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**Department of English and Philosophy**

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**Past Events**

1. On 6 October, cadets from the Studio Arts Forum, which is part of the Department of English and Philosophy's Cadet Fine Arts Forum, escorted Mr. Mort Walker during the Army vs. Boston College football game. Mr. Walker is the creator of the "Beetle Bailey" and "Hi & Lois" comic strips. Accompanying Mr. Walker were his two sons, Brian and Greg, who serve as "Beetle Bailey" story-boarder and co-artist, respectively. At the age of 89, Mr. Walker still remains actively involved with "Beetle Bailey," which has a readership of approximately 30 million people and receives approximately 20,000 emails per week. The Walkers signed autographs for fans in Black Knight Alley and attended the football game, where Beetle Bailey and Sarge competed in the third quarter mascot race.



*Brian Walker, Mort Walker, and Greg Walker (seated L-R) with Mort Walker's most famous creations, Beetle Bailey and Sarge.*



*CDT CJ Koch (2015) transformed his dress white cap into a true work of art.*

2. On 12 October, Dr. Marc Napolitano presented his paper, "Guidance from the (m)other side: deceased mothers as moral guides in Dickens and Rowling," at the Midwest Popular Culture Association/Midwest American Culture Association conference in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Napolitano's paper analyzed the use of Dickensian/Victorian conventions in the fiction of Rowling, specifically in regard to the depiction of the inherently goodhearted orphan protagonist and the idealized deceased mother.