Hesse-Biber recently appeared on the “CBS Sunday Morning” report “Tattooed America: The Rise Of Skin Art,” which discussed Americans’ growing fascination with tattoos (the program cited a study which said 36 percent of Americans between the ages of 18-29 have a tattoo). She noted that the art of tattooing goes back more than 5,000 years — as evidenced by discoveries at mummy sites from Egypt — and added that the tattoo artists themselves might be among the first to incorporate tattoos as a part of the biker culture. Does the tattoo signify a new social status or developmental milestone to another? Did the tattoos represent breaking away from the family of origin?

“Tattoos are a way of expressing identity and personal change. They can be a form of self-expression and self-empowerment,” Hesse-Biber said. “But they can also be a form of rebellion against societal norms.”

Beyond the GPA Students in the Advanced Public Relations course taught by Communications Department Counselor Roger Woolsey have been working on a “class project” that counts for something a lot more than grades.

Woolsey’s students are working this semester on a public relations and general awareness campaign for Medical Missions for Children (MMFC), a local nonprofit organization dedicated to providing surgical and dental services to poor and underprivileged children and youth of all ages throughout the world. The undergraduates, operating as “Eagle PR,” are responsible for everything in the MMFC campaign from media relations to event planning to compiling press kits to designing invitations to booking venues.

“These students are having a unique experience,” says Woolsey. “They’re gaining invaluable, first-hand experience working in public relations, and yet they are also volunteering their time to helping a worthy cause in keeping with the Jesuit tradition under which Boston College was founded.”

So far this semester, Eagle PR has raised about $5,600. Woolsey says students sold MMFC T-shirts during Parents Weekend, organized a special denim sale on campus and, last Thursday, held a social at the Baseball Tavern on Boylston Street. Their campaign’s grand finale will be a Dec. 16 dance at the Capeley Place, with admission $250 a ticket.

Each week the students are filmed as they discuss their experiences with the project, and the five-minute video blogs are placed online at homepage.mac.com/jrango/1k9P1t/Mem.htm so family, friends and others interested can follow the MMFC PR activities and learn about upcoming events and fundraising opportunities.

Eagle PR participant Steve Dool ’07 said, “I have always felt and seen the impact and the importance of serving the community. I am very excited that I am able to help others and change lives working with Medical Missions for Children, and participate in such an important experience within my studies.”

Woolsey adds, “The organization has shown tremendous faith and trust in the students. They’ve let them handle all the details. It’s just a great opportunity for students to take on very meaningful responsibilities.”

Some Good News for Student Papers Heights, Observer

Two Boston College student publications, The Heights and The Observer, have received prestigious national awards.

The Heights was named a finalist for the 2006 Overall Newspaper Pacemaker Award by the Associated Collegiate Press, three heights staffers garnered individual honors in the competition.

This year marked the first time The Heights was selected as a finalist for the Pacemaker, the most prestigious award given to college newspapers. The awards were chosen by editors of the St. Louis Post-Discern.

Layout Editor Sunny Fabbi ’07 won the Design of the Year award and also shared a three-place design award with Assistant Layout Editor Mary Lentowski ’08. Former Heights Sports Editor Kevin Armstrong ’06 received an honorable mention for Sports Story of the Year.

In addition, www.bcheights.com was named one of 11 finalists nationwide for the Online Pacemaker award as the best college newspaper Web site, the third straight year The Heights has been selected.

The Observer was named “Paper of the Year” by the Collegiate Network at their annual Editors Conference. The Collegiate Network is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that promotes public awareness on the politicization of American college and university classrooms, curricula, and student life by supporting independent college newspapers that provide an alternative voice on campus.

The award was given in recognition of The Observer’s news coverage during the 2005-6 academic year, notably the controversy over the University’s awarding of an honorary degree to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice at Commencement. Media outlets including the Fox News Channel program “Hannity & Colmes” and the Boston Globe as well as several online news sources referred to The Observer’s coverage of the issue, noted the Collegiate Network.

Correction: Desmond Obituary

The Oct. 19 obituary for John F. Desmond did not include the name of Mt. Desmond’s brother, Michael, among the next of kin. Chronicle regrets the omission.

Deserving winners The annual W. Seavey Joyce, SJ, Community Service Award had two deserving co-winners this year, seniors Adrienne Andrey and Cynthia Loesch.

Each year, the Joyce Award honors those students who have shown leadership in community service, advocacy, political or other work to improve the City of Boston or the plight of its more underserved people.

Andrey, who was profiled in the Oct. 19 Chronicle, has been active in the BC Volunteer and Service Learning Center and done stellar work with the Commonwealth Tenants Association in Brighton — where, as a youngster, she herself was tutored by BC students —

Loesch has served as president of the Codman Square Neighborhood Council in her native Dorchester and taken on a number of community issues and concerns. [She also was profiled in Chronicle, see www.bc.edu/bc_org/try/pubahl/chronicle/v14/n3/loesch.html.]

Both received their awards at a Nov. 9 ceremony in St. Mary’s Hall. In the photo above, Andrey (second from left) and Loesch (second from right) chatted with VSIC Director Daniel Ponsotto, left, and Boston City Councilor Charles Yancey.

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BC Contributes to Genome Project

Research on sea urchins seen as helping boost understanding of human genetics

BY GREG FROST STAFF WRITER

Prof. David Burgess (Biology) and doctoral candidate Matthew Hoffman, at computer, are among BC researchers taking part in the international Sea Urchin Genome Sequencing Project. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

Boston College will launch a new Web design and navigation system this Sunday, Nov. 19, in tandem with the introduction of a new Web development tool called Collage. The design will make its debut on a selection of highly trafficked Web sites that were developed by the Office of Marketing Communications (OMC).

The changes in design were developed following studies of, among other things, successful sites at US News top-50 universities and of traffic patterns on Boston College’s more than 180 departmental sites.

“Often our goals were to improve aesthetics, accommodate new uses of technology, adopt best practices, and allow users to more easily find the information they’re looking for,” said Hallie Sammartino, OMC’s deputy director and the project’s leader.

A site-wide license for Collage was purchased in December 2005 following a review of commercial products by a committee of faculty, administration, and Information Technology Services (ITS) staff. The authoring program was selected, said ITS Web Support Manager Scott Olivia, “for its ease of use, flexibility, features, stability, and sound architecture.”

Collage will replace Websit as the University-supported Web development tool. Webl will be maintained through the summer of 2007, said Olivia.

Sunday’s launch will take place on Web sites that include the Boston College home page, BCInfo, A-Z, About BC, Undergraduate Admission, the Office of the Provost, the College of Arts and Sciences dean’s office, Research Administration, the Connell School of Nursing, the Woods College of Advancing Studies, robesham Theater and the Office of Public Affairs. A site for parents of undergraduate students will also debut—Web sites that will be converted in December and January.

Workshop training in Collage is now being offered through ITS on a bi-monthly schedule, and site managers who wish to arrange for training and to schedule a conversion to the new publishing system and design can do so by email to scott.olivia.1@bc.edu or by calling ext.2-8460.

The new design is the first full scale change in the Boston College Web look and navigation since 2001.

New Web Design Debuts This Sunday

BC Student-Athlete Graduation Rate Again Among the Best

“BC is extremely proud of our student-athletes and the accomplishments of our student-athletes here at Boston College,” said Athletic Director Joe Jamrog. “We believe that the student-athlete experience is one of the greatest assets that our student-athletes have, and they are able to balance their academic and athletic responsibilities.”

Boston College has one of the top graduation rates in the nation for its student-athletes, according to federal graduation rate data released last week by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Boston College administrative and academic offices will be closed that day in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

For more information on the shutdown, contact Electrical Foreman Joe Durie at ext.2-3951.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

All Boston College administrative offices will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, for Thanksgiving break.

Offices will reopen on Monday, Nov. 27.

Administration Discusses Race-Related Events

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Police Department and Student Affairs officials explained that the aim was able to identify the prime suspect, also a BC student, who was arrested by BC police on November 13.

“During the course of the investigation,” Presley said, “both the victim and the suspect told police that the assault was not racially motivated. Regardless of the motive, however, it is a glaring example of reprehensible conduct that the University supports to all members of the Boston College community. My staff is working diligently to address this issue.

The suspect was immediately suspended from the University and faces criminal charges in Brighton District Court. The two other suspects were also issued summary suspensions and will face criminal charges in court as well.

The University has added racial tensions on campus this year, which administrators from Student Affairs, Human Resources, the President’s Office and other departments are addressing, Presley said.

Even as efforts to respond to racial concerns at BC have continued, letters in student publications and flyers distributed around campus “have contained several inaccuracies that have exacerbated tensions and that need to be addressed,” said Presley.

One major source of tension concerned an Oct. 12, 2006 arrest and fight between several black and white female students. Although in the course of the incident one student was found to have used racially insensitive language and words that “conflict with the standards of what we expect of our students at Boston College,” the act does not constitute a hate crime and should not be characterized in this way, Presley said.

Specific findings of Burgess and his fellow researchers will appear in a special issue of the journal Developmental Biology on Dec. 1.

Power Shutdown Set for Nov. 24

A planned electrical shutdown on Friday, Nov. 24, will affect a small portion of Main Campus, the University’s Facilities Management Department has announced.

The shutdown will enable workers to install new electrical switching equipment in the Dervin Hall underground electric vault. The only buildings affected by the outage will be Gasson, Fulton and Lyons halls, which will only have emergency back-up power from the generators for aged lighting and for life safety equipment.

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In and around campus, including those “involving bodily harm that appear motivated by racial or other unlawful bias.” The report is mailed to all BC employees and students and is available from the Office of the Legal Counsel.

In response to requests from students and several faculty, Student Affairs has been working with Human Resources and the Executive Vice President to devise an extensive hate crime/incident reporting protocol. That work is expected to be completed later this month.

Boston College Chief of Police Robert Morse is also reviewing the department’s response to the Oct. 12 incident in the hope of improving its overall effectiveness.

“We need the constructive support of all members of the BC community to address the current climate on campus,” said Presley. “I hope that you will enable us to do our jobs based on your experience and in accordance with our training, and that you will work with us in resolving these important issues.”

“Acts of prejudice, hatred, and discrimination especially conflict with Boston College’s institutional standards and ethos, and such behavior cannot and will not be tolerated here.”

—Fr. Leahy

Boston College has one of the top graduation rates in the nation for its student-athletes, according to federal graduation rate data released last week by the NCAA.

BC, Bucknell, Duke and Northwestern had graduation rates of 90 percent or better for all student-athletes from the freshman class of 1999-2000. Federal graduation rates are calculated on a five-year period for each incoming freshman class.

“We are very proud to be among the elite universities in America for student-athlete graduation rate,” said Director of Athletics Gene DeFilippo. “We take great pride in the fact that our student-athletes are able to balance their time effectively between academics and athletics. This is a mark of distinction for our student-athletes, but mainly to our student-athletes, who work just as hard in the classroom as they do on the playing field.”
Researchers Eye Islam-West Relations

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which represent the fact that Muslims are changing in America, adapting to America,” he says.

Because US mosques are not owned by the state as they are in many Islamic countries, American Muslims are also gaining experience in self-governance and funding their own religious institutions gives them a stake in society, he says.

But these positive trends do not mean there aren’t potential difficulties looming, Skerrv says. If anything, he says American Muslims may well use the knowledge they gain of the democratic process to advocate for causes that many Americans might find offensive or, at the minimum, objectionable — such sympathy and as support for Palestinians, including Hamas, or, as evident last summer, for Hezbollah.

As a result, Muslim-American loyalty to the US has been and will remain an issue.

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Passion and Principle
CSOM’s Gallaugher loves being ‘a geek’ - and being a teacher

“Height of Excellence” profiles faculty members who, through their exemplary teaching and research, contribute to the intellectual and spiritual life of Boston College

BY REID OSUN STAFF WRITER

He calls himself “just a geek,” but Assoc. Prof. John Gallaugher brings passion and an innovative approach to his Carroll School of Management classroom, and beyond.

Gallaugher, a member of CSOM’s Information Systems department, certainly has geek credentials. A recipient of the University’s Distinguished Teaching Award, he was the first professor at Boston College to make all of his lectures available to students via iPod or MP3 computer downloads, a strategy he says significantly boosts learning, especially among students in his four freshman sections.

He keeps in touch with hundreds of his former students via a blog, “The Week in Geek,” and alumni often return to guest lecture in his classes.

Gallaugher also organizes and oversees the popular “TechTrek” field study courses for undergraduate and graduate students and co-leads the MBA program’s “International Management Experience: Asia” course. These programs provide CSOM students with the opportunity to meet face-to-face with top high tech executives in Silicon Valley and the Far East.

The self-confessed geek is a bundle of energy in his classroom, constantly on the move, bounding upstairs to ask or answer questions and engaging his students in the topic of the day. His office hours find a constant queue outside his door with students seeking his advice and information on academic and professional pursuits.

“I want to love my job the way Professor Gallaugher loves his,” says Sophie Farrell, a College of Arts and Sciences senior who has taken several of Gallaugher’s courses and participated in last spring’s TechTrek.

“He always has enough going on to drive one person crazy, but he would never close his door to a student. When he tells you he is here to help you with career advice or just to have conversations about the newest technology, he really means it. He shows a dedication to Boston College and to his students that is incredible.”

“John Gallaugher is plugged into the ever evolving technology landscape and brings a vision of enthusiasm both into the classroom and into professional relationships with business leaders, students and alumni,” says Paul Springer ’00, an executive at Amazon.com.

“Springer, like a number of Gallaugher’s former students who hold executive positions in high technology firms, often returns to campus to deliver classroom lectures on the latest industry trends to Gallaugher’s undergraduate classes.

“John encourages students to think simultaneously through the lenses of a technologist and a CEO,” Springer says. “He brings the real world into the classroom.”

Yet few of his students know that John Gallaugher endures a significant and lifelong vision deficiency that, without corrective lenses, makes him legally blind; that he once dropped out of college because none of his teachers knew his name; or that he once did stand-up comedy in Boston nightclubs.

“(With John) the enthusiasm and passion all come out,” notes CSOM Associate Dean Jeff Ranquist, a professor and colleague since Gallaugher joined the BC faculty in 1997 after receiving a doctorate from Syracuse University.

“John is clearly one of the most passionate people that I know. “But it’s not just the show with him. It’s the preparation, it’s the love of the field. That’s what comes through.”

This passion stems in part from his commitment to his own alma mater. “I was changed very positively by my own experience at Boston College,” says Gallaugher, a 1988 College of Arts and Sciences graduate who added an MBA from CSOM two years later. “As an alumnus I feel a particularly strong sense of responsibility to give my students a top-notch experience at BC.”

Gallaugher’s life was not always gilded with the privilege of faculty status. He was given up for adoption at birth, taken into foster care by Ed and Maurice Gallaugher, a Canadian couple who were raising three of their own children in Wayne, NJ.

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Doctors thought he would be severely developmentally delayed and placed him in a birth defects clinic where he spent the first five months of his life. “My best guess is what looked like a serious mental handicap was probably just my poor eyesight,” he says. “So much for the doctors! I guess that it turns out that some really smart people can sometimes be really wrong.”

Gallaugher was eventually diagnosed with severe near-sightedness, astigmatism and developing macular degeneration, but he downplays his poor vision. “I wear contact lenses instead of glasses – super-thick lenses are more distorting. I tilt my head sometimes, and from a distance, some people may think I am not looking straight at them because one eye is stronger than the other. Without my contacts I am legally blind, but with them I read and use the computer at a decent distance. The only real limitation is not driving, and in Boston that’s not much of a problem.”

A father of two himself, Gallaugher credits his parents with helping him find his calling. “My parents were wonderful,” he says. “I was so blessed. Ours wasn’t a college family. Dad was an electrical engineer and Mom worked the nightshift in a plastics factory. In fact, neither my mother nor oldest brother graduated from high school, but they always encouraged me to find something that I was interested in and to pursue that.

What he found was computers.

“The first computers I got to program were in our junior high school. I remember it didn’t even have a monitor, just a printer that was attached to the keyboard. The computer was tucked away in another room and was about the size of two refrigerators. At the time it was very high tech – most schools didn’t have that.”

Gallaugher knew that he wanted to continue his education after high school, but he didn’t know where, and there were no college graduates in his family to offer advice. His first college experience was not a good one.

“At the end of my freshman year, there wasn’t a single professor who knew my name,” says Gallaugher, who declines to name the institution he attended. “I thought ‘This isn’t what college is supposed to be like.’”

So Gallaugher took a year off, writing software for small businesses in a computer dealership and taking courses at a local state college. A friend at Tufts invited him to visit, and he took the opportunity to look at schools in the area.

“When I visited BC, the students seemed to love it here. They were genuinely enthusiastic about the University and I knew this was where I wanted to go.”

While at BC, Gallaugher had enough positive student experiences to fill an admissions office viewbook. “I came to BC thinking the only languages I wanted to study were programming languages,” he says. “By the time I left, I’d chosen to study Spanish in Spain and Russian in the Soviet Union.”

He served as a residence hall assistant and also participated in PULSE program social service projects, an experience he strongly recommends to students. “PULSE was an eye-opener. I served a community of Southeast Asian refugees, people who had escaped Communism to come to the United States. I realized hearing some of their experiences that I had never had a truly bad day in my life. These people really had struggled.”

After getting his undergraduate degree in computer sciences, Gallaugher went immediately into BC’s MBA program, and during those years he served as graduate student manager of Murray House at that time, studied Russian (he volunteered as a Russian interpreter at Beth Israel Hospital) and met his future wife, Kim, also a BC student.

His clever wit and engaging personality made him a natural comedian. To take a break from his business studies, he would often emcee campus events and perform at open microphone comedy shows at various Boston night spots. He wrote his own material. “Dakadik jokes, Getz-bacher jokes, topical humor, nothing raunchy” he says. “The jokes are too old to tell now – past their expiration date.”

Gallaugher’s on-stage talents earned him an offer to take part in the “Comedy Riot,” a Boston comedy club competition that rewarded the winner with a professional contract. He declined the “Comedy Riot” invitation, opting instead to sharpen his Russian in a summer program at Bryn Mawr College. The eventual “Riot” winner was another young Boston comic, Joe Rogan, who today is the host of the NBC television show “Fear Factor.”

“I’m glad I’m not asking people to eat worms for a living.”

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Four books related to pressing issues facing the Catholic Church in the United States will be published by the Church in the 21st Century Center at Boston College in 2005. The four volumes — which represent a collaboration of eminent contributors, both clergy and lay — address issues across the board, representing a broad spectrum of disciplines — address issues of sexuality and the Church, the handling of the faith to the next generation, the contemporary priesthood, and the challenges of practicing Catholic faith in diverse contemporary cultures.

Edited by members of the Boston College faculty, who are also contributors, the books are derived from programs presented as part of the University’s Church in the 21st Century initiative, which began in 2002 as a response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis.

Since its inception, C21 has drawn more than 1,500 people to some 220 events, while bringing to campus numerous nationally and internationally noted speakers — ranging from bishops and other clergy to politicians, pundits, writers and academics, among others — to comment on some of the most critical issues facing the contemporary Catholic Church in the United States.

“The book series represents our attempts to reach a wide audience beyond academia,” said Church in the 21st Century Center Director Timothy Muldown. “Our hope is to show concerned Catholics that Boston College is a place that today, but also hopes to be a resource for those who seek practical solutions to these challenges.”

The volumes being published this month are Sexuality and the Church in the United States. Church in the 21st Century, edited by Prof.Amy Hutton (CSom); Theological Reflection in the Church, edited by Dr. John Garvey and Jesuit Institute Director T. Frank Kennedy, SJ; and The Catholic Church’s Mission and Challenge: Learning from the Sex Abuse Scandal in the Catholic Church, the first book to provide a broad-based, comprehensive, and incisive approach to understanding the leadership crisis in the Catholic Church in the wake of the sex abuse scandal and how it was handled.

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John P. Manoussakis, a part-time member of the Philosophy Department, was one of only two representatives of American universities to attend the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the International Joint Commission on the Theological Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church held earlier this year.

The event, held in Belgrade, was regarded as an historic and important development in the ecumenical dialogue between the two churches.

During the meeting, Manoussakis—a Greek Orthodox priest who earned a doctorate in philosophy from BC—met with Cardinal Walter Kasper, prefect of the Pontifical Council on Christian Unity, who referred to Boston College as “an asset for our Church.”

Prof. Francis Parker, SJ (CSOM), has been named a fellow of the British Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors for his consulting work in Bermuda and is one of only 15 Americans named to Britain’s most distinguished consulting organization. Fr. Parker is a long-time government consultant for Bermuda and teaches the course Doing Business in Bermuda. He was asked to offer a eulogy at the recent funeral of a Bermudian mayor, Jay Black, held in the country’s National Cathedral.

For decades, he’s been synonymous with Dublin’s world-famous Abbey Theatre — and with Irish theater in general — winning a Tony Award and numerous other plaudits. Now, Tomas MacAnna has a new honor to his credit: a Boston College Distinguished Alumnus Award.

MacAnna was presented with the award by Vice President and Special Assistant to the President William B. Neeman, SJ, at a ceremony held Oct. 25 in Dublin, organized by the Boston College Centre for Irish Programs-Dublin. Also on hand was Executive Vice President Pat Keating, Centre for Irish Programs Executive Director Thomas Hachey and BC Centre-Dublin Academic Director Michael Cronin.

In 1984, MacAnna worked with late BC Irish Studies Program co-founder Adele Danner to help create the BC Abbey Theatre Summer Work shop, which during its 18 years brought more than 300 BC students to Dublin for academic lectures — many of them by MacAnna himself — and practical training in various aspects of theater.

MacAnna also was a visiting director at BC during the 1985-86 academic year, and supervised the production of a twin bill at Robsham Theatre, “Theatre of Death,” a long-lost play from the 1916 Easter Uprising that was rediscovered by Daller.
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The BC men’s and women’s basketball teams will be in action at Conte Forum during the coming week.

Nov. 21 • Men’s Hockey vs. New Hampshire 7 p.m., Conte Forum.

Nov. 25 • Men’s Basketball vs. Rhode Island 2 p.m., Conte Forum.

WEEKLY MASSES • St. Joseph Chapel (Gonzaga - Upper Campus) 5 p.m.

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