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Oh, no !! Another Faculty Meeting? Retired faculty review and approved By-Laws for the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty

A WORD FROM THE BCARF PRESIDENT:

Moving Forward with ARF

It was nice to receive the beautiful Christmas greeting from Fr. Leahy a few days ago, the thirty-sixth one I have gotten each year since joining the Boston College faculty. Some of you can attest to having received several more I am sure. Beyond the greeting, getting the card reminds me that even though you and I are not "punching in" any more, we are still a part of the BC family. And that is a nice feeling.

Each year I am tempted to respond to the invitation to the annual Faculty Christmas Party. I sure had fun at them, that is, if my final grades were in and I was able to attend and renew ties with busy colleagues all across the campus. Actually a reprise of those warm feelings comes back for me each time members of our Association of Retired Faculty gather for our monthly meeting in the beautiful Donovan Suite.

Do you recall the inaugural luncheon for retired faculty hosted by Academic Vice President Jack Neuhauser and Fr. Leahy, in May 2003, welcoming the formation of our Association? We have come a long way since our first ARF general meeting on September 25th, 2003, when we spent some time

together in small groups to brainstorm what we wanted to be and do. Many of the ideas growing out of that gathering have guided the Planning Committee in the three years since in responding to the expressed needs and interests of our colleagues.

It is timely for us to update information from our membership gained from that meeting as well as a written survey done in 2003 to establish the future direction of the Association, and that will be done early in 2007. Each of the three years since then, we have enjoyed a number of stimulating and informative programs, drawing on the rich talents of our own members as well as current University faculty and administrators.

If you live within driving distance of Chestnut Hill (i.e. 70 miles) and have not joined us for an ARF meeting, you are missing something! The on-campus parking could not be more convenient, there is always a Danish with your name on it waiting for you, friends to schmooze with whom you may not have seen for some time, and a program you will probably talk about for weeks.

A belated Christmas greeting and best wishes for the New Year.

Jack Lewis
President

ARF BYLAWS APPROVED

The annual meeting of the Association of Retired Faculty was held on Thursday, November 30th in the Donovan Suite. The main item on the agenda was a review of the draft Bylaws of the Association, which had been generated by the Planning Committee. Based on a discussion of the draft by the membership, a few minor changes were made and the language in some articles made clearer. The final version of the Bylaws was approved without dissent.

One major change is that the annual meeting of the Association has been moved from the November general meeting to the last general meeting of the academic year, which will take place for the first time in May 2007. Also, officers and members-at-large of the Executive Committee will be elected to two year terms. Other changes included a change in name from the current Planning Committee which henceforth will be the Executive Committee, and a provision that the past president of the Association will remain on the committee as an ex-officio member. The Bylaws spell out the function of the Executive Committee and duties of the elected officers.

A copy of the Association of Retired Faculty Bylaws will be placed on the ARF webpage.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Three distinguished colleagues representing various parts of the University have accepted appointment as members of the ARF Nominating Committee: Professors Severyn Bruyn (Sociology), John Mahoney (English) and Jean Mooney (Education) as Chair. The appointments were approved by the Planning Committee and announced at the annual meeting in November.

The Nominating Committee will complete its work during the Spring 2007 and arrange to have the completed list of candidates sent to all ARF members at least thirty days ahead of the annual meeting. Association members may submit nominations to the Nominating Committee for any vacancies no less than two months in advance of the Annual Meeting. Before being nominated, a candidate must have expressed in advance a willingness to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

WE NEED YOU!!

One very important reason that the Association of Retired Faculty has grown successfully in its short existence is a direct result of the willingness shown by a number of your and my colleagues to share their time and considerable talents through membership on the Planning Committee and its subcommittees.

I would be very surprised to hear any of them complain that it took too much time or energy, and would also be even more surprised if each of them did not acknowledge that helping build ARF was a pleasurable experience and a source of personal pride.

Inevitably the torch gets passed to new hands and as a crucial result brings fresh ideas, new directions. As we enter our fourth year at Boston College, we are solidly established and widely recognized within the institution. Our pioneering days are passed, but there are new challenges and not yet thought of ways to serve our retired faculty cohort.

Please consider taking a turn in the leadership team to move ARF forward. Ask any past member of the Planning Committee, and you will learn that it is not a burdensome task. When and/if a member of the Nominating Committee calls to honor you as a nominee, be prepared to say "Yes." We would not/could not be where we are today, if "too busy", "not interested," or "let others do it," were the responses. We need you!!

Jack Lewis

NEWS OF RETIREES

Rachel Spector and her husband Manny spent a glorious two months during the winter of 2006 in Jerusalem. Rachel received a fellowship award from the Lady Davis Fellowship Trust. The award is given annually to approximately 15 fellows to participate in research in Israel either at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem or the Technion Institute of Technology in Haifa. Most of Rachel's colleagues were bench scientists and researchers; she was the only fellow working on the "human side of health care." The fellowship allowed her to prepare the faculty of the Hadassah

Henrietta Zold-Hebrew University School of Nursing to create curricula related to cultural issues associated with health, illness, and healing in Israel. She collaborated with Dr. Anita Noble, RN, a



faculty member at the nursing school to develop a curriculum that delves into issues of cultural diversity in health and illness among the many different Jewish and other religious and ethnic populations served by Hadassah Hospital. Rachel is a retired faculty member from the Connell School of Nursing where she developed and taught cultural content as it relates to health and illness for over 30 years. During their time in Israel they both had the opportunity to explore many parts of the country and to become adept at navigating the Jerusalem bus system and streets.

James Skehan, SJ recently ran a field trip for the Trustees of Reservations in the Assonet and Dighton MA area. The Geological Society of America, in the September issue of *Geology Today*, announced that the 2007 Northeastern Section Meeting, March 11-14, in Durham, New Hampshire will feature a symposium: "Rev. James W. Skehan, S.J. Geologist, Teacher, Mentor, Priest: A Jesuit Journey". The published announcement reads:

"Fr. Jim, as he is known to one and all around the world, has had a long, distinguished and varied career extending for over half a century. This symposium is to recognize and commemorate his many contributions, particularly those to the geology of the northern Appalachians. He was one of the first to recognize the importance of plate tectonics in understanding this mountain belt and its differentiation into terranes, including the extent of the Avalon terrane into

southeastern New England. We hope his colleagues, former students and many friends will join in celebrating Fr. Jim's career by contributing modern work or summaries from areas in which Fr. Jim's interests lie, tinged perhaps, with personal recollections of this unique individual."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise indicated all meetings of BCARF are held in the Donovan Suite on the 5th floor of 21 Campanella Way. Spouses and significant others are welcome to attend 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

January

Thursday, January 18 11 AM Book club

Thursday, January 25 10:30 AM ARF meeting. Speaker: Bill Newman, co-author of a new book: *Boston's Back Bay: The Story of America's Greatest Nineteenth Century Landfill Project*. Signed copies of his book will be available for purchase.

March

Thursday, March 01 11 AM Book Club

Thursday, March 8 10:30 AM ARF meeting

April

Thursday, April 12: 11 AM Book Club

Thursday, April 19 10:30 AM ARF meeting

May

Thursday, May 10: 11 AM Book Club

Thursday, May 17 10:30 AM ARF ANNUAL MEETING (with election of officers and members of the Executive Committee.

The ARF ANNUAL BANQUET will be held in late May. Date to be announced.

BOOK CLUB PLANS FOR 2006-2007

The Spring meetings of the Retired Faculty Book Club will be 11 AM on the Thursday before each regular Retired Faculty Meeting.

In September 2006 the group invited Diane Thompson from the O'Neill Library's long-running book club to share her experiences. A lively discussion and subsequent suggestions from ARF members who are in other book clubs contributed to the 2006-2007 planning.

A sequence of books similar to the 2005-2006 pattern of historical novels, biographies and an last meeting mystery book treat were chosen. They include:

18 January:

The Peabody Sisters: Women Who Influenced the Rise of Transcendentalism (Megan Marshall), ISBN: 0618711694

01 March:

After This (Alice McDermott), ISBN: 0374168094

12 April:

John Adams (David McCullough), ISBN: 0743223136

10 May: a mystery, to be determined.

Additionally, the group planned visits to sites associated with three of the books.

In December, the group went to Concord to tour the Alcott home pertinent both to Bronson Alcott, who is the subject of *March*, and to *The Peabody Sisters*.

A tour of the Adams homes in Quincy is planned for Spring 2007

All are welcome—come to one or all of the meetings! Any questions, contact Jean O'Neil (jean.oneil@bc.edu)

RECENTLY DECEASED

We note with deep regret the passing of the following Boston College retired faculty members:

Eugene Bushala (Classics)
P. Albert Duhamel (English)
Rev. Thomas F. Fleming, SJ (Philosophy)
Rev. Francis J. Murphy (History)
William Youngren (English)

BC FRONT ROW PROGRAMS

Programs of interest from BC's *Front Row*:

Keynote speaker Senator **John McCain** (R-Arizona) exhorted students to look beyond self-interest in their lives and careers at Boston College's third annual academic convocation for first-year students in September.

frontrow.bc.edu/program/mccain/

James Morris, author and Boston College professor of theology, discusses the McMullen Museum of Art exhibit *Cosmophillia: Islamic Art from the David Collection, Copenhagen* in the context of Islamic history, art, and literature.

frontrow.bc.edu/program/morris/

VISIT YOUR JESUIT COLLEAGUES

Every month a group of faculty and staff visits retired and infirm Boston College Jesuits at the Jesuit Retirement Center in Weston, Mass.

The group leaves the campus at 2PM, visits for an hour and returns home by 4 PM.

Transportation is provided if needed. Recent visitors have included Vincent Nuccio, Ray Martin, Betty Strain, John Donovan and Don White.

For further information contact Fr Bill McInnes, SJ

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INTERESTED IN ADVISEMENT?

The 2006/07 academic year is the inaugural year of Boston College's new Academic Advising Center for undergraduate students in the College of Arts & Sciences and the Carroll School of Management. Information about the center is located at:

<http://www.bc.edu/offices/acadvctr/>

Anyone interested in serving as an advisor in 2007-2008 should contact the director, Elizabeth (Ibby) Nathans nathanse@bc.edu before May 1, 2007. Dr Nathans, a historian by training, has taught at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) and at Duke, and as an administrator has served as an academic dean at Duke and at Harvard. Dr Nathans oversees the work of the Academic Advising Center and enjoys meeting with individual students, especially to discuss

issues of long-range planning and goal-setting.

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

cnnmj@bc.edu, 552.3912

Jenson: Tu/Th 9:00-10:15

jenson@bc.edu, 552.3757

and other staffed times by arrangement

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

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BCARF website:

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

BCARF logo by Tom O'Connor, University Historian

SNIPPETS

Do you know the significance of T-shirts worn by some BC students with the words *AGAPE LATTE*? *Agape* is a Greek word for a kind of love that seeks nothing in return. *Agape Latte* is a monthly event designed for students seeking to learn more about faith and religion in an inviting social environment. It is held once a month in Hillside Café: students are treated to free desserts, coffee, and an engaging lecture followed by Q & A.

Watch a lecture on the internet by Richard Cobb Stevens, Professor of Philosophy on "The Jesuit Tradition and the Core Curriculum".

www.bc.edu/church21/resources/webcast

"The Unbearable Lightness of Being: Re-Sourcing Catholic Intellectual Traditions for Higher Education" a symposium presented

by Stephen Schloesser, SJ (History), with Ali Banuazizi (Psychology) and Ray Madoff (Law) as respondents.

omc.bc.edu/projects/c21symposium/
This site requires a login with a BC password.

To retrieve major articles from the *Boston College Magazine*:

www.bc.edu/friends/previous_bcm/





John Smith (Mathematics), John Mahoney (English), Norman Wells (Philosophy)



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