



BC ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY

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*Jack Lewis and Jean Mooney cutting up last month before a meeting of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee*

## **A WORD FROM THE BCARF PRESIDENT:**

### ***We're Up and Running***

This fall the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty (BCARF) enters its second year as a recognized entity within the University community. Many accomplishments have occurred over the past several months to launch an organization that meets the expressed needs and desires of a growing retired professorial cohort. Perhaps the best of these achievements has simply been to provide a mechanism for drawing together academic colleagues of many years from across the campus to renew their ties.

An inaugural luncheon in May 2003 hosted by the Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculties and the President was followed by a series of six monthly program meetings during the 2003-04 academic year. A gala banquet in May attended by scores of retirees and their guests climaxed our nascent year.

An elected seven member planning committee worked effectively during the entire period and into the summer creating needed infrastructure, planning programs and events, establishing focused subcommittees, introducing academic officers to BCARF, preparing for the opening of the Retired Faculty Suite and creating a newsletter and a website. Thanks to the University Historian, we even have a logo of our own. Excellent support has been provided throughout by the Office of the Academic Vice President.

This highly active association—a long overdue initiative—is for you. If you have already taken part in its activities, you are aware of the rich potential BCARF holds for us as retired members of the BC community as well as for the University. If you have not yet joined us for our monthly meetings, give us a try. As Ernie Bock says in his commercials, “Come on down!”

John W. Lewis III, President

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## NEWS OF RETIREES

**Leonard Casper** (Eng) has been teaching *pro bono* for the federally sponsored program, SOAR, in Wellesley, Ma. His curriculum—which he formerly pioneered at BC—has included courses such as: Contemporary American Women Novelists, Tennessee Williams, Robert Penn Warren, US–Philippine Relations and Recent Ethnic American Literature.

This fall, **Joseph Orlando** (Biol) is a member of a team teaching biochemistry in Taiwan at the College of Medicine at Chang Gung University in Kwei–Shan. He will give 18 lectures on Bioenergetics and Metabolism. It is the first such program to be offered there in English, The students’ language skills vary greatly, so as Joe states, “It should be quite an adventure.”

*Dorchester Streets*, by **Robert L. Sheehan** (Rom Lang), has seen four printings since appearing in 1999. The story of the Sheehan family in Dorchester (1921-1943), it was followed by the sequel *A Marine’s Story*. Bob has just completed a children’s story about the Lawson elephants of Scituate. He dubs it “An Elephantasy.” All from Dober Dan Press.

## REMEMBERING ONE ANOTHER

--Do you know of a fellow retiree who is sick or has passed away? BCARF will alert other retirees via this newsletter and will arrange a visit or remembrance card. Please send information to **Fr. Bill McInnes, S.J.** at (617) 552-8192 or [mcinnewi@bc.edu](mailto:mcinnewi@bc.edu)

--Among the recently deceased and regretted are **John Eichorn** (LSOE), and **Joseph Figurito** (Rom. Lang), who both left us this past summer.



*Father Monan socializing at the BCARF Annual Banquet*

## GENERAL MEETINGS

--In autumn '04, our Thursday monthly breakfast meetings featured informal and enlightening talks by experts in the BC community, followed by brief but lively discussions.

--On September 23, **James O'Toole**, B.C.'s Director of Strategic Planning Institute, presented “Going to New Heights: Preserving the Past and Designing the Future.” On October 21, members of the Institute for Learning in Retirement (**Carol Naber**, Director), discussed “Teaching and Learning in Retirement: Multiple Perspectives.” Participants were **Denise McCarthy**, Program Assistant; **Alice Vogt**, member/leader; **Sr. Elizabeth White**, Teacher/Leader; **Sherm Okun** of the Curriculum Committee.

--The program for November 18 will be a special guided visit and reception for BCARF members, at 10:30 a.m. in the McMullen Gallery, Devlin Hall. The feature attraction: Fernand Khnopff's exciting *Inner Visions and Landscapes*.

--Watch for mailed invitations to future programs and - to echo Jack Lewis—do join our growing group of BC retirees and help us plan for the future!

### **YOUR BC PRIVILEGES**

--Some of you may not be aware that, contingent on space available and instructor approval, you can audit Boston College courses free of charge.

--In our last newsletter we noted the usefulness of a BC identification card for retirees. If you experience any difficulty in obtaining one in the Lyons Hall Student Services office, just phone or email Joyce Dwyer with your name, birth date, Social Security number and year of retirement from BC.

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[joyce3dwyer@comcast.net](mailto:joyce3dwyer@comcast.net)

--If you're into computing or want to be, you have a most useful resource in the Faculty Micro Resource Center (FMRC) in basement Gasson 010. Moderators Michael Connolly and Richard Jenson have allotted times for helping faculty there. Their fall hours are:

Connolly: Mon/Wed 3.30-4.45

[cnnmj@bc.edu](mailto:cnnmj@bc.edu) or 552-3912

Jenson: Tu/Th 9:00-10.15

[jenson@bc.edu](mailto:jenson@bc.edu) or 552-3757

For admission to the FMRC 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, you only need to bring your BC ID card to one of the Moderators and have it entered into their database. After that you have absolute access.

### **RETIRED FACULTY SUITE**

A big sigh of relief—our suite of offices at 21 Campanella Way is being furnished at last. A committee chaired by Rosemary Krawczyk has been developing policies and procedures for the suite's future operation. By the end of this year you should receive notification of a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house there.



*Rosemary Krawczyk (CSON) trying out new furniture in the Retired Faculty Suite.*

### **WHERE ARE THEY??**

If you know the whereabouts of the following retirees (addresses, phone), would you please give the information to Nancy Samya in the Academic Vice President's office:

O. Francis Bennett, Chemistry  
Gary Brazier, Political Science  
George D. Brown, Law School  
Gert Bruhn, Germanic Studies  
Sarah Cimino, CSON  
William Kilpatrick, LSOE  
Nancy McCarthy, CSON  
Richard Murphy, Philosophy  
Chester Stachow, Biology

Thank you!

#### **BCARF website:**

<http://fmwww.bc.edu/ARF/ARF.html>

**BCARF logo** by Tom O'Connor, University Historian



*Juanito and Veracita tangle with a tango at the  
BCARF Annual Banquet*

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