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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well the ball dropped in Times Square, and so we have officially entered a new year. And with that I sincerely wish each and every one of you the best of years—good health, great satisfaction from those activities in which you are involved, and joy from your interactions with those you care about and who care about you. And the fact that I am still able to write this, and you are still able to read it means that we are off to a great start. As I write this message three days have passed and so far 2008 is golden. And if you can ignore everything beyond the extended boundaries of Beacon and Commonwealth avenues it turns out that 2007 was also a good year—at least for our still developing organization and for Boston College as a whole.

For ARF 2007 was quite momentous. For good sound academic reasons we had to leave our sumptuous quarters on Campanella Way. But the university has shown enormous good will by providing a new place for us to live. And as you will see the space is quite adequate for our needs. We now reside in two quite sizeable, newly painted, attractive rooms on the third floor of 3 Lake St. In one room, the computers, printer etc are located and in the other we have a fine small conference and sitting area. This room is more than adequate for our smaller group meetings and is a pleasant place to just sit around and schmooze. The move was handled flawlessly—for which we are indebted to John Duffield (Project Manager, Capital Projects Management), Rosemary Krawczyk, our suite committee chair, and to a host of nameless others.

As detailed in the last issue of the *BC Chronicle*, the coming years will be quite momentous at Boston College as a whole. The plans for the physical enlargement of the campus are stunning, the great

Other programs located in the building are the Office of Marketing Communication (headed by Ben Birnbaum) and the Center for Aging and work (headed by Mick Smyer).



NEW FACULTY RETIREES

The following faculty officially retired during the 2006-2007 academic year:

Beth Casey (Education)
Philip DiMattia (Education)
Katherine Frame (Nursing)
David Gill, SJ (Classics)
Lois Haggerty (Nursing)
Lawrence Halpern (Management)
William Richardson, SJ (Philosophy)
Paul Thie (Mathematics)
Leon Williams (Sociology)

DEATHS

Condolences to Margaret Dwyer, retired Vice-President and McMullen Museum Docent, on the death of her sister Mary O'Brien.

ARF BOOK CLUB

The ARF Book Club meets in the Retired Faculty Suite at 3 Lake Street at from 11 AM to 12:30 PM. All are welcome. Come and bring a cup of coffee or tea.

The Book Club meeting schedule for Winter-Spring 2008 begins February 14 with two books filling the long hiatus after the November 8, 2007 meeting.

Both books are novels based in China, one from the 19th century and the other from the early 20th century: *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See and *Women of the Silk* by Gail Tsukiyama.

The March 13 meeting will feature *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a time* by Greg Mortenson and David Relin.

Suite francaise by Irene Nemirovsky was selected for the April 10 meeting.

The book selections this year have alternated between male and female authors. The early fall discussion of David McCullough's *John Adams* was followed by a very interesting trip to the Quincy Adams historical sites. The November meeting was chaired by Carolyn Thomas with a lively discussion of Zadie Smith's *On beauty* and the selection of the listed books for an interesting 2008 sequence.

For further information, contact Jean O'Neil (jean.oneil@bc.edu).

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VOLUNTEERS

University Hosts at Commencement on Monday, May 19, 2008.

University Hosts distribute programs, welcome guests, answer questions and provide directions. Retired faculty will be assigned to Alumni Stadium to greet visitors and distribute programs. The date, time and location of an optional information meeting will be provided at a later date.

To sign up, please send an e-mail to Louise Lonabocker at louise@bc.edu by May 1st

Marshals for Commencement on Monday, May 19, 2008

Retired faculty are invited to serve as Marshals during the Commencement activities in alumni stadium. Marshals guide students and faculty to the appropriate areas. If interested, contact Jean Mooney at mooney@bc.edu by May 4th.

INTERESTING WEB RESOURCE

A online version of *The Family Handbook Finding Elder Care Resources in Massachusetts* is at

web.mit.edu/TJ_ET_Q_q_18_40.08_576_7a/achieva/24_415.4461Q_q_18_ET_Q_q_18_40.08_576_733.92_r

