New additions to permanent faculty

Seven professors awarded tenure, page 1 specifically Spanish. “Paco,” as he lets his students call him, studied geography and history at La Universidad de Valladolid and received his M.A. in Spanish at the University of Wisconsin. He has a Ph.D. in Romance Linguistics and Philology. His special research interests include medieval Spanish literature, hispanic linguistics, geography, and computers in modern languages. Gago-Jover is also the editor of the Dictionary of the Old Spanish Language.

Cross because development is “not a field you generally learn or hear about.” Development oversees and coordinates the services to Holy Cross. “The feeling of having got tenure is still sinking in,” said Gago-Jover. “There’s a strong feeling of personal satisfaction. Hard to describe.”

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After being assigned to a department, each Crossroads to Groundhog Day, page 2 can do to give these kids a good experience, and think about going to college,” she added, “is great.”

Vargas received her Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut, and now she teaches classes having to do with microbiology. Most of her research has to do with the physiology and ecology of microorganisms, especially bacteria that live in extreme conditions.

Most of the professors who received tenure were very happy and relieved. The tenure process is both long and extensive, during which a candidate must show excellence both in teaching and other research and disciplinary interests. All these professors were able to successfully prove their excellence in their teaching abilities and, just as importantly, in their private research and services to Holy Cross.

Photographs for professors Denise Schauffler and Ed Soares were unavailable at the time of publication.

“Shadows” visit campus

Hogan Dining Services told her shadow, Gary, that she, too, had attended Worcester East Middle School, “back in the days when it was called Grafton Street Junior High.” For his part, Gary seemed interested to be placed in the ongoings at Hogan Dining Services, which, contrary to what its name implies, controls most aspects of Hogan, from the chef and Crossroads to the Lobby Shop. Gary expressed an interest in working with computers when he got home. “I wanted to do something that he really didn’t know about the Spanish language, text,” as it is referred to by many of the kids, for a basketball game in the fall, a basketball game in the winter, and a lacrosse game in the spring. The lacrosse team, under the leadership of Coach McCaffrey, has truly succeeded in connecting with the youth of Worcester.

As Coach McCaffrey said it well when he stated, “It has been our pleasure to see what they could do to honor his memory. McCaffrey was somewhat new at the time and had only known John for about five months. He said that after reading Price’s obituary, he saw that John was a very “giving and well-rounded person.” He put that seeing his number on the sleeve of his jersey was “not worthy of what he did in life.” The team wanted a “fitting tribute to John Price.” His teammates said that John had truly been a part of them, as a team, involved in some community service since his freshman year. Last year, the team worked with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Worcester to set up the John H. Price Big Brother program, known as “John’s Brothers.”

Through this program, each member of the lacrosse team was matched up with a Little Brother from the nearby Canterbury Street School. Each player goes once a week to shadow the children in their homework and play with them in the gym. Coach McCaffrey, who also participated in the program with his Little Brother, Darian Blair, said, “It is mandatory for all freshmen players. And they know this when they are recruited.” Although it is something that they do as a team, even the guys who are no longer a part of a lacrosse team, still participate. McCaffrey believes, “This speaks of their unselfishness and in carrying on for John, it really says what he meant to them.”

Tony “Tex” Polito ‘02, captain of the team this year, said, “It’s a good way to remember and honor John. He was probably the best guy I’ve ever known and he definitely died before his time.” McCaffrey added, “There’s something positive that has come out of his death.” From both sides, a lot of good has come out of this program. Tex believes, “we are all pretty special and privileged to attend the Holy Cross and it is important for us to give back.”

He has been able to see his Little Brother, Dommie Doughty, “benefit tremendously in regards to his “grades and behavior.” As Coach McCaffrey said, “We are here to help the kids educationally, personally, and socially. For many of them, we have been the stabilizing forces in their life. We are like a blank chalkboard for them to start new, which makes it easi- er for them to be able to talk to us. They rely on and look up to every one of us and it is our job to make sure that they are never disappointed.”

Toby, a basketball player at Worcester East who had been working with Eileen Cruvedi in 3rd grade, confessed that he really didn’t know what he actually wanted to do, a sentiment which was echoed by many of the day’s shadows.

A third student, Sara, was interested in nursing and was fortunate to be placed in the Student Affairs office, where she started off the day with Jane Reynolds in the main office on Hogan and then moved down to Health Services to work with Delia Cain. Sara was enthusiastic about the day and said that next year “I am planning to enroll in North’s health program,” meaning the pre-professional program offered at North High School with a track in health sciences.