

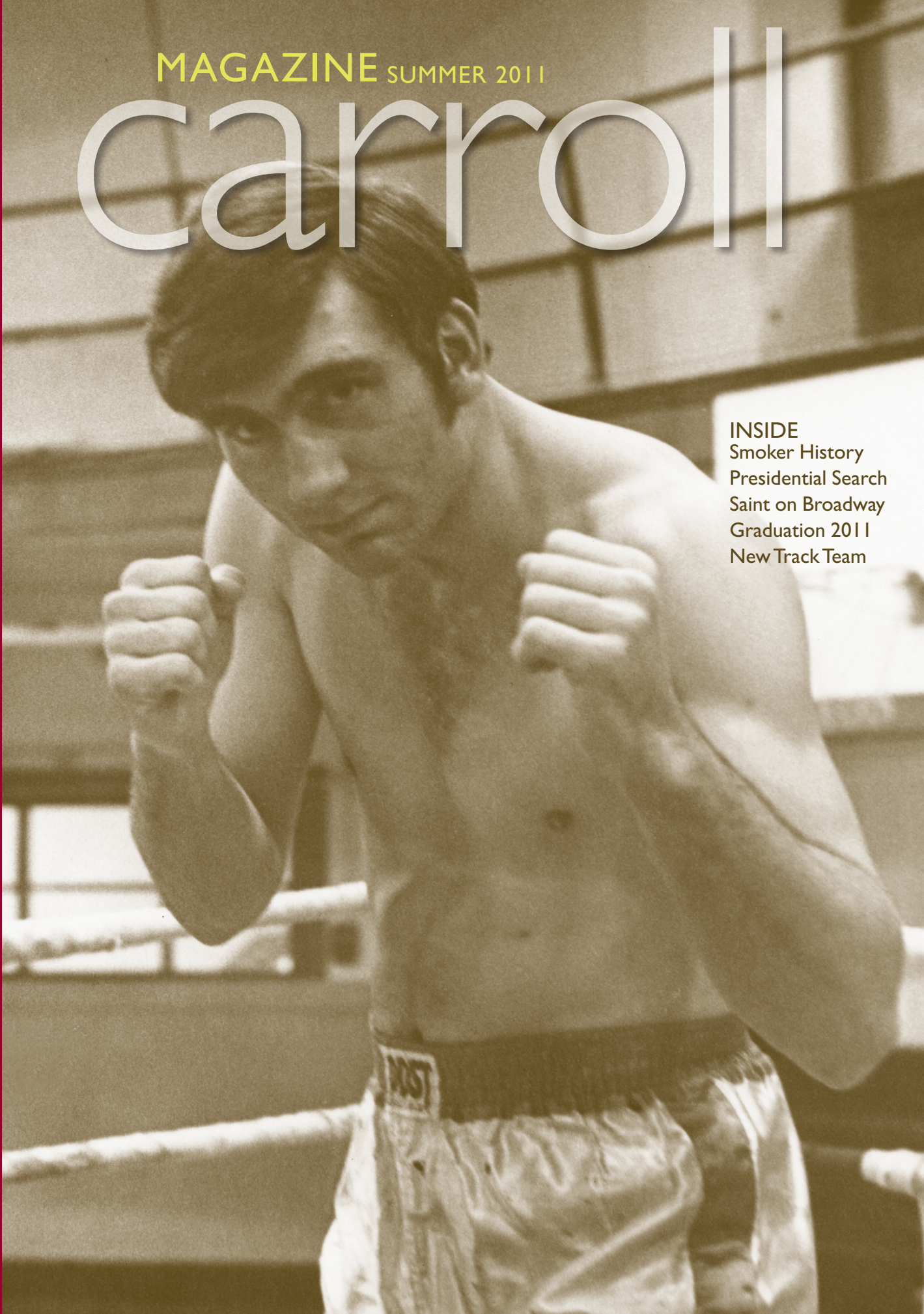
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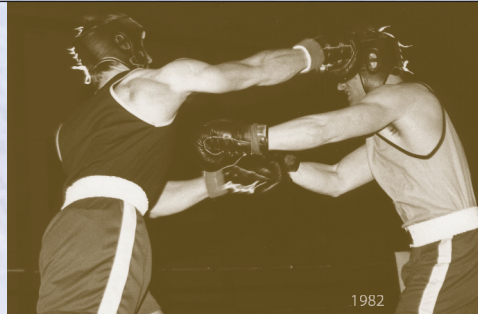
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Dr. Trebon



Dr. Trebon Announces Retirement, Presidential Search

On Friday, March 4, 2011, at a press conference held at the Campus Center, Carroll President Tom Trebon and Carroll board of trustees chair Ray Messer announced that the board had accepted Dr. Trebon's request to retire at the end of his contract term ending on June 30, 2012, and had approved commencement of a presidential search.

"This decade has been the finest of my career in higher education, and this is another reason to be grateful and humble," Trebon said at the conference. "Not every president of every enterprise, including higher education, in America these days can say the same, not given the economic turmoil of the past few years. With the successful conclusion of our **Learn-Serve-Lead** campaign, our 100-year anniversary of the college's founding, and our recent notice of having accreditation reaffirmed, Carroll College, simply put, is in fantastic shape."

Among Trebon's achievements during a presidency that began with his inauguration as Carroll's 14th president on October 26, 2001, he led the centennial celebration effort and the first comprehensive campaign in the college's history. That campaign, recently concluded, raised \$34 million and wrapped up months ahead of schedule, exceeding the campaign's initial fundraising goals. In late February, the college learned that the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities had reaffirmed Carroll's accreditation, based on the results of the college's 2010 Year-Seven Evaluation.

Trebon, age 67, indicated that the time was ripe for a transition in his own life that coincided perfectly with the college's plans. With the campaign's conclusion, Carroll is now engaged in strategic planning for the next decade, with the prospect of a second comprehensive campaign beginning during that time period. With family around the globe, Trebon said he and his wife Scottie are looking forward to spending more time with their grandchildren as he shifts into a new role as a professor and president emeritus, an honorary title allowing retired faculty and presidents to continue assisting Carroll as needed.

In May, the college board of trustees selected Academic Search as the firm to identify qualified candidates nationwide. This summer, Academic Search Senior Consultant Dr. Susan Resneck Pierce, the president of SRP Consulting, has been meeting with campus community members and the presidential search committee, which is comprised of board members, faculty, staff and a student. The college plans to formally advertise the presidential position this summer through the fall in a variety of media, and nominations will also be entertained starting this summer. Candidates will be formally interviewed and will meet with the campus and Helena communities during the 2011-2012 academic year, with a view to having the pool narrowed and the search committee presenting a recommendation to the board of trustees at its late February 2012 meeting.

Dr. Trebon will be participating actively in assuring a smooth transition after the installation of the new president in summer 2012.



A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY: THE CARROLL SMOKERS

Carroll's six-time national championship Fighting Saints have earned their hard-hitting reputation, and their football legacy dates back to the college's early years, as does another rough sport no longer seen on campus: boxing. Alumni from the 1980s and long before then remember with fondness the rollicking days of the Carroll College Smoker, an annual event around St. Patrick's Day that would draw crowds from both Carroll and surrounding Helena. Named for the roomful of tobacco haze the early bouts were fought in, the Smokers in later years would carry the tradition forward, offering an occasion to don Derby hats, suspenders and cigars.

What set Carroll boxing apart over the quarter-century history of the Smokers was the seeming paradox that both the head coach and the fighters were gleaned from the scholarly type you would expect to find ensconced behind a book in the library, not punching a sparring partner. The heart and soul of the Smokers was English Professor Henry "Hank" Burgess (today a Carroll professor emeritus of languages and literature), himself a 1951 Carroll philosophy graduate with a master's in English. One of the earliest Smoker champions, Burgess had the unique ability to deftly shift from a Shakespearean recitation one moment to advising a fighter on his jab the next, and in both deliver his



Photos above: The Bad and the Beautiful—Jim McCabe (left) taps gloves with Mike Dockstader with referee Joe Hammond in center in 1960; all three meet again for a peaceful "rematch" at the Homecoming 2010 Smoker Reunion



wisdom with a fiery, gravely voice reminiscent of the *Rocky* movies' salty cornerman Mickey. During his Carroll teaching career spanning from 1958 to 1995, over which time he would also serve as English Department chair, Burgess spent nearly two months each spring, working five days a week in the gym, to train scores of aspiring, often completely inexperienced, boxers.

"You'd be surprised at some of the kids that go out for boxing," Burgess said in a 1968 interview with the Helena *Independent Record*. "A funny breed of student goes out for the sport here. I suppose you'd call him a funny breed, considering the sport. It's not the tough guys—it's the quiet kind, usually. And they're pretty good students."

Boxing contests at Carroll began long ago when it was still called Mount St. Charles College. In the 1920s, John F. Cronin would enroll at the college after earning a reputation as the 112-pound Golden Gloves champ from Butte. In December 1926, this freshman, nicknamed "Beer" Cronin, won widespread fame in the Helena community during an exhibition bout where he was pitted against world flyweight boxing championship contender Isadore "Corporal Izzy" Schwartz at the Mount St. Charles gymnasium. Schwartz went on to be recognized in the state of New York as the world flyweight boxing champ from 1927 to 1929. Meanwhile, Cronin graduated from Mount St. Charles College in 1930 magna cum laude with a bachelor's in Latin and Greek, entered the priesthood, pursued his graduate studies at Catholic University of America, and returned to teach biology (and coach boxing) at Carroll from 1934 until his entry into WWII as an Army chaplain in 1943. He later served as pastor in Whitefish, Mont., at St. Charles parish.

Cronin's exit from Carroll would likely have spelled the end of boxing on campus, but even as WWII drew "Beer" away, it also brought the Navy V-5 and V-12 officer training programs to Carroll, and the training regime included boxing. The first mention of a Carroll fight night as a "Smoker" appeared in newspapers during the war years, with one *Prospector* student newspaper headline in December 1943 proclaiming "Seamen stage snappy Smoker." Musical stage shows complete with skits and songs, wrestling, tumbling and boxing were all on the program. Yet, with this energetic start, the Smokers fizzled out when the Navy left campus in the fall of 1945.

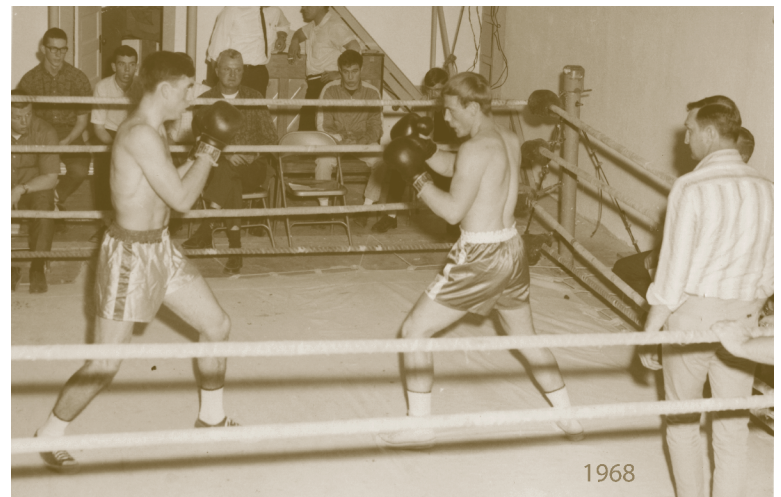
Three years later, a young Hank Burgess began his freshman year and, along the way, would discover the Navy's left-behind gloves and bags and ask the college to approve a boxing program. Burgess and his friends secured the coaching expertise of Helena resident Charlie Harrell, a Golden Gloves boxer and Carroll 1940 graduate, and they held a Smoker that same year, 1948, under the auspices of the Carroll student council. While off to a good start, the Smokers suffered a setback soon afterwards with Harrell's death in a plane crash. Burgess was a senior when he and his buddies decided to ask local boxer Slug Sullivan—who purportedly had boxed Jack Dempsey to a draw in France during the First World War—to train them. With Sullivan's coaching, Burgess and the others were able to present another Smoker in 1951.

When Burgess graduated, boxing died out again on campus, seeming to await his return. In 1958, his first year as a professor at his alma mater, Burgess was approached by students interested in boxing and promoting a Smoker. By spring 1959, the Smoker was established firmly as an annual campus institution that would continue uninterrupted for the next 25 years.

"For the next ten years or so, the Smokers were held in the old gym, where smoking of cigars created a traditional atmosphere, but was extremely detrimental to the boxers," Burgess recalls. "What a colorful spectacle to see all those lit stogies, many in the hands of giggling little boys; at least they giggled for a while. Incidentally, I still occasionally run into Helena boxing fans of the past who recall the 'good old days' at our smoke-filled boxing arena."

Twenty percent of ticket and concession proceeds went to buy boxing equipment for the program, but the bulk of the revenues benefited Carroll's junior class, which was responsible for organizing the event, including advertising, ticket and concession sales, and gathering donations from local businesses. The undertaking pulled in roomfuls of male and female students, eager to raise as much money as possible through the Smokers to pay for the annual Junior-Senior Banquet.

Over the years, the Smokers also drew the talents of several Carroll legends. Lending their hand at coaching would be two priests: History Professor Jeremiah Sullivan and Mathematics Professor John Redman. Timekeepers included History Professor Tom Clinch, Chemistry Professor Guido Bugni and longtime Carroll administrator Vic Beneventi. Bugni and Beneventi also served as judges alongside



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Biology Professor James "Doc" Manion. Math Professor Al Murray and History Professor Rev. William Greytak assisted in the corners. Because of Carroll President Raymond Hunthausen's immediate and enthusiastic permission to reinstitute the Smoker in 1959, Burgess and his crew named one of the event's student awards, the Hunthausen Outstanding Boxer Trophy, in his honor. The coveted award would go to standout Carroll pugilists over the entire history of the program, with \$100 scholarships later conferred along with the trophy to grateful student winners.

Of all the Smokers' supporters over the years, Burgess credits his wife Dorothy, mother of his eight children, as the most engaged of them all. "She was fascinated with the whole business, but especially with the boxers, whom she appreciated and respected as much as I did," says Burgess. "Before we got very far into a new season, she would know most of them by name, if not personally."

Over the years, through each season of preparing 20, 30 or more students for their three rounds in the ring, the Burgess philosophy always remained the same. It wasn't about "killing the other guy" but instead focused on classic training—both offensively, in throwing effective punches, and defensively, to prevent injury. As Burgess explained in a 1976 Carroll *Chronicle* article, "It isn't that we are encouraging non-aggressiveness, we just are not encouraging the fighters to be animals." While physical examinations, safety equipment and practice sessions were mandatory to take part in the Smokers, brawling was forbidden. Any Smoker

participant caught street fighting was immediately expelled from the boxing program. There were only a few who ever dared to test that rule over the years, Burgess notes, but after they did their Smoker aspirations were over.

“A number of the boxers out are honor students,” Burgess told the Helena Independent Record in 1970.

Hundreds of Carroll and Helena townspeople attended Smoker nights, which were eventually moved to the PE Center upon its completion in 1970. The new venue would admit even more fans. By 1978, the *Prospector* reported that nearly 4,000 attended the event, which brought in \$5,400. A February 1971 *Prospector* article hailed the Smoker as “[p]robably the greatest athletic event on campus during the school year.” The new digs came with new rules that seemed to contradict the very name Smoker. Burgess recounts how Bill Racicot, as director of the pristine new PE Center, would carefully scan the crowd of boxing fans and dash into the stands to confiscate any lit matches or stogies. “He was not about to let anyone smoke anything in his new gym,” Burgess laughs.

By the '70s, Smoker competitors included students from Gonzaga University, Montana Tech, the University of Montana and Western Montana College (later University of Montana-Western), plus a host of Montana Golden Gloves and AAU champions. Celebrities attending the Smokers over the years included Montana Governor Forrest Anderson and former middleweight world boxing champion Gene Fullmer, who handed out trophies and served as judge and referee in 1970 and again in '72.

Gloves with extra thick padding and three rounds lasting one and a half minutes each made the Smokers safer than the bouts at professional and AAU matches. “We used 14-ounce gloves during workouts as well as in the matches,” explains Burgess. “Now, these are big gloves—it’s almost impossible to knock someone out with them. And here’s a feature we liked: all bouts were one and a half minutes, but we trained the kids to go two-minute rounds. This gave them a 30-second edge, which paid off. Part of our philosophy was that boxing was an artistic sport where winning depended on points, not on harm to an opponent. Our guys learned to back off gracefully when an opponent was in trouble—at least long enough for him to get his focus back. Referees were constantly instructed to prevent any harm, especially when one lad would look a bit groggy. Also—and

the fans didn’t even suspect this—if one boxer was getting way too much the best of another, the timekeepers would shave some time off the round. And I have to tell you that all of our lads developed so much respect for one another that they didn’t want any harm to occur. That doesn’t mean that they didn’t give it their all and do what was necessary to win.”

Another part of the preparation regime was the advance experience Burgess arranged for his fighters through pre-Smoker public matches at Helena’s Elks and Eagles lodges, in Lewistown and at the Holy Cross Parish Smoker in Townsend. For a few years,

your opponent, you came to terms with yourself,” Burgess explains. “When our students got through with the boxing program, they walked around campus with great certainty. They knew who they were.”

Some of the Smoker bunch would endure as gifted prizefighters beyond the Carroll ring. Gene Mallette, class of 1971, would not only be the first Carroll student to fight in four-straight Smokers but also earn statewide honors as Montana’s two-time AAU light-heavyweight champion and the Midland Empire Golden Gloves champ (he passed up going to Golden Gloves nationals because it conflicted with Carroll’s



Fighters from the 1975 season. Left to right. Front row: Sharon Egging, Louise Hoffmann, Rob Blotkamp, Greg Harbac. Second row: Bob Cure, Bill Kessler, Jim Wulf, Tom Gillard, Mike Becky. Standing: Coach Hank Burgess, John Zeilstra, Matt Buckley, Frank Gannon, Bob Ouren, Steve Ettien, Paul Heisel, Assistant Coach Joe Hammond. Not pictured: Bryce Bertolino, Dave Young, and Vince O'Reilly. Louie Mudd photo

the coach even arranged fight nights at the Montana State Prison, and reciprocal boxing meets were held at Carroll and Gonzaga. “We boxed annually in the church basement in Townsend for many years, and the local people loved it. Some of our guys still remember the wonderful meals that the parish ladies would have ready after the bouts,” Burgess says.

Apart from the traditional boxing training the program offered, it imparted the most important lessons, inspired by the Greek ideal of sound mind and body, that Burgess sought to teach: self-respect, courage, perseverance, discipline—qualities assuring success in school, career, family life or athletics. “When you got into the ring and stood alone facing

*“When I got in the ring the first time, I thought, ‘Am I nuts?’”
Sharon Egging Gartner*

mid-term exams). Winner of the 1971 Bishop Hunt-hausen Outstanding Boxer Trophy, Mallette parlayed his Carroll business degree into a career as a pilot and president, CEO and director of Alpine Air Express.

Smoker organizer Con Lacey (class of 1960), after earning the Hunthausen Trophy in 1960, would graduate from the University of Washington Medical School and become a doctor. Another boxer turned

doctor was Tim Dernbach (class of 1968). Burgess recalls Dernbach as “a fine boxer who went on to become an internationally noted heart surgeon. Ask me: I know, because he performed a quadruple bypass job on me. I was out of the hospital in three days and was rowing a raft down the Smith River four months later.”

Palmer Hoovestall (class of 1984), winner of the Thomas Clinch Inspirational Boxer Award at the Smokers, would later coach the Carroll fighters and become a Helena attorney. Boxing prepared other future attorneys for the profession: Jerry Loendorf (class of 1961), who had fought Lacey back at the 1960 Smoker, and John Doubek (class of 1973), whom Burgess describes as “the gentleman boxer.” Student-Smoker Neil McMahon went on to become a noted Montana author, with his 2007 novel *Lone Creek* mentioning boxing at a small Helena college under the direction of a tough Irish coach named Jimmy Egan, patterned on the real-life Burgess.

With this cast of characters in this kind of sport, epic war stories were inevitable.

Mallette recalls one particularly memorable fight night in 1969 at the Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge, where he was matched against the toughest inmate in the house. After Mallette’s victory was announced, pandemonium broke out, with inmates throwing chairs and Mallette running upstairs as the guards swarmed the auditorium. “My friends from Carroll were up in the loft with hundreds of inmates down below, and the cons were trying to climb up to get the Carroll guys who were up there egging them on,” Mallette recalls. The next thing he knew he was out in the snowy street freezing in his boxing robe and quickly herded into a waiting vehicle for the dash back to Helena.

“It was an epic fight. They were toe to toe,” adds fellow Smoker participant Kevin Hammond, class of

1969. “That’s when I figured out that I didn’t want to fight Gene Mallette.”

“When we learned to fight with Hank, we learned the straight punch, the basics. When we got in the ring, we noticed no one else had the basics—they had many more fights but only knew streetfighting,” says Mallette, with Kevin Hammond adding, “Hank also taught us how to protect ourselves, parry blows. A good teacher makes a good coach.”

As a senior, Mallette would wow Helena crowds at the 1971 Smoker, where his “revenge” bout was the evening’s feature, pitting him against Pati Talatitii, who had beaten Mallette in Great Falls the previous month to win the AAU light-heavyweight championship. The split decision satisfied Mallette and the roaring spectators that payback time had arrived. “Here was a battle of champions. The PE Center was jam-packed, and what a fight it was!” Burgess reminisces.

“When you got into the ring and stood alone facing your opponent, you came to terms with yourself.”
Hank Burgess

Former Carroll head men’s basketball coach Gary Turcott (class of 1968) recalls Julio Bilbao (class of 1966) as a formidable force, so quick and strong that Burgess had to find a suitable opponent in former Navy boxer and Montana Golden Gloves champ Curley O’Leary, who had 100 fights to his credit as opposed to Bilbao’s one. Their 1966 match was one for the history books. “In the ring for one and a half minutes, it was hard slugging to completely destroy

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Veteran student-fighters gather in the Carroll Corette Library during Homecoming 2010 for the Smoker Reunion



Left to right: Married Smokers Sharon Egging Gartner and Ambrey Gartner at fall 2010 Smoker reunion with 1966 award winner Julio Bilbao

Coach Hank Burgess and his son Tom at the 2010 Smoker reunion





THEATRE ALUM STARS ON BROADWAY

Claire Brownell (class of 2003) recently added yet another role to her growing resume—the classic blonde from Alfred Hitchcock’s thriller *The 39 Steps*. The Polson, Montana, native starred in her first theatrical role as the lead in *Oliver* at age ten. Almost 20 years later, Claire would make her debut on Broadway in *The 39 Steps* beginning in 2008 at the American Airlines Theatre in New York City.

When Claire decided to focus on sports in the seventh grade, she would have never guessed that she would return to the stage, let alone Broadway. Beginning her college career at the University of Montana as an Asian Studies major, she later transferred to Carroll to pursue pre-med. As a new student at Carroll, she really didn’t know anyone, and acting gave her a venue to meet people. Once Claire got a fresh taste of stagecraft, she was hooked for good and has not looked back since. She changed her major

for the last time to fine arts with a concentration in theatre. During her time at Carroll she appeared in an array of productions including *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, *Exit the Body*, *Scrooge the Musical*, *Dancing at Lughnasa*, *Thumbelina*, *When She Danced*, and *An Actor’s Nightmare*. Claire also had the opportunity to tour the state performing *The Lost Journals of Lewis and Clark* as a member of the college’s Masquers of Mimeprov. During her time as an undergraduate, she also worked for

the Montana Shakespeare Company, playing the role of Viola in *Twelfth Night*.

“Theatre quickly became my passion and was my introduction to a wonderful group of friends, friends whom I continue to stay in touch with,” the young actress enthusiastically adds.

Claire went on to American Conservatory Theater for graduate school after Carroll, and she is not shy in crediting her alma mater for her guidance, support and education. “Kim

Carroll College Theatre and Dance Season 2011-2012

Carroll drama, musicals, professional ballet and children's plays light the stage throughout the academic year, with eager audiences always welcome and tickets available at the door.

For complete details on Carroll's season in theatre and dance, log on to WWW.carroll.edu/academics/theatre/season.cc.

Dance

July 27–29, 2011, at the Myrna Loy Center: Ballet Montana, in-residence at Carroll, presents its 17th summer season with *The Inquisition of Don Miguel* and *Cuarteto Romantico*

Theatre

October 2011 in the Carroll Theatre: *The Women of Lockerbie*

A contemporary drama by Deborah Brevoort directed by Carroll Theatre alumna Julia Porter (class of 2005)

November 2011 at the Myrna Loy Center: *A Little Night Music*

A musical with book by Hugh Wheeler, music/lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, based on Ingmar Bergman's film and co-produced with the Helena Theatre Company, directed by Carroll Director of Improv Michael McNeilly

February 2012 in the Carroll Theatre: *Lend me a Tenor*

A hilarious comic farce by Ken Ludwig, directed by Carroll theatre alumnus John Rausch (class of 1986)

March 2012 in the Carroll Theatre: *The Mound Builders*

A drama by Lanford Wilson, directed by Carroll Theatre Director Chuck Driscoll

April 2012 in the Carroll Theatre: *Puss in Boots*

A Carroll Theatre for Children production by Lane Riesley



2011 CARROLL ART GALLERY EXHIBITS

The Carroll Art Gallery (room 034 St. Charles Hall) has released its fall semester schedule of new exhibits. Admission is always free. The gallery is open 9 to 9 weekdays, closed weekends and college holidays.

August 22–September 30: Works by Corita Kent, a member of the Immaculate Heart Community. In partnership with Myrna Loy Center Grants to Artists Program

October 17–December 9: Paintings by religion scholar Lisa Sweet.

Top painting: *madonna of austerities*, 2009, by Lisa Sweet
Bottom artwork: *International Code Series: K*, 1968, by Corita Kent, from the Missoula Art Museum Permanent Collection. (Courtesy of Corita Art Center, Immaculate Heart Community, Los Angeles)

DeLong and Chuck Driscoll, Carroll's theatre directors, were great and always supportive. Improv was very valuable with Michael 'Mokey' McNeilly, as is everything that comes out of his mouth," Claire fondly recalls.

After earning her Master of Fine Arts, she headed straight for New York City to begin auditioning and soon landed her first big break on Broadway as the understudy for the only woman in *39 Steps*, Hitchcock's fast-paced thriller. She would soon move up from understudy to star, taking the Broadway stage around 30 times in the four-person comedy, which demanded quick farce-like costume changes and multiple character roles for Brownell to perfect.

The 39 Steps went on a national tour from 2008 until June 2010, with Claire as the female lead, travelling across the US with the close-knit cast. However, in the midst of daily new experiences, meeting new people and big city bustle, Claire's most treasured experience was seeing her family on opening night. "The first time I performed on Broadway, my whole family from

Montana flew out to watch," she remembers. Her Carroll mentor Chuck Driscoll was on hand to watch Claire in action during the tour's Seattle stop.

Claire hopes to return to Carroll someday to share her passion about acting. In the meantime, she recently finished her role in *Wonder of the World* at the Children's Theatre Company in New York. She also recently finished work with the Occam Rep Theater's production of *Suburban Motel*. This spring, Claire received critical acclaim for her portrayal of Mabel in the Shakespeare Theatre Company's Washington, DC, production of Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband*. This summer, she is playing Hero in *Much Ado About Nothing*, her debut with Shakespeare on the Sound, Connecticut's leading outdoor summer Shakespearean performance company.

"I'm so glad to be working on Shakespearean text again, and I'm hoping to book a few more acting roles in the coming weeks," Claire adds. As if all this wasn't enough, she will take a break from the Bard and Broadway this September when she returns to the Treasure State for her wedding.





SAINTS in Service

[The following features are excerpts of two articles by Carroll student Lindsay Ward first published in *The Prospector* on the Fall Break 2010 service journeys of the Carroll Outreach Team (COT) and Campus Ministry]

Carroll Outreach Team: HONDURAS

Fall Break 2010 saw COT students Cindy O'Boyle, Sarah Potucek and Ally Peterson along with Cole Mannix, the college's assistant director for Guadalupe Hall, journeying to the Hogar Suyapa Orphanage located in the city of El Progreso, Honduras. Trip leader O'Boyle, a class of 2011 graduating senior studying health science, was inspired to bring COT to Honduras after she had spent two months in El Progreso working in the orphanage during summer 2009.

Hogar Suyapa Orphanage, which translates to "hearth" or "home," is comprised of a nutrition center for younger children suffering from malnutrition and starvation and the actual home for orphaned

children. Hogar Suyapa is funded by a parish in Texas and operated locally, with 43 children residing there. On their journey, COT provided new school supplies, such as backpacks and crayons, plus medicine and clothing. The Carroll students found the orphanage lacked basics like Tylenol and socks.

However, COT students not only provided material goods but also spent mornings holding and interacting with the babies from the nutrition center and devoted afternoons to playing with the orphans. "These kids stole my heart," says O'Boyle.

While in Honduras, COT also visited ProNiño, an all-boys orphanage for street children. While taking in homeless children, ProNiño moves older boys to vocational schools so they can find employment. COT faced off with the boys in a soccer match, and according to O'Boyle, "got owned by ten to twelve year olds."

According to Mannix, the most difficult part of the trip was the language barrier, as most of the children did not speak English, but this obstacle broke down during the simple activity of just playing.

(During Christmas Break 2010, COT would journey to Ibagué, Columbia, where they assisted three Montana Dental Outreach dentists providing free care for the poor while staying at Manos Amigos, a shelter for Ibagué's street children.)





CAMPUS MINISTRY: Return to the Blackfeet Reservation

Carroll Campus Ministry's immersion trip to the De La Salle Blackfeet School in Browning, Montana, included nine Carroll students led by Director of Campus Ministry Programs Colleen Dunne. Two Carroll students were assigned to each grade at the school for fourth through eighth graders.

Carroll students from Campus Ministry and from Engineers Without Borders USA: Carroll College Student Chapter have volunteered at the Blackfeet Reservation's De La Salle School for years, so the Fall Break journey was a learning experience offering a chance to renew old friendships. In the classroom, Carroll students offered mentoring, tutoring and assistance with activities. De La Salle pupils enjoyed hearing Carroll students discuss college life and opportunities open to them at Carroll. According to Dunne, the Carroll students learned plenty from the local people, with a tour of the old buffalo jump site and listening to Blackfeet tribal members discussing social justice issues.

"The experience of immersion at De La Salle Blackfeet School and in spending time on the Blackfeet Reservation has been the foundation of a great relation-

ship between Carroll students and students in Browning," says Dunne. "Carroll students engage in an experience of breaking stereotypes through getting to know the students at De La Salle and learning about the commitment of the Christian Brothers, who co-founded the school with Rev. Ed Kohler. This experience has also led to the eighth graders from De La Salle spending a day on Carroll's campus and learning more about the life of a college student."

Carroll's Campus Ministry student ambassadors found the Blackfeet people to be proud and hospitable. "I encourage every person to come experience this place," says senior George Lund, a history for secondary education major hailing from South Bend, Indiana, adding that anyone's "ideas of reservations and Native Americans will be altered forever—for the better."

(A story on the De La Salle Blackfeet School's co-founder Rev. Ed Kohler is included in Carroll Magazine coverage of Commencement 2011, starting on page 14).



EYE ON ALASKA: CARROLL ALUM KAMEY KAPP

Working in the frigid cold of Alaska's northern terrain, Kamey Kapp (class of 2004) commutes from one Eskimo village to the next carrying more than 350 pounds of equipment. She is the only full-time practicing optometrist in the Norton Sound region which spans hundreds of miles.

"Of 36 years of students, Kamey is one of a handful whom I wish I could claim as a daughter," says Dr. John Salzsieder, a professor of physical chemistry at Carroll. "Kamey isn't simply making Carroll proud by being very successful professionally. She embraces life with energy and fearlessness that I envy—her adventures overlapping each other."

This sort of personal connection between professor and student is exactly what Kapp was seeking when she decided to make Carroll her alma mater.

"One of the main reasons I chose Carroll was because of its small class sizes," Kapp says, noting she had grown up in the cozy community of Cut Bank, Montana. "I don't think I really realized until after I'd graduated what a great choice that was. To be able to go and talk to professors and not a grad student like in larger universities was priceless. I really formed some great friendships with some of those professors I still keep in touch with and visit when I am back in Montana to this

day. That same setting is what I looked for in an optometry school."

After graduating from Carroll with a degree in biology, Kapp went on to Pacific University College of Optometry in Forest Grove, Ore., where she earned a Doctor of Optometry degree in 2008. She immediately signed on with Norton Sound Health Corporation in Nome, Alaska.

The Norton Sound Health Corporation is a tribal health consortium owned by the Eskimo tribes in the region. Kapp's hospital is responsible for care in 15 tribal villages plus Nome. The optometrist's typical village visit lasts three to five days at a time, with each village home to between 100 and 900 residents. All of the villages except for one are reachable only by air during the long winter months. Nome itself is also landlocked, meaning the only way in and out is by air. Some of the villages Kapp serves are really out there, with her stop on a

island of Little Diomed only a couple miles away from Siberia, Russia.

"Yes, I really do go out to Little Diomed once a year. It's tricky though," Kapp offers. "It's a village built on the side of essentially a rock. There is a helipad that is used to land a helicopter for mail and supplies once a week, weather permitting, but they do not have passenger service at this time. That means the only time on and off the island except for emergencies is when the sea ice between Big Diomed and Little Diomed freezes over and they plow the snow in a strip for an ice runway. That usually occurs from about the end of March through the end of April."

Despite the exotic, wilderness backdrop, Kapp says her full-scope practice is much like one in the lower 48, such as routine eye care, annual eye exams, and fitting patients with glasses and contact lenses. She takes patients of every age, including infants, treats all forms of eye disease, manages patients with glaucoma

and macular degeneration and performs pre- and post-operative care for cataracts and laser eye surgeries.

"I am often called upon to pull pieces of metal, wood, ivory, and such out of eyes. If there is a true emergency such as a fish hook in the eye or a retinal detachment, we might have to medivac a patient to Anchorage in order to get them there right away—the flight is about 1.5 hours direct," adds Kapp. Enthusiastically, she reports that the new Nome hospital under construction now is slated to open in October 2012. Kapp designed the facility's state-of-the-art eye clinic, complete with its own glasses lab, which will obviate the need to order from out-of-state and streamline deliveries to patients.

With media attention turned more to Alaska over the past few years, one wonders how popular images stack up to reality. Our Carroll grad is the perfect person to ask.

"Life is actually similar to how it is portrayed in the many shows about Alaska. Shows such as *Palin's Alaska*, *Alaska State Troopers*, and *Flying Wild Alaska* all have done extensive filming in and around Nome," Kapp says. "People really do all that stuff on a daily basis. It's not uncommon to be out fishing or hiking and come across moose or bear. I do ride my four-wheeler to work and in villages, as it is the main form of transportation. Few people have vehicles but ride four-wheelers year-

round. When everything freezes over in the winter, travel between villages or between villages and Nome is much easier—just hop on a snowmachine and go!"

After working only one year, Kapp was promoted to director of Eye Care Services in addition to working full-time as an optometrist. "It's a lot like running a private practice without having to always worry about the bottom dollar. I get to concentrate much more on taking care of my patients, which is why I chose optometry in the first place," Kapp says. Her management duties include budgeting, scheduling, hiring and firing. In addition, Kapp is a preceptor for fourth-year optometry students. Up to four students each year spend between 8 and 12 weeks at a time seeing patients under her supervision in Nome and the surrounding villages.

"Giving students the opportunity to experience this type of patient care setting is one way for me to give back to the profession," reflects Kapp, who adds she had done one of her clinical rotations at Native hospital in Bethel, Alaska. "If I had never had that rotation in Bethel, I would never have been aware this type of practice opportunity existed and wouldn't be where I am today."

Nome marks the endpoint of the well-known Iditarod dogsled race, and Kapp has been a race volunteer for

the past three years. She transports visitors by snowmachine (snowmobile) 23 miles to Safety, which is the last checkpoint before Nome, and also transports dropped dogs back to Nome from Safety. She also helps out in the dog lots and by opening her home to visitors. The Iditarod got into her blood, with Kapp now embarking on learning how to mush, and she has her sights set on the dangerous sub-zero race trails next winter.

Summer offers a stark contrast to Iditarod season. Kapp takes advantage of Alaska's 24 sunlit summer hours to load her freezer with salmon and halibut she harvests and with the blueberries, blackberries and salmonberries she picks out on the tundra. She often spends weekends out camping and hiking in the Alaskan tundra.

"We have access to bear, caribou, musk ox, moose, many species of birds, just to name a few. I started setting crab pots out on the Bering Sea ice this winter and was rewarded with many tasty king crabs," Kapp smiles. "There's always something to do: you just have to get out and do it. This is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise."

Adventure, medicine and volunteer service: Kapp's Alaskan life joins her to the family of Carroll Saints who live life to the fullest and give back generously, wherever they are found.

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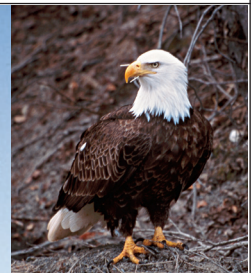
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Photos above, this page and page 15, left to right: Future Carroll graduates prepare for Baccalaureate Mass; Maria Brosnan accepts the Outstanding Teaching Award; Students process into the Cathedral of St. Helena for Baccalaureate Mass; Dr. Zachary Callen (left) with Dean and Senior Vice President Paula McNutt (center) and President Tom Trebon (right); Dr. Patrick Haggarty (left) accepts the Borromeo Award; The Rev. Edward Kohler receives his honorary doctorate; Jade Johnstone (center) with Vice President for Student Life Jim Hardwick and President Tom Trebon. Below, this page: Members of the classes of 1951 and 1961, who are wearing golden graduation robes, returned to Carroll for their 50- or 60-year reunion.

Graduation 2011 Wrap-up

On Saturday, May 7, 2011, Carroll College conferred degrees on 265 graduates during its 101st commencement ceremony held in the PE Center. The ceremony included a number of awards and honors for students, alumni and faculty.

The title of **professor emeritus** was conferred on two retiring Carroll faculty members: **Dr. Richard Lambert**, professor of philosophy for 41 years, and **Dr. Roderick Thronson**, professor of education for 27 years. Assistant Professor of Nursing **Maria Brosnan** received the college's Outstanding Teaching Award, and the Distinguished Scholar Award was presented to Assistant Professor of Political Science **Zachary Callen**.

The Borromeo Award for outstanding service was conferred on the **elementary and secondary Catholic schools of Montana**, with the honor formally accepted by **Dr. Patrick Haggarty**, the superintendent of Montana **Catholic Schools**.

The college presented an honorary doctorate to Carroll alumnus **Rev. Edward Kohler** for his ministry to the Little Flower Parish in Browning, Montana, and his co-founding of Browning's De La Salle Blackfeet School.

The Michael Murphy Award for Outstanding Collegiate Citizenship was presented to nursing and Spanish double-major **Jade Johnstone** for her volunteer work as a leading member of the Carroll Outreach Team, providing medical care to Montana's poor and migrant workers and to the neediest across the globe, including Haiti.





Graduation Award Speeches

BORROMEIO AWARD

“The Borromeo Award is granted to the **elementary and secondary Catholic schools within Montana’s two dioceses: the Dioceses of Helena and of Eastern Montana.** This award recognizes the pioneering work of our Catholic K through 12 institutions of excellence, preparing great minds grounded in Catholic faith and traditions and ecumenically open to children of all faith traditions. We celebrate how these schools have often struggled financially yet managed to set the standard of excellence in their missions, academically with the strictest precollegiate preparation, founded on value-focused learning, moral and spiritual development, and devout care of the whole child. As a private, Catholic, value-centered institution, Carroll College pays tribute to the kindergarten through 12th grade schools who share our sacred calling, our faith and values, and our love of learning for a higher purpose.”

Presented by Carroll Dean and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Paula McNutt

HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

“Just a few years after his 1977 ordination, the **Reverend Edward Kohler** became the pastor of Little Flower Parish in Browning, Montana, an area where 70 percent are unemployed, 30 percent have drug or alcohol abuse problems and nine out of 10 children come from broken homes. With a unique vision of battling poverty, grief and anguish through love and educational enlightenment, he personally campaigned to establish a Catholic school on the Blackfeet Reservation. His campaign has been a vital success, visible today in Browning’s De La Salle Blackfeet School founded by him and the Christian Brothers in 2001 to serve children in grades 4 through 8.

“In the fall of 2010, he received the 2010 Catholic Extension’s Lumen Christi Award, a prestigious national honor conferred annually to a Catholic who has dedicated their life to serving American dioceses in need. As part of the award, Fr. Kohler received \$25,000, which he donated to support the school he co-founded. This award will certainly build on the school’s already inspiring record. To date, 27 of the school’s 29 alumni have graduated high school, an outstanding record compared to the current 56-percent overall high-school graduation rate for Montana Native Americans. Driving this proven success is a simple, elegant philosophy. The motto of the De La Salle Blackfeet School is ‘Building Faith in Education,’ which Rev. Kohler translates into two principles: putting Jesus at the center of each school day and teaching students and their families the value of education for their futures.”

Presented by Dr. John Ries, Associate Professor of Theology and Chair of Carroll’s Department of Theology

MICHAEL MURPHY AWARD

“**Jade Johnstone**, this year’s recipient of the Michael Murphy Award for Outstanding Collegiate Citizenship, is a nursing and Spanish double-major who has turned her academic interests into a life of serving the neediest, wherever they are found. As a founding member of the Carroll Outreach Team, she has provided her healthcare skills on the team’s trips to Colombia, where she served street children over Christmas break, and to Haiti, where she assisted the team in offering dental care for hundreds of the island’s poorest residents. When her return trip to Haiti was cancelled this Christmas due to cholera, she spearheaded a fund drive raising nearly \$1,500 that the team sent to Haiti to treat and prevent the disease. The team’s work continues full-steam, with its members heading off to serve in Honduras after graduation. Closer to home, our award winner has helped the Carroll Outreach Team provide ongoing student volunteer service in Helena at God’s Love homeless shelter, Habitat for Humanity and other worthy causes. Jade has spent her summer vacation employing her nursing and Spanish skills by serving the migrant workers in the Polson, Montana, community.

“Jade has done all this while juggling a daunting academic load and an active competition and training schedule as a star member of Carroll’s fledgling cross country and track teams. She will now be entering another sort of service, accepting the sacrament of marriage with last year’s Michael Murphy Award winner, Mr. **Louis Bartoletti**, class of 2010 and founder of the Carroll Outreach Team.”

Presented by Dr. Jim Hardwick, Carroll Vice President for Student Life



PROFESSORS IN THE NEWS



Brian Matz

Book Publications

In spring 2011, Carroll Assistant Professor of Theology **BRIAN MATZ** announced publication of a book, *Reading Patristic Social Ethics: Issues and Challenges for 21st Century Christian Social Thought, CUA Studies in Early Christianity*, which he co-edited with Johan Leemans and Johan Verstraeten. Published by Catholic University of America Press, the book includes Dr. Matz's article, "The Principle of Detachment from Private Property in Basil of Caesarea's *Homily 6* and Its Context." Also this spring, Dr. Matz received an Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship for summer research to examine Latin manuscripts dating to the ninth century in the archives of Saint Louis University's Vatican Film Library. He reports that this research will culminate in the publication of a first-ever English translation of all the texts associated with the Filioque debate written in the ninth century, which he has been co-authoring with a colleague in Minnesota. The fellowship ran from July 1 to July 15, 2011.



Loren Graham

In fall 2010, Carroll Associate Professor of English **LOREN GRAHAM** announced that his second book of poetry, *The Ring Scar*, was published by Word Press. The sonnet and anti-sonnet poems in the volume tell the story of a divorcing couple, Don and Emmy, and is believed to be the first such poetry book of its kind ever written.

Fulbright Scholars

DR. DEBRA BERNARDI, Carroll associate professor of English, is currently on a Fulbright Lectureship at the L'Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale" in Naples, Italy, where she is teaching American literature. On April 6, 2011, she presented a paper, "The Great Witch: Italy and American Female Desire, 1846–2010," at a colloquium held in Naples with American and Italian scholars. On April 19, she gave a presentation with the same title at Siena College (Siena, Italy) as part of the Siena Italian Studies Program.



Debra Bernardi

Carroll Associate Professor of History **GILLIAN GLAES** was accepted to the highly competitive Fulbright German Studies Seminar "Ethnic Diversity and National Identity" held June 15–25, 2011, in Germany. Dr. Glaes plans to use the experience she gleans from the seminar in her courses, including a fall offering of "Contemporary Europe since 1945: The Cold War in Historical Perspective." She also plans to incorporate material from the seminar into her research and new course development. Only 15 scholars from U.S. universities, colleges and community colleges with full-time teaching appointments and a terminal degree in the field of German or European Studies were accepted to this Fulbright seminar.



Gillian Glaes



Doreen Kutufam

International Presentations and Journal Publications

In January 2011, **DR. DOREEN KUTUFAM**, Carroll assistant professor of communication studies, announced that her paper, co-authored with colleague David Oh, a professor at Dennison University in Ohio, was accepted for the International Communication Association (ICA) conference held in Singapore this June. Their paper is entitled, "The Orientalized Others and Corrosive Femininity: Threats to White Masculinity in *300*." In its letter accepting the Kutufam-Oh paper, the ICA committee said that it had received a record number of submissions and only accepted about half of them.

Carroll Professor of Accounting, Business and Economics **BELLE MARIE** announced in spring 2011 that her article, "Workplace Spirituality," was accepted for publication in the June edition of the peer-reviewed *Culture & Religion Review Journal*. In April, another article by Marie, "Future of the BRICs," was accepted for publication in the June edition of the peer-reviewed *Franklin Business & Law Review Journal*.



Belle Marie

National Awards

In autumn 2010, **DR. BILL PARSONS**, assistant professor and chair of the Carroll Department of Political Science, won the Review of Politics Award for best paper in political theory at the 2010 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. His paper focused on Machiavelli's *The Prince*, and was entitled "Chapter 19 of *The Prince*: Crime, Christianity, and the Challenge of Moral Flexibility."

In March 2011, **KELLY PARSLEY**, Carroll College's sexual safety and wellness educator in the office of Counseling Services and adjunct faculty member in Carroll's Health Sciences program, was awarded the 2011 Outstanding Alcohol and Other Drug Professional of the Year. This award was announced in Boston, Mass., by Outside The Classroom, an organization devoted to alcohol prevention in educational institutions, as part of its annual 2011 Prevention Excellence Awards. Parsley was selected for recognition from candidates across the United States by an independent review panel which evaluated nominees on the degree to which they have impacted student life through visionary and innovative approaches to alcohol abuse prevention. Carroll's comprehensive prevention plan includes the AlcoholEdu online course all incoming freshmen take, plus prevention workshops and training throughout the year. The college's plan also includes the popular Arrive Alive free cab service to reduce drinking and driving. Carroll's Student Activities Office schedules over 200 alcohol-free events during the academic year, including this spring's Junior-Senior Banquet.



Bill Parsons



Kelly Parsley

ANOTHER HOT ONE: Carroll Talking Saints Win 21st Straight Northwest Regional Championship, Top Awards, and Go On to Nationals

The Carroll College **Talking Saints forensics team** has won an unbroken 21-year streak of Northwest Forensics Conference regional titles, with the latest championship earned at the Western Washington University tournament held January 28–30, 2011, in Bellingham, Wash.

The team has not lost a regional championship tournament since October 1990.

Carroll senior sociology major **Kristina Buchan** of Idaho Falls, Idaho, received the Coaches' Commemorative Award given to the most valuable speaker in the region for the 2010-2011 season.

"Kristina is both our president and our most successful speaker this year," said coach Brent Northup, Carroll professor of communication. Buchan won two events, placed second in two others and won a total of eight awards at Western.

Sophomore **Laramy Ayers** of Billings, Mont., won the Orv Iverson Cup recognizing promising young speakers in their first or second year of intercollegiate competition.

The Talking Saints defeated 20 other colleges from nine states at the Western Washington tournament, where Carroll earned designation as a



Kristina Buchan

Gold Medal Program, given to the best forensics programs in the region.

The team's youngest members were a significant part of the latest victory. Carroll newcomers swept the top five spots in novice impromptu. Carroll's six first-year students won 17 of the team's 52 awards, including a win in novice debate by **Kayla Davies** of Northfield, Minn., and **Haleigh Thrall** of Richland, Wash.

"The team's tone is always set by the new members," said Northup.

Sophomore **Chris Axtman** of Portland, Ore., won both open extemporaneous speaking and open impromptu speaking. Senior **Lada Bordewick**, competing in her final tournament, won four awards, including top speaker in International Public Debate. Born in Tver, Russia, Bordewick speaks fluent Russian and Spanish and hopes to pursue a career in international relations, perhaps with a transnational corporation.

"It's very sentimental to have such successful last tournament," said Bordewick. "And I'm very proud of the team."

After the championship win at Western, Talking Saints marched on to earn individual event trophies at the national level. At the National Individual Events championships, held on April 1–4, 2011, at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, Buchan rose to stardom again as she was named an All American. Her All American honors were based on her competitive success, academic achievement and community service record. Buchan also advanced to the quarterfinals in impromptu speaking, winning a national award in that event.

"Kristina had a dream senior year," said Northup. "In addition to her personal success, she volunteered to coach our younger speakers and debaters. She's staying around as an assistant coach next year, and the team is excited she will be on the coaching staff."

Meanwhile, Carroll's top parliamentary debate team of **Forrest Laskowski** and **Ryan Lorenz**, both juniors from Helena, finished in the top 20 of the 150 teams competing at the National Parliamentary Debate Association championships held at Colorado College in Colorado Springs on March 17–19, 2011.

MOOT COURT: TWO YEARS OLD AND ALREADY TOP 25

The Carroll College **Moot Court Team**, coached by Adjunct Professor of Political Science **Tara Harris** (class of 2000), might be only two years old, but it's already hit the big leagues. Team members **Alyssa Morren** (of Conrad, Mont.), and **Kari Rice** (of Helena) competed in the American Collegiate Moot Court Association (ACMA) National Tournament held at Tulane University Law School in New Orleans on January 14–15, 2011, and, after losing close matches to some of the nation's top teams, ended the season ranked in the top 25 nationwide. In December, Morren and Rice had advanced from the regional competition in California, where they competed alongside fellow Carroll moot court members **Ryan Lorenz** (of Helena) and **Miranda Mireles** (of Bellvue, Colorado).

Moot Court competition is simulated legal argumentation before hypothetical appellate courts. The ACMA sponsors the national tournament to enhance undergraduate pre-law preparation through rigorous competition in hypothetical legal cases. Moot court team memberships are prized among law students, and prowess in moot court contests often translates to success in legal, business and political careers. Harris reports that Lorenz, Mireles and Rice plan to attend law school, with Morren headed to graduate school in political science.



Top: Talking Saints and coach Northup, far left Bottom: Moot Court team left to right: Alyssa Morren, Miranda Mireles, coach Tara Harris, Kari Rice, and Ryan Lorenz.



THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE: CARROLL MATH MINDS RISE TO THE TOP AGAIN

In April 2011, the Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications (COMAP) announced the results of the 13th annual Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling (ICM), with a team of three Carroll students finishing in the world's top 2 percent and qualifying for the official designation of "Finalist." The Carroll team included **Jennings Anderson**, a junior math and computer science major from Steamboat Springs, Colorado; **Grant Williams**, a junior math major from Golden, Colorado; and **Bryan Hurtle**, a junior chemistry major from Helena.

This year's ICM contest ran from February 10 to February 14, 2011. During that time, 735 teams of three students each competed worldwide, with 45 teams hailing from the US. Teams researched, analyzed, modeled and communicated a solution to an open-ended interdisciplinary modeling problem. The 2011 ICM problem the Carroll student team tackled focused on the environmental, economic, social and health impacts

on society that would be caused by a rapid conversion to electric cars. Solving the problem involved complex data analysis and creativity, culminating in a prize-winning 20-page report. Top ICM finishers included six teams deemed "Outstanding" in the top 1 percent, and five "Finalist" teams, including Carroll's Anderson, Williams and Hurtle.

Other Carroll teams also entered the Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM), held concurrently with the ICM. The MCM drew over 2,700 teams worldwide, including 347 from the US. A total of 10 Carroll teams, or 30 students, competed in the ICM and MCM, with half of Carroll's students finishing in the top 20 percent.

This year marks the fourth time in the past eight years that Carroll teams have won top 1 percent or 2 percent (Outstanding or Finalist) rankings in the MCM and ICM. Just last year, the team of **Brittany Harris** (of Kellogg, Idaho), **Chase Peaslee** (Helena), and **Kyle Perkins**

(East Helena) achieved Outstanding status with their top 1 percent in the world finish in the 2010 ICM.



Left to right: Williams, Hurtle and Anderson

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OFF LIKE A SHOT: FIRST-YEAR TRACK & FIELDERS QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS & WIN ALL AMERICAN HONOR

Left: Ben Cutler (Tim Fox photo)
Right: Women's Cross Country Team (Tim Fox photo)



It's probably one of the biggest US collegiate sports stories of the year that only a handful have heard: a small team of runners in a first-year track program with no track facility at their college qualifies for the NAIA nationals. And, one of them ends up an All American.

This Cinderella story is Carroll's own, with a fledgling track and field team just finishing up the year with three stars competing at the May 2011 NAIA National Outdoor Championships in Marion, Ind., and five Carroll contestants qualifying for the NAIA National Indoor Championships in Geneva, Ohio, in March. At the latter event, Carroll senior **Shannon Flynn** finished fourth overall in the women's 800 meters and was named an All American.

As for the season-finishing outdoor championships held on May 26–28, Flynn reached the finals and ended her collegiate career ranked eighth in the nation in the 800 meters. She was joined by two Saints freshmen who had automatically qualified for a nationals appearance: **Ben Cutler** and **Rhianna Grossman**. Cutler reached the semifinals in both the 400 meters and long jump, ending the year ranked in the NAIA top 12 for both events. Grossman, who had automatically qualified for nationals in the 1,500 and 5,000 meter races and the 3,000-meter steeplechase, chose to enter the steeplechase exclusively at nationals, where she placed ninth overall in the final race.

"In this first year with so many young students, we were all freshmen from an experience standpoint in indoor and outdoor track and field," says Track and Field Coach Matt Morris. "At the championships, our

students did a great job representing our program and our school in both the indoor and outdoor events. Overall, it was a really good year."

This track and field season of stunning success arrived in the wake of victories recently won by the college's four-year-old cross country squad, which included Grossman's talents. Led by Coach Bill Ballinger, the Saints women's cross country team and men's team standout **Caleb Dietz** qualified for the NAIA national cross country competition in fall 2010. This was history making in its own right, but the team had already reached another historic first, with the women winning Carroll's first Frontier conference championship in cross country. The national meet in Vancouver, Wash., on November 20 ended with Grossman placing 62nd overall while the Carroll women finished the season ranked 20th in the nation—the first time Carroll women's cross country had ever entered the nation's top 25.

Track and field is a revival program at Carroll, with the college having boasted such teams as far back as the 1940s and continuing into the early 1970s. A few track and fielders are enshrined in the Carroll Athletic Hall of Fame, including the late Fr. **John Ward** (class of 1954) and **Dave Roberts** (class of 1972). The 1971 *Hilltopper* yearbook reported "The early graduation date at Carroll, initiated three

years ago, has all but sounded the death knell on the Saints track program. With almost half of the regularly scheduled meets coming after the closing of the school for the year, it has become increasingly difficult to retain the personnel for the entire season." Hence the possible reason for the program's long absence until its 2010 rebirth.

Even today, academic scheduling poses a challenge: the NAIA outdoor track and field nationals this year occurred three weeks after the end of Carroll's spring semester and graduation. This necessitated Flynn sticking around after earning her biology for secondary education degree, which she will use as a newly hired science teacher at Lolo Middle School in Lolo, Mont. Putting in extra time for her team is nothing new for Flynn: before she walked on to Saints track and field, she had already logged four years as a Saints basketball player and three years on the Carroll volleyball team. Cutler also entered the track arena with basketball in the blood, having played for the Saints in 2009 and again in fall 2010.

"The transition was smooth for me," Cutler says of the court. "I'd just gotten done with nationals in Saints basketball, took a few days off and jumped right into track."

While Cutler attributes basketball for honing his

SIX & COUNTING: FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WRAP-UP

THE FIGHTING SAINTS made history again on December 18, 2010, winning a sixth NAIA national football championship, besting the University of Sioux Falls by a score of 10 to 7. Nearly 500 Carroll alumni, parents and friends were on hand in Rome, Georgia, to witness the action live. At 34 spirited game-watch parties taking place all over the U.S., nearly 2,000 alumni, Carroll parents and friends of the college were watching. **Mike Van Diest** was named the American Football Coaches Association's NAIA Football Coach of the Year for the third time and AFCA Regional Coach of the Year for the fourth time.

In all for 2010, 10 Carroll Fighting Saints were declared NAIA All-Americans by Victory Sports Network, with Saints center **Andy Fjeseth** and tight end **Bubba Bartlett** named to the first team offense. Middle linebacker **Thomas Dolan** was honored as NAIA Defensive Player of the Year. **Fjeseth** was also selected as the 2010 Rimington Award winner, making him the most outstanding center nationwide in the Saints' football subdivision. **Bartlett**, a two-time All American, finished out the year at the all-star NFLPA Texas vs. Nation game in early February. (The other two former Saints previously selected

for the Texas all-star showdown were **Casey Fitzsimons**, class of 2003, and **Tyler Emmert**, class of 2006.) Meanwhile, quarterback **Gary Wagner** was selected to play in the all-star Dixie Gridiron Classic in St. George Utah.

focus and concentration, Flynn found basketball, as well as volleyball, enhanced her leadership and teamwork skills, steeling a work ethic based on sheer mental toughness. When racing the best runners in the nation, all of these traits make the difference, as does experience. Grossman, who ran track and cross country since seventh grade, took her pre-existing skill set to the next level as a rookie Racing Saint who is now regarded as a formidable force in collegiate track and cross country, and not just in the NAIA.

According to Morris, the best track and field athletes in the NAIA post wins comparable to those achieved at the national NCAA meets. In certain events, top NAIA track and fielders beat their NCAA contemporaries and compete against Olympic hopefuls filling the ranks of both athletic associations.

"For us to succeed in the NAIA, we have to be NCAA Division I caliber," Morris says. "A top runner in the NAIA would be able to run in the PAC 10. Not all college sports are equal between the NCAA and NAIA, but in track and field the top athletes are equally good."

Morris points out that, for most of the season, the vast majority of Carroll's opponents were Division I colleges, sometimes with Carroll the only NAIA team competing at a meet. At January's University of Washington Invitational indoor contest, Carroll vied against the likes of Stanford and the Universities of Washington and Oregon, all track and field powerhouses. He recalls that after his Carroll runners left the track, onlookers—including some of his coaching contemporaries at other colleges—were scrambling to tell Morris how impressed they were at the Saints' stellar showing, with some of these new admirers having never heard of Carroll College before.

The Racing Saints have come a long way in just a few months. When Carroll's track and field program was first announced over a year ago, the college had no coach and no track facility where its athletes could train. The college resolved the first challenge with its May 2010 hiring of Morris, the interim track and field coach at Western Illinois University and a 10-time Montana Coaches' Association Coach of the Year for his cross country and track and field achievements at Missoula's Loyola Sacred Heart High School. After Morris officially started coaching the Saints last July, he addressed the facility challenge by piecing together scheduled times for the team to practice at the Helena Middle School track, which accommodates a number of local teams and events. However, a steeplechase course, with jumps over water pits and other obstacles, is nowhere to be found in Helena. For Grossman to prepare for this event, the team cobbled together a makeshift course using some hurdles at the middle school. When Grossman ran her inaugural NAIA steeplechase, it was literally her first time on such a course. She took a spill leaping into a slippery pond during one competition round, but immediately rose to best most of the pack. To have Grossman qualify for nationals on a course completely new to her was a staggering delight for the whole team.

"It feels great," Grossman smiles. "Technically, because this is a new team, we're all freshmen, and it's pretty cool to be making history like this."



Rhianna Grossman (Tim Fox photo)



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Left to right: Anthony Brown, Phil Wittman, Jim Trudnowski (Photos by Grant photo), Jerry Pohlman

CARROLL SAYS FAREWELL TO FOUR LEADERS IN 2010

Over the past year, Carroll College has grieved the loss of a former president and three respected faculty members. The prayers of the Carroll family continue to go out to these great Saints, whom we honor in this edition of Carroll Magazine.



MONSIGNOR ANTHONY BROWN

On November 3, 2010, former Carroll President **Monsignor Anthony Brown** died at the Butte Care and Rehabilitation Center, where he had resided for several months. He served as Carroll's chief executive from 1962 to 1969, during which time his leadership would result in the construction of a new wing on Guadalupe Hall (1964), the creation of O'Connell Hall (1966), and groundbreaking for the Physical Education Center in 1968 (completed in 1970). In the process of increasing the college's infrastructure, he established Carroll's Office of Development (1963) and, in the same year, the Carroll College Foundation to raise funds. In 1968, he ushered in the college's first lay board members and expanded the faculty to an all-time high of 77 full-time members, with 24 faculty priests, another record. Over the course of the Brown presidency, enrollment soared to over 1,000 for the first time (1969), and financial aid kept pace, growing from \$20,000 per year to over \$600,000 annually.

A complete retrospective on Monsignor Brown's life appeared in the Summer 2009 edition of Carroll Magazine, with the story archived online here: www.carroll.edu/forms/ministry/AnthonyBrown.pdf.

DR. PHIL WITTMAN

Carroll Professor Emeritus of Political Science **Dr. Phil Wittman** died on June 17, 2010, after a prolonged struggle with frontotemporal dementia. Dr. Wittman taught political science at Carroll for 25 years, from 1982 until his 2007 retirement. He was granted emeritus status at Commencement 2007, with the college particularly citing Dr. Wittman's "fidelity to his mission of chal-

lenging students to satisfy the highest academic and personal standards while maintaining compassion and collegiality toward all members of the Carroll family." According to his Carroll colleagues, he was constantly reworking his courses and his pedagogy, challenging himself to improve students' writing skills by returning student papers replete with his helpful remarks and constructive criticism. Dr. Wittman also developed new courses in the political science curriculum. When informed of Dr. Wittman's impending retirement, a former student wrote "Perhaps the toughest (non-science) course I took at Carroll was his modern political ideologies class... unbelievably rigorous for a 200-level course, but seeing Phil in his Chairman Mao outfit made it go down just a little bit smoother." Dr. Wittman's widow, **Laurie Gaffney**, served the college as the associate director of Counseling Services, with the couple having met at Carroll while Laurie worked as a counselor in the 1990s.

DR. JIM TRUDNOWSKI

Dr. Jim Trudnowski, Carroll mathematics professor emeritus and the college's former dean and academic vice president, died unexpectedly on November 23, 2010, at his home on Helena's Canyon Ferry Lake. He was a 1957 Carroll graduate and basketball Hall of Famer who devoted his professional career to his alma mater, teaching and serving as an administrator at Carroll for over 40 years. His Carroll teaching career began in 1968, and over the years Dr. Trudnowski ascended from full professor to the post of vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college in 1996. After he retired from the vice presidency and dean's office in 2005, he continued on as a professor of mathematics, to the delight of students. At Commencement 2010, he received the title of professor emeritus of mathematics. A few months later, during Homecoming 2010, he was honored with the college's Warren Nelson Award for his devotion to Saints Athletics. A beloved former basketball coach and Saints student-athlete, he was inducted into the Carroll Athletic Hall of Fame in 1981. His widow, **Kathleen Joyce Trudnowski**, RN, serves as the director of the Carroll Wellness Center.

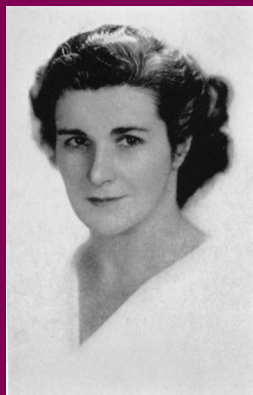
DR. JERRY POHLMAN

On September 4, 2010, Carroll Business Department Chair **Jerry Pohlman** died in an accidental drowning. In 2008, he joined Carroll as an adjunct professor of economics, following a long and successful career in the banking industry. He was well known for his annual community talks on the economy, delivered to standing-room crowds. His economics courses were exceedingly popular, and in the previous year he had established new courses and workshops in not-for-profit management and banking at Carroll along with a business and banking lecture series. In summer 2010, Dr. Pohlman was appointed to an endowed professorship in entrepreneurship at Carroll.

Passing of a CARROLL PIONEER

Madeline “Mary” Nolan Samson, one of two women who were the first to graduate from Carroll College, died on March 24, 2011. Mrs. Samson transferred to Carroll in 1946 and earned a Nursing Education degree, plus minors in clinical nursing and biology in 1948. A pioneering woman of Carroll, her success led to the college becoming one of the first Catholic fully co-educational institutions and its ultimate rise to leadership in the field of nursing. From just two women graduates in 1948, Carroll women now comprise over half of the student body.

Her history-making career was noted on the front page of the *Carroll Prospector* of May 28, 1948, where, in its graduation coverage, the newspaper noted that Mrs. Madeline Samson and Miss Rosaleen Mullen would be the first women to receive their Carroll degrees from the college’s newly launched Nursing Education program. Mrs. Samson’s courage in enrolling and holding her ground as the sole woman in Carroll’s grueling natural science courses was also mentioned in Carroll’s 2010 science movie, *The Carroll Science Century*. Her accomplishment as a Carroll pioneer was also noted in Dr. Bob Swartout’s Carroll history book *Bold Minds and Blessed Hands*.



MADELINE N. SAMSON, B.S.
HELENA—NURSING EDUCATION



Samson at graduation 1948 (photo above) and in front row, third from left during her 60th graduation anniversary in 2008 with the Class of 1958



Shannon Flynn in the lead (Tim Fox photo)

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“And, it’s definitely fun to have someone else to work out with and go to nationals with,” Flynn chimes in.

“We are fortunate to have these students give us a chance to be successful,” Morris adds proudly.

While the winning essence for the Racing Saints has certainly not been easy access to top training facilities, Morris points to his athletes’ personal discipline as the factor that seems to have made all the difference.

“Some track and field events, like the pole vault, require skill and extreme conditioning,” Morris explains. “But, in track running, we draw students who are willing to make sacrifice.” Carroll’s Racing Saints train intensely and live clean, with no alcohol offenses on the team record and no time for hijinks. In addition to practicing and working out around 15 hours a week, the team traveled by car an average of three hours and often much longer for each meet and for both national competitions. The rest of the student-athletes’ time was spent studying, in class, and managing their physical health, a constant responsibility.

“From my perspective, if you’re going to be successful, you have to take good care of yourself in all aspects of life,” Flynn says. “I’m thinking about it all the time—you think about the amount of sleep and water you’re getting, and what you’re eating.”

The high standards for the team have not scared away any prospective Saints racers. While the track and field team this year included 29 students, news of its success has drawn a bounty of new applicants. Enrollment for next year is already up to 35 additional members.

“We have definitely attracted new students to Carroll,” says Morris, “and that fulfills one of the team’s roles of bringing in new students. The growth offers us some challenges, and we’re in the beginning stages of planning for this growth.”

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the opponent,” Turcott says of the bout. “It was the most amazing exhibition of human competitiveness and tenacity.” Bilbao won the Bishop Hunthausen Outstanding Boxer Award for his fine showing in the bout that ended in a draw.

After graduating from Carroll, Bilbao became a principal at a Boise, Idaho, school and would one day be approached by a stranger, a traveling salesman who asked if he was indeed Julio Bilbao. After the startled principal nodded, the salesman recounted how, as a 13-year-old kid, he had attended the Carroll Smoker with his father and had witnessed the greatest boxing match of his life when Bilbao took on O’Leary in ’66. Bilbao smiles at this lasting memory his fight had made and adds with humility, “After the exchange of leather, I didn’t remember a thing about it.”

By the spring of 1984, the Smoker had carried on for 25 years as one of Carroll’s premiere events, and 2,000 were in the stands to celebrate the event’s silver anniversary. Though Burgess had driven the event’s long-lasting success, over the years his student-boxers took over responsibilities and kept the program marching on. One of these was Bishop Hunthausen Outstanding Boxer Trophy winner Joe Hammond, class of 1972, later succeeded by another Hunthausen Trophy recipient Walt Chancy, class of 1975, and Pete Glueckert, class of 1980. Burgess calls his successors “a coach’s dream” and placed his full confidence in them to carry on the Smoker tradition.

Though the Smoker was as popular as ever and new coaching talent was stepping up to carry the torch, boxing’s days at Carroll were numbered. By fall 1984, safety concerns caused the college administration to shut the program down, with Carroll President Frank Kerins announcing that the decision was based on new medical findings about the prevalence of brain injuries in pro and amateur fighters. A committee—including student, faculty and community representatives, a former boxer, a board of trustees member and a doctor—was convened to reexamine the decision. Yet, under student protest, the Smokers were TKOed.

In September 2010, Homecoming weekend featured a Smoker reunion, drawing 30 former Carroll boxers to campus to honor their beloved coach, Professor Burgess. The program’s lifeblood was visibly moved by the tributes voiced during an impromptu reminiscing session. “My admiration for you has never waned,” Burgess said to the crowd, many of whom were watching him with tear-filled eyes. “You are my heroes since you were young. It took courage to step into the ring, and you were never more alone than when you were in the ring.”

That aloneness—of standing solo facing your oppo-

nent—was a teaching moment in itself, as Ambrey Gartner, class of 1974, remembered of his three years in the Smokers. “The first fight I was in was an exhibition in Lewistown my freshman year. Hank said ‘Don’t get too excited about an exhibition. You’re just going to spar.’ He must not have told the other guy.”

Gartner would be one-half of Carroll’s only husband-and-wife Smoker team in the making. Sharon Egging Gartner, an accounting major from the class of 1976, boxed in the 1975 Smoker. She and fellow Carroll accounting major Louise Hoffman (class of 1977) were the team’s only two women after two other female students dropped out during the season. Sharon credits Burgess for his daring in training women fighters and in standing up to boxing officials who had threatened to refuse sanction for the Smokers if women were on the fight card. “Hank stood up for women over the objections,” she says. “He stood behind us and encouraged us.”

Why, with external opposition and the inherent danger of the sport, would a woman want to enter the ring?

“We decided to train with the guys and really do the real thing,” Sharon recalls, explaining that, while they prepared along with the male students, the two women ultimately squared off against each other on fight night. “When I got in the ring the first time, I thought, ‘Am I nuts?’ But, we had talked about it enough that there was no backing out for us. And, if I dropped out, Louise would have no one to box with.” Their perseverance ended in the two women not only presenting the first-ever co-ed bout at a Carroll Smoker but also fighting exhibition rounds at the Holy Cross Parish Annual Smoker and the Eagles Smoker, all in the span of a few spring weeks in 1975. As Burgess told the *Helena Independent Record* at the time, “These girls are taking this opportunity very seriously and the fight is not a joke. They really knock heads and swing with meaning.”

A chemical engineer and an accountant, respectively,

Ambrey and Sharon came all the way from Hastings, Minn., to attend the Smoker reunion, and they did so with a single shared reason. “We came here for Hank,” Ambrey asserts.

In the Smoker’s twilight years, Michael Sullivan, class of 1985, joined Carroll’s boxing squad with skepticism. He remembers that, entering the gym the first time, he didn’t see any gloves or any bag in the corner, and asked, “Aren’t we going to box?” Coach Burgess told him that, first, he needed to learn the art of boxing.

“These were the same principles as a liberal education,” Sullivan said at the reunion. “It’s just you in the ring. We learned courage, humility, self-confidence and a sense of perseverance. If you learn these things, there are a lot of things you can accomplish in life.” The experience ended up giving Sullivan all of this and more: with Burgess as inspiration, Sullivan decided to major in English.

“The lessons learned from Carroll’s boxing program, however, were not how to punch or take a punch, but how to face difficulty with courage and grace, how to be adversarial without being abrasive, how to be oppositional without being obnoxious,” reflected Palmer Hoovestall at the reunion. “We learned that we could take a punch without going down, that getting a bloody nose wasn’t all that bad, and that we could still strive to succeed when it wasn’t so easy to do.”

As for Burgess, every punch and every tear of sweat produced by 25 years of Smokers has become an enduring and unforgettable joy, and he remembers those days and the brave student-boxers that illuminated them with reverence. “As far as I’m concerned, the Smoker years were the Golden Age of athletics at Carroll,” Burgess says. “From the students to the faculty and staff, everyone got involved in it. And these lads and lasses in the Smokers went on to become our priests, doctors, lawyers, teachers, social workers, nurses and all sorts of other quality professional people. God bless ‘em. I loved them dearly and still do.”

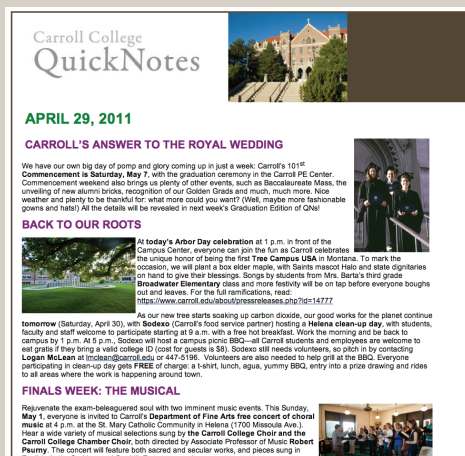


Eric Miskow and Scott Fitzpatrick in a 1982 bout.

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