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BC Welcomes New Thomas More Apartments

As the 2016-17 academic year gets underway, two major additions to the Boston College landscape stand out – the Thomas More Apartments residence hall and the McMullen Museum of Art’s new Brighton Campus venue – as well as the demolition of 41-year-old Edmond’s Hall, future site of a new recreation facility.

The Thomas More Apartments residence hall at 2150 Commonwealth Avenue formally opened its doors to some 490 upperclassmen in August. The approximately 240,000 square-foot building, occupying the former site of More Hall, also is the new home of University Health Services, which moved from Cushing Hall.



Photo by Lee Pellegrini

The McMullen Museum, meanwhile, is set to launch the first exhibition, “Beyond Words: Illuminated Manuscripts in Boston Collections,” at 2101 Commonwealth Avenue, where it moved after 23 years at its original Devlin Hall location.

Associate Vice President for Capital Projects Management Mary Nardone lauded the efforts of Facilities Management personnel, private contractors and others who helped the projects to finish on time.

“Boston College has a great track record when it comes to meeting goals and deadlines in our capital projects,” she said. “Some factors are out of our control, obviously, such as weather. That’s why a good working relationship is so important: It enables you to effectively address those areas where you do have control. And the level of cooperation and communication we’ve seen has been exemplary.”

As Nardone and Senior Construction Project Manager Edward Stokes note, thorough planning and sound decision-making also can mitigate the impact of unforeseen developments – as was the case shortly after the residence hall project began in the summer of 2014.

“We front-loaded some of the project, like expediting the installation of structural steel,” explained Stokes. “By doing that, we were in a much better position when the bad winter of 2015 hit; if we hadn’t, we would’ve had some significant delays.

“Then because this winter was really quite mild and with far, far less snow, we were able to accomplish more than we might have anticipated, especially in the exterior work.”

A hallmark of Thomas More Apartments, according to Nardone and Stokes, is the amount of public and common areas, including a lobby that is accessible during the day and an adjacent 90-person function room that includes a catering prep area and audiovisual equipment.

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A Message from Dean of Students Tom Mogan

Dear Neighbor,

As the semester begins, I'd like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring responsible student conduct in our surrounding communities. During the first week of classes, the Offices of the Dean of Students and Residential Life sponsored a meeting that was mandatory for at least one representative from all off-campus residences. At this meeting we reminded Boston College students of their obligations to be responsible and respectful citizens and neighbors while living in the off-campus community. We reinforced with them that BC's Student Guide states that students will be held accountable for behavior both on and off campus and that disciplinary action can be taken in response to complaints from landlords, neighbors, the BC Community Liaison, or the Boston or Newton Police Departments. We also addressed issues of safety and concern and encouraged them to make sure they are securing their residences.

We are pleased to report that, once again, during the 2015-2016 academic year, we experienced an overall drop in off-campus incidents from the previous year. In fact, the number of off-campus incidents declined to 35 in 2015-2016 which is a significant decrease from a high of 97 in 2012-2013. We believe that increased outreach efforts and support of the off-campus community – such as the mandatory student meeting and the continued effectiveness of our Community Assistance Program - have played a significant role in realizing this success. In addition, the Office of the Dean of Students implemented a new program last year targeted towards sophomores that went through the conduct system. These students had direct conversations with staff members of the Office of the Dean of Students about the potential consequences of further conduct incidents and how they should plan for this as they began to look for housing during their junior year. Building on the overall success of last year and with some new initiatives, we hope to see another drop in off-campus incidents during the 2016-2017 academic year.

In closing, I also want to remind you to take advantage of the services provided by Boston College's Community Assistance Program. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Office of the Dean of Students (617-552-3470).

Sincerely,
Tom Mogan
Associate Vice President / Dean of Students

Community Assistance Program

Run by the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs in conjunction with the Office of the Dean of Students, the Community Assistance Program (CAP) continues to enhance the relationship between the wider community and Boston College's on- and off-campus students.

Steve Montgomery, the

Off-Campus Student Community Liaison, working closely with the Boston Police, Newton Police and BC Police, responds to disturbance calls and addresses concerns of the community.

The Liaison monitors areas where large numbers of off-campus students live on week-

end nights (including Thursdays), holidays, and other high activity dates during the academic year.

Students needing help with city services, landlords, and their neighbors should feel free to contact the CAP program.

To contact CAP on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday evenings, contact the



Boston College Police at [617-552-4440](tel:617-552-4440).

You can also contact Steve during the rest of the week at 617-552-6028 or stephen.montgomery@bc.edu

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“The lobby is not just a ‘pass-through’ area,” said Nardone. “We feel it will be an ideal meet-up place, especially when you consider 2150’s location in relation to Brighton Campus, the MBTA stop and the rest of Lower Campus.” But the University balances the accessibility with security measures, she said: For example, all residence hall apartments require a PIN and a card swipe to enter.

Energy-efficient and conservation-friendly – constructed to take full advantage of natural light – the building features numerous study lounges, seminar, conference and meeting rooms, as well as small “connector areas” with chairs and couches between the building’s wings to further accommodate and promote socializing. A reflection and prayer room is available for smaller gatherings that have a spiritual dimension, and there are three music practice rooms.



Photo by Gary Gilbert

The demolition of Edmond’s Hall began in early August, said Nardone, and the site should be clear by October 1, when – pending approval – utility work will begin. Once that phase is complete, she said, foundation work will begin on the new 240,000-square-foot recreation facility that will replace the Flynn Recreation Complex; construction will continue through 2018, with the opening slated for early 2019.

-Sean Smith, News & Public Affairs

BC Hosts an Urban Beehive

Earlier this year, Fulton Hall became home to some new residents – somewhere between 10,000 and 15,000 of them – but administrators, faculty, staff and others in Fulton are unlikely to have noticed. That’s because these recent arrivals don’t spend any time in Fulton’s offices, classrooms, or hallways. Instead, they hang out on the Fulton roof, buzzing around or inside a three-tiered structure that resembles a file cabinet, where instead of research they produce...honey. Yes, they’re bees.



Thanks to a donation from the parents of a current undergraduate, Boston College is a recent addition to a local firm’s “urban beehive” program. University administrators say the initiative reflects BC’s strong interest in sustainability issues and solutions, and offers a potential educational resource.

“There has been a lot of concern about the world’s bee population, and the numbers of beehives dying out,” said Office of Sustainability Director Robert Pion. “We felt that hosting a beehive would be a symbol of BC’s concern for the environment.” There are benefits for BC, too, Pion and others note, since bees promote the pollination of flowering plants.

The beehive’s arrival at BC came at the behest of Fred and Donna Seigel, parents of a current sophomore and a 2013 graduate. Fred Seigel is president and COO of Beacon Capital Partners, which has installed beehives on building rooftops at its properties, locally and elsewhere in the U.S., in collaboration with the Best Bees Company, a leading researcher of honey bees that is seeking to address the decline in the bee population.

-Sean Smith, News & Public Affairs

Michael Malec Receives 2016 Community Service Award

Described by one BC associate as “a beacon of good citizenship,” Malec was chosen to receive the University’s annual Community Service Award, presented by the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs, which honors a BC employee whose actions exemplify the Jesuit spirit of community service and involvement.

Malec’s colleagues also point out that he has put his ideals into action locally as well as in Nicaragua, as an advocate for affordable housing in Newton and a three-term alderman for the city during the 1980s.

Malec says his 48 years at BC have provided him with ample motivation and guidance to serve.



Boston College President William P. Leahy, S.J., with Associate Professor of Sociology Michael Malec

Photo by Lee Pelligrini

“I’ve been able to do all this because of where I am,” he says. “The Boston College ethos—‘men and women for others’ and ‘go set the world aflame’—has nurtured me, and along with the

people at Boston College, provided a very supportive environment. I feel very blessed to be here.”

Malec’s colleagues, friends and former students (many of whom refer to him as “Don

Miguel”) feel blessed themselves for having known him. Nominating him for the Community Service Award, Susan Choy ’11—who participated in the Nicaragua service trip twice—wrote that Malec made it possible for students “to act out social justice ideals by working alongside Nicaraguan leaders to bolster educational resources, engineer a ‘green’ preschool, and improve local water sanitation, among other work.

“By his example,” she concluded, “we can envision how the power of one passionate individual can mobilize a coalition to engage in service against growing global challenges.”

—Sean Smith,
News & Public Affairs

McMullen Museum Fall Exhibit

Beyond Words: Illuminated Manuscripts in Boston Collections is the inaugural exhibition at the McMullen Museum of Art’s new home. Featuring illuminated manuscripts from nineteen Boston-area institutions, *Beyond Words* provides a sweeping overview of the history of the book in the Middle Ages and Renaissance, as well as a guide to its production,

illumination, functions, and readership.

With over 150 manuscripts on display, *Manuscripts for Pleasure & Piety* at the McMullen Museum focuses on lay readership and the place of books in medieval society. **In the Daley Family Gallery September 12 – December 11, 2016**

Football season is here! Please see the enclosed magnet for the 2016 football schedule. Go Eagles!



BC Neighborhood Center



The Boston College Neighborhood Center, at 480 Washington Street, Brighton, provides BC resources, programs and services to the Allston-Brighton community.

In addition to offering free tutoring and ESOL classes, the BCNC recently hosted two employment-related informational workshops in partnership with

BC Human Resources entitled “Interested in Getting a Job in Higher Education?”

For information on future workshops or to register for services, please visit the BCNC website at www.bc.edu/neighborhood or call 617-552-0445.