By Elizabeth Bachini

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On Tuesday, Jan. 29, accomplished art historian Dr. Jeffrey Chippis Smith gave a lecture entitled “Influence of the Jesuits on Baroque Architecture in Germany.” It was sponsored by the combined efforts of the German and Art History departments, as well as the department of Medieval and Renaissance Studies. The Rehm Library was filled with history students and professors eager to listen to Smith’s discussion of the churches built by the Jesuits in Germany in the sixteenth century.

Smith, the author of several books on art and culture and whose credentials include a position on the College Art Association Board of Directors as well as expertise in the study of art in relation to social and religious issues, began by focusing on the historical influences behind such great works of architecture. Smith delved into the history of the Jesuit order and the conflict between Catholicism and the emergence of Lutheranism in Germany. As Holy Cross is a Jesuit institution, Smith concentrated on a great deal of theory and ideals. He spoke about how the growing Protestant converts confronted Jesuits and their perseverance in maintaining their religious commitment in Germany. After many years of practicing in old churches, in 1580 the Jesuits decided to construct a new wave of elaborate churches, now hailed as architectural masterpieces in accordance with the Jesuit dedication to education, many schools and academic institutions were built alongside their places of worship.

Smith then addressed the designs of several specific churches throughout Germany, such as St. Michael’s in Munich, St. Peter’s in Muenster, and the Assumption of the Virgin in Cologne. In his description of the massive columns, elegant facades and elaborate altars, Smith emphasized the artistic aspect of the architecture as well as the inherent religious qualities that were found in both the artwork and structure of the churches. Art history professor Virginia Ragain, who required that her survey Art History class attend the lecture, shared her enthusiasm for the subject matter of the lecture. She said, “I believe that lectures like this are essential for the students. It’s important for us as an academic institution to involve ourselves in the broader academic community. The students can see that we too are still constantly learning. Overall, it was fun for me.”

German professor Eckhard Bernstein, an acquaintance of Smith’s, initially invited Smith to speak and organized the lecture. Bernstein said, “This was a terrific lecture, organized by both the German and Arts departments. Dr. Smith is currently writing a book about the topics discussed in the lecture, so this talk was perfect.”

Student Jessica Myers ’05 attended the conference for Raguin’s art history class, in which students recently studied Renaissance and Baroque architecture. She said, “Dr. Smith presented a lecture that

Board of Trustees elects new chairman

By Richard Ricardi

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Michael F. Collins, M.D., will be the first medical doctor to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College of the Holy Cross. The Board of Trustees unanimously confirmed Collins at their Dec. 1 meeting. The Board consists of a select group of individuals who are entrusted with overseeing the student and faculty affairs of the college. The people who comprise the Board of Trustees are at the highest echelons of school administration and policy. There are a number of different sub-committees within the Board, which oversee various activities of the school. These subcommittees include the Committee on Academic Affairs, Committee on Student Affairs, Finance Committee, Investment Committee, Committee on Development and College Relations, and the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. The most influential committee is the Executive Committee, which represents the Board of Trustees on affairs that arise between scheduled meetings.

On similar footing with the President of the College, the Board of Trustees members are amongst the highest esteemed graduates of Holy Cross. They are held in great honor by the school for their wide-ranging work and dedication to the improvement of this institution. Collins will certainly add to the extensive record of management and executive positions in business organizations. He current serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Caritas Christi, a health care system sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston, which has under $1 billion in revenues and 12,000 employees. As Chief Executive Officer, Collins oversees this health care organization, which has six hospitals, two nursing homes, a hospice, a home for women and children and Labour College, where nurses and allied health professionals receive their education. It is noted for having the second largest inpatient market share in the eastern Massachusetts health care marketplace. He is also the Chair of the Board of the Catholic Health Association of the United States, an organization which represents over 1,200 Catholic health care institutions in the United States. In addition to these positions, Collins serves on the board of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable and several organizations that represent the health care industry and philanthropic organizations in Massachusetts.

Wednesday, January 23

Healy: Student reports theft of cell phone and harassing telephone calls.

Smith: Staff member reports missing handgun.

Fieldhouse: Unknown individuals throwing objects at a vehicle. Individuals chased but escaped.

Wheeler: Tow list vehicle found on campus again.

Friday, January 25

Hogan: Campus visitor reports car damaged between 8:20 and 9:15 a.m.

Hart: Student vehicle with four prior citations was towed.

Healy: CDC requests public safety to escort non-students using the laundry room off campus.

Sunday, January 27

Lehy: CDC reports student receiving harassing telephone calls.

Chapel: Gate found broken off.

Monday, January 28

Fitzon Ave.: Central stores reports vandalism to box truck’s mirror.

Healy: Smoke detector in Room 233.

Fieldhouse: Request to check student ID’s.

Clark: Suspicious odor on second floor hallway.

Tuesday, January 29

Fitzon Ave.: Possible water main break on hill above Fitzon Avenue Lot. Plumber called.