



A Man and the Mission:

College Welcomes New Vice President for Institutional Advancement

By Anne Vey Stewart

The January appointment of Ken Hicks as the new vice president for institutional advancement for Chestnut Hill College marks more than a changing of the guard for the 83-year-old institution. It will be the first time a man has held the position, and it comes in a year when the College will be graduating its first coed class in the School of Undergraduate Studies, having made the decision to admit men in the fall of 2003.

Hicks has had a long career in higher education development at a succession of major universities, rising through the ranks at the University of Buffalo, the University of Connecticut, Drexel University, and Syracuse University. Most recently, he was associate vice president for development at Villanova University, another private Catholic institution that is nevertheless blessed with an endowment of some \$278 million, and 85,000 alumni worldwide with a habit of giving in a "life long connection to the university."

On the other hand, Chestnut Hill College, with an endowment of just over \$5 million and an alumni base of about 8,900, is at yet another pivotal point in its long history of tradition and risk. The move to coeducation has gradually tripled first-year enrollment numbers and prompted growing pains for the College's facilities and finances. The realization of the dream to acquire SugarLoaf has added critical space to the campus, but it has also come with the intimidating task of raising millions for its development.

So what intrigued Hicks about taking on the challenge? "This is not the job for a skeptic," he acknowledges with a smile. But, he adds, "In reading *Tradition and Risk*, it seemed to me that in chapter after chapter, the Sisters of Saint Joseph were constantly confronted with insurmountable odds. Yet they always seem to prevail."

"With the challenges here, there's an opportunity to be creative and the chance to explore new kinds of ways of doing things. The challenges bring an opportunity to be entrepreneurial. There just aren't many opportunities in this day and age to be that." He notes the contrast with his past experience: "Sometimes a program's success can actually limit you, because there's no compulsion to try things differently when you're succeeding with a formula that's been in place and working."

But there's something that Hicks finds even more compelling about the College: its mission. He considers it the linchpin in moving the College forward, and connects it to the mission of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he was a cadet in the 1970s.

There, he explains, "You are immersed in their leadership culture. It's part of the fabric of everything you do on four critical levels – 'intellectual, physical, military, and moral-ethical.' Their niche is to create and train leaders. Our niche is preparing people for life. In both cases, the process is part of who they become."

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Board of Directors Reappoints President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D.

At their quarterly meeting on December 4, 2006, the Board of Directors of Chestnut Hill College reappointed Sister Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D. as President of Chestnut Hill College for a fourth five-year term from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012. This reappointment was unanimously approved after a review of Sister Carol's achievements as president from 2002–2007 and an articulation of her vision for the next five years. In the review, the Board also cited Sister Carol's leadership strengths, as well as some of the challenges and recommendations involving the leadership of Chestnut Hill College in the next five years.

This decision was made with great thanksgiving and deep confidence in Sister Carol's dynamic leadership and with recognition by the Board of Directors of the outstanding accomplishments of her presidency in the past fifteen years. The Board recognizes that Sister Carol's faithfulness to the Mission of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and of Chestnut Hill College inspires and focuses her untiring efforts on behalf of the College.

The Board of Directors also affirms the generous support, investment and leadership of the administration, faculty, staff, students, alumnae and alumni, benefactors and the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in enabling the accomplishments of Sister Carol Jean Vale. ✨



Upon her five-year reappointment by the Board of Directors, President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D. (left) accepts the congratulatory bouquet offered her by Sister Patricia Kelly, SSJ, congregational president of the Sisters of Saint Joseph (right).

*Your financial support goes a long way in making a difference at Chestnut Hill College!
We want to thank you for your continued generosity and answer some of the
questions you have asked us along the way...*

What is The Griffin Fund?

The Griffin Fund is the single most important annual philanthropic priority of the College!

The Griffin Fund is Chestnut Hill College's campaign for annual funds that addresses the financial needs of the here and now — all funds raised go directly to the College to be used *not as a supplement*, but as an *essential component* of the year's operating budget. These necessary funds provide a portion of the operating budget not covered by tuition and investment income.

Your gift to the College through *The Griffin Fund* has a direct impact on the daily experience of every student, every day, on every inch of our campus – in classrooms and labs, on playing fields, in art studios and on the stage, and in the library and technology centers.

Each year, we ask our graduates, parents, and friends to join together with the College in supporting an annual budget that ensures a strong, vital, growing educational institution while remaining vigilant in upholding our treasured history and traditions.

We appeal to our graduates, in particular, to participate in *The Griffin Fund*, primarily because of the potential financial impact on the daily operation of the College, but also because the percentage of alumnae & alumni participation is considered by external donors to be an indicator of *institutional strength* and, therefore, an institution worthy of their investment.

Chestnut Hill students experience the College's rich tradition and academic excellence through a challenging, well-rounded curriculum. It is a sign of the vitality, excitement, and health of the College that donors continue to step forward – and for many, year after year – to help strengthen the very financial fiber of this institution. And for this, we are most grateful!

Why was the Annual Fund name changed?

The 2006-2007 campaign continues to build on last year's very successful inaugural year conversion of the traditional annual giving program into its new identity as *The Griffin Fund*. This new name signifies the symbol of the Griffin as our image, because of what true branding is – not merely a logo, or a slogan, or a name, but *a promise* of what will be delivered by a product or service.

The Griffin embodies the twin traits of strength and vigilance, and that's what we want to convey in our case for financial support each year through our annual giving program.



What is the Fleur de Lis Society?

Members of the *Fleur de Lis Society* are donors who step forward with a gift of \$1,000 or more to **The Griffin Fund** each year in support of current operations. These leadership gifts are the cornerstone of Chestnut Hill College's annual giving program. Members receive prominent recognition in the College's Annual Report and are recognized at an induction ceremony each year.

The society name is drawn from the heraldic flower – the lily of Saint Joseph and Our Lady – that graces the official College seal.

What is the Reunion Giving Fund?

Every five years, as you celebrate the anniversary of your graduation, you are asked to consider an **additional** gift to the College — above and beyond your usual annual gift – in honor of your Reunion. Reunion-year appeals in recent memory have focused on a specific College need such as purchasing new furniture for residents in Fournier and Fontbonne Halls, establishing a scholarship fund, or underwriting landscaping needs.

This year, Reunion classes will be given the opportunity to **enhance** their annual gift by choosing from a variety of options that reflect specific needs of the College. We thank you for your commitment to give back to your *alma mater* through this special appeal. Your Reunion Fund appeal will reach your home by early April.

What is the Capital Gifts Initiative (CGI)?

This effort seeks funds for several specific long-term impact renovation and construction projects. The projects were identified through a careful analysis of the campus as part of a Site and Facilities Master Plan, and have been determined by the Board of Directors to be essential to the College's future growth.

Many of these projects, such as the construction of Barbara D'Iorio Martino Hall and renovation of many classrooms and athletics fields, were completed through the generous efforts of our graduates, parents, and friends. Many necessary improvements, still underway, are able to continue through the ongoing pledges and contributions of our faithful donors.

What is the Campaign for SugarLoaf Hill?

On August 2, 2006, the College announced one of the most transformational moments in the College's history: the acquisition of the SugarLoaf estate from the Albert M. Greenfield Foundation. This 30-acre property, situated diagonally across Germantown Avenue from the College's existing campus, has provided the College with a once-



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Dear Alums:

I think there was a time when many of us thought that Reunion Weekend was just about the only function of the Office of Alumnae & Alumni Relations. That was never really the case, but today it couldn't be farther from the truth. Under the direction of Pat Canning, the office and the association have been working very hard to present a yearlong calendar of events to appeal to our varied needs and interests – and to have an impact on the College.

A case in point is the evolving success with our young alums. After spotty response to repeated attempts to attract this group over the last five or six years, more than 60 enthusiastic alums attended the Carol Night and Young Alums Holiday Cheer social in early December. Plans were made for other social events, and e-mail addresses were collected so everyone could be kept informed. Maryanne Walsh '98, '02 SGS, a member of the alum association Board of Directors, has played a key role in building momentum with this group and has been ably supported by Stephanie Rendine '04, Bridget McGovern '00 and others in working with the office in creating social events and career-focused services for our young alums.

While the young alums as a group have been a particular focus, alumnae/i outreach through chapter building continues. I was happy to host a Christmas party at my home pub for members of the new Jersey Shore Chapter. Eight alums spanning the decades of the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s and '00s enjoyed hearty refreshments and the chance to meet and get to know one another. Even two husbands joined us and had a great time! In fact, time got away from us, and the party lasted twice as long as planned. It turned into a brainstorming session, plans were made for future get-togethers – three tentatively scheduled – and discussions about participating in community service initiatives as a chapter rounded out the night.

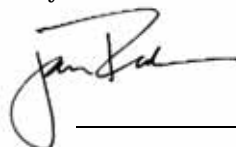
What was most gratifying about hosting this event, however, was the contact I made with alums who were *not* able to attend. For every person who could join the party, I received phone calls from at least three or four who called with regrets ... but who wanted to be sure they would be invited to future events. This is great news because it shows there's interest out there for rebuilding local chapters and for our alums to reconnect with one another as a group. Unfortunately, over the past few years, chapters had all but died out. We think it's important to rebuild them, and the office has been working this year to begin to bring them back. Since October, the Jersey Shore Chapter (central-to-north coastal N.J.) and the South Jersey Chapter have been launched, and plans are underway for the creation of a Southern California Chapter in the summer. Other regions of the country are on the planning books.

From my conversations with these and other alums, I've also heard that many of us appreciate the increased communication from the office through the activities postcards, the various fliers, the Web page information and events summaries, and my quarterly "messages," the alumnae/i director's report, and the meatier AlumNotes contained in these editions of the College Newsletter. Regardless of where we live, we all can keep connected with what's happening at Chestnut Hill by sending in personal updates and keeping alert to communications from the office and class officers.

Being involved with the College as an alum board member, and now president, has opened my eyes to how important each of us is to the College and how meaningful the College can still be to us. We need everyone's support as we build a more active alum association that supports our College's ambitious and impressive goals. Just by taking the opportunity or even creating an opportunity to spread the word about today's CHC — no matter where you live — you can play an active role in our revitalized alum organization. Remember what our Annual Fall Conference keynote speaker Liz Shafer '70 said: "... make friends and build relationships for the school. That's being an ambassador, and it's a role everyone can play."

What can we do to bring you into the active alumnae/i community? I'd like to hear your comments and suggestions. Please contact me at chcalumpres@chc.edu. I look forward to hearing from you. 🦋

*Joanne Fink '76, President
Chestnut Hill College Alumnae & Alumni Association*




The alum association president spreading the name of Chestnut Hill College wherever she travels, here, in Boston.



Music on the Hill: Carol Night

Carol Night, one of the College's most beloved and enduring traditions, filled the festively lit Rotunda with traditional Christmas music on Friday, December 1, 2006. The program featured performances by the Hill Singers and Instrumental Ensemble, and a visit from Santa completed the evening. 🦋

In Memoriam

Ann Edward Bennis, SSJ, M.A., in her ninety-fourth year, former professor of English, died suddenly on Monday, March 5. A member of the English department until 1993, and serving terms as its chair, Sister Ann devoted 48 years to her love of literature and to her Chestnut Hill College students. Her poetry courses were challenging; her insights compelling; her smile, always with a twinkle.



In recognizing Sister Ann Edward's 75th anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph, College president Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D. said: "Among the many English majors whom she taught, her name and her courses are legendary. This English professor's charm and her manner of interaction with students were completely disarming. With an endearing smile and in a melodious, cultured, refined voice, she assigned enough work for the next class to occupy students for a month.

"Sister Ann Edward's unique personality radiates to all she meets. She makes people feel welcome, fusses over guests, tells great stories, enthralles her listeners. For parties," Sister Carol noted, "she dresses up with merry abandon, initiates games, uses her fertile imagination to write lyrics that amuse and praise individuals. What's more, she never, ever complains about her health or her age. Perennial youth.

Sister Carol noted that awards for Sister Ann's service and her scholarship continued to dot her career. "Mementos of the countless people she has met and corresponded with remain in her safe keeping, including the rosary used by Bishop Sheen on his television show. She and Bishop Sheen shared a friendship and love of poetry over several decades."

After she retired from the College classroom, Sister Ann worked in the Development Office and kept in constant contact with her legions of alumnae friends and admirers.

Sister Ann also ministered outside the campus, attending to multiple projects that interested her. Chief among these were programs for senior citizens, particularly at the Chestnut Hill Citizens Center, and for prisoners, especially at Graterford Prison. The hundreds of alumnae who experienced her classroom often chuckled at the image of Sister Ann Edward sweeping into that maximum-security prison, in full religious habit, smiling and "dear"ing everyone in her path.

Many of her friends also knew they could count on her to enliven a dinner party with witty stories, penetrating observations, and probing questions.

In 1987, a student wrote the following about Sister Ann. "Sister Ann Edward's demeanor may have been mild and unassuming; however, her effect on Chestnut Hill College and every student she taught was intense and far-reaching. She will be forever remembered in the Chestnut Hill College community and eternally alive in the hearts of her students."

Donations in memory of Sister Ann Edward can be made to CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE, and mailed to the Office of Institutional Advancement, 9601 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118.

Catharine Fee, SSJ, M.A., (formerly S. Consilli), age 73, the longtime associate dean of academic advising, died on March 2, 2007. She joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1953, and came to Chestnut Hill in 1988. Known always as "Sister Cass," the sign *Cead Mile Failte* ("A Hundred Thousand Welcomes" in Gaelic) graced the door of her office, where she was always available to faculty, staff, and students. In 2004, Sister Cass received the Distinguished Service Award, voted annually to a staff member by colleagues for embodiment of the College's mission.



She is survived by her sisters Mary Fee SSJ, Rita Fee, and Frances Hayburn (Jim), as well as her niece, Theresa Hayburn, SSJ, and many other nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and members of her Congregation. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to St. Joseph Villa, 110 W. Wissahickon Ave., Flourtown PA 19031.

Angela Winfrey, Ph.D., a former faculty member of the Department of Professional Psychology, died on February 1, 2007 after a brief bout with cancer. She received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Middle Tennessee State University, a master's in psychology from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, a master's in public affairs from Texas Southern University, and a doctorate in clinical neuropsychology from Drexel University in 1996. Dr. Winfrey was also the recipient of graduate fellowships at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., and The National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md.

She is survived by her mother, Jannie Winfrey, a daughter, Jenaba Winfrey-Porter, and two brothers, Wesley Winfrey and Jarrett Winfrey, all of Memphis, Tenn. The family respectfully requests that memorial contributions in Dr. Winfrey's name be made to the National Institute of Health at www.nih.gov 🦋

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"It's unique in the world today to espouse core values that were once taken for granted but are now missing. The College's mission teaches people how to live, whether it's through care for the earth, or service to the community. It reaches to fundamentals like basic respect and manners. We need to constantly reflect on the mission and use it to rejuvenate the alumnae/i base, to reach out and remind them of what was special about the Chestnut Hill College experience."

Hicks believes the mission can also engage the community-at-large and create excitement over SugarLoaf that will attract important individual, corporate, foundation, and government support. In the meantime, he's confident that that this is another exciting time in the College's history in which the next chapter is being written.

Not the job for a skeptic? You bet. 🦋

Profiles in Planned Giving: Anne Tezak '76, Hallmark Society Member


Since her graduation in 1976 with a B.A. in political science, Anne E. Tezak has been a loyal donor to the College, participating in giving opportunities to The Griffin Fund (formerly the Annual Fund), the Capital Gifts Initiatives, the Reunion Fund, and most recently, for the acquisition and development of SugarLoaf. She has been a member of the *Fleur de Lis Society* since 2002.

**HALLMARK SOCIETY**

Members of the Hallmark Society have expressed their commitment to Chestnut Hill College through a very special and important form of financial support. These donors have named the College as the ultimate beneficiary of a planned gift. Such gifts might include a bequest and/or charitable income gifts, such as charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder unitrusts, charitable remainder annuity trusts, or gifts of life insurance.

Tezak reflects on her financial commitment to the College: "I was fortunate, both in high school in North Carolina and in college in Philadelphia, to experience a well-rounded education provided by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Their teaching tradition (and its effect on their fellow educators) of blending textbook knowledge with personal, spiritual, and professional development influenced my life and career paths."

In 2001, Tezak furthered her commitment by naming the College as a beneficiary in her will, making her a member of the Hallmark Society. "CHC has seen significant changes and growth since I graduated," she observes, "but their holistic tradition continues – I sense it every time I visit the campus. Hopefully, my sharing will allow others to be similarly blessed for decades yet to come."

For additional information about becoming a member of the Hallmark Society and other planned giving opportunities, please contact Director of Planned Giving, Mary Theresa Shevland, SSJ, at 215.753.3617, or e-mail shevlandm@chc.edu 

Academically Speaking

Lakshmi Atchison, Ph.D., professor of biology, finalized plans for the Spring 2006 Biomedical Seminar Series, which featured Richard Lackman, M.D., F.A.C.S., the Paul B. Magnuson Professor of Bone and Joint Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania.

Lynn Brandsma, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, will offer *A Comparison of Acceptance- and Control-Based Strategies for Coping with Food Cravings: An Analog Study of Dieting* in a faculty colloquia series presentation on April 18 at the College.



Scott Browning, Ph.D., professor of psychology, continued the work of the International Consortium on Stepfamily Research with a visit to the Catholic University in Milan, Italy, where he worked with Vittori Cigoli, director of the Family Study Center and his research team. He also assisted with a cross-cultural study between Chestnut Hill College and the Catholic University of Milan.

David Contosta, Ph.D., professor of history, was the lead-off presenter on a panel for the Capitol Centennial Commission's "100 Years of Pennsylvania Political History" forum on October 2, 2006. The panel broadcasted live from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Chamber in Harrisburg.

Dr. Contosta also presented a synopsis of his four-year book research into the parallel lives of "Rebel Giants: Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin" in a three-part colloquia presented at the College on consecutive Mondays beginning February 12, the shared birthday of the two men and just one of many coincidences in their intersecting lives.



Robert J. Durney, M.B.A., assistant professor of business, received the national award of a full scholarship to attend the 24th Annual Entrepreneurship Education Forum in November 2007. The scholarship was presented by the Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education in recognition for leadership and creativity in bringing entrepreneurship education to schools.

Mary Kathleen Flannery, S.S.J., D. Min., associate professor of religious studies, was granted a sabbatical for the 2008 academic year.



Melanie Cohen Goodman, Ph.D., assistant professor of education, organized a special event on February 2 for students from Philadelphia high schools who have a declared interest in becoming teachers. The day brought students from Furness, Overbrook, and Parkway West High Schools in southwest and west Philadelphia to the Chestnut Hill campus for classroom visitation, shadowing (following the schedule of a particular student), and campus tours. The event was co-sponsored by Philadelphia Academies.



Elaine Green, Ed.D., dean of the School for Continuing Studies, participated in the annual conference of the National Organization for Human Services, held in San Diego in November 2006. Dr. Green serves on the Board of Directors of the Council for Standards in Human Service Education as the Vice President of Publications and Technical Assistance. The CSHSE sets national standards for human service education and accredits programs.



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Thomas Klee, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, was elected to serve as Chair of the Public Interest Board of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association. Since this position supervises the Ethics, Multi-Culturalism, Colleague Assistance, Disaster Relief, and Prison Reform Committees, he will sit *ex officio* on all of these committees. He currently serves on the Colleague Assistance Committee and is chair of the Public Interest Board of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association.

Dr. Klee was granted a sabbatical for the 2008 academic year to study the work of Dr. Michael Balint.

Joseph W. Kulkosky, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, along with Stacie Bray '06, co-published the article "HAART-Persistent HIV-1 Latent Reservoirs: Their Origins, Mechanisms of Stability, and Potential Strategies for Eradication" in the April 2006 issue of *Current HIV Research*.



Robert Meyer, Ph.D., professor of biology, was awarded a "Growing Greener" planning grant from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in the amount of \$80,987 to plan for a larger grant to assist with watershed restoration and protection. The goal is to restore certain areas of the Wissahickon Creek, in order to control erosion.



Joseph Micucci, Ph.D., chair of the department of professional psychology, authored "Helping Families with Defiant Adolescents" to be published in *Contemporary Family Therapy* this year. He also led the Psy. D. faculty in the completion of a Self-Study for the American Psychological Association (APA), a requirement for APA reaccreditation. The self-study will be submitted May 1, 2007.



Joyce Huth Munro, Ed.D., dean of the School of Graduate Studies, authored "Toward a Systems Approach to Issues in Organizational Leadership" which will be published in *Roundtable Viewpoints: Organizational Leadership* in March 2007. *Roundtable Viewpoints* is a new McGraw-Hill Higher Education Series publication.



Catherine Nerney, SSJ, Ph.D., associate professor of religious studies, will share observances from her Rwanda sabbatical experience at a public lecture on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Room, Fournier Hall. Her presentation, "The Life-Giving Power of Forgiveness: Stories from Post-Genocide Rwanda," will be presented to the faculty on the same day at 3 p.m.



Carol Pate, Ed. D., chair of the education department, was notified in December 2006 that a proposal to the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau of Higher Education was approved. The grant, "Accelerated Success for Content Area Teachers and Their Students," will fully certify 24 secondary education graduate students (who are teaching on intern certificates) in the School District of Philadelphia, in the areas of math, science, social studies, English, and/or Spanish. The project also provides the opportunity for extensive mentoring, administrative support for course registration and program completion, and monetary support for teaching supplies. The project began in January, 2007 and ends September 30, 2008. Richard Black, Ed.D., assistant professor of education, co-directed the project with Dr. Pate.



From September 2003 to February 2007, the Education Department has been awarded \$883,270.00 in grants.

Nancy Porter, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, will participate in the spring faculty colloquia series on March 21 at the College. Her presentation is titled, "Mom and Dad, it's not your fault," *Challenging the Nurture Assumption: The Work of Judith Rich Harris*.

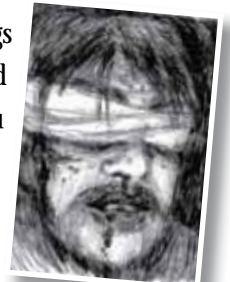


Cheryll Rothery-Jackson, Psy.D., associate professor of psychology and director of clinical training, presented the workshop *Clinical Work with African American Clients: Cultural and Societal Considerations and How to Effectively Address Them in Treatment* in November at the College. The workshop was sponsored by the Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists. Rothery-Jackson was elected to the Board of National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology and is serving as chair of the Ethnic/Racial Diversity Committee.



Margaret Thompson, SSJ, M.F.A., associate professor of art, was commissioned by the Catholic weekly magazine *America* to illustrate the article, "You Did It To Me: Lenten Meditations on Torture" by Elizabeth A. Johnson, C.S.J., distinguished professor of theology at Fordham University in New York City.

Sister Margie based her drawings on actual photographs of abuse and torture of prisoners held in the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. The work was published in the February 26, 2007 issue of *America*. ❀



Have a Question? ASK HERE PA

Librarian Gail Cathey researches a patron question for the "Ask Here PA" virtual reference service.

By Anne Vey Stewart

It's 10 o'clock on a weekday morning at Logue Library, and Gail Cathey, M.L.S., slides into her seat in front of a laptop in the Circulation Room and logs on to the "Ask Here PA" site. She is one of up to 30 librarians who may be online at any given hour answering questions utilizing OCLC's QuestionPoint software.



Now a patron by the name of "Romeo" has entered the site, seeking information. "During Renaissance plays, the poor people who watched from the bottom of the theater had a name, but I can't recall it."

Gail, a.k.a. "Librarian 1" on the transcript page, welcomes Romeo to the site and responds, "Most of the poorer audience members, referred to as *groundlings*, would pay one penny (which was almost an entire day's wage) to stand in front of the stage, while the richer patrons would sit in the covered galleries, paying as much as half a crown each for their seats." On screen, Romeo exclaims, "Groundlings! That's it. Thank you so much!!!!" The librarian then cites her source (About.com) and performs a "page push" to Romeo which opens the About.com web page on the patron's screen in a frame side-by-side with his question.

At Chestnut Hill College, the library staff is committed to participating in "Ask Here PA" one hour-a-day, with a minimum of five hours-per-week. Logue librarians serve in rotation: site coordinator Gail Cathey, Diane Arnold, Marian Ehnou, Mary

Jo Larkin, SSJ, and Michael Keane, SSJ have all completed a full day of staff training on the site provided by Vince Mariner, "Ask Here PA" statewide coordinator for the reference service. The service promises participant libraries benefits that include a higher profile in the community and the state, inclusion in a popular statewide innovation, and an avenue to reach new library users.

The live chat reference site was launched in September, 2006 throughout Pennsylvania's libraries. In announcing the debut of "Ask Here PA," Governor Edward G. Rendell noted that the service will "provide unparalleled access to a live librarian every hour of every day." Ninety public and academic libraries, including Chestnut Hill, initially volunteered for its launch.

The volume of questions on the site varies daily, and the nature of the queries can be studious – "I was wondering if anyone knew where I might find a good, reliable criticism on *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles?", sassy – "Okay Miss Cranky Pants, tell me about Amendment 18," or simply not applicable – "Can I renew my book?" Cathey says the last question is just too broad, since it can only be answered by the patron's hometown library.

What makes "Ask Here PA" superior to search engines such as *Google*, Cathey offers, is that librarians have better judgment of where to look for resource material, and can even e-mail patrons later with additional information and reference suggestions.

And the payoff can be rewarding for the librarian, too. The patron Romeo, who earlier sought information on groundlings, took time to complete the "Ask Here PA" survey and said he would not only use the service again, but commented, "Chestnut Gail was awesomely quick with the answer." That, smiles College librarian Gail Cathey, "makes it all worthwhile."

To check out the new online reference service, visit www.AskHerePa.org or click on its icon on Logue Library's homepage. You can reach the reference desk at Logue Library by calling 215.248.7054. 🐿

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in-a-lifetime opportunity to nearly double the size of our campus and allow for expansion to accommodate a growing student body.

As the College embarks on this exciting new initiative, we will continue our long-time partnership efforts with the telemarketing firm IDC in order to raise the substantial funds needed for the development of SugarLoaf. This campaign, known as *SugarLoaf Hill: Expanding our Vision, Extending our Horizon*, has already reached many of you and will continue through fall 2007. We ask that when our IDC caller contacts you to explain this incredible new opportunity, you respond with the same generosity you have always shown to Chestnut Hill College and our students.

How will my gift be included in the 2006-2007 Annual Report?

Chestnut Hill College will be pleased to recognize your gift in the 2006-2007 Annual Report if your gift is received between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. 🐿

Whether you chose to support *The Griffin Fund*, the *Capital Gifts Initiative*, the *SugarLoaf Hill* campaign, *endowed scholarships*, or *some other purpose* designated to provide the College with crucial financial assistance, we are grateful for your ongoing generosity.

To whatever purpose you have chosen to support, you provide the financial and spiritual foundation on which this College stands. THANK YOU!

Gifts may be sent directly to:

**Development Office
Chestnut Hill College
9601 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19118**

or contact

**Catherine Quinn at 215.248.7137
or e-mail quinnc@chc.edu**

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 Marta Larrisey '00 SCS
 Sarah Archer '04 SCS

We apologize to **Jeanne Aherne Brady '39** and her family, classmates, and friends for the incorrect death notice posted for her in the December 2006 Newsletter. Niece Barbara Jo Aherne Hartzell '68 called to report that "all the Aherne girls are very much alive." We regret this error.

MARRIAGES

Renee Cunningham '96 to Joseph Ginchereau
 Anne Doody '97 to Philip Bronstein
 Kate Delany '01 to Seth Munoz
 Miranda Clark '04 to Christopher Binder

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

Luke David to Lisa Fiorillo den Hamer '84
 Emily Rose to Jeanine Natale Lubeck '95
 Elias James to Heidi Landes Cox '96
 Joseph, Jr. to Renee Cunningham-Ginchereau '96
 Charlotte Emma to Cindy Marx Davidson '97
 Chase Joseph to Trisha Murphy Langrehr '97
 Sarah May to Eileen Farley Topps '97
 Tristan and Ethan to Heather Randall Simons '98 SCS
 Braydon to Ashley Cortese Bonner '03
 Aden to Kristen Huntington Perez '04

*ALUM NEWS**'50s*

Justine Smith Atkins, Ph.D. '53 recently published *The Beggar's 'Children': How John Gay Changed the Course of England's Musical Theatre*. Her book describes the impact of 18th-century playwright and poet John Gay, his ballad opera, *The Beggar's Opera*, and its many imitators (the "children"), which dominated London's stages for the next half-century. The book is published by Cambridge Scholars Press of London.

Mary Nagle Bell '54 recently retired as secretary to the Vicar for Chester County (Pa.), Msgr. James T. McDonough. She held this position since 1989, following a career with the IBM Corporation and RCA, which she joined when the company established its computer systems division. She was a member of its corporate staff for management information systems, an instructor, and a manager of its customer education division. Her career with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia was celebrated in an extensive article in the September 28 edition of *The Catholic Standard and Times*.

'60s

Jeannie Bennett Fleming '64 completed her work for a Master of Arts degree in pastoral ministry at Boston College in July. She continues her ministry of 18 years as director of religious education at St. Anne's Parish in Bethany Beach, Delaware.

'70s

Megan Brughart Flynn '77 is busy keeping up with Olivia Marguerite, born last April, and working part time with the Catholic Leadership Institute.

Julia Eble Harding, Ph.D. '77 was named Entrepreneur of the Year by the *Delaware Business Ledger* at an awards ceremony in early November. She is the founding president and CEO of Critical Path Services, a Wilmington-based contract research organization that offers GLP-compliant (good laboratory practices) analysis, analytical consulting, and technical writing services to the pharmaceutical, crop-protection, and chemical industries.

Julie was originally a member of the Class of 1975 but interrupted her education to start a family. She returned to complete her degree in chemistry in 1977. She soon completed a master's degree in analytical chemistry at Villanova while also working at Wyeth Laboratories. Her doctorate followed in 1986, while she was associated with the DuPont Co. in its crop protection division. Her 15-year career with DuPont is where she honed her analytical, project planning, and contracting skills. She formed her company in 2001, currently employing 30 full- and part-time staff and servicing a client base of local and international companies. Ever the liberal arts graduate, Julie's accomplishments also extend to the literary, as she is the author of three plays, one of which concerns Catherine de Medici.

Mary Jo Dagney, R.N. '78 is the wellness nurse at Shannondell at Valley Forge, a new retirement community in Montgomery County, Pa. She writes that "it has been wonderful connecting with other alums who currently reside there. I look forward to welcoming others who may be thinking of moving there!"

'80s

Karen Doyle, SSJ '81 was awarded the *Sapientia et Doctrina* Award from Fordham University's Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education in September. The award recognizes and honors "practitioners in the area of religious educators, pastoral counselors, spiritual directors and other pastoral ministers; it is given in recognition of notable service to the People of God." Sr. Karen is a member of the staff of St. Ignatius Retreat House in Manhasset, Long Island, and has been a spiritual director and supervisor for the past 18 years, providing ongoing formation and training in Canada, Taiwan, and Denmark. She followed her undergraduate degree in psychology with a master's degree in spirituality from Creighton University and a doctorate in ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Donaldson, Indiana.

Dorothy Schreiber Sullivan, MSN, ARNP '84 has relocated to Bedford, N.H., with husband Tom and four children. She recently completed a post-graduate fellowship in dermatology at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Ma., and began a position as a nurse practitioner in dermatology at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Nashua. Tom continues his work as owner of John B. Sullivan, Jr. Corp. of NH, a medical general contracting firm.

Jane M. Fearn-Zimmer, Esq. '88 has been elected secretary of the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA). She is an estate planning and elder law attorney with The Sharp Law Firm, which has offices in Haddon Heights and Lawrenceville. NAELA is an organization that seeks to establish its members as the premier providers of legal advocacy, guidance, and services to people as they age.

Cecilia Haenn Turner '88 has been named president of IComm (International Commerce Agency, LLC), a product distribution and representation company that builds brands around the world through TV and other forms of electronic retailing.

'90s

Carmen Marrero-Rojas '90 is a school psychologist-bilingual for the School District of Philadelphia. Last August, she and husband Wilfredo welcomed Juan Javier Neumann, named for St. John Neumann.

Cassandra Phillips Doyle '93 is manager of student services in the Office of Extension Services at Temple University.

Darla Baum Tomlinson '93 relocated from Texas to Waterloo, Belgium, in August for husband Greg's new posting as the European coordinating partner with Deloitte & Touche.

Carol Nash Purcell '94, a project manager with the litigation support services firm AlphaLit, was awarded a law degree from the Widener University School of Law in May.

Jennifer Kennedy Dombrowski '95 is a senior business analyst with Independence Blue Cross. She and husband Jeffrey welcomed their first child, Hannah Grace, in September.

Antonia Marzulli '95 uses her biology and French double-major as a business operations specialist for GlaxoSmithKline. She is married to Stephen Orleski.

Lisa Gondos Saville '95 is a research biologist with Cephalon, Inc. in West Chester, Pa. She and husband Benjamin welcomed Sarah Lauren to their family in March.

Heather Stack Randall '98 is an accountant with the Abington (Pa.) School District. Last February, she and husband John welcomed twin boys to their family.

Evin Bail O'Keeffe '98 is living near San Francisco and works

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as admissions coordinator of the MBA program for the Leavy School of Business at Santa Clara University. She writes that she also photographs and paints portraits of dogs and cats on commission, consults on graphic design and logo projects, helps some long-term Washington, D.C., friends with research and writing case studies on political policy and management consulting issues, and is a regular contributor of a cooking column for a San Francisco-area magazine. She returned home to D.C. last September to marry Conor O'Keeffe, who works in corporate finance for Apple Computers and is pursuing a graduate degree in international business.

'00s

Diane Felcyn '00 recently left her post as curator of education at Savannah's Telfair Museum for the position of assistant director of the Perkins Center for the Arts in Moorestown, N.J. She is included in the 2007 edition of *Who's Who in America*.

Kena Carroll '03 is completing her final year of study at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law while also recently publishing her first book, *Blank Pages*, and establishing her own publishing company (www.kwipublishing.org).

Pamela Livingston '04 SGS recently published her first book, *1-to-1 Learning – Laptop Programs That Work*. She is the head of technology at The Peck School in Morristown, N.J., and will be teaching a graduate class in Chestnut Hill's applied technology department in the spring. Her book is published by the International Society for Technology in Education (www.iste.org). 🦋

SCS: School of Continuing Studies
SGS: School of Graduate Studies

Athletics Calendar Home Games, Spring 2007

Women's Softball

APRIL

Sun.	1	Keuka College	12:00 p.m.
Tues.	3	Baptist Bible College .	3:00 p.m.
Fri.	6	Keystone College	3:00 p.m.
Sun.	15	Villa Julie College . .	12:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

APRIL

Wed.	11	Immaculata University	4:00 p.m.
Mon.	16	Neumann College . . .	4:00 p.m.
Thurs.	19	College Misericordia .	4:00 p.m.

For the complete spring sports schedule, check the College's Web site at www.edu/athletics and plan to support our teams at an away game near you!

From the Director of Alumnae & Alumni Relations

Alumnae & Alumni Association president Joanne Fink '76 notes in her commentary that every alum can take advantage of, and create, opportunities to spread the word about today's Chestnut Hill College and to play an active role in our revitalized alumnae and alumni organization. It took only three months for one such alumna to do exactly that.

Cathy Kelly Simprini '70, president of the alum association's **Jersey Shore Chapter**, which was launched on October 15, led a group of five college guidance counselors from several Monmouth County career academies to the College in mid-January. Their one-day field trip



Cathy Kelly Simprini '70 (center), president of the Jersey Shore chapter of the Alumnae & Alumni Association, with four guidance counselors from Monmouth County career academies. Their mid-January visit included an extensive tour of the TV studio and discussion with Phelps Hawkins (third from left) about media courses and equipment.

geographic areas, and consistent promotion of key messages regarding the end product of a Chestnut Hill College education.

Cathy Simprini later wrote that the counselors' visit "reinforced the understanding that this is a college that cares about the individual students but also prepares them extremely well for life not just in the workforce but also as caring and contributing members of the global society."

Most alums are not in a position to create this sort of impact, but many others are tapping a variety of new or revitalized activities, events, and programs that help them reconnect with one another for their own pleasure even as they advance the interests of the College. A few current and upcoming ones include:

- **Backpack-to-Briefcase Week:** this mid-March program, co-sponsored with the Office of Career Services, welcomes alumnae/i participation in mock phone and face-to-face interviews and in a student etiquette dinner.
- First annual **All-Alums Day of Service**, in which alums are asked to honor St. Joseph on or near March 19 by volunteer activity for a cause of their choice.
- **Celebrating Our Alums Reception**, a mid-April luncheon for graduates of all Schools of the College living in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with particular focus on the College's widely respected science program and graduates.
- **Reunions** for the School of Continuing Studies on May 5 and for the School of Undergraduate Studies on June 1-2-3.
- Launching of the **Southern California Chapter** on July 8, highlighted by a Sunday morning rehearsal of *The Magic Flute* and brunch at the Hollywood Bowl.

Additional outreach opportunities, as well as purely social events, will evolve over the coming months, all of which are posted on the alumnae/i pages of the College Web site. Everyone is encouraged to check the site for programs and activities that help spread the word about today's CHC and continue to build our alumnae/i organization. 🦋

SSJ Associates in Mission Group Formed at Chestnut Hill College

On December 19, 2006, a group of 14 members of the Chestnut Hill College community were officially welcomed into membership as associates of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in a prayer service held at the Medaille Center.

SSJ Associates, explains Rose Andrea Loughery, SSJ, director of SSJ associates in mission, “are men and women who have discerned that the Congregation’s mission of unity and reconciliation is part of their lives also. Associates are as varied as the members of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. One size does not fit all; rather our SSJ mission fits all sizes.” She notes that today some 450 individuals have made a commitment to this relationship.

The idea to form an SSJ Associates group at the College was rooted in the experience of *Mission Alive*, a two-day retreat at Cape May Point led by Anne M. McCoy, SSJ, director of mission effectiveness. The retreat invited participants from SSJ-sponsored works (such as the College) to reflect on the mission as lived in everyday situations.

What exactly does an associate do? Sister Rose explains, “For some associates, their relationship has the focus of praying for our common mission. For others, the relationship means participation in events sponsored by our SSJ Associates in Mission or by our congregation. Many associates also participate in a Christian growth group, where sisters and associates meet on a regular basis.”

For more information on SSJ Associates in Mission, please contact Rose Andrea Loughery, SSJ, director of the program, at 215.248.7239, or e-mail rloughery@ssjphila.org 🐦



Rose Andrea Loughery, SSJ, director of associates in mission, (left) “pins” College staff member Regina Bernhardt, (right) into the newly-formed SSJ Associates group at Chestnut Hill College.

On the Lecture Circuit



Dr. Mishal Al-Sulami (left), assistant professor of comparative thought on the arts and humanities faculty of King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, was welcomed to campus on February 7 by William T. Walker, Ph.D., (right) vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Al-Sulami shared research from his controversial book, *The West and Islam: Western Liberal Democracy versus the System of Shura*, (RoutledgeCurzon, 2003). Shura translates to “Political Order in Islam.”

His presentation was supported by a grant from the Fulbright Visiting Specialists Program, whose objective is to bring scholars from countries with significant Muslim populations to U.S. institutions for intensive short-term campus- and community-based programs of teaching, lecturing, and public outreach on Islamic civilization and culture.

Dr. Muffy E.A. Siegel (right), professor of linguistics at Temple University, visited the College on January 30 to speak on “Linguistics, ‘Like,’ and the Law: the Scientific Study of Real Language.” Dr. Siegel’s publication on the formal semantics of the teen slang word “like” (*Like: The Discourse Particle and Semantics*, Journal of Semantics 19.1, 2002) captured national and international media interest. Dr. Keely McCarthy (left), assistant professor of English, arranged for Dr. Siegel’s talk.



In honor of Black History Month, the Department of History and Political Science’s History Program sponsored a February 12 lecture by Dr. Lawrence Little, associate professor of African-American history at Villanova University. In his presentation, “Emancipation: How Enslaved Americans Freed Themselves,” Dr. Little evaluated the various ways that African Americans resisted slavery, and individually and collectively gained freedom in American society.

In a three-part faculty colloquia, Professor of History David R. Contosta, Ph.D., shared some of his discoveries from his four-year research into the parallel lives of Lincoln and Darwin. Titled “Rebel Giants: Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin,” the series began on the men’s mutual birth date of February 12 with the topic, “Intersecting Worlds,” followed by “Crisis and Revolution” on February 19 and “Afterlives and Legacies” on February 26. 🐦



Greg Gornick, Director of Athletic Communications

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team finished the regular season second in the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) South Division with a 13-3 conference mark while posting a 19-9 final overall record. The Griffins defeated Penn State – Berks at home in the opening round of the NEAC Tournament, 89-64, before topping Baptist Bible College 79-71 in the NEAC Semifinals, held at Villa Julie College. The Griffins next challenged the hosting Mustangs in the NEAC Championship, falling in overtime 94-92. Chestnut Hill College picked up momentum in the later part of their schedule, winning 15 of their last 18 contests. In the program's fourth year, the Griffins posted the program's all-time



Shawn Bolling

best finish (19-9) and graduated its first class of four-year players: guard Isaac Greer (Philadelphia, PA), guard Shawn Bolling (Philadelphia, PA) forward Mike Devine (Philadelphia, PA) and center Steve Tamburo (Denville, NJ).

As the NEAC Men's Player of the Year, Greer caps a momentous collegiate career at Chestnut Hill College with this most significant individual accolade. Greer performed well in all facets of the game, finishing among the top ten in seven NEAC statistical categories. Greer scored 19.4 points-per-game (PPG) finishing third among NEAC scorers. He converted on 112-of-134 free throws to boast the leagues second best free throw percentage (.836) and finished third in three-point shooting, hitting 47-of-113 (.416) from deep. Greer also finished tenth in rebounding (6.6 RPG) and field goal percentage (192-of-371, .518). Defensively, Greer finished fourth in blocks with 31 and fifth in steals with 55. Greer is a three-time member of the NEAC All-Conference First Team.

Greer is the lone member in the Chestnut Hill College 2,000 point club, converting a lay-up with 3:52 remaining in the first half of the NEAC quarterfinals. He is the Griffins all-time leader in points (2,065), rebounds (558), three-point percentage (39%, 189-of-490), free throw percentage (81%, 362-of-448), steals (227) and blocks (77). He is second all-time in assists (227) and finishes his career with a .487 (757-of-1556) shooting percentage. Greer was also two-time NEAC Student-Athlete of the Week this season and earned weekly honors in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) and on www.D3Hoops.com "Team of the Week."

Bolling and junior forward David Goode (Philadelphia, PA) each received a NEAC Honorable Mention. Bolling started alongside Greer in the Chestnut Hill College backcourt for four seasons and finished the 2006-07 campaign third in the NEAC in assists with 150 assists (5.4 APG). He is the Griffins all-time leader in assists (492) and is second all-time in scoring (1,309 pts) and in steals with 170. **Bolling recorded his 1,000 career point this season, sinking a foul shot 1:25 into the first half against Valley Forge Christian College on November 28, 2006.** Goode averaged 15.2 PPG and 7.7 RPG this season, while leading the NEAC in blocks with 40. He shot 64% (153-of-241) from the floor this season and joined Greer as a two-time NEAC Student-Athlete of the Week. Freshman guard Julian McFadden (Philadelphia, PA) is the last of four Griffins who averaged double-digits in scoring. McFadden was the Griffins spark off the bench with 11.8 PPG, while recording the third best rookie season in program history (331 pts).

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team finished second to Villa Julie College in the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) South Division with a 12-4 conference record and closed the 2006-07 season at 15-11 overall. After defeating Philadelphia Biblical University at home in the NEAC Tournament quarterfinals 61-45, the Griffins fell to Villa Julie College in the NEAC Semifinals, 60-58, at Keuka College. Chestnut Hill College enjoyed a successful second half of the season, winning 11 of their last 14 contests.

Senior guard **Judy Parise** (Philadelphia, PA) emerged as the leader for the Griffins on the court, directing the Griffins with her aggressive presence and focused on-court demeanor. She averaged 6.2 points-per-game (PPG) and finished third in the NEAC



Judy Parise

in assists with 4.1 per contest. Benefiting from Parise's backcourt play were the Griffins post players: forward **Andrea Carter** (Philadelphia, PA), senior forward **Kate Quintus** (Lafayette Hill, PA), and junior forward **Tara Walsh** (Woodbine, NJ).

Carter established herself as one of the NEAC's top athletes this season, being one of two student-athletes in the conference to average a double-double. She earned first team honors averaging 13.1 PPG and 10.2 RPG. With 266 boards, Carter finished third in the NEAC in rebounding, while hitting 138-of-234 field goal attempts to land her second in field goal percentage (.590). Defensively, she finished seventh in blocks with 24, while collecting 13



Isaac Greer



Kate Quintus

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double-doubles this season. Carter finished her collegiate career first all-time in field goal percentage (367-of-694, 53%), and blocks (92). Her 837 rebounds places her second all-time, while her 922 career points is good enough for fifth all-time. She is also tied for sixth all-time in steals with 61.

Quintus played opposite Carter in the paint and provided the Griffins with some key baskets



Andrea Carter

this season. She reached the 1,000 point plateau for her career against SUNY Purchase on February 15, when she made a lay-up 1:53 into the contest. She is the program's all-time leader in rebounds with 865 on record.

Quintus averaged 8.2 PPG and 6.9 RPG this season. Walsh became the keystone for the Griffins post defense, leading the team with 39 blocks, good enough for fourth place in the conference. Walsh also contributed on the offensive end, ranking third on the team in scoring (10.2 PPG) and rebounding (6.0 RPG). Quintus and Carter each received the conference Student-Athlete of the Week Award this season, taking home NEAC honors for the weeks ending December 31 and January 29, respectively.

Sister guards sophomore Lindsay Formica and freshman Katelin Formica (both of Schwenksville, PA) also played key roles this season for the Griffins. Lindsay averaged 11.8 PPG off the bench, while Katelin started in all 20 contests that she played in. 🐾

Transitions

Sharon Brady, R.N., Staff Nurse to Assistant Director of the Health Center

Gale Carlin, M.S., Associate Registrar to Academic Advisor, SUS

Walter Childs, M.B.A., Director of Accelerated Programs, SCS

Following five years as an adjunct professor in all three schools of the College, Walter Childs has been appointed Director of Accelerated Programs. He has taught community development, business ethics, human resource management, and marketing. Walt earned his B.A. in education from Oakland University in Michigan and his M.B.A. from Suffolk University in Boston. Prior to joining Chestnut Hill College, he taught in various business programs at Penn State University, Rosemont College, and Bryn Athyn College.

Jacqueline deMarteleire, M.B.A., Academic Adviser to Director of Academic Advising, SUS

Arthur D. Goon, M.Ed., Vice President of Enrollment Management



Farewell to Art Goon, who joined the College as vice president of enrollment management in the spring of 2003, just as the campus was preparing to welcome its first coed class. Responsible for the recruitment, admissions, and retention programs, enrollment in the School of Undergraduate Studies has doubled in the four years of his tenure.

Art has accepted a position as founding Dean of University College at the University of New Haven, Conn. "Art Goon will be missed by many of us at Chestnut Hill College, especially his staff for whom he provided mentoring, encouraged excellence, and facilitated collaboration," observes President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D. "As a member of the President's Cabinet, he considered every issue carefully and participated fully in discussions and decisions. We are all enriched by his presence."

Shannon Roberts, R.N., Staff Nurse to Director of the Health Center

Donna Smith, Administrative Assistant, SGS to Office Manager and Administrative Assistant to the Dean, SGS 🐾

Literary Magazine "The Grackle" To Be Reborn — Erin Albright '07

Chestnut Hill College's literary magazine, *The Grackle*, was named for the small black and gray bird that is seen all over campus. In the early years of the College, it was a student literary magazine cum yearbook, until the *Aurelian* came out in 1946. After becoming solely a literary magazine, *The Grackle* ran uninterrupted until 1969, when it shut down due to a lack of interest. *The Grackle* was picked up for a one-shot run in 1983, and hasn't run again until now.

This past fall, interested students met with Dr. Karen Getzen and Dr. Keely McCarthy of the English department to plan for the third reincarnation of *The Grackle*. Students are very excited for this rebirth and have made plans to not only update the publication, but to spark interest in contributions among not only their peers, but faculty and staff members as well. This is the first time faculty and staff have been invited to participate in what has traditionally been strictly a student publication.

Sophomore Brian Taylor believes, "This is a great idea because it lets the student body laugh, appreciate, or revile the works that our professors put forth. It brings the professors closer to us." Students have also been reviewing past issues of the magazine to gain insight into the things that made *The Grackle* so successful in the past so that some of those things can be incorporated in this reincarnation.

Students and faculty are working towards an initial spring 2008 publication date. Submissions are currently being accepted and excited students are anxiously starting the review process. All members of the College community are welcome to submit poetry, prose, artwork, short stories, and other works as they look forward to the publication date. This latest incarnation of this once-loved student publication has all the makings of what should be a successful update of a classic publication. 🐾

TV Studio Comes to Life

With *The Chestnut Hill Insider*

Quietly, gradually, they've insinuated themselves into college life. And now they're everywhere -- you see them from the bleachers in Sorgenti, over the rounds of tables in the café, and across the room at lectures, pointing cameras and microphones: *The Chestnut Hill Insider* is catching you on tape.

Sinister? Not! *The Insider* is the brainchild born of "Communications 481A, Television Production: From Studio to Audience." It's taught by Phelps Hawkins, aided by technical advisor Don Visher, assistant director for video production at the College. As a team, they've shaped a vibrant classroom experience that utterly absorbs their students.

Class is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, with the first day dedicated to planning stories, and the second for taping and editing. Teams rotate through each week, so each student has an opportunity to try producing, performing, and directing roles three times.

Hawkins says that when the semester began on a Tuesday with the first class, he and Visher "threw them (the students) into position, gave them a quick indoctrination, and went from there," even though about half the class had no experience at all in studio production. "It started off a little rough," he allows. But at the end of the second class on Thursday, the class had made its first video, and has produced one weekly ever since. The finished product, with *The Chestnut Hill Insider* as its opening credit, is broadcast every Friday and throughout the weekend on the large flat screen TV in the College's back dining room.

Communications major Lauren Johnson '07 praises Hawkins and Visher for their "hands on approach," and says the classroom experience has taught her to be comfortable in front of the camera. Her favorite role, though, is editing. "I didn't think it would be as much fun as it is."

Alicia Browne, another senior communications major, says *The Insider* now reports on most campus events, and the production team is gaining recognition. "At first no one even noticed us or what we were doing, but now we're like local celebrities within the school." She notes that *The Insider* is actually educating the student population about the different things happening at the College that many students aren't even aware of.

Hawkins is a *bona fide* award-winning professional, who has "more than 35 years of experience as a journalist, executive and manager in all facets of television news, production, and marketing, with a particular emphasis on international news." He is president of his own media consulting company, Mission Media, based in his hometown of Princeton, N.J. Hawkins

was looking for "a mix of things to do," and when the College ran a help wanted ad for a TV studio manager, he bit into the "rare opportunity to build a TV program, to build a studio."

He points out that the TV Studio, part of the Devlin Video Production Suite on the second floor of Martino Hall, has been in place for five years, but up to now the facilities have been all but a secret. Hawkins embraces the opportunity to bring it to life with "media projects of meaning and consequence," and to provide students with much-needed practice in communicating. The next goal, Hawkins says with anticipation, is "engaging faculty and staff in how much cool stuff can be done in this exploding visual medium."

We'll be watching. — AVS 🦄



The Chestnut Hill Insider crew prepares to report on the Career Services Job Fair from the floor of Sorgenti Arena on March 13. Session correspondent Brandon Creedle '09 (left) rehearses a segment with camera operator Greg Gorski '07 (right).



The anchor team of Alicia Browne '07 and Christian Carnevale '07 open the segment of the Studio TV class's live-to-tape broadcast of the Job Fair, one of the class's changing weekly assignments in campus event coverage.

