Shareen Brysac to lecture on heroine of the German Resistance

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“Hunger in America: Seeking Solutions,” held in room 519 of the Hogan Campus Center. Brysac will speak on her book, “The Life and Death of an American Woman: Shareen Blair Brysac and the Red Orchestra; The Life and Death of an American Woman.” Brysac, who is known for her role in the German resistance, became the only American woman executed by the Nazis during World War II on personal or political grounds.

Brysac, a former producer for CBS News, was responsible for the documentaries “1968,” “American Dream, American Nightmare,” “The Cowboy, the Craftsman, and the Ballerina.” She is the recipient of several Emmys, a Dupont Citation, the George Foster Peabody Award, the Writers Guild Award and medals from New York and Chicago film festivals. Her work has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Nation, and Lear’s Magazine.

HC holds Hunger and Homelessness Week

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“Hunger in America: Seeking Solutions,” held in room 519 of the Hogan Campus Center. Speakers included Professors Predrag Cicovacki of the Philosophy Department, Jerry Foster of the History Department, and James Nickoloff of Religious Studies. Dave McMahon, coordinator of Diversity Services, and Shareen Blair Brysac, a producer for CBS News, were the keynotes.

This dialogue was ideal for widening the reach of SCHOAH’s message, according to co-chair Meghan Ward, ’01. “Our members deal with the problems of hunger and homelessness each week through their various SCHOAH outreach programs,” said Ward. “Hunger and Homelessness week allows us to be one of [our members], but the entire campus.

The final day of SCHOAH’s week was set aside for the Oxfam Hunger Fast. In addition to facilitating participation in an educational event on hunger, the event was also designed to encourage.Oxfam, a group seeking to eradicate hunger. Through this event, Oxfam was able to contact the house for information, as well as the residents of the house. The event, which was held on the campus, was designed to educate the public about the issues of hunger and homelessness.

SNL alum Jay Mohr to perform on the Hill

WASHINGTON, Mass.— Jay Mohr, comedian and actor, will perform at 8 p.m. in the Hanify-Howland speaker address. The show is free and open to the public.

Mohr began his career as a comedian performing stand-up comedy at colleges, comedy clubs and such television forums as “Evening at the Improv.” He first gained national attention while a cast member on “Saturday Night Live” from 1993 to 1995, and became known for his impersonations of such people as Sean Penn and Christopher Walken. Mohr has had voice appearances on such television shows as “The Simpsons” and “Family Guy.” He was nominated for an Emmy Award for his performance on the show in 2004. Mohr also won an Emmy Award in 1994 for his work on MTV’s “Lip Service.” Mohr has appeared in such recent movies as “Pay It Forward,” “Go” and “Picture Perfect.” He is best known for his role as a rival sports agent Tom Cruise’s “Agent Maguire” in the 1996 hit film, “Jerry Maguire.”

 Hanify-Howland speaker addresses worldwide struggle for human rights

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Americans that rights could not be taken for granted. During FDR’s presidency, much was accomplished on human rights that is referred to by the United Nations and other organizations today was written. The Four Freedoms, the freedom of speech and expression, the freedom of every person to worship God in their own way, the freedom from want and freedom from fear--are still not granted throughout the world.

In her speech, Glendon questioned whether or not all rights are universal. Pope Pius XII struggled with this very question when he tried to create an International Bill of Rights for this world and to all nations and cultures. Glendon explained that the philosophers who set to work on this question in the 1940’s came to the determination that there are some similarities in principles held by different nations and cultures. The Universal Declaration was written based on this finding and the assumption that a list of principles should be established that member countries could aspire to fulfill.

When Roosevelt headed up the project to create the Universal Declaration, the Declaration is a thirty article document that was an elaboration of the Declaration of Independence. It covers political, civil, social and economic rights. In 1948, the General Assembly of the U.N. accepted the Declaration.

In her lecture, Glendon explained that the Declaration was never meant to impose a single model for the whole world to follow.

Glendon saw the Cold War as a time that brought about a new interest in the declaration and in human rights. The rulers, who struggled to achieve independence with the help of the Universal Declaration as a model, soon disregarded the Declaration after they had gained independence.

Glendon also recognized the 1960’s and 1970’s as a time where human rights pertaining to the United States were explored and embraced.

Inclement weather forces postponement of Habitat Race for Houses until spring

From CRUSADER NEWS STAFF

On Saturday, Nov. 11, the first annual chapter of Habitat for Humanity had planned a race to raise money for its service projects. Due to rainy weather, the event was cancelled, but the members of its planning committee are hard at work on rescheduling another race for the spring. The date is still tentative, Jessica Baker, ’03, says the event will definitely take place in early spring.

Although Jessica is disappointed about Saturday’s cancellation, she has not been deterred from pursuing the event again. Instead, she has shifted her efforts to planning for the group’s plans for the spring. Due to insufficient advertising and planning, a widespread number of people signed up for Saturday’s race. However, now that the event has been postponed, she sees this as a second opportunity to better publicize the event and to generate more positive and enthusiastic support for their projects. She is confident that her colleagues share in her optimism.

In the spring, the group plans to advertise and collaborate with the other colleges in the Worcester consortium to encourage greater participation. They wish to invite students from nearby colleges as well as the residents of the city to participate in the race; basically, the event will be open to the public. The organization will also try to persuade the Worcester police and other city officials to facilitate the race. Originally, they had intended to charge the entry fee of $35, but a flat fee of about $7. Next year’s race will be the first annual race. Habitat for Humanity by having participants find sponsors and pledge a certain amount of money for completing a certain distance. They expect this method to generate much more money. By doing so, they hope to raise at least $1,000 or more. This important event will also foster education and collaboration between Holy Cross and the Worcester and Auburn communities.

Through the fundraiser, Habitat for Humanity hopes to raise enough money to establish a Habitat House on a site that has yet to be determined. The group has cited the effort to raise the $35,000 needed to build a house as a long-term goal. This year will mark their first year of trying to fund such an ambitious project.

Traditionally, members of Habitat for Humanity usually are upperclassmen, with some upperclassmen and a few freshmen. With the purchase of a house, they hope to establish a headquarters, at least a fifth floor meetinghouse, that would be accessible to the entire community, not just Holy Cross students. They also hope to invite students from other colleges, and high school students interested in the program would be welcome to participate as well. They also hope to gather information on how to participate in Habitat for Humanity programs. If anyone is interested in learning more about Habitat for Humanity and wants to help, they can contact either Ryan Leonard, ’02, or Katie Boland, ’01.