Mary Griffin receiving flowers and thanks from President Norm Berkowitz for her leadership on the ARF book Our proud refrain

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Well folks we have completed another year—and a fine year it was, distinguished by a series of notable events. You may remember that last year we changed our bylaws to allow for honorary membership in our association to be offered to persons who have made outstanding contribution both to the development and vitality of Boston College and to ARF. This year, by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, this honor was extended to and accepted by Father Donald Monan and Margaret “Peg” Dwyer who led us through the development of the university to become one of the most esteemed in the nation.

The extent of this continued development was highlighted in a talk given by Provost Bert Garza at our banquet, who catalogued the heights to which many of our schools and departments have risen. But most astonishing to me at least was his report of the plan to hire about 80 new faculty members in the coming couple of years. This, during a major recession, with other schools freezing or reducing faculty size and cutting in a variety of other ways. It is tribute to the administration that manages and allocates our resources and to the development office that increases them.
An important event announced at our annual banquet was the completion and publication of Our proud refrain, an oral history of Boston College focusing on the life on the Heights in the fifties and sixties. It is our story told in the reflections of 17 faculty members who lived through those years. I urge those of you who have not already done so to read it and restore to consciousness your own memories. It’s a walk down memory lane that is to be cherished as your own contributions and those of your colleagues come to the fore. This truly was Mary Griffin’s labor of love as she conceived it, organized a working committee and propelled the project from inception to completion. The book was completed in time to be announced and made available at our May banquet. Copies are available through the BC Book Store.

Our changed bylaws also require that election of officers be staggered so that a complete turnover can no longer happen. This year election to the offices of Vice President, Treasurer and one Member at Large was conducted at our final meeting of the year. The nominating committee chaired by Dennis Taylor (with Joan Jones and Jack Lewis, members) presented a slate of candidates that was approved without dissent by the membership. As result Robbie Tourse will serve as our new Vice President and Dahl Fisher as Treasurer. Charlie Smith will continue as Member at Large. I look forward to working with them all in the coming year. I will remain as President, as will Jean O’Neil as Treasurer and John Smith now as the senior Member at Large. Together with Fr. Joe Duffy this constitutes our 2010-11 officers and Executive Committee. Laurel Eisenhauer as editor of the newsletter also serves as an informal ex officio member and contributes to the overall organization by means of this newsletter making known upcoming events and serving as an internal ARF “talk line”. While still in this vein I would like to thank Rachel Spector and Carolyn Thomas for their service during the past year. I especially want to publicly thank Carolyn for her years of service. She was an outstandingly faithful and responsible member who contributed to all phases of the organization’s work—way beyond that of the duties of treasurer. I will still call upon her for advice during the coming year.

Our next meeting will in September will feature Kay Schlozman from Political Science, who will present some of her ideas on politics in America. At that time of course we will be able to question her about our recent senatorial election and the upcoming November elections. The Executive Committee is currently exploring the availability of other speakers. However you should not leave programming up to the Executive Committee. I really hope that many of you will suggest speakers or other types of events that we could provide for the membership.

Finally you should be aware that Dennis Taylor is seeking to institute a monthly seminar series in which our members could present their research or current interests for discussion. It is hoped that about a dozen or so persons would become regular participants in the series. Those interested should contact Dennis or me and we will take it from there.

Well, that’s it for now. I wish you all a happy, healthy summer and hope to see you in on September 23rd. Until then -- stay out of the deep water.

Norman Berkowitz
President

ARF CALENDAR—2010–2011
On the days of Program Meetings, please bring your lunch and adjourn to the third floor Faculty Suite after the program and enjoy informal talk and camaraderie with your colleagues.

Unless otherwise indicated, Program Meetings are held 10:30 to noon in the Conference Room on the first floor of 3 Lake Street on the Brighton campus.

Book Club meetings are held 10:30 to 12 noon in the Retired Faculty Suite on the third floor of 3 Lake Street.

September
Thursday, September 16, 10:30 AM
Book Club

Thursday, September 23, 10:30 AM
Program Meeting. Kay Schlozman: Current political perspectives..
October
Thursday, October 7 10:30 AM
Book Club
Thursday, October 21 10:30 AM
Program Meeting.

November
Thursday, November 4 10:30 AM
Book Club
Thursday, November 18 10:30 AM
Program Meeting.

January
Thursday, January 10 10:30 AM
Book Club
Thursday, January 27 10:30 AM
Program Meeting.

February
Thursday, February 10 10:30 AM
Book Club
Thursday, February 24 10:30 AM
Program Meeting.

March
Thursday, March 10 10:30 AM
Book Club
Thursday, March 24 10:30 AM
Program Meeting.

April
Thursday, April 14 10:30 AM
Book Club
Thursday, April 28 10:30 AM
Program Meeting.

May
Thursday, May 12 10:30 AM
Book Club
Thursday, May 19 10:30 AM
Annual Meeting, Elections and Program.
Monday, May 23
University Commencement.

For details about serving as a Marshal or University Host contact Louise Lonabocker (louise@bc.edu)

Wednesday, May 25 5:30 PM
ARF Annual Banquet.

RETIREE NEWS

Please send your personal and professional news to Laurel Eisenhauer laurel.eisenhauer@bc.edu

Rebecca Valette was among the first five American recipients of gold medals, for the promotion of French language or culture, from La Renaissance Française, a French non-profit organization founded in 1916 by French president Raymond Poincaré.

Rebecca Valette with the French Ambassador
It cites that she was honored for her broad influence on French teaching in the United States: “she has written and lectured extensively on foreign language pedagogy and served three years as president of the American Association of Teachers of French.” –From the BC webpage

John Savage just finished the latest revision of his text Phonics in a comprehensive reading program. The fourth edition of the book will be published by McGraw-Hill in the fall.

Norman J. Wells has published “Descartes and the Coimbrans on material falsity” in The Modern Schoolman.
Robbie Welch Christler Tourse recently received the Alumni Special recognition Award for 2009 from the Simmons College School of Social Work Alumnae Association. She also received the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Social Workers—Massachusetts Chapter.

John Mahoney received the St. Ignatius Award from Boston College High School, given to a graduate who exemplifies the ideals of the Catholic institution through high moral character and selfless service to the community.

Charles F. Smith, Jr. has been saluted by the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) Conference on Multicultural Affairs (CMA) as a CMA Legend for his more than twenty years of dedicated service and leadership to the organization, sustaining its mission.

The mission of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) is to support and promote US Jesuit higher education by facilitating cooperative efforts among the 28 member institutions, providing a forum for the exchange of experience and information, and representing the work of US Jesuit higher education at the national and international levels. With these ideas in mind, the AJCU’s Conference on Multicultural Affairs was established in order to provide a forum for diversity/multi-cultural affairs professionals and students from Jesuit colleges and universities across the United States to share information relative to students of color at Jesuit institutions.

BC ARF BOOK CLUB
It has become a tradition for Book Club members to select summer reading that may lead to an excursion in the Fall. One of two or both books selected for Summer 2010 hold that promise. The first is Ahab’s wife also known as The stargazer. A novel by S.J. Nuslund for which Peg Murphy is investigating a whale watch or New Bedford whaling history destination. The second book, recommended by Jean Mooney, is The alienist by Caleb Carr, which would lead us to New York City. New York would also recall our reading Brooklyn last spring. These books will be discussed at the first meeting, Thursday September 16.

What went wrong? The clash between Islam and Modernity in the Mid-East by Bernard Lewis is the selection for October 7.

Members will read and discuss The hotel on the corner of Bitter & Sweet by Jamie Ford on November 4.

Selections for Spring 2011 are tentative at present. Hopefully the poetry suggestion from John Mahoney that met with member enthusiasm will be included.

All meetings are held from 10:30 to noon in the 3rd floor John Donovan Suite at 3 Lake Street. See Calendar for dates.

Please contact Norm Berkowitz, President, for parking passes if needed.

DEATHS
Condolences to the families and colleagues of:

- Stanley Dmohowski (Accounting,CSOM)
- Joseph Flanagan, S.J. (Philosophy)
- Bernadette Patricia Hungler (Nursing)
- William W. Meissner, S.J., (University Professor of Psychoanalysis)

NEW RETIREEs
Welcome to new retirees:

- Charles Baron (Law)
- Henry Blackwell (English)
- Paul Breines (History)
- Christopher Bruell (Political Science)
Richard Cobb-Stevens (Philosophy)
Randy Easton (Psychology)
Ron Pawliczek (Accounting, CSOM)
Gerald O’Brien, SJ, (Philosophy)
Don Plocke, SJ (Biology)
Catherine Schneider (Economics)

BC ARF Executive Committee
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NEED COMPUTER HELP?
The Faculty Micro Resource Center (FMRC), in Carney 403 (during Gasson renovations) is at your service, moderated by
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Fall–semester staffed hours:
Monday/Wednesday 3.15–4.30
Tuesday/Thursday 10.30–11.45
and other staffed times by arrangement
Come by the FMRC during staffed hours with your BC ID to register for round–the–clock 24×7 access to the latest technology.
That way you can then have access to the facility at any time, even at midnight!
Some newer technologies to get acquainted with in the FMRC include: multi-screen monitors, newer OS X features, iPhone and iPod tricks, quick automated document-feed scanning (ADF), the iPad, high-definition video, color laser printing, micro-/pico-projectors.

OUTREACH TO ARF MEMBERS
Please notify ARF if you know of any member of retired faculty who is ill or who dies so that we can send cards to them or their families. Please notify Charles Smith (charles.smith.1@bc.edu)

NEW NEWS
In order to provide information to ARF members in a more timely way, there will be “News Bursts” included with the notices that you receive in the mail about the monthly program meetings—so be sure to open them up!
The ARF Newsletter will be published once a year in the summer with news from the previous year and the notices about the schedule and plans for the upcoming academic year.

ARF SEMINARS
Next year, 2010-2011, we would like to have a series of seminars where faculty share their research interests, its importance for their discipline and their lives, its role in the university and the world at large. Each seminar would focus on one faculty member’s research for a half hour or so, and then be open for discussion. A brief reading might be provided in advance. If you are interested in participating, please contact: Dennis.Taylor (taylor@bc.edu).
CONVERSATION PARTNERS
Boston College’s Office of International Students and Scholars started a Conversation Partners Program in the Spring of 2010. Volunteers meet once a week with a graduate international student at a mutually convenient time and location. My partner was Kel, a 27 year old male from China working on his PhD. Since he was taking courses at other universities plus BC, we met on the weekends, usually Saturday morning, in one of the student lounges in Campion. We met almost every weekend unless one of us had a conflict.

The Office of International Students and Scholars held an orientation for the volunteers and gave some suggestions on conversation topics. Most of the volunteers were other BC students, staff and administrators. In the beginning weeks, my partner and I discussed our families, work and current happenings in Boston (going on daylight saving time, the marathon). Later on, we spent time going over his transcribed, taped interviews with administrators. There were certain words he was uncertain of and I would listen to the tape and help clarify the speaker’s words. I was amazed at how well he quickly spelled complex words in English. He had more difficulty in speaking clearly so that others understood him. This is the reason for conversation partners.

I enjoyed meeting with my conversation partner and learned more about the Chinese culture. I hope I helped him some. I had hoped to go to Chinatown with him, but we never got around to it and he wasn’t that interested. He knew his way around Boston and would go to the airport to meet other Chinese people coming to Boston for meetings.

I plan to be a conversation partner again in the fall of 2010. I may have the same partner, since my partner is going to be at BC through December 2010, but that will be determined by the Office of International Students and Scholars. If anyone is interested in becoming a conversation partner e-Mail: bcis@bc.edu or link to www.bc.edu/oiss. I’m sure they would like more volunteers and it is a good way to stay connected with our employer. You can contact me at rmk1105@yahoo.com.

Rosemary Krawczyk

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
TRAVEL/STUDY PROGRAMS
2010-09-17/10-03: Egypt & the eternal Nile (now sold out)
2010-09-21/10-04: Best of the Aegean & Greek Isles
2010-09-26/10-04: Village Life in Tuscany
2010-10-12/26: Treasures of South Africa
2010-10-24/11-01: Crossroads of the Mediterranean (cruise)
2011-01-01/14: Samba Rhythms: Luxury Oceania Cruise to South America

For more information contact Gail Darnell at 617-552-8035 or gail.darnell@bc.edu.

TEST YOUR BC TRIVIA TALENTS
Young alumni in the Boston area recently participated in a trivia contest at a local pub, and the Alumni Association thought they’d give all of us a chance to test our BC knowledge. Go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/SL65BNN for a 10-item quiz that includes questions posed to local GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade) alumni.
“Over the last several centuries, Irish artists have produced compelling and revealing portraits of Irish writers. Many of these portraits—paintings, sculptures, and photographs—were either commissioned or purchased by various Irish national collections. This exhibition comprises more than fifty of the finest examples from two of the most significant of these collections, the Crawford Art Gallery in Cork and the Abbey Theatre in Dublin.

*Literary Lives* combines visual portraiture with a wide range of rare books, manuscripts, letters, illustrations, and objects selected from Boston College’s Burns Library to explore questions about the literary life, both personal and professional, and to reveal how different materials offer windows to different aspects of that life.”

Hennessy, Patrick RHA (1915-80)
Portrait of Elizabeth Bowen at Bowenscourt, 195

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O’Dea, Michael (b. 1958)
Portrait of Mícheál Ó Síadhail

*KEEP WATCH FOR A NOTICE ABOUT A MUSEUM TOUR FOR ARF MEMBERS.*
FROM ARF PROGRAM MEETINGS

A panel of BC seniors share with retired faculty their BC experiences

Vice-Provost Pat DeLeeuw shares information about BC’s 2013 Sesquicentennial Celebration

FROM THE ARF ANNUAL BANQUET (MAY 2010)