



BC ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY

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3 Lake Street, Boston College Brighton Campus.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well the ball dropped in Times Square, and so we have officially entered a new year. And with that I sincerely wish each and every one of you the best of years—good health, great satisfaction from those activities in which you are involved, and joy from your interactions with those you care about and who care about you. And the fact that I am still able to write this, and you are still able to read it means that we are off to a great start. As I write this message three days have passed and so far 2008 is golden. And if you can ignore everything beyond the extended boundaries of Beacon and Commonwealth avenues it turns out that 2007 was also a good year—at least for our still developing organization and for Boston College as a whole.

For ARF 2007 was quite momentous. For good sound academic reasons we had to leave our sumptuous quarters on Campanella Way. But the university has shown enormous good will by providing a new place for us to live. And as you will see the space is quite adequate for our needs. We now reside in two quite sizeable, newly painted, attractive rooms on the third floor of 3 Lake St. In one room, the computers, printer etc are located and in the other we have a fine small conference and sitting area. This room is more than adequate for our smaller group meetings and is a pleasant place to just sit around and schmooze. The move was handled flawlessly—for which we are indebted to John Duffield (Project Manager, Capital Projects Management), Rosemary Krawcyk, our suite committee chair, and to a host of nameless others.

As detailed in the last issue of the *BC Chronicle*, the coming years will be quite momentous at Boston College as a whole. The plans for the physical enlargement of the campus are stunning, the great expansion of the faculty is truly ambitious, and the introduction of new academic centers reveals a thoughtful and courageous response to the coming challenges that will confront society and the scholarly world. Fortuitously we had arranged for our provost, Bert Garza to speak to our group in February, and given the extraordinary development of the university that is in the works, I know that his presentation will of very great interest to us all.

While all presentations made to our group during the past semester were stimulating, two stand out. Carolyn Thomas organized a particularly informative panel dealing with assisted living facilities. The panelists, our own John Donovan, Elaine Pinderhughes, and Fred Pula, presented their personal experiences in three different types of residential accommodations. This was followed the next month by Jim O'Toole's presentation of the history of the Lake Street under the authority of Cardinal O'Connell—and at least in some respects, an unusual history it was. While not his major focus, Jim revealed how the third floor of 3 Lake St. containing our new home came to pass. Clearly the Cardinal was a tough guy. For those of you who missed Jim's presentation—check with those who were present to learn why the Cardinal caused the construction of the space that has become our quarters to be carried out. The university provost Bert Garza will be our next speaker and given the extraordinary development of the university that is in the works, I am sure that his presentation will of very great interest to us all.

Finally I would like to publicly thank Jim Skehan for his years of service to our association. From our very beginning Jim served on the Executive Committee and was primarily responsible for bringing speakers to our monthly meetings. For this, in addition to his wise counsel as Jack Lewis and the other officers worked to bring ARF to viability, he deserves our heartfelt thanks. But we are extremely fortunate that Charles Smith has agreed to serve as his replacement on the Executive Committee. His thoughtful comments and unflinching good cheer have already made it a pleasure to work with him.

Norm Berkowitz
President

ON THE MOVE: NEW QUARTERS FOR RETIRED FACULTY

The Boston College Association of Retired Faculty has a new home!! We are now located at 3 Lake Street on the Brighton Campus. (See last page of this *Bulletin* for directions)



The building formerly was known as the Tribunal Building when it belonged to the Archdiocese of Boston. According to Jim O'Toole, when he spoke to retired faculty in November, the rooms in which the BC ARF are now located were part of the residence for priests working for the Archdiocese. Cardinal William O'Connell added the third floor rooms to house these priests when the parish where they had been staying decided

to charge these priests for their room and board.

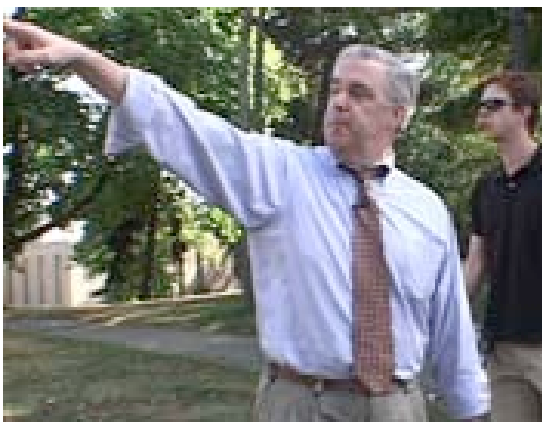
The BC Association of Retired Faculty has two rooms on the third floor; one is a conference room and the other is a large workroom with four computer stations and two desks. There are two PC and two Macintosh computers.

There also is a small bathroom between the two rooms. Retired faculty interested in having a key to the rooms and the building should contact Norm Berkowitz. (berkowin@bc.edu).



ARF Conference Room at 3 Lake Street

Other programs located in the building are the Office of Marketing Communication (headed by Ben Birnbaum) and the Center for Aging and work (headed by Mick Smyer).



If you missed Professor O'Toole's talk to retired faculty in November about the history of the Brighton campus, you might enjoy a video of his walking tour of the Brighton Campus:

<http://at.bc.edu/campustour>.



ARF workshop



BC ARF President Norm Berkowitz sorting our keys in the ARF workshop.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

Retired faculty who spend time at the BC campus should be aware of some emergency procedures that have been put in place:

In the event of an emergency, information affecting the general campus community will be distributed by voice mail, e-mail, the web site <http://www.bc.edu/prepare>, and other campus alerts where appropriate.

Faculty and staff are asked to provide their cell phone numbers to be contacted in the case of an emergency. If you have not already done so, please log on to Agora, select the "Update your Addresses and Phone Numbers" service, then submit or update your cell phone number in the space provided. Your number will not be used for any purpose other than emergency notification.

RETIREE NEWS

J. Enrique Ojeda (Romance) is an editor of the biligual edition of *Microgramas* by Jorge Carrera Andrade; he also translated the prose section. Enrique also has published "Montalvo y el modernismo hispano-americano" in *Kipus: Revista andina de letras*, and "Jorge Carrera Andrade" in *Historia de las literaturas del Ecuador*.

Jean O'Neil (Nursing) joined two nursing colleagues at the 8th Annual Interdisciplinary Research Conference "Transforming Healthcare through Research Education and Technology" at School of Nursing & Midwifery, Trinity College, Dublin to present "Resolution of the Methodological Issues in a Nursing Intervention Study", a randomized clinical trial of a phoned coaching method for relief of symptom distress in ambulatory surgery patients carried out by surgical nurses of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston College faculty.

Rosemary Krawczyk (Nursing) participated in a trip to New Orleans for one week of service sponsored by The Boston College Alumni Office of Spirituality & Service. "I left thinking all I could do would be spackle & paint, but I definitely learned new skills including sheet rocking, meshing, corner beading and mudding

NEW FACULTY RETIREES

The following faculty officially retired during the 2006-2007 academic year:

Beth Casey (Education)
Philip DiMattia (Education)
Katherine Frame (Nursing)
David Gill, SJ (Classics)
Lois Haggerty (Nursing)
Lawrence Halpern (Management)
William Richardson, SJ (Philosophy)
Paul Thie (Mathematics)
Leon Williams (Sociology)

DEATHS

Condolences to Margaret Dwyer, retired Vice-President and McMullen Museum Docent, on the death of her sister Mary O'Brien.

UNIVERSITY CHORALE

The University Chorale has several performances in the spring semester:

Winter Concert: Sunday February 24 2 pm
St. Ignatius Church

Spring break Tour to Spain: February 28 – March 7

Spring Concert April 19 Trinity Chapel,
Newton Campus

For further information and tickets:

tel: 617 552.2306;

eMail: chorale@bc.edu;

webpage: <http://www.bc.edu/chorale>



The ARF Book Club on a field trip to the Adams National Historical Park in Quincy related to reading of the book John Adams.

L-R Laura and Dal Fisher, Rosemary Krawczyk, Peg Murphy, Jean O'Neil and Jovina Ting

ARF PROGRAMS FOR SPRING 2008

(Please note that the March meeting will be held on a FRIDAY)

February

Thursday, February 14 11AM- 12:30 PM
Book Club

Donovan Retired Faculty Suite,
3 Lake Street, third floor.

Thursday February 21 10:30AM -12 Noon

ARF Program Meeting

Cabaret Room

(Vanderslice Dorm, Lower Campus).

Scheduled speaker:

Cutberto (Bert) Garza, Provost

March

Thursday, March 13, 11AM – 12:30 PM

Book Club

Donovan Retired Faculty Suite,
3 Lake Street, third floor.

FRIDAY March 14 10:30AM-12 Noon

ARF Program Meeting

Location to be determined.

Program: "Provocative American humor: 2006–yesterday".

Paul Lewis, professor of English and freelance writer on humor and politics, discusses eruptions of controversial, edgy, and/or purposive American humor over the past two years.

April

Thursday, April 10, 11AM – 12:30 PM

Book Club

Donovan Retired Faculty Suite,
3 Lake Street, third floor.

Thursday April 17, 10:30 AM -12 Noon

ARF Program Meeting

Cabaret Room

(Vanderslice Dorm, Lower Campus).

Program: To be determined

May

Thursday May 15 10:30 AM -12 NOON

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Location and program to be determined

Wednesday, May 28 5:30 PM

ARF Annual Banquet

Murray Room

(Yawkey Center, Lower Campus)

ARF BOOK CLUB

The ARF Book Club meets in the Retired Faculty Suite at 3 Lake Street at from 11 AM to 12:30 PM. All are welcome. Come and bring a cup of coffee or tea.

The Book Club meeting schedule for Winter-Spring 2008 begins February 14 with two books filling the long hiatus after the November 8, 2007 meeting.

Both books are novels based in China, one from the 19th century and the other from the early 20th century: *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See and *Women of the Silk* by Gail Tsukiyama.

The March 13 meeting will feature *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a time* by Greg Mortenson and David Relin.

Suite francaise by Irene Nemirovsky was selected for the April 10 meeting.

The book selections this year have alternated between male and female authors. The early fall discussion of David McCullough's *John Adams* was followed by a very interesting trip to the Quincy Adams historical sites. The November meeting was chaired by Carolyn Thomas with a lively discussion of Zadie Smith's *On beauty* and the selection of the listed books for an interesting 2008 sequence.

For further information, contact Jean O'Neil (jean.oneil@bc.edu).

BC IDS AND BC EMAIL FOR RETIRED FACULTY



Retired faculty have BC email privileges and library privileges. Some faculty may

not be aware of this or or may have retired at a time when these were not possible.

Retired faculty continue to use the same Boston College ID card as used prior to retirement. The ID card is necessary for library use and bookstore discounts. Retired faculty receive the same bookstore discounts as active employees. If you need a new ID card, contact Liz Napolitano in the Provost's Office: 617-552-4779.

Retired faculty remain members of the Boston College community and retain faculty access to email accounts. We urge everyone to get a BC email account; you will receive many university emails of interest. This also will make it easier for ARF to communicate with its members by email. (If you need an email account, please contact Liz Napolitano in the Provost's Office: 617-552-4779.)

With a BC email account you can access the email via Webmail (click on it from www.bc.edu/bcinfo). If you wish, you can have BC's Webmail forwarded your BC email to another email account (so that you do not have to check two email boxes). Be sure to turn on the spam control function and also check the junk (Spam) folder periodically to check for any legitimate messages that may have ended up there. Also be sure to periodically trash the content of the junk folder.

With your BC user name and password you can also access full-text articles from many journals online via BC libraries. Go to www.bc.edu/libraries and click on <e-journals>.

Information sources for the above include:

Retired and emeritus faculty section of the *Faculty Handbook*
www.bc.edu/publications/fachbk/policies/retiredfac.html

and the *Retirement planning and handbook for retired faculty members*
www.bc.edu/offices/hr/meta-elements/pdf/retirement_planning_handbook.pdf

VOLUNTEERS

University Hosts at Commencement on Monday, May 19, 2008.

University Hosts distribute programs, welcome guests, answer questions and provide directions. Retired faculty will be assigned to Alumni Stadium to greet visitors and distribute programs. The date, time and location of an optional information meeting will be provided at a later date.

To sign up, please send an e-mail to Louise Lonabocker at louise@bc.edu by May 1st

Marshals for Commencement on Monday, May 19, 2008

Retired faculty are invited to serve as Marshals during the Commencement activities in alumni stadium. Marshals guide students and faculty to the appropriate areas. If interested, contact Jean Mooney at mooney@bc.edu by May 4th.

INTERESTING WEB RESOURCE

A online version of *The Family Handbook Finding Elder Care Resources in Massachusetts* is at

web.mit.edu/workplacenter/hndbk/
Researchers at the MIT Workplace Center prepared this website as a companion to their publication, the *Family Caregiver Handbook*, to assist the families and friends of Massachusetts elders in finding information and accessing services. Each section poses basic questions caregivers need to ask – and answer – as they design elder care plans and make elder care choices. Section 7 has a Glossary to define unfamiliar elder care terms, and Section 8 provides a Directory by city and town to help locate services near you.

A hard copy of the handbook is in the ARF suite.

Major sections of this Handbook include: Getting Started; Financial, legal and consumer protection; Home, health care and end of life care; Caregiver support: resources and services; Housing and transportation; Learning, fitness, recreation/advocacy; Glossary: Elder Care Terms A to Z; and Directory of Massachusetts gateway organizations.

NEED COMPUTER HELP?

The Faculty Micro Resource Center, moderated by Michael Connolly (Slavic & Eastern, cnmj@bc.edu, 552.3912), Richard Jenson (Mathematics, jenson@bc.edu, 552.3757) and Kit Baum (Economics, baum@bc.edu, 552.3673), in Gasson 010 (Basement) is at your service.

Spring-semester staffed hours:

Tu/Th 10.15–11.30 (Jenson)

and other staffed times by arrangement

Come by with your BC ID to register for round-the-clock 24x7 access to the latest technology.

BC ARF Planning Committee:

President: Norman Berkowitz (Psychology)

Past-President: Jack Lewis (Management)

Vice-President: Laurel Eisenhauer (Nursing)

Secretary: Jean O'Neil (Nursing)

Treasurer: Carolyn Thomas (Social Work)

Members-at-large: Joyce Dwyer (Nursing).
and Charles Smith (Education)

M.J. Connolly (FMRC) (Slavic), Newsletter Consultant.

Nancy Samya (Provost Office), Coordinator

BCARF website:

fmwww.bc.edu/ARF/ARF.html

BCARF logo by Tom O'Connor, University Historian

Newsletter Editor: Laurel Eisenhauer

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YOUTUBE FOR INTELLECTUALS' GOES LIVE

<http://www.bigthink.com>

Amy Gutmann, president of the University of Pennsylvania, talks about the importance of racial, socioeconomic, and religious diversity at colleges in a video on bigthink, a new web site meant to be a YouTube for intellectuals. In addition to featuring academics, the site includes one- to two-minute videos from politicians, artists, and business people. According to an article in Monday's New York Times, the site was

started by Peter Hopkins, a 2004 graduate of Harvard University. He said he hopes bigthink becomes popular among college students. David Frankel, a venture capitalist, put up most of the money for the enterprise. Lawrence H. Summers, a former president of Harvard, has invested tens of thousands of dollars as well. —Andrea L. Foster

From: *The Chronicle of Higher Education* Wired Campus January 8, 2008.

MCMULLEN MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Tree of Paradise. Jewish Mosaics
February 17 - June 8, 2008.

This new exhibition presents the reconstruction of an ancient mosaic floor from a synagogue in Hammam Lif, Tunisia (the ancient town of Naro, later called Aquae Persianae by the Romans). A Latin inscription in one of the surviving panels records that the mosaic floor was a gift to the synagogue from a certain Julia, a resident of Naro in about 500 C.E. Other mosaic panels in the exhibition, datable to the first or second century C.E. originated either in an earlier part of the same synagogue or in a nearby building.

The mosaics were discovered by chance in 1883 by a French army captain, Ernest de



Prudhomme, while preparing ground for gardening. In 1905, the Brooklyn Museum acquired most of the panels Prudhomme had owned and transported back to his home in Lyon. The mosaics, along with contemporary jewelry, coins, marble statues, ritual objects, and textiles from the Brooklyn Museum's collection shed light on the role of synagogues in the

Diaspora during Late Antiquity, the development of Jewish art in the Roman period, the importance of female patrons in the ancient Jewish community, connections among early Christian, Jewish, and Pagan

symbolism in this period, and the relationship between ancient and modern understanding of the synagogue as an institution. The works of art in the exhibition reveal a society where Jews were more integrated and accepted than ancient texts would suggest.

http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/artmuseum/exhibitions/archive/tree-of-paradise/index.html

GASSON TOWER



Wondering what is happening with the Gasson Tower?? For an article from the *Boston College Magazine* go to:

http://bcm.bc.edu/issues/fall_2007/features/heart-of-stone.html

THIS AND THAT

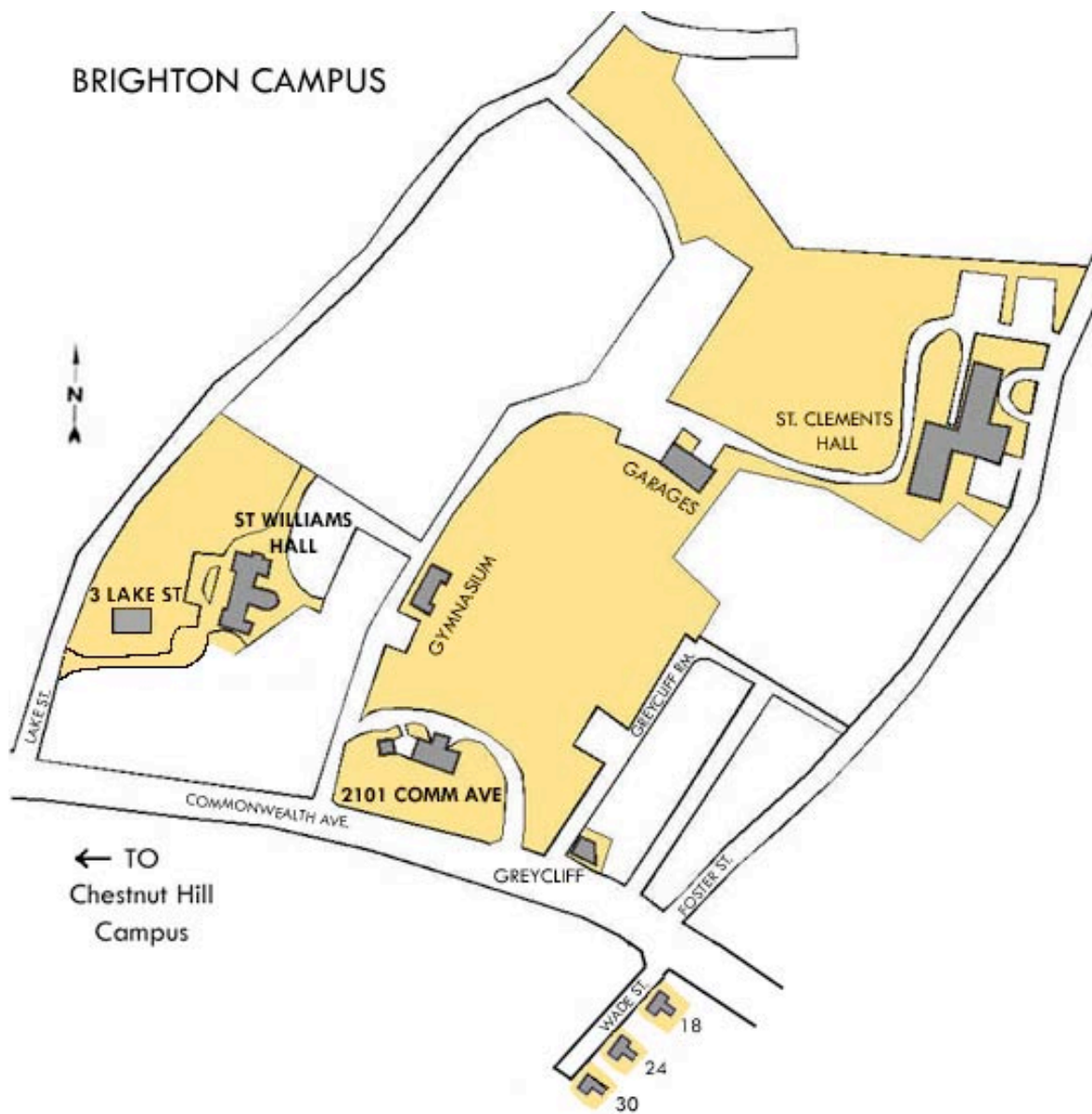
Thinking about taking a course at BC's Lifelong Learning Institute?? Go to <http://www.bc.edu/alumni/association/ilr.html>.

Or call 617-552-2950. Classes are held at 1280 Boylston Street (Route 9) in Chestnut Hill.

The BC Alumni Association is offering several travel study programs in 2008: Panama Canal, Rome and Amalfi Coast, Normandy and Brittany, Iceland, Ireland, China and the Yangtze River, Burgundy/Provence, and Tuscany. For further information, call 617-552-8035 or go to:

<http://www.bc.edu/alumni/association/travel.html>

In case you missed it, a special issue of the *BC Chronicle* shows BC's plans for developing the campus and can be found at: http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/rvp/pubaf/07/ChronicleSupplementDec07.pdf



DIRECTIONS TO 3 LAKE STREET:

The driveway is immediately on the right as you enter Lake Street. Follow the driveway with the building on your left. Parking is available at the top of the hill. Enter the building from the rear entrance. An elevator is located to the right after you enter the building.

Go to the third floor. Walk straight and then left to rooms 302 and 303.

If you miss the turn into the driveway (very easy to do)

1. Go to the next driveway and keep bearing right. This will take you to the parking area on hill in back of the building, OR
2. Take a right at the third street after the bottom of the hill (Rogers Park Street). Go to end, turn right onto Foster Street, turn right on Commonwealth Avenue, turn right at Lake Street, and right into the first driveway.