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Norman Berkowitz, President, and Jack Lewis, past President, presenting a plaque and expressing appreciation to Jack Neuhauser, former Academic Vice President, for his long time support of retired faculty at Boston College.

A WORD FROM THE BCARF PRESIDENT:

Greetings fellow BCARF members. This is my first message to you as your president. The office was left vacant by virtue of Jack Lewis' decision to step down after three years in office. He guided the organization from its very first days until in his view it was able to stand on its own. We owe him a very great debt of gratitude for the time, energy, wisdom, and caring he gave to our fledgling organization. The remarkable success of ARF is to a considerable extent due to his efforts. Fortunately the designers of our constitution specified that the outgoing president remains a member of the Executive Committee and so we will still have the benefit of his expertise.

Laurel Eisenhower who has been enormously helpful in orienting me to my new job will remain at her post as vice president and Executive Committee member. I wish to publicly state my debt to her as she has advised me in dealing with a surprising number of issues that have already arisen. Her counsel had been invaluable.

We are fortunate to retain Joyce Dwyer and Jim Skehan S.J. as members of the Executive Committee, while welcoming Jean O'Neil and Carolyn Thomas as new members. Jean Mooney, Tom Connors, and Bill McInnes have decided to leave the Executive Committee and we all owe them a hearty vote of thanks for their work in launching our organization. Jean Mooney in particular is owed our thanks both as a driving force in initiating our organization, in arranging and overseeing our annual banquet, and in countless other ways.

The university has been (and will continue to be) wonderfully supportive of its retired faculty. In the past, a mainstay of this support was Jack Neuhauser who could be counted on to respond to our needs, and now Bert Garza, our new provost, exhibits a similar supportive orientation as does his entire organization, most specifically the Vice Provost Pat DeLeeuw and their right arm Nancy Samya. The most recent manifestation of institutional support is revealed in changes in our quarters. As you know we have occupied one of the prime locations on campus. But quite reasonably, the needs of academic departments must trump our own.

But rather than being cast into the street, the provost has assured us that we will be assigned space that meets our needs. I am confident that the university will provide new quarters that allow us to continue

our work as we have in the past. As you well know providing space for all units of the university is a bit like moving interrelated pieces of a complex puzzle. At the moment it not clear to anyone where we will end up since any one move requires multiple others. We have recently been involved in discussion with the provost and Space Planning personnel but no decisions have been made. As the solution to the puzzle is being worked out the officers of ARF will be involved and our recommendation taken into consideration. As soon as there is anything to share you folks will be the first (maybe second) to receive the information.

Regardless of the move we have actually outgrown the space for our monthly program meetings. So this year, beginning with our very first meeting in September, we will be meeting in the larger Cabaret Room in Vanderslice Dormitory on the lower campus. This is dorm directly across from St Ignatius-and next to the dining hall. The Cabaret Room is right next to the sidewalk Members will be able to use the garages as before and then take a short walk to the meeting space.

The possibility of developing an oral history of Boston College was discussed at a meeting last year. This effort is moving under the leadership of Mary Griffin who will contact members who have indicated a desire to participate in such an effort. Additional interested people should contact Mary directly.

A number of other activities are under consideration and will be discussed during the year. For now, I will close and look forward to seeing you at our September meeting.

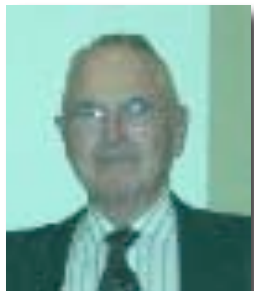
Norman Berkowitz
President

ARF ELECTIONS

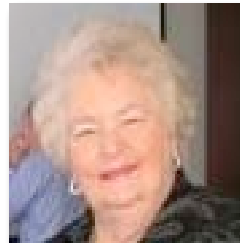
Elections for the Executive Committee were held at the May meeting. This was the first election held under the Bylaws approved last year.



President: Norman Berkowitz



Past President: Jack Lewis



Vice-President: Laurel Eisenhauer



Secretary: Jean O'Neil



Treasurer: Carolyn Thomas



*Members-at-large:
Joyce Dwyer and James Skehan, SJ*

BOOK CLUB 2007-2008

Initial planning for the new season resulted in a five-meeting schedule on Thursdays at 11.00 AM:

October 11, 2007
November 8, 2007
February 14, 2008
March 13, 2008
April 10, 2008

On October 11, members will discuss their summer reading of *John Adams* by David McCullough. A trip to historic Quincy is being planned; free trolley service from the Visitors Center in Quincy Square will take members and guests to the birthplace of both Presidents John and John Quincy Adams and the "Old House" Adams National Historic Site. The positive response to last year's readings featuring Concord, Massachusetts literary figures followed by a visit to Concord encouraged the book- trip combination.

The group will move from history to fiction in November. The selection for discussion is *On Beauty* by Zadie Smith. Members suggested also reading *White Teeth* by the same author for those not acquainted with Zadie Smith.

In October, members will decide on future selections. Every meeting results in many suggestions from these voracious readers. New participants are always welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Since the attendance at general meetings has increased, we have decided to have these meetings in larger rooms on the lower campus. **Beginning in September 2007, general meetings will be held in the Cabaret Room located in the Vanderslice dormitory on Lower Campus.** (The one exception will be the March 2008 meeting, the date, time and location of which will be determined later).

Park in the Commonwealth Avenue garage as we have done previously. After exiting the garage, walk to the left, go past the Robsham Theater and the Corcoran Commons (formerly the Lower Campus Dining Facility). The Vanderslice dormitory will then be on your right.

Spouses and significant others are welcome to attend ARF events.

See the August 2006 ARF Newsletter for information about parking. A copy is available at

<http://fmwww.bc.edu/ARF/ARF.html>

If anyone needs a ride, we will try to coordinate drivers and riders !! Call Laurel Eisenhauer (617-965-4877) at least one week before the event

SCHEDULE FOR THE 2007-2008 ACADEMIC YEAR.

September

Wednesday, September 5: 4 PM *University Convocation*

Thursday, September 20: 10:30 AM *General Meeting*. Program: Vera Lee will present "White Little Girl of Tin Pan Alley; Black Venus of the Blues."

October

Thursday, October 11: 11:00 AM *Book Club*

Thursday, October 18: 10:30 AM *General Meeting*. Cabaret Room.

November

Thursday, November 8: 11:00 AM *Book Club*.

Thursday, November 15: 10:30 AM *General Meeting*. Cabaret Room

February

Thursday, February 14: 11:00 AM *Book Club*

Thursday, February 21 10:30 AM *General Meeting*. Cabaret Room

March

Thursday, March 13: 11:00 AM *Book Club*

March: to be determined *General Meeting*

April

Thursday, April 10: 11:00 AM *Book Club*

Thursday, April 17: 10:30 AM *General Meeting* Cabaret Room

May

Thursday, May 15: 10:30 AM *ARF Annual Meeting and Elections*

Monday, May 19: University Commencement

Wednesday, May 28: ARF Annual Banquet

NEWS OF RETIREES

Jim Skehan, SJ (Geology & Geophysics) has been appointed the 2008 Russell Lecturer in Science and Religion at the Goddard Chapel on the Tufts University Campus. He will present a lecture on Religion and Science on April 2, 2008. Jim is also beginning the revision of his book *Geology of Connecticut and Rhode Island*. His book on Teilhard de Chardin is in progress and will be published by Loyola Press in 2008.

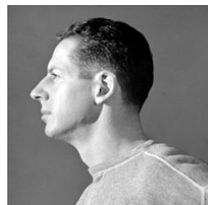
MCMULLEN EXHIBIT: *POLLOCK MATTERS*

September 2 through December 9, 2007

The McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College presents a groundbreaking exhibition, *Pollock Matters*, on view September 1 through December 9, 2007. It explores, for the first time, the personal and artistic relationship between famed American Abstract Expressionist painter Jackson Pollock and noted Swiss-born photographer and graphic designer Herbert Matter.



Jackson Pollock



Herbert Matter

This exhibition also debuts to the public 25 recently discovered experimental works found in 2002 by Matter's son in a storage facility belonging to his late father. The paintings—although identified as "Jackson experimental works" by an inscription in Herbert Matter's hand—have been the subject of controversy, scientific study and scholarly analysis, and have generated significant media attention.

ARF will be arranging for a special tour for retired faculty and guests.

BCARF website:

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NEED COMPUTER HELP?

The Faculty Micro Resource Center, moderated by Michael Connolly (Slavic & Eastern), Richard Jenson (Mathematics) and Kit Baum (Economics), in Gasson 010 (Basement) is at your service.

Spring-semester staffed hours:

Connolly: Mon/Wed 3:30-4:45

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Jenson: Tu/Th 10:30-11.45

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and other staffed times by arrangement

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