



BC ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY

# BULLETIN

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well folks, another year has passed and we haven't. If that doesn't make it a good year I don't know what would. Although it is going to be a very tough year for many, one of the nice things about being retired is that you can't be laid off. So Happy New Year!!!

This past semester has been a good one for ARF. We seem to have settled into our quarters quite smoothly and they are more than adequate for our needs. As usual BC has done right by us. To establish relationships with our fellow occupants of 3 Lake St., we held an Open House after our monthly meeting in November. It seemed to go splendidly. It was nice to see so many of our members just schmoozing with one another. I think it would be good to arrange for just "get together sessions"—maybe a brown bag lunch after one of our meetings. Any takers? Let me know. ([berkowin@bc.edu](mailto:berkowin@bc.edu)).

As result of interaction during the Open House we were invited to an upcoming research presentation by the Work and Aging Project. I attended and was impressed with the quality of their work and the hospitality of their staff. There are plans afoot to have them present their work at one of our coming meetings.

Our monthly programs were blessed by having three outstanding speakers. Bill Neenan is ageless, entertaining and always informative as he discussed the origins of his famous reading lists and the merits of the various books. The enthusiastic response of the audience made it apparent that a beloved one of

our own had come to visit. A month later Mary Walsh presented absolutely eye-popping research results validating the enormous impact of the BC intervention in a subset of the Boston schools. At the final meeting of the semester Jim Frame discussed issues in the various health insurance programs relevant to the elderly. It gave many of us an opportunity to ask questions about our own personal situations. Ann Crowley provided a benefits perspective on many of the issues raised. We are grateful for her participation since she had to rush to Logan for a flight uncomfortably close to the end of our meeting.

Looking to the future - in the coming semester our membership will be presented with important issues. One month before our final meeting in May, the nominating committee (Dahl Fisher, Marge Gordon and Vera Lee) will present a slate of candidates for the all of the offices in our organization. A vote will be conducted and officers elected to lead us in the coming years. I hope that our members will agree to become candidates if approached by this committee

At the May meeting the membership will also be asked to vote on a series of changes in our by-laws. The most significant change involves the question of membership. At the moment only retired faculty can belong to ARF. But now you will be asked to vote on the creation of a new category, Honorary Member. This would extend eligibility to senior administrative people who would participate in all of our activities as regular members other than being able to vote or hold office. I hope that you seriously consider this change in the intervening months and I look forward to a vigorous discussion in May.

A final item bears on our continuing parking saga. At the next meeting I will distribute orange parking permits to those with sufficient energy to dash downstairs and place one at your windshield. I suppose I could remain at the head of the parking lot and distribute them as you arrive. But face it, the job doesn't pay that well. Still the good news is that I will also distribute the orange goody that legitimizes your parking at our February meeting. And I will do the same for all subsequent meetings. So if you manage not to lose them you need not fear the jack-booted parking gendarmes from that point on.

Well that's it. It has been a terrific year so far and I have no doubt that we will do as well in the future. If you have an idea for our program meetings please contact any one of the executive committee members.

Norm Berkowitz  
President

### **ARF ELECTIONS**

Elections for five BC ARF offices will take place in May. All those who are interested in running for office, or would like to discuss the possibility, are invited to contact a member of the nominating committee by March 1. The current members are:

Dal Fisher (617-964-4076),  
Marjory Gordon (marjgord@aol.com),  
Vera Lee (617-965-7370).

The officers to be elected in 2009 are: president, secretary, and member-at-large (2-year terms) as well as vice-president and treasurer (1-year terms). After next year all terms will be for 2 years, but not all offices will be up for election each year, providing for continuity on the board. The by-laws

specify that 2 candidates will run for each office.

### **ARF BOOK CLUB**

Eight members followed the reading of Nathaniel Hawthorne's *Scarlet Letter* and *The House of Seven Gables* with a trip to Salem. The group toured the House of Seven Gables and passed a physical fitness test by climbing the secret staircase. Of particular interest was the literary privilege taken by Hawthorne between the actual history of the house and his story. Members recommend this experience and touring the entire Salem area. An additional feature was exhibit viewing and lunch at the Peabody Essex Museum.

The November reading featured architecture and political-economic concerns in the story of Frank Lloyd Wright and his long term love, entitled *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan..

New Book Club member Joan Jones has encouraged the club to move beyond New England by looking at the opening of the West with the Lewis and Clark expedition. We read *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen Ambrose. Joan has given lectures on this subject at area libraries and brought her maps to the January 8, 2009 meeting to facilitate discussion. Additionally, there are many parallels with our previous reading of McCullough's *John Adams*. New members are always welcome. It is a pleasure to see the group grow.



*Jean O'Neil, Joan Jones, Laura and Dal Fisher, Carolyn Thomas, Rachel Spector, Jean Mooney, and Eileen Plunkett at the House of Seven Gables in Salem.*

## **INSTITUTIONAL HISTORY PROJECT**



*Mary Griffin, Chair of the ARF Institutional/Oral History Project, reported at the last meeting that the interviews have been completed and are in the process of being transcribed.*



*Loretta Higgins preparing to conduct an interview for the oral history project*



## RETIREE NEWS

**James W. Skehan, S.J.**, Director Emeritus, Weston Observatory authored *Roadside Geology of Connecticut and Rhode Island*, the latest volume in the series. It contains 20 road guides, and numerous photos, maps and illustrations all in bold color in 304 pages. Within state boundaries are included parts of at least 6 former continents and volcanic island chains, each with its own geologic history. The Road Guides introduce readers to the sequence of geologic events that created landforms now visible from the highways and in nearby parks and historic sites. Published by Mountain Press, Missoula, MT,

**Rebecca Valette** presented a workshop "Increasing Student Retention" at the 2008 annual meeting of the Federation of Alliances Françaises USA in Naples, FL

**Jean O'Neil** and **Laurel Eisenhauer** were re-activated for faculty duty in the School of Nursing, teaching an online course. Jean also taught in the course on human development and Laurel serve as acting chair of the adult health nursing department. Jean continues with her tutoring of students.

**Marjory Gordon** received the 2008 Mentor Award at the recent conference of the North American Nursing Diagnosis Association (NANDA) in Miami.

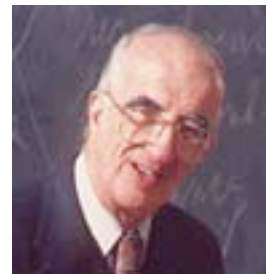
**Jean O'Neil** co-chaired a panel discussion at the NANDA conference.

**Richard Mackey** has published "Toward an integration of ideas about the self for the practice of social work" in *The Clinical Social Work Journal*.

**Laurel Eisenhauer** has been appointed co-editor of the Newsletter of the International

Network for Doctoral Education in Nursing (INDEN).

**John Mahoney** recently completed the 25-track CD titled *Sonnets of Shakespeare* which includes introductions and commentaries relating to the sonnets. It is available through the Boston College Bookstore. Proceeds benefit the Burns Library.



## DEATHS

Condolences to families and colleagues of:

**Maria Bade** (Biology)

**Stanley Bezuska SJ**  
(Mathematics)

**Edmund Burke** (GSSW)

**Lawrence G. Jones**  
(Slavic/Eastern)

**Archilles (Archie) Laferriere**  
(Mathematics)

**David Roy** (Geology)



## ARF CALENDAR—SPRING 2009

Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held at 3 Lake Street on the Brighton Campus in either the first floor conference room (Program Meetings) or in the 3rd floor ARF Donovan Suite.

Anyone need a ride? Contact Laurel Eisenhauer (617-965-4877).

If you wish to have a key to this suite, please contact Norman Berkowitz at [berkowin@bc.edu](mailto:berkowin@bc.edu)

## January

**Thursday, January 8, 10:30 AM**  
*ARF Book Club*

**Thursday, January 22, 10:30 AM**  
*Program Meeting*. Peter Gray: "Nature's Powerful Tutors: The Educative Functions of Free Play and Exploration"

## February

**Thursday, February 12 10:30 AM**  
*ARF Book Club*

**Thursday, February 19 10:30 AM**  
*Program Meeting*

## March

**Thursday, March 12 10:30 AM**  
*ARF Book Club*

**Thursday, March 19 10:30 AM**  
*Program Meeting*

## April

**Thursday, April 2 10:30 AM**  
*ARF Book Club*

**Thursday, April 16 10:30 AM**  
*Program Meeting*

## May

**Thursday, May 7 10:30 AM**  
*ARF Book Club*

**Thursday, May 14 10:30 AM**  
*Annual Meeting and Election*

**Wednesday, May 27 5:30 PM**  
*Annual Banquet.*

Murray Room, Yawkey Center (Lower Campus)

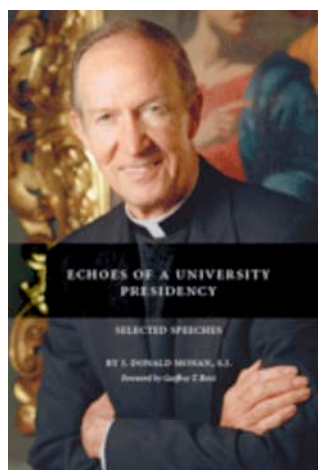
## ECHOES OF A UNIVERSITY PRESIDENCY

As president of Boston College through an extraordinary 24-year tenure, J. Donald Monan, S.J., led the University from the brink of bankruptcy to a period of growth and revival hailed by The Boston Globe as 'the Monan Renaissance'. A hands-on president both on campus and off, he was always his own speech writer.

This volume, *Echoes of a University Presidency*, gathers together, in Fr. Monan's own words, his ideas and ideals, as well as the motivations and sensitive appreciation of colleagues.

For more information about the book, go to <http://www.bc.edu/offices/omc/linden-lane/releases/echoes.html>

Fr Monan's book is published by Linden Lane Press which is a publishing endeavor of Boston College within the University's Office of Marketing Communications.



Founded in 2008 in anticipation of the University's sesquicentennial anniversary, Linden Lane Press publishes books relating to Boston College's history and animating themes and that are judged to be of interest to the community of

alumni, faculty, staff, and students.

Linden Lane books are available for purchase from the Boston College Bookstore.

## NEED COMPUTER HELP?

The Faculty Micro Resource Center, (FMRC) in Gasson 010- (Basement) is at your service, moderated by

M.J. Connolly (Slavic & Eastern, [cnnmj@bc.edu](mailto:cnnmj@bc.edu), 552.3912),

Richard Jenson (Mathematics, [jenson@bc.edu](mailto:jenson@bc.edu), 552.3757) and

Kit Baum (Economics, [baum@bc.edu](mailto:baum@bc.edu), 552.3673),

Spring-semester staffed hours:

Monday/Wednesday 3.15-4.30

Tuesday/Thursday 9.00-10.15

and other staffed times by arrangement

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

That way you can have access to the facility at any time, even at midnight!

## BC ARF Executive 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)

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tel: 617 552 6051

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## THIS AND THAT

**Increased parking rates** for visitors in campus garages:

0-20 minutes: Free;  
then: \$3.00 per hour;  
Daily maximum \$20.00

**2009 Alumni Travel:** Galapagos islands, France and Italy, Village life on the Dalmatian Coast, Peru, Europe, Walking Tour of Ireland, Village Life in the Dordogne, Village Life in the Italian Lakes District

For more information see

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

or call Gail A. Darnell, Director of Travel and Special Projects,  
Boston College Alumni Association  
617-552-8035

**Looking for work?** Consider being a census taker in 2010. Pay is from \$10 to \$22 an hour. Duties could be updating address lists, conducting interviews, or being a crew leader. Hiring begins in February 2009. For further information go to: [www.census.gov/2010censusjobs](http://www.census.gov/2010censusjobs) or call 1-866-861-2010 to schedule an appointment to take an employment test.

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## SNAPPIN' AROUND



*Bill Neenan and Norm Berkowitz at the September Program Meeting*



*Jim Frame making a point about health care issues*



*Ann Crowley and Jim Frame at the November Program Meeting*





*Mary Walsh explaining the Boston School Project*



*ARF Book Club*



*Marjory Gordon (Right) receiving NANDA 2008 Mentor Award (with Dorothy Jones , Nursing)*



*Seated: Norm Wells, Ray Martin, Vince Nuccio, John Donovan  
Standing: John Smith, Charles Smith, Dal Fisher,  
Norm Berkowitz, Joe Orlando*



*Front row: Rosemary Krawczyk, Peg Murphy, and Rachel Spector. Back Row: Ed Smith, Joe Orlando*



*Margaret Murphy, Joan Jones,  
Miriam Gayle Wardle, and  
Rachel Spector*

*Jean Mooney, Laurel Eisenhauer, Carolyn Thomas, and Peg Murphy*



*Eileen Plunkett and Jean O'Neil*

## DIRECTIONS TO 3 LAKE STREET:

The driveway is immediately on the right as you enter Lake Street from Commonwealth Avenue. Follow the driveway, with the building on your left.

Parking is available at the very top of the hill (beyond St William's Hall) but remember:

If you do not use a G permit, YOU MUST FIRST GO TO THE ST IGNATIUS GATE ON LOWER CAMPUS AND OBTAIN A PLACARD FROM THE GUARD TO PLACE ON YOUR DASHBOARD.

Enter the building from the rear entrance.

For the Conference Room turn left.

For the Donovan Suite turn right and take the elevator 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.

