At The Heart of the Mission

by Anne Vey Stewart

Mary Darrah, SSJ, M.A., has long been noted for her compassionate one-on-one skills in counseling students coping with issues of loss or grief, seeking discernment, or simply seeking belief in themselves. “There’s a real spiritual hunger out there,” she says simply. “Journeying with students and watching them grow spiritually has been the favorite part of my role.” That role has been director of campus ministry and the special assistant to the president for mission and ministry to which she was appointed by Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., in 1992, shortly after the president’s inauguration.

Over the next twelve years, Darrah directed College ministry efforts with the part-time help of the late Father Jack Donahue, and later Father Pat Monteleone, and whoever happened to be the Student Government Association’s community service representative. “I depended on their effectiveness in motivating students to get involved in outreach projects,” she says with a smile. “Every year was different; it all depended on the group’s chemistry. Some years it worked, some it didn’t.”

Among her favorite service ventures was a course named “Heart of the City,” co-created with former sociology professor Sharon Browning. It combined sociology and religious studies, sending students to inner city Camden on Saturday mornings to help with neighborhood maintenance, and processing their experiences later in a two-hour weekly classroom seminar. She introduced other community service opportunities at Project Home and Mercy Hospice in Center City, at a Norristown soup kitchen, and at Stenton Family Manor, where students could mentor or tutor. “My hope,” Darrah says, “was to enable students to have a broad understanding of the many cultures they were encountering—to understand diversity and not to pigeonhole. With personal experience, they could see how a community of people could make a difference in a place where nobody had cared, with efforts like day care, art classes, and planting gardens in what had been dumps.”

Under Darrah’s leadership, the now annual—and hugely successful—Empty Bowl Dinner was put in place in 1998, with the College teaming with the Northwest Interfaith Hospitality Network to sponsor the community fund-raiser. It’s a simple and effective idea: people purchase handmade empty bowls that have been crafted by school students, then fill them with soups donated by local restaurants and caterers. It’s a reminder of the millions worldwide who face each day with an empty bowl that... continued on page 11
Fides, Caritas, Scientia
Celebrating 80 Years of Faith, Charity, and Knowledge:
Chestnut Hill College’s 80th Anniversary Gala

Gala celebrants gathered for a cocktail reception in the Grand Hall of the National Constitution Center, filled with light and space.

80th Anniversary Sponsor Dr. Rocco Martino is seated with the evening’s mistress of ceremonies, Kathleen Matthews.

Marianne McGurk Wallaes ’87, the Gala chairperson, welcomes guests to the celebration.

It was a family affair for Libris Society awardee Bernardine Keefer Abbott ’51 (seated, center) whose evening was celebrated by three generations of Abbots, including Keren Abbott-Frederick ’07 (second row, third from right).

Pat Brabson (far left) representing sponsor Beneficial Savings Bank, and her sister, Kathleen Brabson, SSJ, president of Mount St. Joseph Academy, (left top) teamed for a photo opportunity with Libris Society awardee Patricia Kelly, SSJ ’72 (bottom left), congregational president of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. They are accompanied by members of Sister Patricia’s family.

President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, happily accepted her Libris Society award from master of ceremonies Chris Matthews (right).

Philadelphia native son Chris Matthews with his beloved aunt, Agnes Shields, SSJ, retiring associate professor of English at the College.

Three Libris Society members stand together: Mary Virginia Oma, OSU, Ph.D. ’55 (left) with Janet Brown Quintal ’70 (center) and Margaret Fleming, SSJ ’56 (left). Ken Quintal is beside his wife.
On the evening of April 16, nearly six hundred alumnae/i, family, and friends converged in the light-filled Great Hall of the National Constitution Center to celebrate the College's 80th Anniversary, and the induction of the Libris Society Charter Members.

Featuring Master and Mistress of Ceremonies Chris “Hardball” Matthews, and his wife, Washington D.C. news anchor Kathleen Matthews, the black-tie Gala was a smashing success. Alums traveled from 15 states to attend the Gala and sixty-two Libris Society inductees attended the party and accepted their honor personally. Coverage of the party was broadcast on all three of Philadelphia’s major television stations on April 16.

Marianne McGurk Wallaesa ’87 was Gala Chairperson as well as a major sponsor of the event. She also generously underwrote the cost of the evening’s flowers and participated in the creation of the sixty centerpieces with a committee of volunteers. Marianne thanked the thirty-six members of the Gala Committee, “Your hard work and dedication made tonight possible. You have given hours of time and energy, undertaking the completion of all the details that go into making a celebration such as this a success on all levels. It has been a privilege to work with you and I am deeply grateful for everything you have done to make my job so much easier.”

Raising more than $160,000, the 80th Anniversary Gala was one of the most successful events the College has ever sponsored, and a wonderful spirit of pride in the College pervaded the evening. It truly was an event to remember.

For a complete listing of all 80th Anniversary Gala Sponsors, Benefactors, and Patrons, please visit the College’s Web site at www.chc.edu
A Few Words From the Alumnae and Alumni Association President...

By the time you read this column, it is possible that the proud smile I’ve been wearing since May 7th may have left my face. But I doubt it. On that special Saturday, I watched my daughter Julie receive her Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude from our alma mater. What a thrill! Julie now takes her place as the fourteenth young woman in the “McClain Clan” to achieve such a distinctive accomplishment. (Yes, our family reunions resemble Alumnae Association chapter meetings.)

Only my Aunt Ronnie, the late Veronica McClain Larkin, Class of 1937, could have been prouder than I. How she loved the College and encouraged her nieces to follow her from Trenton “down the Hill to the top!” She was the quintessential graduate of her era: as elegant as fine lace (no one served tea as nicely) and as hard as polished marble (just ask one of her Latin students).

One evening while we were both visiting my mom’s home, Aunt Ronnie called me into the living room and sat me down on the couch. Out of the blue, she asked: “Sue, what more can we do for Chestnut Hill?” I admit that I didn’t quite know how to answer and told her that I would “think about it and get back to her.” Not long after, she passed away. But her question about the College lingered in my mind.

A few years later, when our cousins joined together to make a special gift to the building of Martino Hall, I felt that we had answered Aunt Ronnie’s challenging question. Together, we could do more for Chestnut Hill. Likewise, when I was asked to become President of the Alumnae & Alumni Association, I initially declined as I had already served on the College’s Board of Directors for six years and had volunteered for several committees and projects over the years. I had done my part, right? But then I remembered Aunt Ronnie and her question. I could, indeed, do more for Chestnut Hill.

That’s why I agreed to take on this happy task and I have had a wonderful time during the first year of my term. I have met and worked with so many outstanding alums who love our College and do so much for it. It’s been a privilege to become friends with these good women. We are blessed with an abundance of generosity from our alumnae and alumni and I thank all of you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

So, as I begin the second year of my term, I invite you to support the College every way you can. Encourage a high school student to check out CHC. Use your privilege of the “Alum Fee Waiver” for a prospect to apply at no cost. Become an “ambassador” for the College, always speaking well of it. Tell others about our explosive enrollment growth and of the new excitement on campus. Visit the campus for a lecture, a game, or just to see how the new construction is coming along. Write a check to the Annual Fund and show that you proudly support your College. Volunteer for the “Career Connections” program. The possibilities are endless. Just ask yourself my Aunt Ronnie’s question, “What more can we do for Chestnut Hill?”

Best regards,

Suzanne Schulz Dressler ’71, President, Chestnut Hill College Alumnae & Alumni Association

P.S. “Last Call” for Annual Fund donations is coming up fast – June 30th. What better way to celebrate our alma mater’s 80th Anniversary than with a special gift of financial support this year? Your gift can keep our College vibrant and strong for her next 80 years. Please write that check and send it today. You’ll feel great. 🧹
CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Distinguished Achievement Award
Nomination Form

The Distinguished Achievement Award identifies graduates of the College who have produced a history of accomplishment in their business or profession or in civic, philanthropic, or other volunteer activities.

- Nomination Criteria for the Distinguished Achievement Award:
  - Nominees must be alumnae/i as defined by the College by-laws.
  - Nominees must have attended or graduated from Chestnut Hill College at least ten years earlier. Individuals who hold only an honorary degree from Chestnut Hill College are not eligible.
  - Nominees must have demonstrated a history of achievement in professional, community, religious, educational, cultural or other civic causes.
  - Nominees must have demonstrated a record of consistent support, including but not limited to financial, of Chestnut Hill College.

Posthumous awards are not given. Special consideration will be given to individuals whose graduating classes will be included in the year's Reunion Weekend.

Name of Nominee

Reason for Nomination:

Enclose (optional) any available newspaper clippings, testimonials, etc. that support the candidate’s nomination. Please indicate any alumnae/i who might support this candidate.

Nominator’s Signature (one only)

DEADLINE: February 1, 2006.

Mail to: Committee Chair - Awards & Honors Committee
Chestnut Hill College Alumnae & Alumni Association, 9001 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118

Faculty Deaths

Lester I. Conner, 85, professor emeritus of English and an internationally known scholar of the poet William Butler Yeats, died while visiting Florida in February 2005. A native of Minneapolis, Dr. Conner earned a B.A. in English history from the University of Minnesota, followed by a master’s degree and a doctorate in English, both from Columbia University. He began teaching at the College in 1962, and remained until 1990, winning the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1985. Dr. Conner lectured on Yeats and Shakespeare throughout Europe and published A Yeats Dictionary in 1998.

Dr. David Contosta, professor of history and a longtime colleague of Dr. Conner, remembers: “Lester’s greatest gift was friendship. He went out of his way to make new faculty members feel welcome and a part of his wide social circle. His wit was legendary. When telling a story, his eyes would flash, and it would end with Lester throwing back his head and filling the room with joyous laughter.” A memorial service was held for Dr. Conner at St. Malachy Church in Philadelphia on March 12. He is survived by his sister, Dorothy Blau.
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Darrah took over communion services at the College for a year,
rooms and music corridor to accommodate the crowds.
Rotunda; it has now spilled over into the adjoining reception
stays empty. The first Empty Bowl dinner was confined to the
When Father Pat Monteleone’s health deteriorated in 2001, Darrah took over communion services at the College for a year, adding to an already daunting schedule that included shared prayer groups in the evenings and outreach work on the weekends. As chair of both the mission and core values committees, she was also working on disseminating those messages to the College community with a published handbook and at orientation sessions. Her own health faltered for a time.

In the summer of 2003, the College finally gained the services of a new full-time college chaplain (see “Father Tribs,” sidebar) and Darrah decided to pass the mantle of campus ministry while staying on as special assistant for mission and ministry. Rebecca Losinno, a young layperson with an M.A. in theology from Villanova University, was offered the position. She brings a youthful energy and a timeless faith to the job and is delighted to have the freedom to be creative and come up with new ideas for involving students in ministry. “My concern,” she explains, “is that students will develop a deeper relationship with God, and recognize that their lives are rooted in love.” Faith is something that deeply informs Losinno’s own way of moving through the world; she believes it grew from the lives her parents led, working for a non-profit organization called Special People in the Northeast. “I’ve seen their faith in how they live and what they do,” she says, and adds that she and three other children in her family are adopted. “I find it all meaningful in a religious way.”

Encouraging the “love in action” that she witnessed at home is what she hopes to accomplish through campus ministry, especially through student retreats. This year she initiated a Senior Retreat at the Maris Stella Retreat House in Harvey Cedars, N.J., which will become an annual pilgrimage offered to graduating students. A springtime Search Retreat at the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Belvedere, N.J., drew thirty-seven students from all four classes. Clearly, the new minister has struck a chord. She thinks the retreats are popular because they enable students to bond. “It’s a weekend away from school and work pressures. It gives them a chance to reflect on questions that they normally don’t have time for in the noise of life. It’s a chance to simply be.”

Losinno, who is also an adjunct instructor of religious studies at the College, works with Father Tribs on communion training and retreats, collaborates with Sister Mary Darrah for special events like the Empty Bowl Dinner and the Red Cross Walk, and works with Charlene Diorka, SSJ, in vocation ministry. In all the work of Rebecca Losinno, her ultimate goal is to spread the word of inclusivity. “This is not a club,” she points out. “It’s a ministry for the entire campus community—students, staff, and faculty.”

Father Tribs

Whirring down the polished floors of Fournier Hall is a man on an electric scooter with metallic fuzzy dice swaying from the handlebars. He halts at a doorway, makes a quick turn, and expertly backs into the parking place beside his desk. The man is Father Raymond Tribuiani, college chaplain, and the scooter is his “Tribs-mobile,” nicknamed by students. It is sometimes his mode of transportation because he has lymphatic filariasis, a disability that causes extreme swelling in the limbs and makes walking difficult. (His “other car” is a late-model Chrysler Sebring convertible, left to him by a car dealer friend who died.)

“Tribs” joined Chestnut Hill in the summer of 2003, and quickly became a favorite in the College community. Students and staff alike have learned that there’s “no appointment necessary” if someone seeks an act of reconciliation, a friendly word, or simply a place to pause between the rush of classes to listen to the music that drifts constantly from the chaplain’s office, a welcoming sanctuary filled with items given to him over the years—pieces of art and crystal, plants, framed photographs, and of course, model cars like a Lamborghini.

Father’s warmth and affability have been affecting; five students have been baptized by him in the past two years and one member of the College community returned to the Church after a 32-year absence, having enrolled in what Father Tribs calls his “refresher courses” in Catholicism. These are offered for an hour a week September through Easter. He plans to expand these classes and to alternate individual sessions with group sessions, inviting professors to join in the dialog as well. Tribs celebrates a daily mass at noon, and moved the Sunday evening liturgy from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to accommodate students returning to campus. It has helped attendance more this year than last, he says, adding that he’s looking for musicians for the service to make it even more appealing. So, alums seeking a service opportunity, please call Father Tribs 215.248.7058!
CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Eleanore Dolan Egan ’28 Award for Outstanding Service to Chestnut Hill College Nomination Form

The Eleanore Dolan Egan ’28 Award for Outstanding Service to Chestnut Hill College recognizes the special contributions of Chestnut Hill College alumnae/i to the College and/or its Alumnae & Alumni Association. The award is named in memory of the first president of the Alumnae Association, who was a member of the College’s first graduating class and who founded the Alumnae Association in 1929. The following criteria are applied to this award:

- Nominees must be alumnae/i as defined by the College by-laws.
- Nominees must have attended or graduated from Chestnut Hill College at least 10 years earlier. Individuals who hold only an honorary degree from Chestnut Hill College are not eligible.
- Nominees must have demonstrated a record of volunteerism to Chestnut Hill College through its Alumnae & Alumni Association.
- Nominees must have demonstrated a record of consistent financial support of Chestnut Hill College.
- Employees of Chestnut Hill College who are also alumnae/i are eligible on the basis of their volunteer activity and when the College no longer employs them.

Posthumous awards are not given.

Special consideration will be given to individuals whose graduating classes will be included in the year’s Reunion Weekend.

Name of Nominee

Reason for Nomination:

Enclose (optional) any available newspaper clippings, testimonials, etc. that support the candidate’s nomination. Please indicate any alumnae/i who might support this candidate.

Nominator’s Signature (one only) Class Date

DEADLINE: February 1, 2006.

Mail to: Committee Chair - Awards & Honors Committee
Chestnut Hill College Alumnae & Alumni Association, 9601 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118
Faculty Retirements

Beryl Gutekunst, Ed.D., assistant professor of communications, is ending a teaching career that spanned twenty years at the College. Her scholarly interests included leadership communication and organizational communication and change theory. As she leaves, she says, “I will always remember Chestnut Hill as the place of warm hellos – our ‘service to one another’ is lived daily in something so simple as walking down a hallway, making eye contact, saying good morning or hello or maybe even stopping for a chat.”

Agnes Shields, SSJ, Ph.D., associate professor of English, retires from the College after sixteen years of teaching literature, primarily in the American tradition. Her enduring memory is that “Our students couldn’t be nicer people to work with.” Sister Agnes’s areas of expertise included the “lost generation,” the American novel, and the novels of Toni Morrison. Scholarly pursuits were the connections between film and literature and the changing image of women. In September, she will devote time to a variety of roles at Norwood-Fontbonne Academy in Chestnut Hill.

Annie Get Your Gun
Comes to the Chestnut Hill College Stage

The Music Department revived a Broadway favorite, Annie Get Your Gun on April 8th, 9th, & 10th. The popular musical is the work of lyricist and composer Irving Berlin, who penned the show’s musical classics, such as “You Can’t Get a Man With a Gun,” “Anything You Can Do,” and “There’s No Business Like Show Business.” Community theater actor Kate Guest played Annie opposite Michael Dominick as Frank Butler. Co-starring were sophomore Seth Jacobsen ’07 as Tommy Keeler and first-year student Meghan Farley ’08 as Winnie Tate.

Auction Fever!

The second annual Art Auction on March 19 in the Sorgenti Arena produced lively bidding wars that translated into profits for the College’s academic and student life programs, the beneficiaries of this popular event. Displaying the goods during the auction preview were committee members and volunteers (left to right) Joanne Fink ’76, Patti Kane–Vanni ’75, Kathy O’Boyle ’84, Mary Quinn ’67, Anne Gardner, Delia Melograna ’42, Sharon Baldwin ’76, Heyda Toth ’77, Patricia Canning ’70, Committee Chair Cathy Bitting ’92, and Liz Ray ’04.
An evening of music, poetry, and art came together on March 2 when the College partnered with Intercultural Journeys to present “Middle Eastern Cultures in Perfect Harmony” on March 2 in the Social Room. Udi Bar-David, artistic director and cellist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, played with a culturally diverse group of Jewish and Arab musicians. Their performance was enhanced with intervals of middle eastern poetry reading, singing, as well as belly dancing. Intercultural Journeys is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting understanding among people of diverse cultures.

“Dying and Caring: Spirituality, Healthcare, and the Arts” was the topic of Sandra Bertman, LCSW, Ed.M., Ph.D., at a lecture on February 1, with Dr. Bertman inviting the audience to share their personal experiences of coping with illness. In Bertman’s work, she explores the power of the arts and belief – symbols, metaphors, stories – to alleviate psychological and spiritual pain not only of patients and grieving family members, but also of the nurses, clergy, and physicians who minister to them. Her talk was co-sponsored by the religious studies department and the graduate program in holistic spirituality.

Artist Gallery Talk.

Maureen Drdak offered insight to art lovers into her exhibit, Ex Voto, a visual meditation on spiritual and psychological dualities as expressed in the subject of the sacrificial image. The exhibit was on display in the Dwight V. Dowley Art Gallery on the fifth floor of St. Joseph Hall.

Kathleen Duffy, SSJ, Ph.D., professor of physics, (left) welcomed Dr. Richard Viladesau (right), professor of theology at Fordham University, to lecture at the College on March 29. Dr. Viladesau chose “Science and the Beauty of Creation” as his topic, arguing that the contemporary view of science, centering on biological evolution, is compatible with a notion of the world as “cosmos,” that is, an intelligible and as a divine creation. Dr. Viladesau’s books include: The Reason for Our Hope (1985), Theological Aesthetics (1999), and Theology and the Arts (2000).

Nancy Kehoe, RSCJ, Ph.D., was a guest of the religious studies department and the graduate program in holistic spirituality on March 3, presenting insights from psychology and spirituality on “Reflective Practice in Healthcare and the Workplace.” As a licensed psychologist and educator with training in the spiritual exercises of Ignatius of Loyola, Dr. Kehoe offered ways to cultivate integrity and creativity in the midst of the demands of any care giving or work situation.
Men’s Basketball

The men’s basketball team had an explosive second season. Completing their first season in the North East Athletic Conference (NEAC), the team captured the regular season championship and advanced to the NEAC semifinals, finishing with a conference record of 13-1. In addition to their success in conference play, the Griffins also posted some big non-conference wins, including a victory at nationally ranked King’s College. Guard Isaac Greer ’08 was named first team All-Conference and guard Shawn Bolling ’08 was named to the second team. Graduating players Ryan Albany and Dan Galbally were honored during the final regular season home game as the first seniors in the history of the men’s basketball program.

During the season, Albany was awarded the Sam Cozen Small College Basketball Coaches Association Player of the Week in February 2005. Head Coach Jesse Balcer was named NEAC Co-Coach of the Year.

Isaac Greer, a sophomore from Cardinal Dougherty High School, enjoyed one of the finest seasons in Division III. He led the North East Athletic Conference in scoring, averaging 22.8 points per game, finishing 11th in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III in scoring and in the top 30 in the country in steals. In just two seasons, Greer became the first men’s basketball player in the history of Chestnut Hill College to score 1,000 career points. He was named the NEAC Player of the Week five times on the way to being named First Team All-Conference.

Women’s Basketball

2004-2005 was a historical season for the Chestnut Hill College women’s basketball team, led by first-year coach Jackie deMarteleire. The Lady Griffins recorded a school-record 19 wins, won the AWCC Conference Tournament, and advanced to the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history.

The team’s accomplishments were complemented by standout individual play. Guard Bethanne Castone ’06 and forward Kate Quintus ’07 were named First Team All-AWCC. Castone finished the season averaging 13.1 points and Quintus completed the year averaging 11.2 points and 10.6 rebounds. Kelly McGrath ’05 finished with 83 assists and shot 37% from the field. McGrath, in her final season with the Griffins, was an Honorable Mention selection to the Atlantic Women’s College Conference (AWCC) All-Conference Team. Jackie deMarteleire was named the AWCC Coach of the Year.

League recognition: Isaac Greer ’07 (left) was named first-team All-Conference and Shawn Bolling ’08 (right) made the second team of the North East Atlantic Conference (NEAC). Additionally, Greer finished in the top 30 in the country in steals.

Standout players: Guard Bethanne Castone ’06 (left) and forward Kate Quintus ’07 (right) were named First-Team All-AWCC. Kelly McGrath ’05 (center), in her final season with the Griffins, was an Honorable Mention selection to the Atlantic Women’s College Conference (AWCC) All-Conference Team.

Twin honors: women’s coach Jackie deMarteleire was named AWCC Coach of the Year and men’s coach Jessie Balcer was named NEAC Co-Coach of the Year, both for the 2004-05 basketball season.
**Rites of Spring**

**Seniors Welcomed into Alumnae and Alumni Association At April Wine Tasting**

Suzanne Schulz Dressler ’71, president of the Alumnae and Alumni Association, welcomed the Class of 2005 into the Association at a wine tasting reception on April 14. Mitchell Shenker, Catering Director of Chartwell’s Dining Services, initiated seniors into the mysteries of choosing wine with a selection of white and red vintages.

Kelly McGrath ’05 received a special toast from her table at the April wine tasting—it was her twenty-second birthday.

**President’s Reception**

A College tradition, the president’s Senior Tea just days before commencement is an opportunity for the graduating class to mingle socially with faculty and administration members, while enjoying an elegant light buffet.

**Baccalaureate Mass**

The traditional spring Senior Tea hosted its first graduating male senior, Ryan Ireland ’05.

Seniors Marcus McCain (left) and Jennifer Johnson (right) light candles at the missioning ceremony that is a Baccalaureate Mass ritual the night before graduation.

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Theological Society of America who is ending nineteen years as president and executive director of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU). Dr. Hellwig also delivered the commencement address, echoing the inclusive emphasis of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, in which all are recognized as children of God, and all are welcome at the table. She called upon the audience of graduates to remember the importance of incorporating service to the community into their lives along with their careers.

Retiring associate professor of English Agnes Shields, SSJ, Ph.D., received the 2005 Christian R. and Mary Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching, along with a standing ovation from faculty and students as she accepted the award.

Agnes Shields, SSJ, Ph.D., winner of the 2005 Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.
Cardinal and Alum Assistant Visit Campus

Maria Cristina Carlo-Stella ’79 (right), Roman capa officio (head assistant) to Cardinal Francesco Marchisano, Archpriest of the Patriarchal Vatican Basilica, President of the Labor Office of the Apostolic See and Vicar General emeritus of His Holiness (the late John Paul II) for Vatican City State (center), brought her boss along when she returned to her alma mater for a brief visit in March. President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, (left) was host to the guests.

Spring Tribute to Scholars

On April 24 in Sorgenti Arena, President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, opened the traditional spring Honors Convocation by announcing, “We gather today to celebrate the outcome of diligent attention to the task, of patient persistence, of sustained efforts, and of disciplined scholarship.” Roll calls included academic, athletic, and departmental honors, as well as scholarship and awards presentations.

The convocation address was given by Dr. Thomas Childers, professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania, where he has been teaching for over 25 years. He received his doctorate in history from Harvard University. In addition to his position at Penn, Professor Childers has held visiting professorships at Trinity Hall College, Cambridge University, Smith College, and Swarthmore College. Stacie Bray ’06 was awarded the Saint Catherine Medal, given annually at Honors Convocation to a sophomore or junior on the basis of leadership, service to the College, and the best record of progressive achievement. The third annual Distinguished Service Award, voted to a staff member by co-workers, went to Carol Consorto, M.Ed., who for twenty-five years has provided indispensable help to students, faculty, staff, and guests as the interlibrary loan librarian at Logue Library.

Two Sisters Celebrate Diamond Jubilee

Most marriages and many lives are shorter than seventy-five years, but three-quarters of a century ago, Ann Edward Bennis, SSJ, and Raymond Joseph Murphy, SSJ, entered the congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Their remarkable diamond jubilee was celebrated by the College community at a reception on Sunday, April 25 in the Rotunda of St. Joseph Hall, where in a corner office for many years, Sister Raymond was in charge of central purchasing, a position she loved because she “met people from every department and every office.” Previously, she had taught math, chemistry and religion at Mt. Saint Joseph Academy, and chemistry at the College.

Sister Ann taught English at the College from 1945 through 1993, earning the love and respect of her students for forty-eight years. She is a noted raconteur who can tell lively stories of contacts with Bishop Sheen, Beverly Sills, Tommy LaSorda, Frank Sinatra, Temple basketball coach John Cheney, Martin Sheen, and Daniel Berrigan, SJ. She published numerous articles and translated from the French the story of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Privas who were martyred at the guillotine.

Saint Catherine Medal recipient Stacie Bray ’06 and Sister Carol Jean Vale.

Dr. Thomas Childers.

Distinguished Service Awardee Carol Consorto, M.Ed., and Sister Carol Jean Vale.
The Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology at Chestnut Hill College has earned accreditation from the American Psychology Association (APA), marking a significant milestone for the program as well as for the College. “Accreditation by APA means that students are assured that our program meets national standards for training in clinical psychology,” states Joseph A. Micucci, Ph.D., program co-founder and professor of psychology. “To obtain accreditation, the department was required to undergo a rigorous self-study, followed by a three-day site visit by experienced faculty members from other programs to evaluate the breadth and quality of the training provided. Earning APA accreditation is a significant achievement for our program, and will help our students compete more successfully for internship positions and jobs.”

The doctoral program grew out of a successful master’s program originally directed by Thomas Klee, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology. Klee, along with Professor of Psychology Scott W. Browning, Ph.D., first conceived the idea of a Psy.D. program at Chestnut Hill College in the early 1990s. After being joined by Dr. Micucci, the three submitted the initial proposal to the State Department of Education. The program was approved in 1997, and became the first doctoral program offered at Chestnut Hill College. Cheryll Rothery-Jackson, Psy.D., joined the program as Director of Clinical Training shortly thereafter.

In 1999, an M.S./Psy.D. Program was initiated, which permitted highly qualified students with a bachelor’s degree in psychology to begin study for the doctoral degree following a year of master’s level coursework. Students are given thorough generalist training in clinical psychology, with the option of concentrating in psychological assessment or marriage and family therapy. The academic orientation of the curriculum is a blend of family systems and object relations theories, a program based on the NCSPP (National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology) training model. Several graduates of the program have already earned the license to practice psychology in Pennsylvania.

For more information on the Psy.D. Program, please call 215.248.7077 or e-mail profpsyc@chc.edu.

**Heart of Alaska 12-Day Cruise Tour**
**July 11 - 22, 2005**
Rates include roundtrip air from Philadelphia*, 7-night cruise aboard the Dawn Princess, all meals and entertainment aboard the ship, port charges, 4-night land tour featuring 1 night in Denali Princess Lodge, 2 nights in Mr. McKinley Princess Lodge, and 1 night in Anchorage, all transfers, and a dinner in Denali. Fares from $2,795 per person.

**10-Night Hawaiian Adventure**
**August 18 - 28, 2005**
Rates include roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh or Harrisburg*, 3-night pre-cruise hotel in Honolulu, a 7-night cruise aboard NCL’s Pride of Aloha. Port charges, all taxes, transfers, and all meals and entertainment onboard the ship. Fares from $2,795 per person. *Additional air-gateways available upon request.

**16-Day South America Cruise**
**January 28 – February 13, 2006**
Aboard the Norwegian Crown, you’ll visit Buenos Aires, the “Paris of South America,” then sail on to Montevideo, Uruguay and its exquisite beaches, then stops further south before you round Cape Horn and head north to the Strait of Magellan and up the coast along Chile. Fares from $2,998 include round trip air fare from Philadelphia, airport transfers, all meals and entertainment aboard ship. Taxes of $287 per person are extra.

**13-Day Greek Isles Cruise**
**July 2 – 15, 2006**
Your journey will begin in the storied city of Venice, then you’ll embark on the Grand Princess bound for the islands of Greece, such as the shores of the sunny island of Corfu. The trip includes stops in Athens, Naples, and Rome. There is a 2-night optional extension in Rome with exclusive private tours of the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum. Fares for the regular cruise begin at $3,416 per person, and include round trip air from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, or Newark, airport transfers in Europe, port charges and all meals and entertainment aboard ship. Taxes of approximately $113 per person are additional.

For more information on these Alumnae Association sponsored trips, please CALL TOM OR CRAIG AT CRUISIN’ INC. at 1-800-506-7447 or visit the Web site at www.alumnivacations.com.
Special Events...

Information Session
School of Continuing Studies
Thursday, June 16, 6 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7001

Information Session
School of Continuing Studies
Computer Forensics Certificate Program
Monday, June 20, 7 to 9 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7001

Arts, Spirituality, and Justice Festival
An Intergenerational, Interfaith, Interdisciplinary Festival of Spirituality
Presenter: Susan Teegen-Case
Sunday, June 26, 6 to 9 p.m.
Information: 215.248.7099

Drive-In Days Orientation
School of Undergraduate Studies
Friday, June 17, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday, July 15, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday, August 5, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sorgenti Arena, Martino Hall
Information: 215.248.7030

Cheznut Hill College
Night at the Phillies
Friday, July 1, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Atlanta Braves
Post-game fireworks!
Citizens Bank Park
Call 215.463.5000, ext. 5110 for seating information and to order tickets

Liturgy and Welcome Festival
Wednesday, August 31, 2:15 p.m.
Information: 215.248.7095

Fall Opening Convocation/Founders Day
Wednesday, September 21, 2:15 p.m.
Sorgenti Arena, Martino Hall
Information: 215.248.7167

2005 Homecoming/Family Weekend
Saturday and Sunday, October 1-2
Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Events
Information: 215.248.7144

Annual Alumnae & Alumni Conference
Sunday, October 9
Information: 215.248.7144

23rd Annual Golf Invitational
Monday, October 10
Whitemarsh Valley Country Club
Information: 215.248.7137

The Legacy of World War II: A Sixty-Year Perspective
Friday & Saturday, November 4-5
Cheznut Hill College
Information: 215.248.7022

Teilhard’s Legacy: Rediscovering Fire
A Conference to Celebrate 50 Years of Teilhard Scholarship
Thursday-Saturday, November 17-19
Cheznut Hill College
Information: 215.248.7979 or kduffy@chc.edu

SAVE THE DATE

The 25th Anniversary Celebration of the School of Graduate Studies!

Saturday, May 20, 2006

To mark this occasion, the School of Graduate Studies will host a day-long conference with speakers and the publication of a monograph.