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Impossible to Ignore
Rams Set Sights on Patriot League Title
By the time you read this, the 2002 college football season will be drawing to a close, and you will soon know if the aspirations of Fordham’s football team, chronicled later in these pages, reach fulfillment. At midpoint in the season, as I sit down to write this column, Fordham stands at the top of the Patriot League standings, at 2-0 undefeated in league play with a 5-1 record overall.

All through this autumn season Fordham’s other teams have been tested, as well: men and women’s soccer, track and cross country and even our baseball team, seeking to extend the summer as far into the fall as possible. When fall does yield to winter, attention will be turned indoors, as the basketball Rams and Lady Rams begin their seasons.

I mention these athletic adventures not simply because I am passing through my final season as Fordham’s Official Number One Fan, but because I want to call your attention to the way intercollegiate athletics began at Fordham a century and a half ago. Over the summer, I had occasion to look through some of the reports sent to Rome by the Jesuit community at Fordham during the early years of St. John’s College. Each year the Jesuit superior would review the year’s activity in his report to the Jesuit Superior General. In the report for the year 1863-1864, Father Superior reported, in a bemused manner, on the surprising enthusiasm of the students for athletic competition.

“The ball games that are organized for the recreation of our students have attained some renown, both for the enthusiasm of the players themselves and for the significant crowds of people who come to watch them. In addition, they greatly promote closer bonds between our students and youths from neighboring colleges who previously were strangers.

“Challenges to compete are publicly posted here and there by the Fordham youths and other nearby colleges. The challenges are accepted. The day of the contest is fixed. The contestants descend into the arena. The battle is engaged; the interest of the spectators sharpens the enthusiasm of the contestants. Referees are standing by, skilled at settling disagreements between the competing lines of battle. The victory is proclaimed, and those on whom fate has not smiled freely concede the palm of victory to their fellow contestants in good spirits. They go off together to wipe away the memory of their unlucky outcome with a feast prepared for the occasion. Some spectators inform newspaper reporters of the contest and its outcome, and they describe the whole event in the paper, as though it were a momentous happening worthy of being handed down to their descendants.”

Could that Jesuit Superior, writing in 1864, have ever anticipated the NCAA, the Final Four, extravagant television contracts and the NBA draft? Probably not, nor could he have predicted that so many Americans would indeed consider these institutions and events to be “momentous happenings.” On the other hand, Edgar Allan Poe wrote that he enjoyed his visits to the Jesuits at St. John’s College because, along with other appealing qualities, they like to play cards. So perhaps that Jesuit Superior in 1864 would not be startled to learn how many of the present Jesuit Fordham community participate in a pool focused on predicting the outcomes of the weekly schedule of the National Football League.

Was that Jesuit Superior fooling himself when he wrote of the good will shared by winners and losers, as they marched off together to a post-game “feast prepared for the occasion?” Or was intercollegiate athletic competition really that much more irenic 150 years ago in New York City? It seems unlikely that Fordham students today would so “freely concede the palm of victory” to our victorious opponents after the annual basketball game with Manhattan College. But perhaps we underestimate the reservoir of good fellowship that underlies our inter-borough rivalry.

Memories, of course, are what bind alumni together, and for many alumni, if not all, a good share of collegiate memories are linked in some way to intercollegiate athletics. I hope that the 2002 football season proves to be a source of stories to be told and retold at Fordham alumni gatherings for many years to come, indeed, “a momentous happening worthy of being handed down to (our) descendants.” But win or lose, it’s been a golden final fall season.

—Joseph A. O’Hare, S.J.
JOHN SEXTON: EDUCATOR
Guided by the tenets of a Jesuit education, John Sexton, the recently installed president of New York University, views teaching as the noblest human activity.

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The Last Acceptable Prejudice?

It pained me to read your report on the conference, “Anti-Catholicism: The Last Acceptable Prejudice?” (Summer 2002), not because of the insight it provided into the phenomenon, real or imagined, but because of its presentation of Fr. [Andrew] Greeley’s unwarranted survey conclusions and the generally reactionary views of another panelist.

A report on Fr. Greeley’s work recently appeared in The Long Island Catholic and my wife, brother, two friends and I responded to its questions. According to him, it turns out that the five of us, all practicing Catholics, are prejudiced against Catholics. Could it be that Fr. Greeley misconstrues as “damnable bigotry” perfectly rational interpretations of Catholic teaching like papal infallibility, and Marianist veneration like novenas, rosaries, medals, statues, supplications and holy days. Maybe his observation that “significant majorities continue to think we Catholics worship Mary and the saints and simply do what bishops and popes tell us to do” results more from non-Catholics’ unbiased observation of our teachings and behavior than prejudice. Perhaps Fordham magazine ought to survey its Catholic readers using Fr. Greeley’s instrument. It would be fascinating to see if their views differ significantly from those of the non-Catholics in his sample.

Unfortunately, the panel’s inclusion of William Donohue undermined the seriousness of its intent. Some professors at Fordham required student viewing of Priest and Nothing Sacred to generate insights regarding the humanity of the Catholic Church, its management and future. Similar benefits could have been gleaned from the public arena were it not for Mr. Donohue’s histrionic suppression of these perfectly legitimate and free expressions of truth. Instead, by claiming to speak for the church, he confirmed the observation that we cannot think for ourselves, the very “prejudice” he and Fr. Greeley rail against.

Joseph M. Kayal, FCO ’63, GAS ’64

I have three problems with the article titled “Anti-Catholicism: The Last Acceptable Prejudice?” First, the title is inapt. Since numerous acceptable prejudices exist in this country, including anti-Italian, anti-Arab, and anti-Asian, anti-Catholicism cannot be considered the “last” acceptable prejudice. Second, the debate is hypocritical. The Catholic Church has institutionalized and almost assigned divine providence to prejudice against women and homosexuals. Finally, the article is ill timed; anti-Catholic prejudice is the last of the church’s problems in light of recent scandals rocking the priesthood.

I have been an alumna of Fordham for twenty-one years, and have never found fault with the articles in this magazine. I am not a homosexual, and have never been interested in becoming a sister. My schooling in theology, my major at Fordham, and in the law, of which I have been a teacher, have prompted me to write to you in hope of sparking an honest debate on crucial issues for a church in need of change.

Maria Begley Ciampi, Esq., FCO ’81

As far back as 1977, Jean Guitton, in his book, The Secret Paul VI, recorded these words as spoken by the then pope: “What strikes me, when I think of the Catholic world, is that within Catholicism, there seems sometimes to predominate a non-Catholic way of thinking, and it can happen that this non-Catholic thought within Catholicism will tomorrow become the stronger.”

Harvey Kaplan, GSS ’60

Maiden Voyage

I just read the most interesting article on Fordham’s sailing team (“Breaking the Waves,” Summer 2002), and I thought I could add a little more history to what has already been written. I was one of three or four undergraduate students who helped organize and launch a small sailing team in 1951. My classmate (and good friend), Lou Piccoli (PHA ’52), and I, along with a couple others from Fordham College, made up the entire team effort. We had a priest-mentor (more than 50 years later his name escapes me) who was a wonderful red-haired Irishman who looked like the actor-comedian Red Buttons. I owned an old Dodge car and on weekends we would pile in our gear and ourselves, and hit the road. We sailed against (using their boats) Kings Point, MIT, Princeton, West Point and the Navy. I specifically remember the Princeton race because it was midwinter and our boat went over in Carnegie Lake. Of course, we did not fare very well in the races (the host teams let us use their slowest boats). I have lost track of the members who made up this “first” team, but I can vividly remember the fun we had on our low-budget sailing weekends.

I am so pleased to know that Fordham’s sailing team is strong and thriving.

Richard (Dick) Russo, PHA ’52

Correction

In the 2000-2001 President’s Report (Spring 2002), Thomas A. Prendergast (CBA ’55) was mistakenly excluded from the list of President’s Fellows. Fordham University regrets the error and again extends its thanks to the Thomas and Mary Alice Prendergast Foundation for its generosity.

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News

Television Anchors Dissect 9/11 Coverage

Reflecting on the television media’s coverage of the war on terrorism since Sept. 11, 2001, CBS Evening News anchor Dan Rather said many reporters are soft shoeing around thorny issues, an approach that flies in the face of patriotism.

“The height of patriotism is asking the tough questions,” Rather said during a panel discussion in the McNally Amphitheater on Monday, Sept. 9. “We haven’t been patriotic enough. … It is our responsibility to knock on doors every day and ask what’s going on in there even if it makes us unpopular.”

Two days before the anniversary of the terrorist attacks that killed almost 2,800 people, a panel of distinguished journalists and academics gathered at Fordham to discuss their post-Sept. 11 responsibilities at a forum titled “How Television Covered the News from 9/11 to 9/11.” The U.S. panelists included Rather; Aaron Brown, anchor of CNN’s NewsNight with Aaron Brown; Jane Pauley, anchor of Dateline NBC; William J. Small, vice chairman of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for News and Documentaries and former dean of Fordham’s Graduate School of Business; and Everette Dennis, Ph.D., Distinguished Felix Larkin Professor and Area Chair of the Fordham Business Communications and Media Management department.

On the day of the attacks, reporters had a high sense of purpose and resolved to stop “dumbing down” and “sleazing up” the news, a tactic employed to raise ratings and increase viewers, Rather said. That resolve, however, has since weakened and most outlets have gone back to using gimmicks to grab viewers.

“It was a rare moment where everyone approved [of the coverage],” Pauley said. “Then our ratings sank lower than bin Laden’s.”

Brown’s analysis was less critical, but he said it was the duty of journalists to tackle more complicated issues such as human rights and civil liberties to avoid historical embarrassments like the imprisonment of Japanese Americans after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

“We need to raise questions about the [Afghan] detainees, how they are being treated and about due process, and we need to follow these stories,” he said. “This is the nature of our role in a free society.”

Following the U.S. panel, an international panel of journalists described the differences in their Sept. 11 coverage. All of these panelists said when the first plane hit, they knew it was a terrorist act rather than an accident because of their experiences in foreign countries where terrorism is part of the cultural fabric.

The event was hosted by Fordham Business Schools and the Department of Communication and Media Studies at Fordham College, and sponsored by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

—Michele Snipe

Vallone Brings City Hall Swagger to Class

This semester, Peter F. Vallone (FCO ’56 and LAW ’59), who served on the New York City Council from 1974 until 2001, and was its speaker from 1986 through 2001, is sharing his insights in a new course and in a public lecture series titled “Urban Government and Politics in New York City.” The course’s format alternates weekly. One week, students attend the public lecture series (see page 29 for more information), during which Vallone offers his viewpoints on a variety of topics such as term limits and campaign finance reform. The following week, he and his students analyze these issues in greater depth in a more informal, classroom environment.

“The public lecture series gives me an opportunity to let the public know why they should become a part of government,” said Vallone. “I think the saddest commentary on our times is that…so few people avail themselves of participating in government.” —Ryan Thompson
Quaranta Appointed to Cardinal's Council on Health Care


"Changes in the health care industry have been significant in the past several years, and the impact upon Catholic-sponsored facilities here in the Archdiocese and elsewhere has been great," wrote Cardinal Egan in Quaranta's letter of appointment. "This has necessitated a new approach in how our facilities both structure and deliver health care."

CHCS consists of hospitals, nursing homes and affiliated health care providers committed to upholding the proud tradition of the Catholic health care ministry in New York by offering mission-driven health care services to diocesan communities. For more than a year, Karl P. Adler, M.D., the archbishop's delegate for health care, has sought recommendations from committees analyzing finance and debt structure and the organization and governance of diocesan facilities.

In her new capacity, Quaranta will draw from her years of experience in the social service field to provide counsel and support to those diocesan initiatives targeted at strengthening the Catholic health care ministry.

—Ryan Thompson

Walsh Library Ranked Sixth in Nation

IN ITS 2003 EDITION OF THE BEST 345 COLLEGES, The Princeton Review ranks Fordham’s William D. Walsh Family Library number six in the country based on student assessments of library facilities. In addition to being the highest ranked Jesuit university, Fordham placed ahead of Yale, Columbia and Harvard. The publication reports that Fordham students perceive the library facilities as “excellent.” WFUV also brought Fordham into the top 10, placing fifth in the “great college radio station” category.

The Best 345 Colleges provides firsthand accounts and ratings from more than 100,000 students on dozens of categories covering the entire college experience, from classes to social life.

—Elizabeth Sanders
Students Turned Professors Reflect on a Changing University

ANNE MANNION, PH.D., associate professor of history, was a student at Fordham in the late 1950s, a time when female undergraduates could only attend the School of Education at 302 Broadway. Some 45 years later, she stands before her classes at Fordham College at Lincoln Center where women outnumber the men 3 to 2.

With a record-breaking year in undergraduate admission and the addition of Marymount College as the University’s fifth undergraduate college, faculty members like Mannion are becoming increasingly reflective on the University’s past, present and future.

“I loved Fordham as a student and still do,” said Mannion (UGE ’58, GAS ’80). “I don’t think I’ve gone to work a day in my life. I still consider it going to school.”

Mannion recalled one of the more momentous changes within the University: the addition of a residence hall at Lincoln Center in 1993. She said that with McMahon Hall came a new kind of student, one that wanted a true Manhattan experience.

John P. McCarthy, Ph.D., professor of history and director of the Institute of Irish Studies, graduated from Fordham College in 1960 and, like Mannion, attended a very different University than the one at which he now teaches.

“In my student days, there was no Lincoln Center campus and all the undergraduate students were male. Most of them were commuters with a significant percentage being the children of immigrants, the first in their family to go to college,” said McCarthy, who attended graduate school and taught at other institutions prior to returning to Fordham in 1971. “Today, most undergraduates board and many come from a wider geographic area and from different ethnic backgrounds.”

This year, the University’s undergraduate applicant pool grew to 11,300, the largest and one of the most talented in school history. In just one year, the Marymount applicant pool grew by more than 100 percent, reflecting an increase in both quality and diversity.

Marymount Philosophy Professor Sister Ellen Marie Keane, R.S.H.M., graduated from Marymount in 1960 and began teaching at the school in 1963. Like Mannion and McCarthy, she has witnessed many changes.

A recent one that sparks her enthusiasm is Marymount’s new core curriculum. The new core was developed with the assistance of Marymount faculty to be compatible with Fordham’s requirements, including an emphasis on the liberal arts, while retaining the unique characteristics of learning at a women’s college.

Sister Keane also sees the consolidation benefiting Marymount students in terms of access.

“Being part of a bigger university will enable the students to be better off, even in simple ways, like being able to go to a football game and have college experiences that they’ve been missing,” she said.

—Ryan Thompson

Newman Fellows to Contemplate University’s Academic Future

INSPIRED BY THE SESQUICENTENNIAL this November of John Cardinal Newman’s landmark text The Idea of a University, Vice President for Academic Affairs John C. Hollwitz, Ph.D., has invited 15 faculty members from various disciplines to serve as Newman Fellows during the 2002-2003 academic year.

The fellows will lead the Fordham and Marymount communities in a yearlong dialogue about the implications of Newman’s views of liberal education for Fordham in the 21st century. Each fellow will participate in one of several public panel discussions on The Idea of a University.

According to Hollwitz, Newman feared that universities would become collections of academic specialties that would each consider itself as a “universal empire” independent from others and intolerant of important relationships to philosophy and theology.

Now, a century and a half later, some feel that this is very nearly what has happened at many institutions of higher education in the United States.

“It’s important to affirm that a university is foremost a community across disciplines and not merely a collection of autonomous academic silos,” said Hollwitz. “Studying and debating Newman’s challenge is one way to do that and I cannot imagine a better place for such a discussion than a school like Fordham.”

—Ryan Thompson

New University Web Site Includes Fordham Online

On Sept. 12, the University relaunched its Web site (www.fordham.edu) with a brand new look and feel. Driven by a Content Management System (the latest buzz word in the industry), the site is easier to maintain and navigate. Fordham is available at www.fordham.edu/magazine.

Launched in July with the publication of the summer issue, Fordham online also features Web-only book reviews and stories.
more than ever before, the news media and humanitarian aid organizations have a symbiotic relationship. Journalists depend upon aid workers for information about war-ravaged areas and workers depend upon reporters to raise awareness about the plight of suffering people.

For non-governmental organizations, however, this relationship is often difficult to manage. That’s why Fordham’s International Institute for Humanitarian Affairs (IIHA), which co-hosted the International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance (IDHA) program in June, invited members of the media to share their experiences and insights with students.

“We know the media is playing an increasing role in the public awareness of human emergencies and can play an important role in raising awareness, raising funds and correcting the practices of [abusive] states,” said Michel Veuthey, academic director for the Center for International Health and Cooperation (CIHC) and an adjunct professor in Fordham’s School of Law. “We want the IIHA participants to be aware of this.”

The IIHA media day kicked off with the presentation of War Photographer: Jim Nachtwey, a film that chronicles the news photographer’s work depicting poverty, war and famine in Africa, Palestine, Indonesia and Bosnia, among other places.

Following the film, Rick Davis, a retired NBC chief correspondent; Robert Nickelsburg, a Times magazine photographer; and Amanda Williamson, a former journalist who now works for the International Committee for the Red Cross, shared their war coverage experiences.

Williamson, who conducts media training for aid workers, said that workers often block reporters from getting stories to protect the victims they are serving. While it’s understandable, she said, workers might be missing a valuable opportunity for war victims to share their stories.

“We feel like we have a monopoly on empathy, as if we don’t share the same values as [reporters],” she said. “We are all different, but we are working toward the same end.”

However, reporters’ intentions are not always genuine, some IIHA participants said, using recent events in Afghanistan as an example. Some aid workers in the class were critical of media that swarmed Afghanistan last fall, saying that reporters were able to pay more for the best drivers and translators to get their reporting done. Meanwhile, aid workers trying to provide food and medical treatment for those in need had a harder time finding people to assist them.

One aid worker suggested that journalists develop a code of conduct to guide them through ethical dilemmas. While the journalists did not dismiss the idea, they acknowledged the difficulties of such an undertaking.

“That would be like herding cats,” Davis said. “There would be no consensus.”

All three panelists also pointed out that reporters receive extensive ethical training in journalism school. The few “bad seeds” give the rest a bad name, Nickelsburg said.

“If you have 500 journalists in one place, or bankers or engineers for that matter, there are going to be people who break the rules,” he said. “There are standards that [journalists] have to adhere to and most try to stick to them.”

Aside from these hefty issues, IIHA participants also asked questions about photo selection, correcting misinformation in the media and the story assignment process.

The participants “understand better now how to handle working with the media,” Veuthey said. “When [aid workers] feel that you have real empathy for the predicament, then they are willing or even eager to share what they can with you.”

The IIHA was created at Fordham in December 2001 to forge partnerships with relief organizations, publish books and host symposia related to humanitarian aid issues.

—Michele Snipe
Academia

Biologist Tries to Save a Friend of the Environment

DURING SUMMER, the lacy leaves of an eastern hemlock tree provide a soft-lit, cool and quiet respite in many New York area parks. However, this luxury may soon become only a memory if a deadly insect continues to kill these trees along the east coast, particularly in Westchester County and New York City.

The hemlock woolly adelgid, an insect originally from Asia, was transmitted to Virginia in the 1950s where the hemlocks had no natural defenses against it. By the early to mid-1980s, the adelgid had reached New York and Connecticut, killing thousands of hemlocks in the process.

James D. Lewis, Ph.D., assistant professor of plant ecology at the Louis Calder Center Biological Field Station in Armonk, N.Y., has been researching the adelgid since 1998 at the Calder Center; Ward Pound Ridge, the largest park in Westchester County; Black Rock Forest, a private preserve north of West Point; and the Delaware Water Gap, a national recreational area. Enlisting the help of doctoral students J.T. Mates-Muchin and Greg Turner as well as Rob Sproule (FCO '02), Lewis is trying to determine the direct effects of the adelgid on the hemlocks and, as a result, the potential ecological and economic effects on the forest and its inhabitants.

Hemlocks traditionally help reduce runoff into streams, preventing erosion, and filter nitrogen out of acid rain. According to Lewis, there is a possibility that oak and maple trees in the New York area will naturally replace the hemlock.

“Other hardwood species potentially would take over the roles of the hemlock, but there is a time gap,” Lewis said. “When the number of trees is knocked off by 80 percent, there is a reduced capacity of the forest to protect itself from erosion and acid rain.”

In addition, Lewis said the water, fish and stream organisms could also be negatively affected by a lack of hemlock protection.

As the project entered its fourth field season this past summer, Lewis began working at the Calder Center, to determine precisely how the animals are being affected.

The areas of hemlocks Lewis is studying—known as stands—are showing as much as a 90 percent mortality rate within the first five years after the adelgid is introduced. While it is not clear whether the adelgids are blocking the sap as they feed on branches and twigs, the end result is that nutrients are not able to reach the hemlock needles. Most of the first-year needles die and fall off. Over time, the older needles also die, killing the hemlock.

“Right now we have no effective ways to counteract the adelgid. This is going to be a persistent problem,” Lewis said. “If you want to protect these hemlocks, there is going to be constant management. You can’t spray once and have [the problem] go away.”

—Lisa Becker

Study Links Truancy to Consumerism

TRUANCY IS NOT a trend among poor or troubled children as some might assume, but rather the direct result of students acting as consumers of their education, according to a study of high-school students conducted by Graduate School of Education Professors Bruce S. Cooper, Ph.D., and Rita Guare, Ph.D.

The study found that 90 percent of the 900 students surveyed admitted to cutting classes, proving truancy is widespread and not so easily pegged to one specific race, sex or economic class. Truancy can be linked more easily to the consumer-driven nature of contemporary society.

“Students are actively deciding what classes they want to attend or don’t want to attend because consumer culture has trained them to exercise their freedom based on their personal tastes and desires,” said Cooper, whose research with Guare forms the basis of their forthcoming book, Truancy Revisited.

Students as School Consumers (Scarecrow Press). “If word gets out that a substitute is teaching a certain class on a certain day, then a student may decide to skip that class.”

According to Cooper and Guare, treating students as consumers would counteract national truancy and drop-out statistics and provide valuable information on ineffective teachers, classes and programs. They believe that the college registration process is a successful example of consumer-based education and that age should not be a deterrent to adopting this model in K-12 environments.

“When you view education as ‘the law’ and treat students as prisoners, you rob them of their natural desire to make their own decisions,” said Cooper. “But when you treat students as consumers and rational choice makers, they become both informed and involved partners in their own education.”

—Ryan Thompson
River Woman: A Novel
By Donna Hemans, FCLC ’93.

How quickly lives can change. We enter young Kelithe’s life as she notices the women washing clothes with her in the Rio Minho are running and screaming. The small body in the blue shirt that the women pull from the river is that of Kelithe’s 3-year-old son, Timothy.

It is in that meeting of the prosaic and the tragic that Donna Hemans opens River Woman, her graceful and sure first novel. Set in the forgotten, dusty Jamaican village of Standfast, the novel centers on the relationship between three generations of Standfast women: Kelithe; her mother, Sonya, who left for the United States 15 years earlier, leaving her daughter with the promise that she would send for her “soon-soon”; and Grams, Sonya’s mother, who cared for Kelithe from the time Sonya left Standfast. But River Woman is more than a family narrative. It is a story of broken promises and betrayed people, a story of people doing what they believe they must.

Timothy’s drowning sets the village women against Kelithe. Almost as one, they announce that Kelithe knew her son had walked into the river, but chose to ignore his cries. Some weeks before the boy’s death, Kelithe had received word that her mother was finally ready to bring her to New York. But Sonya said that Kelithe would have to leave her son behind, much as Sonya had done all those years earlier.

Could Kelithe have deliberately ignored the last cries of her baby? Sonya returns for the funeral, not knowing the answer but not daring to ask. Kelithe, who knows little of her mother’s love but from the gifts she has received from the states, will not volunteer an explanation. Standing between Kelithe and the women of Standfast is Grams. Hemans grew up in Brown’s Town, Jamaica, and her familiarity with Jamaican life is evident through her easy weaving of fable and folklore into the lives of the people. Kelithe speaks in the first person, but Hemans brings her readers to the last chapter before answering the central question. River Woman is a gripping tale from a promising new writer.
—Carolyn Farrar, FCO ’82

The Golems of Gotham: A Novel

There are times when the natural world leaves one in a pickle, and a novelist needs to enlist the supernatural to understand the past. This at least is the case for Oliver Levin, protagonist of Thane Rosenbaum’s The Golems of Gotham. Oliver—a single father who lives on the Upper West Side of Manhattan with his preteen daughter, Ariel—is a creator of commercial thrillers whose creative juices have dried up. It’s a problem compounded by the double-suicide of Oliver’s Holocaust-survivor parents, Lothar and Rose. Years before, they came to the mutual decision to end their golden years with a bang: “A Shabbos suicide pact is not exactly what God had in mind for his day of rest. He had become irrelevant, a lame-duck divinity...That’s the price you pay for arriving late at Auschwitz, or in his case, not at all.” Of course, even with God out of the picture, Jewish culture provides plenty of otherworldly distractions. Since medieval times, legends have circulated about the golem, a man-made monster called up in times of crisis to prevent pogroms and generally help out around the house. To answer her father’s unacknowledged needs and bring back the doting grandparents she’s never known, Ariel performs a magical summoning—using an enchanted klezmer violin, some Hudson River mud, and the letters of the sacred Name of Names, a sine qua non of any kabbalist’s toolkit.

Ariel’s summoning ceremony succeeds beyond her fondest wish. Soon the Levin household is bursting at the seams with the spirits of her two spectral grandparents, plus a six-pack of golems: each one the spirit of a Holocaust writer who died by his own hand when the weight of memories became too much. Primo Levi, Jean Améry, Jerzy Kosinski, Paul Celan, Piotr Rawicz and Tadeusz Borowski are among the wraithlike residents of Rosenbaum’s Edgar Allan Poe Street. With the golem-engine in motion, familiar facets of city life are upended. Tattoos disappear from the arms of hipsters and Harley Hogs alike; gas stoves and showers suddenly cease functioning, and the grimacing stone gargoyles of Edgar Allan Poe Street begin to grin, warmed by the golems who perch gracefully as cats on their stony shoulders.

Together, the golems and Ariel attempt to rescue Oliver from the stasis within himself. More to the point, they create a new consciousness among Goethamites, forging a Super-shtetl to stand above the superstore-ridden cement of Broadway—and turning the average New Yorker’s nods toward Holocaust remembrance into something stranger and far more visceral.
Given the superabundance of literary ghosts in Rosenbaum’s fiction, it’s interesting to note that the deepest shadow of literary influence does not emanate from Primo Levi or any of his golem-fellows. While these Holocaust writers are present mostly as a kind of chorus, it’s the living writer Cynthia Ozick who is Rosenbaum’s real fore-runner. Her wonderful short story, “Puttermesser and Xanthippe,” provides a large part of the inspiration for these latter-day golems of Gotham.

—Pamela Renner

Shining Eyes, Cruel Fortune: The Lives and Loves of Italian Renaissance Women Poets
By Irma B. Jaffe, Ph.D., former chair of Fordham’s Department of Art History and Music, with Gernando Colombardo, Ph.D., former professor of art history at Fordham.

For Gaspara Stampa, a 16th century noblewoman whose wit and beautiful voice captivated courtiers and noblemen alike, love was “a pang that stings and soothes.” It was also her means of achieving what she wanted most: lasting renown as a poet.

Stampa and the other eleven women depicted in this collection of literary biographies thrived at a time when male poets, inspired by Petrarch, “lamented their unrequited love with what often appears to be blissful woe.” As Jaffe’s title implies, these women experienced perhaps less bliss and more woe than their lovers. Nevertheless, taking a cue from male literary models, they reworked convention for their own purposes, channeling their creative energies and social ambitions into some of the best-loved poetry of the Renaissance.

Perfectly aware that her love was not simply an end in itself, but a way to tap her imagination, Stampa, like the others chronicled in this book, often expressed in verse her literary ambition and a feigned humility: “If I am but a humble woman / yet able to carry within me such a high torch, / such force and expression, / why should I not give the world some part of it?”

Jaffe and Colombardo interweave English translations of the poetry, biographical-historical details and a wealth of pictures featuring the poets and their contemporaries to reveal a dozen women from different backgrounds—countesses, courtiers and commoners—all tormented and exalted by love, yet determined to assert their intelligence as a positive protest against the limitations of their position in society.

In addition to Stampa, the reader meets such inspiring figures as Chiara Matraini, a bourgeois married woman whose journey in life and verse, not unlike Stampa’s, began with a celebration of earthly love but ended on a more spiritual plane; Tullia d’Aragona, who dared to argue that the only moral form of love recognizes both spiritual and sensual needs; Tarquinia Molza, who in 1600 became the first and only woman ever granted honorary Roman citizenship; and Laura Terracina, the most prolific of the group, who showed her mettle when she wrote of a former beloved: “I certainly regret and lament / having put a jackass, even though made of gold, / among spirited and beautiful warhorses.”

Serious scholars will appreciate Jaffe and Colombardo’s art-historical sleuthing, while students and teachers of women’s history and the Renaissance will find Shining Eyes, Cruel Fortune a dynamic introduction to the lives and times of these spirited women.

—Ryan Stebbotten

Other Books of Interest


In November, look for reviews of Spoiled Silk, More Tales From the Yankee Dugout and The Bodies We Were Loaned online at www.fordham.edu/magazine.
The large office on the 12th floor of the New York University library offers, as John Sexton says, a “classic New York view.” Below lies Washington Square Park, its white arch gleaming amid the park’s lush late-summer greenery. In the distance rise the spires of midtown Manhattan, dominated by a perfectly framed view of the Empire State Building.

This is the office of the university president, the position that Sexton was named to last year after 14 years as dean of the university’s law school.

It is not far, as the seagull flies, from the Rockaway Peninsula neighborhood in Queens where Sexton grew up to Greenwich Village, the famously bohemian Manhattan enclave where New York University is located.

But the journey from a middle-class childhood to the presidency of the largest private university in the world is an expedition worthy of Magellan. Guiding him on that journey, Sexton is proud to say, have been the tenets of a Jesuit education.

“There’s no question for me that the Jesuits formed me as an educator and a thinker,” said Sexton, 60, who holds three degrees from Fordham (FCO ’63, GAS ’65 and ’78). “I view most of what I’ve done in education, and certainly what I’ve done here, as derivative of what the Jesuits inculcated in me.”

His tenure as dean of the law school is widely seen as a spectacular success that boosted what had been a well-regarded second-tier program into the elite ranks of the best law schools in the nation.

Now, the university’s trustees are hoping that, as president, he’ll repeat his performance as dean. Establishing NYU in the top tier alongside the Ivy League schools and such institutions as the University of Chicago and Stanford is a challenge he relishes, as he made clear at his formal installation as president this past September.

“We undeniably inherit a university on the rise,” he said. “Still, what we accept today is not just a trust to keep, but an obligation to move forward. Our purpose is to create at NYU one of the first exemplars of what universities will be in this new century.”

The ringing tones of that speech belie the man, even if the sentiment does not. In person, Sexton still radiates the unpretentious bonhomie of a very sociable and slightly rumpled professor. Rather than shake hands, he wraps even first-time visitors in a welcoming bear hug, and the voice that can speak so eloquently about building the university of the 21st century is still unmistakably seasoned with the inflections and elongated vowels of his native Brooklyn.

Born in that borough’s Crown Heights neighborhood in 1942, Sexton grew up in the Belle Harbor area of the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens. Twelve years of Jesuit schooling began when he entered Brooklyn Prep, a Jesuit high school that no longer exists. He excelled as a debater, eventually winning a national championship.

Sexton briefly considered becoming a Jesuit, but decided against it. As graduation from Brooklyn Prep approached, he had not applied to any universities. He explained his problem to the headmaster of Brooklyn Prep, Father Vincent Watson, who promptly wrote a letter to the Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., then president of Fordham.

As a result of the letter, Father McGinley offered Sexton a scholarship to an honors program run by the Rev. Timothy Healey, S.J., who later became the president of Georgetown University.

During his freshman year, Sexton approached the nuns who ran St. Brendan’s High School, a Catholic girl’s school in Brooklyn, with an offer to start a debate program. For the next 15 years, Sexton estimates, he spent roughly 100 hours a week with the students, practicing debating, driving to weekend tournaments as far away as Atlanta, and then returning in time for Monday classes.

“It was probably the most important professional development in my life,” Sexton said. “What that did was capture me for teaching. Essentially I was given these girls and told to make them better.”

And he did. In his 15 years at the school, which has since closed, the debate team won five Interscholastic National Debate championships. The experience has shaped Sexton’s understanding of teaching throughout his career.

“It taught me that the most important thing in education was the expectations set by the teacher,” he said. “Play
Sexton, “You’ve been a big disappointment to us.”

But Father Healey thought there was room for a second chance. Given the changes that the Second Vatican Council was bringing about in the Catholic Church, he said understanding other religions would be increasingly important in the years to come. To answer that need, Fordham was starting a post-graduate program in comparative religions. Father Healey offered Sexton a fellowship to pursue a Ph.D., which Sexton eagerly accepted.

Sexton earned his second Fordham degree, a master’s in comparative religion, in 1965, and, after completing the course work for a doctorate in the history of American religion, he began teaching religion at St. Francis College in his beloved Brooklyn.

But all the while, the law had been beckoning. For as long as he could remember, he had wanted to be a lawyer, which had been his father’s profession. After he turned 30, friends finally convinced him to do something about it. He applied to Harvard Law School.

There he met his wife, Lisa Goldberg, who is now the executive vice president of the Charles Revson Foundation. The couple, who live in Manhattan, have two children, Jed, an actor, and Katie, a high-school student.

An original multi-tasker, Sexton also finished work on his dissertation while he was in law school. He received his Ph.D. from Fordham in 1978 and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard the following year.

Upon graduating, Sexton clerked for two years at the two most powerful courts in the land, the U. S. Court of Appeals for Washington, D.C., and the Supreme Court, where he worked for Chief Justice Warren Burger.

He joined the NYU faculty in 1981 and seven years later was named dean. As he sees it, his decision to teach rather than practice law was simply a matter of answering a longstanding calling.

“I see teaching and participation in the knowledge creation enterprise as the noblest human activity,” he said. “And that is something I learned in my formative years in Jesuit schools.”

As an educator, one of the key principles that Sexton has applied comes straight from his Jesuit education: the need for a “ratio studiorum,” a rationale for what the institution stands for and how it strives to live up to its standards.

“I think that every institution and institutional leader ought to be able to articulate that,” he said. “And every decision at the tactical level should be judged by that, down to what a teacher is teaching day by day.”

For Sexton, NYU’s “ratio studiorum” is to create “the first version of the leadership university,” continually at the forefront of both research and teaching.

Given his track record at the law school, the trustees’ assumption that Sexton can move NYU even farther up the academic pecking order might seem like a sure thing, but he is under no illusions about the challenges that lie ahead.

When the trustees offered him the presidency in May 2001, Sexton put them on notice.

“I told them I would take the assignment with great enthusiasm and pour all my energies into it,” he said. “But I cautioned them that they saw as a low-risk move was in fact a high-risk move.”

By that he meant that it was far from certain that the entire university would accept the notion of communitas that he had fostered at the law school. This Jesuit-inspired ideal sees professors as part of a community of teachers and learners, instead of self-sufficient islands of abstruse academic research.

“This is a fairly unusual notion in elite universities where the independent contractor model is more prevalent,” he said. “I warned [the trustees] that transferring this from the parish level to the diocesan level would not be easy.”

But, recalling the motto of his teachers, he’s ready to stretch himself in order to succeed.

“Part of the attraction of this assignment is that I’m going to be required to play different octaves of the piano,” Sexton said.

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In a past era of New York politics, one might have advised a striver with an ambition to rise to the top of city government to join a powerful political club. But Tammany Hall is long defunct, its once formidable building now home to a film society and liquor store, and former Mayor-for-sale Jimmy Walker is pushing up purple loosestrife at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Those colorful days of patronage are gone.

Yet, to judge by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg’s administration, there has evolved a thoroughly modern means of reaching the highest levels of municipal government: Go to Fordham.

But first, for proof, go to the New York City Web site (www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/appoint.html). There you will find a list of the city’s “Deputy Mayors and Top Administration Officials.” Of the eleven people listed, four are Fordham graduates. No other school can match that number. University of Chicago comes closest with three graduates, and Harvard is next with two.

This striking fact is not lost on Mayor Bloomberg. Last March, during Fordham’s 160th Anniversary Gala at the New York State Theater, he praised the University’s long tradition of producing alumni who devote themselves to the city.

“Fordham does turn out people with a history of going into public service,” he said. “I’m blessed to have a number of them in my administration.”

Among them are Peter J. Madonia (FCO ’75), chief of staff to the mayor; Carol A. Robles-Roman (FCLC ’83), deputy mayor for legal affairs; Dennis M. Walcott (GSS ’80), deputy mayor for policy; and Edward Skyler (LAW ’00), mayoral press secretary.

To hear their stories, none had an easy road to their positions.

“Fordham is one of the only law schools in the region with an evening program,” said Skyler, who took courses while working full time as public information director to former Parks Commissioner Henry J. Stern and then as deputy press secretary to Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani. “If you had a career and didn’t want to abandon it, it was one of the only options. For me and my classmates, it was a fantastic option.”

Skyler graduated from Fordham Law in May 2000 and passed the bar two months later. By then, he was working as a spokesman for businessman Michael Bloomberg, who was vaguely known in the city’s political circles as a guy who might run for mayor. After a tough campaign in 2001, Skyler found himself, at age 28, running the City Hall press office for Mayor Bloomberg.

“In government, where you have to respond quickly to things, analysis is key,” he said. “Fordham taught me how to analyze issues, to come up with pros and cons and decide how to respond concisely and quickly.”

One of Skyler’s classmates was Matthew Higgins (LAW ’02), his fellow deputy press secretary in the Giuliani administration. Higgins is now a spokesman for the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, the agency charged with spending $2 billion to revitalize Manhattan below Houston Street.

“Fordham embraced people who took a non-traditional approach, like working during the day,” said
Higgins. “The Law School did not treat night students as an after-thought. We were a real priority.”

This was made clear to him on the two occasions he almost gave up on his law degree. The first occurred when his mother, Linda Higgins, died in April 2001, on the same day he was to start his new job as press secretary. In his grief, he considered quitting school. Then John D. Feerick, the Law School dean who retired in June, showed up at Higgins’ mother’s wake in Bayside, Queens.

“I was tremendously surprised,” Higgins said of the visit. “Dean Feerick raised my spirits. Basically, he changed my mind about leaving.”

The second occurred a month after the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center. Higgins was attending a ceremony at Ground Zero that he had helped organize in his job as a mayoral press secretary. Standing within the gargantuan wreckage, he realized he had been working every day for more than a month.

“My cell phone rang,” he remembered. “Dean Feerick was on the line. ‘I know you’re busy,’ he told me. ‘But I just want you to know that you’re doing God’s work. I know you’re going to miss some classes, but the Law School will work with you.”

Two months later, Higgins resumed his full class schedule.

“Having the dean call and pledge his support made all the difference,” he said.

Learning while working also appealed to Dennis Walcott. While taking courses in the Graduate School of Social Service, he worked full time as a social worker at Spence Chapin, a foster care and adoption agency on East 96th Street in Manhattan. At night, in class, he reflected on his profession and how he might better serve the needy.

“It was the perfect blending of practice and theory,” he said.

For Carol Robles-Roman, working toward her undergraduate degree also provided an extra-professional boon. “I tell everyone that the best thing about Fordham is it is where I met my husband,” she said.

That would be Nelson Roman (FCO ’82), who caught her eye in an international law class. They have been married 11 years. He was just nominated to run for Supreme Court judge in the Bronx.

Though she has thrived as a lawyer and municipal administrator, Robles-Roman is concerned, as a Puerto Rican woman, that there are still so few Latino and African-American women in her profession. That is partly because careers in the tough world of politics need nurturing, especially those of minorities and especially at the start. And that is what Robles-Roman got as a Fordham undergraduate in the early 1980s.

“I felt very, very comfortable speaking in my own voice and being assertive,” she said, “and in pursuing my joint passions: civics issues and writing.”

The paths to power are many. Peter Madonia’s most recent stint at City Hall began amid the pasticciotti and cannoli at Madonia Bakery, his family’s business on Arthur Avenue in the Bronx. After holding three deputy posts in the Koch administration, he left politics in 1988 to help run the bakery. A conversation in the winter of 1999 with regular customer Robert W. Carrubba, Ph.D., professor of Latin and then the academic vice president at Rose Hill, led to his teaching a course at Fordham in the spring of 2000 on urban politics.

“I taught how government affects a neighborhood when it works and when it doesn’t,” he said. “And how to read politics in the newspaper—what’s going on behind the scenes and between the lines.”

Behind the scene in Times Square last New Year’s Eve, Matthew Higgins and Edward Skyler gathered to witness the transition between the Giuliani and Bloomberg administrations. The transition occurred, amid fears of a terrorist disruption, at the stroke of midnight. It was the last day on the job for Higgins, who was going out with Giuliani and the first day for Skyler, who was coming in with Bloomberg.

“We were both in Times Square,” Higgins said. “I was there prepared in case anything happened. Ed was there presiding over the swearing-in ceremony of the mayor.”

Then the ball dropped, the new year arrived and power passed hands.

“It was like the government was being passed from one Fordham grad to another,” Higgins said.

Recruiting Excellence

By David McKay Wilson
It’s mid-morning in a pale-orange basement lecture hall at Cathedral Preparatory in Queens, and all 33 of the high school’s seniors have come to hear Fordham admission counselor Jaime DeSoto give her pitch.

Cathedral Prep is prime Fordham recruiting territory—a parochial school in the New York metropolitan area, where students already understand the meaning of values-based education.

DeSoto talks about life and learning at the Rose Hill, Lincoln Center and Marymount campuses, noting to her all-male audience that the women’s campus in Tarrytown won’t be an academic option for them. She discusses Fordham’s small class sizes, its Core Curriculum and the social scene at its two New York City campuses. She then delves into the nitty-gritty of college expenses, explaining that financial aid is available to defray the costs of tuition, room and board, now pegged at about $33,000 a year.

DeSoto levels with the inquisitive seniors that Fordham is generally looking for students in the top 30 percent of their class, with at least a solid B-plus average and mean SAT scores of 1180. DeSoto grins when 14 Cathedral Prep seniors pick up an application.

A steadily increasing number of prospective students have been doing the same. Since 1991, the University’s applicant pool has grown by more than 200 percent. Last year’s recruiting efforts especially paid off, with applications for the 2002-2003 academic year up 7 percent to 11,300—a school record. The freshman class also grew 5 percent to 1,686, and it features more Dean’s Scholars and twice the number of National Merit scholarship recipients than last year—a sign of Fordham’s draw as an educational institution, and New York City’s growing allure as a safe, vibrant college town.

One Cathedral Prep student who picked up an application that morning was Brian Flynn of Sunnyside, Queens, set to launch a career with a planned trajectory that will send him through undergraduate study, on to law school and, eventually, into New York City politics.

Sixth in his class at Cathedral Prep, Flynn was glad to learn that Fordham could arrange an internship for him in Washington, D.C., so he could get a taste of Capitol Hill. Like many Fordham students of the past, Flynn would be the first in his immediate family to graduate from college.

“Fordham makes people into what they want to be,” Flynn said. “It seems like it could be a very good place to learn.”

DeSoto’s stop in Queens—one of eight she made over three days in late September—is just one part of Fordham’s multi-faceted program to market New York City’s Jesuit
University to the world. The program combines the personal appeals of recruiters from Fordham’s 30-employee Office of Undergraduate Admission, with the efforts of 250 alumni across the country and scores of Fordham student volunteer ambassadors who lead campus tours to tell the University’s story.

“I consider myself a salesman, and I’ve been doing this for three years,” said senior Leon Grassi, a personable marketing major who led a tour of 22 high-school students and their families around Rose Hill on a cloudy September morning. “I love to sell something that I believe in.”

But in today’s competitive world of higher education, Fordham’s recruiting efforts go far beyond the personal entreaties of DeSoto, Grassi, and the University’s growing network of champions around the country. There’s also the University Web site (www.fordham.edu), glossy publications designed by a Manhattan advertising firm and a direct-mail campaign that targets 300,000 prospective high-school students around the country.

“We communicate in a variety of ways, in many scenarios,” said John Buckley, Fordham’s assistant vice president for undergraduate enrollment. “We hope that it affords students, at each step of their college search, a better appreciation for what we have to offer.”

Buckley said these marketing efforts are needed to satisfy the increasingly sophisticated pool of students who typically apply to seven or eight colleges and may visit several more before deciding where to matriculate. The mania over test scores and college rankings by national publications has added to the anxiety, as the children of the baby boom generation comparison-shop for college.

“There seems to be more pressure on students and families as they search for a college,” said Buckley, who came to Fordham in 1984 as an admission counselor. “There are so many choices.”

The recent U.S. News and World Report ranking placed Fordham in the so-called “second tier” of national universities, in the group of colleges ranked between 50 and 100.

“Some parents really attach themselves to those ratings and want to know where we rank,” Buckley said. “Ideally we talk about how students should find a school that is a good match for them, a place that fits their needs.”

Fordham has an appeal for students looking for a broad, liberal arts education as they search for a professional direction on an urban campus in a city bursting with culture and opportunities for community service.

At a time when more students are getting serious about their college inquiries in 10th grade, Fordham can also satisfy motivated students already set on their life’s path, who enroll in the University’s accelerated graduate degree program to earn a master’s in business administration in five years or a law degree in six.

The addition of Marymount as Fordham’s fifth undergraduate college has contributed to the University’s appeal for prospective students. When the consolidation began, in 2001-2002, there were 683 applicants, 217 freshmen. For 2002-2003, according to Buckley, applications more than doubled to 1,441, and the freshman class grew to 258.

This summer, an estimated 2,000 prospective students visited University’s three campuses. It’s easier than ever to apply, with Fordham among an estimated 300 institutions that accept the Common Application. Students can also apply online.

Reaching those potential students, though, takes a concerted effort, especially outside the New York metropolitan region where Fordham is not as well known. That’s where alumni pitch in. As volunteers with the Fordham Alumni
Student Team (FAST), scores of proud graduates represent the University at college fairs, hold interviews, talk with concerned parents and organize events for new students each summer to introduce them to the Fordham family.

Many of those events took place at minor-league baseball stadiums around the Northeast this summer. In Albany, nearly 20 incoming freshmen and 10 alumni met for a picnic before taking in an Albany-Colonie Diamond Dogs game.

“It was a nice way to meet people because that wasn’t the only thing on the agenda,” said Christine Pupke-Edwards, FCO ’88, who lives in Albany. “It made it easier to break the ice.”

Also assisting in the recruitment efforts are alumni like Victor Frazao, FCO ’70, of San Diego, Calif., and Joe Dabek, FCO ’68, of Little Compton, R.I. Both are also parents of Fordham students.

Frazao, whose daughter Elisabeth is a junior, serves as his alma mater’s representative at college fairs in San Diego and visits some of that city’s Catholic high schools each year to meet with guidance counselors.

“We help get Fordham’s name around,” Frazao said. “We want Fordham to come to guidance counselors’ minds.”

Dabek said that speaking as both a former student and a parent of a Fordham undergraduate (his daughter Meredith is also a junior) helps allay the fears of parents who have reservations about sending their daughters and sons to New York City.

“We give another perspective,” Dabek said. “Some parents of young women are wary of sending their daughter to the big city. Once you get outside the New York metropolitan region, those feelings are accentuated.”

Fordham remains a New York school, with 51 percent of this year’s incoming freshmen from the state, including 23 percent from New York City, 12 percent from Long Island, 8 percent from Westchester County, and 8 percent from the rest of the state.

An additional 28 percent come from New England and New Jersey. The Class of 2006 reflects the growing geographical diversity of Fordham’s student body, with significant numbers of students from the mid-Atlantic states and the West. Fordham freshmen this year hail from 42 states, including 32 students from California and 30 from Ohio.

There were fears that the events of Sept. 11 would make students wary of coming to the city where the terrorists struck or possibly make it too difficult for foreign students to obtain visas.

But that has not been the case. While the number of international freshmen is relatively small—34—it is up from 25 international freshmen in September 2001.

“We have seen no real fall-off in geographic diversity,” said Karen Pellegrino, director of admission. “We were worried that students from further away would be more reluctant to go far from home and come to New York. We just haven’t seen that.”

A survey of incoming freshmen conducted this fall by the Office of Public Affairs found that 82 percent said the tragedy did not affect their decision to enroll, while 14 percent said it made them more likely to attend school in the city; 4 percent said it made them less likely to attend.

The survey also found that 23 percent said Fordham’s identity as a Jesuit institution influenced their decision to matriculate and 74 percent indicated that Sept. 11 motivated them to become more active in New York City through volunteer community service.

“Students are looking for a place with values where they can do something meaningful,” said Pellegrino.
Identifying the best of those students from the pool of applicants is the task of Pellegrino and the admission staff. After traveling throughout the fall recruiting students, they spend the winter months poring over applications, reading essays, recommendations and transcripts to decide who should be accepted.

An applicant’s academic record in high school is the most important element, according to Pellegrino.

“We want to see the potential to succeed,” she said. “And as our pool of applicants has grown, we now have the luxury to pick the very best.”

Picking the best, however, may not be enough to attract those top students as they weigh their undergraduate options, considering such issues as an institution’s academic program, size, distance from home, social life, reputation, safety and cost.

As many parents and students face the prospect of a crushing debt from student loans, Fordham has several merit-based programs, all designed to attract top students, maintain a diverse student body and develop campus leaders.

The Dean’s Scholarship of $7,500 is offered to the top 8 percent of the applicant pool, with about 700 awards each year, according to Buckley.

A second level of grants, which includes full tuition, is awarded to selected semifinalists in the National Merit, National Hispanic Recognition, and the National Achievement (for African Americans) competitions. These students are evaluated based on the strength of their academic record, SAT exams and extracurricular involvement.

This past year, Fordham awarded between 50 and 60 semifinalist scholarships. Twenty-four of these students accepted, up from nine in the class of 2005.

The top students receive the Presidential Scholarship, which offers full tuition, room, plus entry into Fordham’s Honors Program, which has 28 students per grade level and classes with no more than 15 students. This scholarship is offered to the top 20 applicants each year.

“Our hope is that these students will become leaders in our academic community,” Buckley said. “They are key members of the freshman class.”

Among them is Emily Aldridge, who was fourth in her graduating class of 215 at Garden City High School on Long Island. Fordham was one of eight schools Aldridge applied to. She was on the waiting list of two Ivy League schools, and it came down to Georgetown and Fordham.

When Fordham named her a Presidential Scholar, her mind was made up. Her parents had saved some money for her education, but without the scholarship she still would have faced huge loans to repay after graduation.

Now her college costs are just $3,000 a year. Instead of taking a job at school to pay for her books and other expenses, she can devote herself to her studies, experiencing New York City, and becoming involved in community service and campus issues.

By mid-September, Aldridge had written her first article for Understudies, a newspaper for students interested in social justice issues, on a student-run book swap program.

“I wanted to be in a city, and I love all the different opportunities,” Aldridge said. “When I was growing up, I didn’t go to the city often, but I went often enough to want it. I’m glad I’m here.”

—David McKay Wilson is a senior writer for The Journal News in White Plains, N.Y.
When junior running back Kirwin Watson rushed for two touchdowns in the final six minutes of Fordham’s 41-30 come-from-behind victory over perennial powerhouse Colgate on Sept. 14, the doldrums of the Rams’ winless 1999 campaign seemed a distant memory. More than a dramatic upset, the win put the Rams in contention for their first Patriot League championship, and it raised the stakes for the Nov. 2 showdown with three-time defending champion Lehigh on Coffey Field.

By Ryan Stellabotte
Photos by Noren Trotman
With the exception of a disappointing 13-11 loss to Columbia on Sept. 21, the Rams have been unstoppable, outscoring their opponents 212-75 in the first six games of the season, collecting victories against Saint Peter’s, Colgate, Fairfield, Georgetown and Brown.

The 5-1 start is the Rams’ best since moving to Division I-AA in 1989, and their best overall since the 1988 squad started out 5-0 and went on to win the Liberty Conference championship in Division III competition.

Dave Clawson, who is in his fourth year as head coach, attributed the recent success to solid recruiting, player development and a positive work ethic.

“We are bigger, faster and stronger,” he said. “We’re putting better athletes on the field. We’ve become a more physical and better-conditioned football team.”

That improvement was evident last season, when the Rams finished 7-4 (5-2 in the Patriot League) two years after not winning one game all season—a turnaround that was not lost on league coaches and officials. Eight players received All-Patriot League honors and Clawson was named Co-Coach of the Year.

The Rams, however, have not been content or cowed by the newfound respect and attention they are commanding.

“Last year we had a winning season, which was a necessary step,” said Clawson shortly before the 2002 campaign. “But we’d like to be a program that

“We’d like to be a program that competes every year for the Patriot League championship.”

—Dave Clawson
Confidence and poise could also describe the play of junior quarterback Kevin Eakin, who, despite limited varsity experience, has excelled in the starting role, leading an offense that features two other juniors, Watson and wide receiver Javarus Dudley. Sophomore wide receiver Steve Porco has also been making big catches, including a 38-yard touchdown reception against Colgate.

In the Rams’ 41-10 victory against Georgetown, Eakin completed 21 of 25 passes for 376 yards and three touchdowns—all to Dudley. With the win, Fordham, in its 104th season, became the fifth Division I-AA team—and the only non-Ivy League school—to win 700 games.

The defense has been especially strong, too, limiting its first five opponents to just 58 points. In the 51-6 win against Fairfield the defense dominated, forcing four interceptions and notching seven sacks.

But this season has not been without some disappointments. Riding high after the victory against Colgate, the Rams were upset by the Columbia Lions—an experience that served to refocus the team.

“Colgate was by far the sweetest victory since I’ve been here,” said San Marco. “It was the first time we had beaten a championship-caliber team. So it’s hard to take it one game at a time when we have a lot of momentum, but that’s exactly what we need to do. We learned our lesson in the Columbia game.”

If the Colgate game proved that the Rams can beat one of the Patriot League’s best, the Columbia game showed them that, no matter how intense and emotionally prepared they are, they can lose to any team if they don’t play well enough.

“We put in a lot of hard work... and now we’re starting to collect dividends on that investment.”

—Chris Rhodes

Junior quarterback Kevin Eakin won the starting job during summer camp and has since led an especially prolific offense. The Rams have scored more than 40 points in four of their first six games, and are playing with great confidence as they head into the second half of the season.

But again, the Rams showed resilience. They followed the Columbia loss with decisive victories on the road against Fairfield and Patriot League rival Georgetown. Clawson and his players understand how quickly fortunes can change, and they are determined not to get too far ahead of themselves.

“As close as we were last year to being an 8-3 football team, and having a share of the league title, we weren’t that far from being a 4-7 team and not feeling like we made progress,” said Clawson. “The difference between success and failure is a very fine line. We need to make sure we’re doing things right as a program so that we can win the close games.”

Since 1999, the Rams have been doing many things right. Clawson and his staff have recruited and developed the talent that can challenge Colgate and Lehigh for the Patriot League title. Now, when it comes to recruiting future classes, they can point to the substantial progress they’ve made in the last two years; they can sell a product as well as a vision. Although Clawson is quick to point out that the product is not yet where the Rams want it to be, it is certainly much closer than it was at the start of the 2001 season.

Clawson praised his players, especially the seniors.

“They had faith without proof,” he said. “That’s why I give the guys so much credit for hanging in there and keeping the morale high.”
1949
FCO: John J. Lee Jr. (also LAW ’53) recently received the Governor Malcolm Wilson Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Westchester/Putnam chapter of the Fordham Law Alumni Association for his outstanding career in the law and his devotion to Fordham Law School.
UGE: Elizabeth Cassidy Olson, a retired English teacher, recently published Francis Ledwidge: Song of the Blackbird (Writers Club Press, 2001). Ledwidge (1870-1917) was an Irish nationalist and poet who was killed while serving in World War I.

1953
FCO: Richard F. Whalen, the author of Shakespeare: Who Was He? (Prager, 1994), recently published Turo: The Story of A Cape Cod Town (Xlibris, 2002). In January, he debated the editor of The Shakespeare Quarterly at the Smithsonian Institution.

1954
FCO: Herb Granath (also GAS ’55) was presented with the Sports Lifetime Achievement Award on April 23 by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences at the 23rd Annual Sports Emmy Awards.

1958
GSS: John L. Robusto and his wife, Roberta, recently celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary. They have four children. Before moving to Palm Bay, Fla., where his wife now resides, John was the New York State Chief of Children’s Services and an associate professor of sociology at Dowling College in Oakdale, N.Y. He was awarded a Purple Heart in 1952 for his services during the Korean War.

1960
UGE: Vincent J. Cincotta, Ph.D. the former director of Italian and Spanish studies at Wollongong University in Australia, recently published Zarzuela, The Spanish Lyric Theatre: A Complete Reference (University of Wollongong Press, 2002).

1961
GSS: Nicholas M. Colombo and his wife Libby, celebrated the birth of their eighth grandchild, Justin Michael, on June 27. Their six children are married, with five living in New Jersey and one in Florida. Nick retired in April 1997 after working for 34 years at Saint Vincent’s Hospital in New York City.

1962
FCO: Joseph J. Trautlein, M.D., was recently named editor in chief of the Journal of Quality Healthcare.

1963
FCO: Francis V. Chisari, M.D., a scientist at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif., was elected a fellow in the American Academy of Microbiology last May, in recognition of his “excellence, originality and creativity in the microbiological sciences.” Dr. Chisari, who is a professor and the director of the General Clinical Research Center at Scripps, is known for his work on hepatitis B and C virus infections and carcinogenesis. David Kappes recently won the Emmy and Peabody Awards and the Humanitas Prize for his work as the producer of Anne Frank, the miniseries that was broadcast on ABC last year. UGE: Christine Puronne and her husband Bob Purrone (PHA ’63), recently moved from New Jersey to Florida, where they enjoy boating, golfing, fishing and just relaxing by their pool.

1964
CBA: Edward Fortunato, a retired Army colonel who served for 30 years on active duty, two in Vietnam, was recently promoted to vice president of government business development for Crowley Maritime Corp. He has been married for 37 years, has five children and four grandchildren.

1966
PHA: Barry K. Lake recently retired. He and his wife, Jill, have two daughters and two grandsons. Their daughter Ricki recently started her 10th year on television as host of The Ricki Lake Show.

1968
CBA: John W. Mulcahy, Ph.D. (also GSE ’79), a former assistant dean and dean of Fordham’s College of Business Administration (from 1975 until 1980) was awarded an honorary doctorate at Iona College’s May commencement for his 30 years of distinguished service in education. He is currently the Charles A. Dana Distinguished Professor of Management and Educational Leadership at the University of Bridgeport, where he also serves as chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and the director of doctoral studies.

1970
FCO: Stephen J. Crimmins, former deputy chief litigation counsel of the Securities and Exchange Commission’s Enforcement Division, recently joined Pepper Hamilton, LLP, as a partner in the firm’s Washington office.

1972
FCO: Reyes Irizarry serves on the New York City Board of Education as the superintendent of Brooklyn and Staten Island High Schools. He is a past recipient of the Association of Jewish Orthodox Teachers’ Principal of the Year Award.

1973
FCO: E. Steven Moriconi, D.M.D., recently married Kristina Hartzelle, combining two families into one with six children. He has a private practice in Jenkintown and Abington, Pa., and was recently named a “Top Doc” of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery by Philadelphia Magazine.

1974
FCO: Wendell F. Holland, a lawyer at Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell & Hipel, LLP, was appointed to a four-year term on the board of trustees of Ursinus College last June.
UGE: Malcolm Kahn was named president and CEO of Sensicore last July.

1975
FCO: Pamela A. Cooper-Vince (also LAW ’78) received a master of divinity degree from St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry in May. She lives in Rochester, N.Y., with her husband, Roger K. Vince, M.D. (FCO ’74), and their children: Dan (18), Chrisy (17) and Dave (15).

Eugene J. Maxwell was recently elected president of NABET-CWA Local 16, a union that represents technicians and other behind-the-scenes workers at ABC Television and Radio in New York City. He started his career in broadcasting as a student working at WFUV-FM.

1976
FCO: Lois Harr was recently appointed director of Campus Ministry and Social Action at Manhattan College in the northwest Bronx. She is also an adjunct lecturer in the Department of Religious Studies, where she teaches a service learning course that focuses on Catholic social teaching. This fall, Lois began her third year of doctoral studies in the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Rose Hill. She also maintains her involvement in community organizations working to improve local Bronx neighborhoods.

Raquel Lopez-Quesada (also GSE ’02) graduated from Fordham’s Graduate School of Education last May with a master’s degree in educational administration and supervision.

John J. Robb recently joined One Houston Street Financial in Mobile, Ala. As the partnership’s senior investment adviser, he specializes in retirement and estate planning. He is also continuing his Jesuit education, pursuing a master’s degree in theology at Springhill College.

GSS: Gallimair Goldrick was recently appointed senior vice president, director of sales and marketing, for Wells Fargo Education Financial Services.
1978
GSE: Kathleen French was recently appointed director of social services for the public schools in Union, N.J.

1979
FCO: Liz McGovern was inducted into the Connecticut Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame on April 11. A member of Fordham’s Athletic Hall of Fame since 1992, she played basketball for the Rams under coach Kathy Mosolino from 1977 until 1979, during which time the team compiled a 52-15 record. Liz is currently a district sales coordinator for AFLAC.

1980

1981
GBA: Michael J. Sweeney recently transferred to UBS PaineWebber in Westport, Conn., where he is an account vice president. He and his wife, Kristine L. Sweeney (GBA ’90), have five children, ages 3-9.

1982
CBA: Kevin Klein and his wife, Karina, welcomed the birth of their second son, Mark Louis, on Feb. 8.

1983
FCO: Jim Richetelli Jr. was elected mayor of the city of Milford, Conn., in November 2001. He is currently serving his first term after spending 18 years in senior management in the manufacturing industry. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children: Michelle (13), Julie (12) and James III (8).

1984
FCO: Lynn Corcoran-Johnston and her husband, Craig, welcomed the birth of their third child, Eamon Joseph, on June 19. Eamon joined his brother, Liam (12), and sister, Elis (10).

1986
CBA: Bob Papa and his wife, Jennifer, celebrated the birth of Nicholas Sebastian on June 6. Nicholas joined his brothers, Christopher (4) and William (2).

1990
CBA: Elaine Ching McEntee recently accepted a new position as director of marketing and national accounts for AMC Networks, Inc., which includes American Movie Classics, WE: Women’s Entertainment, and MuchMusic USA.

1997
GSE: Michael J. Sweeney was recently appointed corporate controller for Bowne Global Solutions.

1987
FCO: Christina A. (Soookee) Barrett and her husband, Michael T. Barrett (FCO ’88), welcomed the birth of their son, Michael C. Barrett, on Dec. 25, 2001.

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Raging Hormones: How Women Are Changing Medical Research

On July 9, researchers announced that the Women’s Health Initiative (WHI), a major eight-year clinical study of women taking estrogen and progestin to relieve menopausal symptoms, would be halted three years early because of evidence that the hormones caused an increase in breast cancer, heart attacks, stroke and blood clots. The findings suggest that the risks of long-term hormone replacement therapy (HRT) outweigh its benefits.

Though many physicians expressed amazement at the findings, it was no surprise to Susan Love, M.D., who predicted these results in Dr. Susan Love's Hormone Book and has advocated that women undergo HRT for as short a time as necessary. “We are programmed to think that we need to take drugs to get through it,” Love said. “But menopause is a natural process, not one that needs to be medicated.”

A 1970 graduate of Fordham’s then women-only Thomas Moore College, Love is an adjunct professor of surgery at the University of California at Los Angeles and medical director of the Susan Love MD Breast Cancer Foundation. According to Love, the findings of WHI and the resulting change in HRT recommendations provide a strong lesson in the importance of solid research.

“Until recently, we were basing recommendations not on science but on observational studies,” Love explained. Such studies, which compared women who took HRT with women who chose not to, found that the women who took HRT had fewer heart attacks and strokes and were less likely to develop osteoporosis. But because these studies were only observational, they could not determine whether HRT made women healthy or whether healthy women took HRT.

Organized by the National Institutes of Health in 1993, WHI was the first large-scale, randomized, double-blind trial designed to ask this question. Though HRT has been hugely popular since the 1960s, WHI was finally initiated—and its important results were finally seen—because women demanded it.

“Women who have participated in WHI have done us all an enormous favor,” said Love. She urges women of the baby boom generation, including Marymount alumnae and alumnae of Fordham’s first co-ed classes, to demand good research and to participate in clinical trials. Ongoing research into Alzheimer’s disease, osteoporosis, and alternative therapies is particularly important for women to watch and join, she said.

“We were part of the women’s movement, we changed childbirth, we changed menopause, and we will change nursing homes before we are done,” said Love.

—Anne Jacobson
Alumni Notes

Holiday Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, Dec. 8, 3 pm
University Church, Rose Hill campus
complimentary

Friday, Dec. 13, 8 pm
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proud to share her birthday with the twins.

Janiece Jackman married Javier Mesén on December 29, 2001, in Costa Rica. Several other alumni from the Class of 1990 were in attendance, including Maura Gallagher (FCLC ’90), Janeen (Marcel) Ryan, Laura Masotti and Christopher Odyniec. Maryellen (Milon) Rodriguez (also GSE ’96) and her husband, Christopher, welcomed the birth of their first child, Maris Rose, in April.

1991

FCLC: Angelo Ortiz and Christine Perez (FCO ’93), celebrated the birth of their first child, Noella, on Oct. 24, 2001.

FCO: Juliann (Hodgens) Colombo and her husband, Thomas, welcomed the birth of their third daughter, Gabriella Grace, on Jan. 31. “Gracie” was also welcomed by her two sisters, Gianna (3) and Cecilia (2).

Paul LoGiudice and his wife, Jennifer Rousseau LoGiudice (FCO ’92), celebrated the birth of their son, William LoGiudice, on March 28. He joined his sister, Mia (3). They live in Swampscott, Mass.

Janyce Murphy (also GSS ’96) and her husband, Bob Hill (FCO ’90), live in New Haven, Conn., with their two children, Anna (4) and Eamon (1). Bob is a family nurse practitioner at the Hill Health Center, and Janyce is a part-time clinical social worker in the ER of Griffin Hospital.

1992

CBA: Susan (Kapica) Starr and her husband, Michael, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Hadley Elise, in October 2001.

FCO: Erica K. Roos joined Hahn Loeser and Parks, LLP, as an associate in July. She will focus her practice in estate planning, probate administration and employee benefits.

Anthony Santora and his wife, Liana, recently celebrated their third wedding anniversary. Their lives were blessed with the birth of their beautiful daughter, Catherine Grace, in March 2001.

1993

CBA: Lucille Celis Duffy and her husband, Brian, celebrated the birth of their first child, Jack Nicholas, in March.

Michael J. Kiernan and his wife, Pamela, welcomed the birth of their first child, Juliette Anne, in June.

FCO: Michael Mandt recently received a Sports Emmy Award (Best Open/Lease) for his work as a producer of Cal Ripken: The Season. He is the creator and executive producer of ESPN’s first reality show, Beg, Borrow and Deal, which airs Tuesdays at 8 pm.

Vanessa (Running) Manzella and her husband, Dan, celebrated the birth of their first child, Gia Nicole, on March 5.


1994

FCO: Dan Lawry and his wife, Theresa, celebrated the birth of their first child, Brigid Rose, on July 12.

Christina Tarabocchia married Robert Siedler on Nov. 2, 2001, at St. Anthony’s Church in Hawthorne, N.J. More than two dozen Fordham alumni were in attendance.

LAW: Joanne M. Cicala became a partner at the New York City law firm of Kirby, McNernie and Squire, LLP, in January. Her areas of specialty are antitrust law and consumer fraud.

Ellin (Regis) Cowie and her husband, Stephen, welcomed the birth of Mary Julia on June 11. Mary Julia’s big brother, Connor, is also delighted about the new arrival.


1997

FCO: Milagros Medina-Seaman is a registered nurse in Homestead, Fla., and the proud founder and president of Latinas Unidas, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that provides education, early detection and support services to the medically underserved and uninsured in the community, focusing on breast cancer awareness. She was married earlier this year, and her daughter, Andreja Angelique Seaman, was born on March 28.

FCO: Fred F. Feddeck married Shawn J. O’Gallagher in July. He is working at Sarah Lawrence College as an assistant director of information systems.

Jose R. Gonzalez was recently appointed director of alumni affairs at Columbia University’s School of General Studies. Previously, he was the assistant director of alumni relations at Fordham University, where he had worked for five years. On Sept. 7,
he and Anne Amelio (CBA ’96, LAW ’02) were married at the University Church by the Rev. Joseph A. O’Hare, S.J., University president.

1998
FCLC: Quinton Sheer is the training and development manager for Universal Studios Vacations. He recently established The Rod Sheer Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that provides medicinal and emotional treatment for cancer patients.

FCO: Michelle Brosnan graduated from New York Medical College in May. She plans to pursue a career in emergency medicine.

Christopher V. Pyles was made a postulant for Holy Orders by the Rt. Rev. Mark Sisk, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. He began a three-year master of divinity program at the General Theological Seminary in Manhattan last August in preparation for ordination to the priesthood—God willing—in September 2005.

2000
CBA: James J. Preskar, grandson of the late Ernest J. Salvatore (FCO ’43), is engaged to marry Lauren M. Pajonas (CBA ’01) on July 4, 2003.

FCO: Luke L. Lacroix graduated with a master’s degree in higher education and student affairs administration from Ohio State University. He recently accepted a position as a residence hall director at Ohio State.

GSS: Olga C. Molina is a medical social worker at St. Luke’s Hospital in San Francisco, where she is also working to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Alumni notes received after Sept. 30 will appear in the Winter 2002 issue of Fordham magazine.

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All submissions must be made in writing. Class Notes may be edited for clarity and space. Due to limited space, Fordham magazine cannot guarantee the publication of all items.
In Memoriam

The Fordham University Community extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of recently deceased alumni. A special Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 12:30 p.m. in the University Church on the Rose Hill campus, to remember deceased alumni as well as those whose names are submitted by members of the Fordham community. If you are interested in attending the Memorial Mass and Reception, please contact Peggy Schenck, Office of Alumni Relations, (212) 636-6520.

1925
Patrick J. Shea, GAS

1927
Herbert L. Dudley, Esq., LAW

1931
Francis R. Favorini, FCO
Martin J. Glynn, M.D., FCO

1934
John Gallagher, Esq., LAW
Allen F. Manning, FCO
Raymond J. Ruckel, Esq., FCO, LAW '37

1935
Alvin A. Lake, PHA

1936
Nicholas S. Castoro, FCO
Thomas F. Maier, FCO
Francis H. McGuire, FCO
Celsus Repole, O.F.M., FCO

1937
Bernard G. Harrington, FCO
John J. Sheehan, Esq., LAW

1938
William F. Holland, FCO
Daniel E. Lester, M.D., FCO
Brian P. McDonough, Esq., FCO, LAW '41
Rev. Joseph C. McKenna, S.J., FCO
Joseph H. Praetz Jr., CBA
John P. Preslock, FCO

1940
Harry J. Burke, Esq., FCO, LAW '47
Frederick R. Fenning, M.D., FCO
Frank R. Moran, FCO
Stephen W. O'Leary, Esq., LAW
Lawrence L. Ott, Esq., LAW
William P. Pyne, CBA
John T. Reilly, FCO
Harry C. Schnibbe, FCO

1941
Anthony M. Amato, CBA
William E. Brady, M.D., FCO
Daniel J. Coyle Jr., FCO
John F. Gleason, Esq., LAW
Leonard I. Stein, Esq., LAW

1942
Glen G. Buecher, Esq., FCO, LAW '47
Albert E. Helm, FCO
Patrick T. Izzo, Ph.D., FCO, GAS '44
Abraham R. Richstein, Esq., LAW

1943
Ralph A. Beck, FCO
Joseph J. Smith, D.SC., FCO

1945
Paul C. Colette, FCO

1947
Richard Broderick, FCO
Walter F. Derry Jr., FCO
Mary Jane Haggerty-Lynch, GAS

1948
Josephine P. Galterio, GSS
Edwin Paul Gonzalez, Esq., FCO, LAW '51
Elizabeth M. McCarty, UGE
Evelyn C. Rieser, GSS
Michael A. Russo, Esq., LAW
Ellen C. Sugiyama, Esq., LAW

1949
Francis X. Burke, CBA
Robert V. Gilroy, FCO
Nicholas H. Lizza, FCO
Vito A. Raa, FCO

1950
Kenneth E. Bruce, Esq., LAW
Margaret M. Gidez, GAS
Fred H. Krones, Esq., LAW
Francis X. Larkin, FCO
William F. Lynch, FCO
Paul McCleskey, FCO
William J. McEvoy, FCO
Dominic Pastorelle, M.D., FCO
George J. Wolf, UGE

1951
Herbert A. Doerfler Jr., GSE
Vincent C. Healy, FCO
Warren T. Maurer, FCO
James R. McQuillan, Esq., LAW
Joseph R. Morice, Ph.D., GAS
Joseph C. Pisciotta, UGE

1952
Robert J. Barrus, FCO
Ethel M. Bradley, GSS
John G. Cummings, CBA
Donald E. Egan Jr., FCO
John P. Finneran, FCO
Charles G. Fitzpatrick, FCO
Herbert P. Flaherty, CBA
Robert J. Klingman, PHA
Robert E. Laffan, CBA
Lewis E. Mennechino, GSS
John T. Rooney, FCO

1953
William R. Blaine, CBA
George A. Carson, CBA
Robert M. Duran, CBA
Alfred J. Klein Jr., CBA
Patricia A. Malone, CBA
William J. McDermott, CBA
Eugene J. Richards, CBA
Vincent Richards Jr., CBA
John G. Stewart, CBA
William F. Tronca, GAS

1954
William P. D'Angelo, FCO
John F. Loughran, FCO

1955
Charles O. O'Brien, Esq., UGE, LAW '59

1956
John M. O'Loughlin, M.D., FCO

1957
Peter N. Demoleas, UGE, PAR
Harold J. Gallagher, FCO
Leonard G. Haimowitz, PHA
James C. Lee, UGE
Elfrida E. Lehmann, UGE
John W. McConnell, CBA
Nancy Sullivan, UGE
John M. Varley, CBA

1958
Edward L. Carroll, CBA
Philip P. Fox, PHA
Edward S. Siusdzinski, Ph.D., GAS
Lawrence P. Whyte, CBA

1959
Samuel J. Henry, CBA
Timothy F. Murphy, FCO

1960
Anthony F. Campo, GAS

1961
James G. Burke, Esq., LAW
James F. Comerford Jr., GSE
John A. Coolidge, CBA

1962
Geraldine Bizek, GAS
Ralph E. Gile, Ph.D., PHA
Thomas P. Jeselson, CBA
William C. Obert-Thorn, Ph.D., GAS

1963
William E. Quinn Jr., CBA
Dominic D. Schiano, FCO

1965
Wayne W. Lutarden, FCO
George C. Mulligan, CBA
Rev. David S. Tooan, S.J., GAS

1966
Charles A. Fenton, FCO

1967
William A. Díaz, Ph.D., FCO, GAS '69 and '78
Richard J. Gallagher, FCO
Daniel Francis O'Leary, UGE
Celia F. Sullivan, UGE
Olney E. White, UGE, GAS '69

1968
Richard E. Messig, FCO
Kathleen M. Tamburro, Ph.D., GAS

1970
Alice Richards, S.A.S.V., GRE

1972
Stephen J. High, FCO
Margaret Kearns, OSS, ICO
Ann Meronet, TMC
Anthony H. Taverna, FCO
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Approximate date of death

Contact name and phone number

Does the family of the deceased wish to continue receiving mail from Fordham University? □ Yes □ No

In Memoriam Form

Remembering Father Roth

The Rev. Robert J. Roth, S.J. (GAS ’48 and ’61), a longtime member of the Fordham community and dean of Fordham College at Rose Hill from 1974 until 1979, died on Sept. 14 at Montefiore Medical Center after a long illness. He was 81.

“Father Roth was a distinguished faculty member and administrator who was very close to the students,” said the Rev. Gerald McCool, S.J., a longtime colleague and friend. “He was truly one of the great contributors to Fordham.”

Father Roth first came to Fordham as a graduate student in 1948 and would later go on to receive his Ph.D. in 1961. He joined the philosophy department in 1953 and held many administrative posts during his tenure at Fordham, including stints as department chairperson (1970-73) and president of the Faculty Senate (1972-74, 1984-91). Father Roth also served on Georgetown’s Board of Directors from 1974 until 1977.

The author of several books and dozens of articles, Father Roth was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Philosophical Association, the American Catholic Philosophical Association, the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy and the Jesuit Philosophical Association.

In addition to his Fordham degrees, Father Roth also received a B.A. from Boston College in 1944. —Ryan Thompson

1973
Jonathan T. Latimer, GSS
Timothy Thomas Anthony White, BEN

1974
Elizabeth Shanov, TMC
Bohn Carl Vergari, Esq., LAW
Chester H. Ziemiecki, GBA

1975
Camille A. Minieri, FCLC, GSE ’78
Don P. Palmeri, FCO
John S. Sheldon, GBA
David Spelkoman, Ph.D., GSE

1977
Robert E. Fettherhoff, FCO
Brian G. Ganann, GBA

1978
Bro. Patrick Duffy, GRE

1980
Thomas R. Derosa, Esq., LAW
Kathleen F. Mahony, FCLC, GSS ’81
Robert M. Milligan, FCO
Diana Peters, Esq., LAW

1981
Cinderella Minort, FCLC

1982
Lillian G. Elkin, GSS
Paul V. Porcelli, D.P.M., FCO

1983
Ralph C. Caputo Jr., FCO

1984
Mary M. Davoren, FCLC

1985
Randolph A. Hinds, GSE
Philip T. McCaffrey, Esq., FCO, LAW ’89

1986
Paul A. Schindel, GBA

1987
Catherine T. Judge, FCLC
Constance J. Korrel, FCLC
Lorenzo L. Matthews, GRE

1989
Carol P. Cosgrave, GSS

1991
Frances Tobin, Ph.D., GSE

1993
Du’rell Simpson-Brown, Esq., LAW

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Remembering Those Lost, Comforting Those Left Behind
Monuments and Memorials Mark 9/11 Anniversary

By Ryan Thompson

In its 161 years, Fordham has celebrated World Series victories with New York City, marched in St. Patrick’s Day parades and partaken in other joyous events. The University has also suffered with the city through sobering occasions like Sept. 11, when heartache and despair swept through New York.

To mark the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11, all three Fordham campuses held interfaith prayer services at noon with readings that reflected the diversity of the University community. At the Rose Hill and Lincoln Center campuses, granite monuments bearing the names of the students and alumni who lost their lives on Sept. 11 were unveiled and blessed. The monuments, weighing in at six tons each, were donated by Champlain Stone in Warrensburg, N.Y., and presented as gifts of the Class of 2002.

“Remembering is a sacred act,” said Sister Anne Walsh, RSHM, mistress of Queen’s Court and associate academic adviser for student athletes, during the Rose Hill prayer service. “It is rooted in Scripture, it is honored in history, it is ritualized in homes, churches, synagogues, temples and mosques. It is part of our everyday lives. We gather in solidarity with those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, their shattered dreams, their days abruptly ended, their futures left unfolded. Here at Fordham University we gather in hope for healing and reconciliation.”

In his homily at Rose Hill, Rev. Mark Chapman, Ph.D., associate professor of African and African American studies, used Scripture as a beacon of hope and spoke of the importance of faith during times of great suffering and despair.

“Faith is not static or complacent, it is a gift from God that enables us to see the invisible, do the impossible and bear the unbearable,” he said. “Faith is an active risk filled with adventure that keeps us moving toward the future with hope and despair. Faith propels us on when we feel like giving up. Faith tells us that a new future is possible.”

Marymount College’s Westchester location did not preclude it from the need for communal support and reflection. Members of the community held a candlelit peace vigil on campus as part of their memorial activities.

“Remembrance and grief, as important as they are today, they must not crowd out hope, a virtue always tuned to the future, to becoming,” said the Rev. John Breslin, S.J., assistant campus minister, during the Marymount prayer service. “And such hope is not mere wishful thinking. It is grounded firmly in the heroism and sacrifice of countless firefighters, police officers, grief counselors, clergy of every faith, and ordinary citizens who responded so selflessly, so generously to the many challenges of 9/11.”

As he blessed the monument in St. Peter’s Garden at Lincoln Center, the Rev. Joseph A. O’Hare, S.J., University president, prayed that the spirit of hope, justice and peace be renewed around the world.

“May it be a constant reminder for us that the lives they lived made a difference in our world and the deaths they died were truly for others,” said Father O’Hare.
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