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Um, Nevermind

Editors

Snowflakes

ed that we all go “f**k ourselves.” Thanks guys, but we’re all okay! Appreciate the concern though.

We took very seriously J_O_H_N’s suggestion on wbur.org’s comment section to rename ourselves *The Inquisition*. Thanks man, appreciate your input. Definately worth put-

Maybe we do need a class in it! Shoutout @hcregistrar!!!!

Arlene G., also on the Telgram’s website, wondered out loud: “Going to redact all the history books now?” Arlene, we’re with you. We tried to redact all the books, but the books resisted redacting. Maybe we also

But boy would be reminded of why we were so wrong to begin with! Another rando on Facebook (shoutout for not using your real name, the Russians def won’t know who you are ;)) boldly stated “What kind of human garbage spends their time campaigning against Team Logos while millions are held in slavery all across the globe?” Honestly, they’re right. We were goddamn ashamed. This comment really hit home for us. What were we thinking?

Thus we are happy to announce that we are *The Crusader* again, but only for this one week because we will inevitably give in to the liberal bullies protesting outside our door as we type this. Oh no, they’re trying to break down the door. They’re shouting really loud! “HILLARY 2016, HILLARY 2016, HILLARY 2016” AHHHH IT’S DEAFENING. THEY’RE IN! FUUUUUUUUUUCCCCCCCC DBHBDHBAJBHDHKBABHJB-JHBAVKJBNAUFHUFGAD-KBFADDBABVKADBVRB-

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

Holy Cross student paper does away with ‘Crusader’ moniker because ... warfare

Shit, they got us

ting in the bank for our next name change.

BossTweed’s comment on the Telegram’s website, which suggested that “Thes (sic) ‘students’ need a class in how to put steel into their spine,” really made us think. Like really- wow. Thanks a lot dude! We actually called a meeting for this one. There are now scars on multiple peoples backs and it’s all quite sad. Why would you make such a painful suggestion?

need a class in redacting books @hcregistrar.

A lad on Facebook exclaimed “Not sure what a spire is but I may be offended.” Well, sir, with all due respect, if you don’t know what a spire is, maybe there are some bigger issues you should be tackling. Ultimately, though we know we made a deplorable decision in renaming the paper, this particular comment did not sway us.

College Announces Plans to Change School Name

Joy Behar

Dedicated Journalist

On Thursday, Apr. 12, the College of the Holy Cross administration and Board of Trustees announced that effective this July, the College will change its name to the College of Worcester on the Hill. The College also revealed plans to “gradually phase out” all Catholic and cross-related imagery on campus.

“The Board tasked our administration with assessing all visual representations of the Holy Cross, to ensure they align with our definition of what it means to be a Jesuit school in the Catholic tradition. That definition is based on a contemporary understanding of the term ‘Holy Cross,’ which suggests Islamophobia, Christian privilege, white privilege, male privilege, cisgender privilege, heterosexual privilege, misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, [...] and other means of exclusion. So, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees, I decided that, based on this definition, it is in the College community’s best interest to disassociate with the ‘Holy Cross’ phrase and symbol altogether,” Fr. Philip Boroughs, SJ, President of the College, wrote in a statement.

Following the College’s decision to discontinue its use of the Crusader mascot and the controversy surrounding Professor Tat-Siong Benny Liew’s denouncement of Jesus Christ

as a “drag king” last March, many have called the College’s identity as a Catholic institution into question. In response, Dean Margaret Freije, Dean and Provost of the College, said, “Our identity as a Jesuit institution informs and influences all that we do at the College. And when I say ‘Jesuit institution,’ what I really mean is ‘deteriorating secular institution that uses the Jesuit label as a cover to ignore Catholic doctrine and push a leftist political agenda.”

“We teach our students to engage deeply, to think critically, and to examine subjects from a variety of perspectives. And when I say ‘a variety of perspectives,’ what I really mean is ‘a set of predefined politically correct perspectives that are in fact not engaging in any sense of the word,” said Freije.

Many students and faculty members on campus have commended the College’s decision. “The name ‘Holy Cross’ is offensive and demeaning. I feel as though the College of Worcester on the Hill is a much better option that offends no one and represents all community members,” said a first-year student.

“Moving forward, the College will replace all crosses and religious paraphernalia with an assortment of various items. First, we will implement rainbow colored globes across campus to represent our community’s resolved commitment to mul-

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Well, shit. The rumors are true. We’ve decided to rename ourselves again. During a meeting last week, without any prompting, our editorial board audibly sighed in unison, “fuuuuuuuuuckkkkkkk.” That’s honestly all it took. Everyone who was angry online was right. We are now *The Crusader*. Remember all that stuff about not wanting to be associated with massacres and conquest? Yeah, nah. After really not thinking about it for a few months, and with maybe a few too many brews consumed, the editorial board simply felt that we were wrong and that the angry people online were right.

After realizing we had been entirely wrong the whole time, we decided to consult the internet to figure out our next steps. We consulted scores of online comments, taking into account every suggestion. Well, every one excepting the many that suggest-

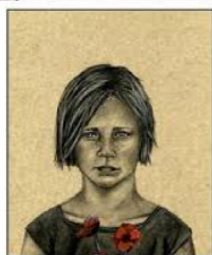
‘The Fenwick Review’ to Change Name to ‘The Crusader’

Milo Yiannopolous

“Free” “Speech” “Advocate”

Following over a year of controversy regarding the Holy Cross student newspaper editorial board’s decision to debate and ultimately change its name from *The Crusader* to *The Spire*, *The Fenwick Review*, the College’s “independent” journal of “opinion,” has announced that they will henceforth adopt the name *The Crusader* for their publication.

As explained by current co-editor-in-chief of *The Spire*, James Gallagher, in the announcement of the name change, the editorial board’s decision to reexamine the name *The Crusader* came after nearly 50 faculty members signed a letter submitted to the editors last year, expressing concern over rising xenophobia in American politics and an association with a Ku Klux Klan-sponsored newspaper of the same name. After a year of discussions and debates among the editorial board and the campus community, the name was ultimately changed to *The Spire*, and, as Gallagher wrote in his announcement, “this newspaper, whether called *The Tomahawk*, *The Crusader*, *The Spire* or *The Purple People Eater*, will continue to deliver journalism and opinion with integrity.”



Quod Veritas Pulchrum
— MARGARET FREIJE

Muslims or so, but we as straight white men have been just as persecuted,” said a representative from the Review’s editorial board, who wished to be identified as “A Concerned Citizen.”

“Also,” he added, “This is going to look way better on our applications to be propagandists for ‘Fox & Friends.’”

Professor David Schaefer of the Political Science Department, faculty advisor to *The Fenwick Review*, or *The Crusader*, I guess, could not be reached for comment.

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Ye Olde Decree of Thine Student Parliament

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

RSO Spotlight: Students for Chairlifts

The senate recently approved a new student group, Students for Chairlifts. Composed of three dedicated freshman, SFC wants to install a chairlift to bring students directly from Kimball to Hogan three, with stops at Fenwick and Dinand.

New Senator

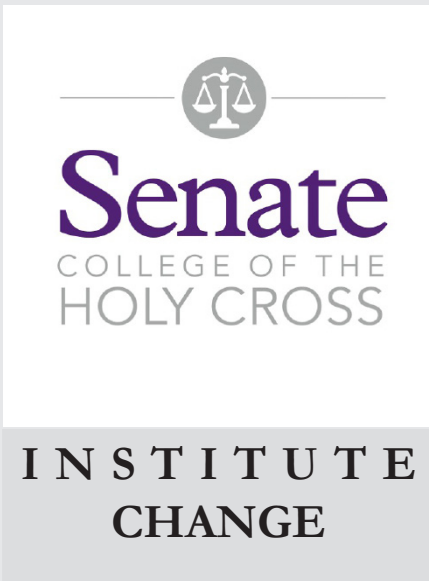
A news member has been appointed to the SGA Senate: Cliff the Spire Staff Mongoose.

2018-2019 Budget

All 2018-2019 RSO funds have been allocated to the Fenwick Review for its admirable pursuit of journalistic integrity and informed opinions.

New Scheduling software

The Senate has passed a bill to revise scheduling procedures after multiple mix-ups culminated in a stand-off between College Republicans and LASO after the two groups booked the same room at the same time.



New Requirement

The senate has partnered with advancement to establish a new work requirement. All students will be required to spend 53 hours a week selling candy bars in the bookstore. Because of this, administration has agreed to raise tuition by only 34 percent rather than the proposed 35 percent.

Housing changes

Due to the overwhelming size of the incoming freshman class, Res Life has been forced to create new housing where it should not exist. An unlucky 100 students will sleep on army cots in the fieldhouse, while a lucky forced quad will move into the exorcism room.

After retiring from his position as mascot, Iggy the Crusader is now the Communications Clerk. Check back weekly for more Senate-specific updates and initiatives to make student life easier on the Hill.

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Photo Courtesy of Holy Cross
The Theatre Department, pictured here performing "RENT," was forced to make serious cuts to its budget.



Photo Courtesy of Holy Cross
Global Warming, amirite?



YO HOLY CROSS
I HERD YOU
LIKE MASCOTS
SO I PUT A
MONGOOSE IN
YOUR CAR SO
YOU CAN MON-
GOOSE WHILE
YOU MASCOT



Photo Courtesy of Holy Cross
Angry alumni delivers lecture on "Why the Crusades Weren't Actually That Bad !!"

His Eminence, Fr. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J. joined students in festivities on Caro Street this past weekend, pictured here doing a keg-stand with assistance from members of the football team.



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Holy Cross to Implement Cyber-Security Measures to Prevent Russian Hacking

Not Vladimir Putin
Not the President of Russia

In light of the ongoing investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election, Holy Cross President Rev. Philip Boroughs, SJ, announced on Thursday that the College's IT department will implement stronger cyber security measures in order to prevent the campus from being affected by any future foreign interference.

Teper' ya naberu ostavshuyusya chast' stat'i na russkom yazyke. Eto budet zabavno, potomu chto khorosho, da, eto prosto zabavno, mne deystvitel'no ne nuzhna prichina, chtoby eto bylo zabavno. Eto prosto zabavno, konets istorii. No ser'yezno, russkiye, veroyatno (pochti navernyaka), pytalys' vmeshat'sya v nashi prezidentskiye vybory v 2016 godu mezhdru gossekretarem Hillary Clinton i Donald J. Trump. Prezident Trump i yego soobshchniki, veroyatno, vstupali v sgovor s Rossiyei ili, po krayney mere, sderzhivali pravosudiye. Eto v nastoyashcheye vremya rassleduyetsya spetsial'nym

advokatom Robert Mueller.

"Eto poddel'naya tsitata, chtoby sdelat' stat'yu pokhozhey na to, chto ona na samom dele chto-to govorit," skazal otets Boroughs v elektronnom pis'me, razoslannom

nologiya Kolledzha byla vospriimchiva k pomekham, po slukham, prezident Rossii Vladimir Putin peredal cherez sekretnyye obratnyye kanaly s Boroughs, a takzhe pomoshchnik dekana studentov

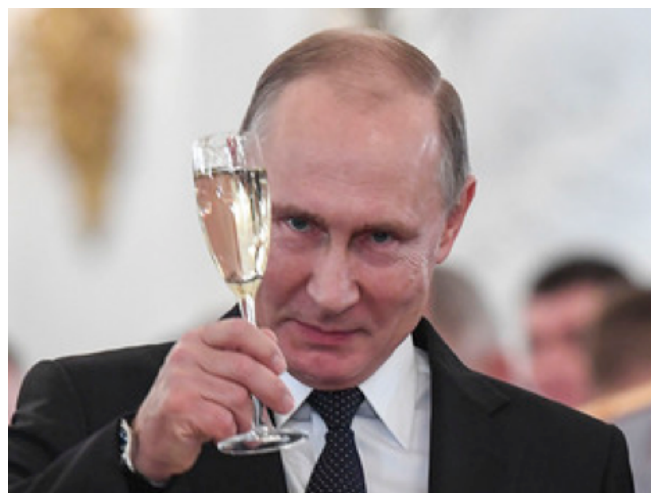


Photo Courtesy of The Economic Times
Vladimir Putin, who definitely did not write this article.

vsemu soobshchestvu Holy Cross. "Ya ne sgovorilsya s Russia! Nikakogo sgovora!"

Nesmotrya na to, chto eti izmeneniya byli vvedeny v deystviye, chtoby ne dopustit', chtoby tekhn-

Paul Irish, soglasno istochnikam James Gallagher i Jack Godar, glavnyy redaktor The Spire.

Ya ne znayu, chto yeshche skazat' dlya ostal'noy chasti etoy stat'i, no yey nuzhno vstretit' slovo, naschi-

ter. Lastly, we intend to replace our current logo, a purple shield, with an image of Professor Tat-Siong Benny Liew's face. This will represent our community's tolerance of heresy and support of anti-Catholic academic freedom. I

understand these decisions will be a disappointment to some of you but I trust our community's support for the College as well as our donations from alumni will continue unwaveringly," wrote Boroughs. Although the name change will

not take effect until July 1, removal of crosses and religious symbols across campus is expected to begin as soon as next week. Additional information can be found on the College's website.

Interesno, smozhet li kto-nibud', kto govorit po-russki, potratit' vremya na perevod etoy stat'i. Teper' ya sobirayus' brosit' kuchu slov Cambridge Analytica, chtoby rasskazat' o tekushchem voprose Mark Zuckerberg a o vmeshatel'stve Jared Kushner. Donald Trump deystvitel'no razdrzhayet Twitter. Interesno, yest' li u ottsa Boroughs svoi lichnyye sotsial'nyye seti. Vot yeshche neskol'ko slov Clinton. Kogda-to byla Ivanka Trump, i yeye otets skazal mnogo zhutkikh veshchey. Interesno, chto takoye Stormy Daniels, mozhet byt', The Fenwick Review budet znat'. Naskol'ko nam izvestno, stolovaya Kimballa mozhet byt' mestom sgovora.

Mne deystvitel'no nechego smeyat'sya, chto ya mogu pridumat'. Da, ya dumayu, chto eto smeshno, no i inostrannoye pravitel'stvo ser'yezno pytalos' i, vozmozhno, preuspelo v vmeshatel'stve v nashi prezidentskiye vybory v 2016 godu. Pozhaluysta, Robert Mueller, vy - nasha yedinstvennaya nadezhda.

Holy Cross to Unveil Highly-Anticipated Non-Athlete Gym in Secret Fenwick Tunnel

Emily Kulp
Senior Copy Editor

This past week, Holy Cross announced its plans to unveil its newest addition to student recreational life: the Non-Athlete Gym, located in the secret tunnel beneath Fenwick. This gym comes after much pushback from disgruntled non-student-athletes who criticized Holy Cross' decision to make many areas of the Luth Athletic Complex available only to athletes.

Until now, the Field House Gym was the main gym available to non-athletes. Yet the poor conditions of this gym and its lack of adequate equipment was a subject of much contention among non-athletes who enjoy working out. Plans to improve the Field House Gym even factored into the recent SGA elections, with candidates promising to make the gym better for non-athletes.

But now there is no reason to worry about the appalling conditions of the Field House Gym, with the opening of the new non-athlete gym located in Fenwick's secret underground tunnel. A member of the Holy Cross Executive Board said, "We're really excited to provide this new exercise space for our students. It's a great way to put their tuition dol-

lars to work."

The first students to experience the gym had varying reactions. One simply described the space as "damp." Another said, "Looks like no one's been down here since the school was founded," suggesting that the tunnel may be the only space that survived the legendary 1852 Fenwick fire. Still another student praised some of the gym's

In an interview, the Executive Board told us that the great conditions of the new gym are not all it has to offer. A member said, "As an extension of our 'We are Holy Cross Crusaders' fundraising campaign, we are asking students to donate to the College for the exciting opportunity to have the new gym named after them." The executive board described this op-

portunity as "kind of like" how John and Joanne Luth donated \$32.5 million for the athlete-only Luth Athletic Complex.

As if this exciting opportunity weren't enough, the Executive Board also told us that there will be "free laundry facilities" available in the new gym. They expressed their excitement that students would be able to do laundry for "free," not mentioning the \$250 laundry fee added recently to tuition, but instead emphasizing the "convenience" of students not having to bring bags of loose change down into the tunnel, which could easily "roll away down the tunnel's twists and turns."

This new non-athlete gym is clearly a thrilling addition to Holy Cross' student activity resources. The Executive Board predicts non-athletes will soon be flocking to the tunnel to get in a workout, whether for a short jog through the underground space's moist pathways, or to lift some of the new sets of weights in the gym, which one student described as "just rocks."

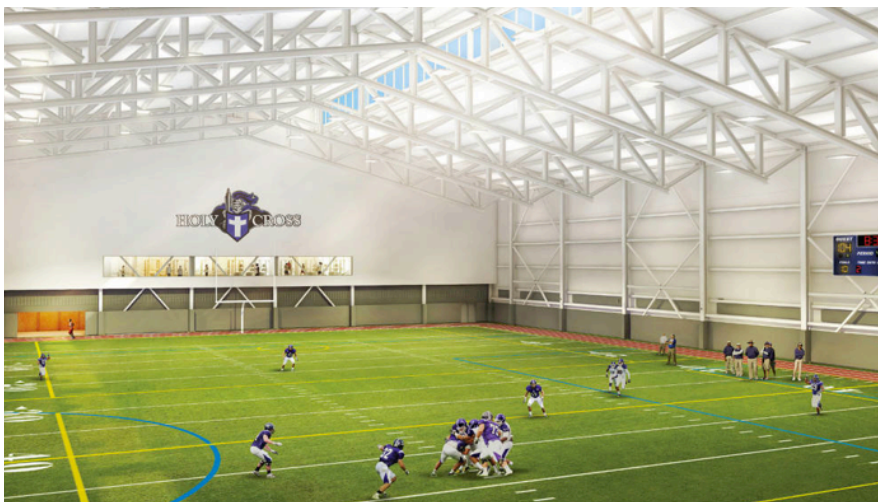


Photo courtesy of stopholycross.com
The new gym for the non-athlete peasants of Holy Cross is in the scenic not-at-all moldy Fenwick tunnel and looks more or less (less, definitely less) like the Luth Athletic Complex, pictured above

positive aspects, saying it "looked like there was something resembling gym equipment down there" and that the complete darkness made it easy to not worry about the judging eyes of others while working out. A junior simply said, "I knew the tunnel was real!"

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PubSafe Blotter

Friday, April 6

Science Complex: A freshman English major visited the building(s?) for the first time in search of the Science Cafe. Her friend alerted officers when she didn't show up for their scheduled lunch and could not be reached for hours afterward. The student has yet to be found.

Caro St.: A first-year student was rushed to the hospital on Saturday night, exhibiting symptoms of hypothermia after he was found wandering Caro Street, hoping to be let in to a party.

Sunday, April 8

Mulledy Hall: The basement floor was flooded after a freshman couldn't avoid doing laundry any longer. The student chose to shove all of his clothes, sheets and towels in one machine with 30 Tide Pods on the highest possible settings.

Monday, April 9

Fenwick Hall: Administration received multiple threatening phone calls from alumni following news that students were participating in the "condom challenge." Callers informed officers they were ashamed of the school's lack of respect for its Catholic heritage.

Tuesday, April 10

Kimball Quad: Parents of prospective students were rushed to the hospital after being unable to make the climb from Kimball back to their cars at Hogan 3.

Cool Beans: Officers had to forcibly remove a sophomore student panhandling for "spare dining dollars."

Stein Hall: Officers broke up a skirmish between a Fenwick Review reporter and a self-described "raging feminist bitch" Spire reporter over "the sacred vow of journalistic integrity," after a copy of the "independent" journal of "opinion" was placed on the Spire reporter's table.

Thursday, April 12

Hogan: Officers responded to a call from Hogan 235 and desperately tried and failed to revive Comedy after it was killed by two hapless editors (you know who you are) of The Spire in their attempts to write 12 pages of "Eggplant" articles in one night for this edition.

Opinions

See What Other Students Are Thinking
Around Campus...

1972

“To unapologetically ignite, and together, rise”

“We Are Only Given What We Can Handle”: “1972” Moves to The Fenwick

Carly Priest '18
Opinions Editor

Since the fall of 2016, “1972” appeared as an every-issue column in the Spire. While I authored many of the articles, several students and members of faculty also contributed their voice and insights to “1972,” bringing campus attention to a myriad of social justice issues, on and off campus. Though I have not had trouble sourcing content or authors for the pieces featured in “1972,” heretofore I was unable to find a student willing to commit to the time commitment of writing weekly articles notable for their Divinely-Inspired content and their call for political mobilization. Apparently, few students want to commit to a stream of outraged response articles to their writing, or the influx of poorly-punctuated comments that surface on the Spire website and Facebook pages underneath my “1972” articles.

Which is why I am today delighted to announce that in an unprecedented (and unconfirmed) move,

“1972” will leave its home at the Spire and become a regular feature in The Fenwick Review.

Hear me out: Candidly (and graphically) phrased, I birthed “1972” and do not want to watch my greatest HC legacy that people have called “shameful” and “bad writing” die upon my graduation in May. If someone asked me a year ago if I thought “1972” would leave the Spire and join The Fenwick Review, I would have responded with an incredulous “no way.” Today I say yes way. To those of you still on the fence about this

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momentous and hotly-contested change in the publication of “1972,” fear not. Let me assure you, dear reader, that the content and tonality of “1972” will remain the same, even at its new home. The only shifts I foresee will be in the relative ease with which people may access “1972” articles (previously hosted in The Spire) and rebuttals to “1972” articles (frequently appearing in The Fenwick Review), which will (I foresee) will be printed in the same volume.

Like the Editors and writing staff of The Fenwick Review feel about the words they

produce, I believe “1972” offers a platform of truth-telling, political stewardship, and civic responsibility. It should also be mentioned that this development would not have been possible but for the persistency of The Fenwick Review’s benefactors, many of whom I count amongst my loyal readership.

Who was it that once said, “We are only given what we can handle”? The content regularly featured in The Fenwick Review leads me to confidently believe that the Journal can handle the diverse and multifaceted issues and conversations surrounding equity and inclusion that “1972” places at the forefront of its focus.

Or not. Happy Eggplant Edition!

photo credit: Fenwick Review and The Spire's wondrous layout team

“But I will not be withdrawing my \$20 annual donation”: Former Editor Looks Back, Reminds Us Good Things Were Around Here

Brendan P. Higgins '15,
Former “HerCampus Cutie,” FMOC

Well well well, what do we have here. I leave this newspaper for six measly semesters and the whole school has gone to hell. The mascot may or may not have been changed, the new school seal still looks like a butthole, and my dear friend Coach Barry Parenteau, the only active faculty member who was alive for the Crusades, has retired after forty three years. Things are changing on old Mount Saint James and in this former editor’s opinion it sure isn’t for the better.

Worst of all I can’t go two days without a distant relative emailing me a malware laced link from a blog telling them that Holy Cross’ “Gender Obsessed Chair of New Testament” is teaching kids that Jesus wasn’t white and how THAT is exactly what is wrong with liberal fake news college professors today. (No surprise to find out the Fenwick Review was behind that one, glad to see my old adversaries plan on following me to the grave. May they continue to think that adding latin phrases to an articles makes them intellectuals for all of eternity.) It all just leaves such a sour taste in my mouth... man,

things were just so much better back when I was at Holy Cross.

And I am not the only perturbed alumnus, oh no no no. Several times I’ve opened group chats only to see friends linking to articles about Holy Cross captioned “what???” or even worse, “SMH”. In true Holy Cross fashion they

tively just marketing and promotional material for the athletic department and turned it into a full blown schoolwide identity crisis. Truthfully, being a noted feminist writer on campus, I always found the Crusader mascot to be rather exclusionary. The Pope employed thousands of thugs, mercenaries,

And you can tell everyone is piping angry because only 5,916 alumni donated to the Crusader fund on April sixth. Imagine the money that the anonymous alumni (who I can only assume was The Banker from Deal or No Deal) woulda coughed up if we had been able to get to six thousand

to preside over what is undoubtedly the most embarrassing year in the history of our college.

All that being said I would like to announce that I will not be withdrawing my \$20 annual donation. Nevertheless these recent changes have driven me from being the “enthusiastically talks about the college to the phone-a-thon kids” type of alum to the “says he has to run to dinner and can’t donate right now before sneaking a complaint in and hanging up abruptly on the phone-a-thon kids, only to then later feel bad about the whole situation and donate online” type. And sure, if the basketball team made the tournament next year I would forget this ever happened, singing Holy Cross’ praises to the high heavens regardless of what mascot ended up on the front of the jersey. But until Bill Simmons is willing to be the booster the program needs to take us to the next level my donation is at risk. And besides, I am not surprised. Clearly the best time to be at Holy Cross was the exact four years I happened to be there. Guess I just got lucky.



found a way to make everyone, regardless of how they felt about the mascot issue, feel like rug was being pulled out from under their feet and their feet alone. The people who wanted a name change still have to chant “Go Crusaders” at diving meets and the people who wanted it to stick around felt like a repo group came and stole it in the middle of the night. They have somehow taken what is effective

and killers in the Crusades and not a single one was a woman. How could our female athletes be represented a mascot that quite literally kept women out of the fight? I suggested we change our moniker to a military or militia that let both men and women get in on the bloodshed, and yet all my suggestions were received even worse than the actual mascot change. Go figure.

people. Back when I was here we woulda gotten six thousand donors, EASY. Sure Holy Cross may have broken some donation record with that April 6th event, but only because my class didn’t have the opportunity to set the record back in the day. I gotta imagine whoever came in second in the student council election is probably grinning ear to ear every day after narrowly avoiding having

A Definitive List of Things that Would Make a Better President than Donald Trump

Maggie Connolly '21
Opinions Editor

As we all may know (and many of us refuse to accept) Donald Trump is currently the President of the United States. Although Hillary Clinton was Trump's major opponent in the 2016 election, I am sure many people, democrats and republicans alike, could think of several things that would make a better president than Trump. So, today, I am here to give you a list of ten of the things that crossed my mind when I woke up the morning of November 9th.

1. My Dog

She is lovable, she follows most orders and she is an all-around great companion. She even smiles when strangers walk in the door, instead of detaining them at the airport. My 13-year-old yellow lab/retriever, Sunshine, is probably the most ideal candidate America has seen in years (I love you, Obama, but even you cannot beat my dog.) She would be able to get an incredible number of things done in office, considering all she needs to do is shoot you those puppy-dog eyes and you would agree to anything.

2. My Mom

Yeah, her Facebook vendettas are incredibly annoying and since Trump has been elected, she has essentially become a middle-aged Twitter troll, but at least she has opinions and an actual party identi-

fication. Turn her Facebook posts into executive orders and we have ourselves a winner.

3. Siri

She listens to you, she responds

of history. Donald Trump just cannot cross a teenager who saves the world every weekend with a hair-dryer grappling hook. On top of all that, we would get Ron Stoppable (and his naked mole rat) as

ing in the pool, (in a one-piece of course, does anyone remember the Bora Bora episodes?!) but she would have all foreign diplomats on speed dial, no doubt.

7. Father Boroughs

If he can handle Holy Cross, he can handle the United States. Enough said. (And can you honestly tell me you have seen someone with a more welcoming demeanor than that man? He would do great things with our foreign affairs.)

8. Ross Geller

Ross Geller singlehandedly managed to make it out of the friend zone four different times with the same woman. Talk about an accomplishment. Plus, his teeth-whitening phase was significantly better than Trump's spray-tan phase.

9. Deb from Lower Kimball

Tell me that woman is not the sweetest human being you have ever met. Even her asking me what the price is on my sushi brings a smile to my face. She just has such a positive outlook on life, something we could use in the White House as of late...



10. The Domino's Pizza Delivery People

Last but not least, we have our Saturday night heroes. You would have to be lying if the 24-hour delivery service has not curbed your cravings every once in a while. What more could this country need than a large cheesy bread.

photo courtesy of QSR Media UK

to you, and she has the answers to everything. What more could you want in a president? She has the power of Google at her fingertips, and as of right now, that is looking a lot more promising than the power of the GOP. Plus... you can fit her in your back pocket!

4. Kim Possible

Call me, beep me anyone? KP has it all, fabulous hair, cool gadgets and her Oval Office decorations would no doubt be the most stylish in all

our VP! Talk about a dynamic duo.

5. Kris Jenner

The woman is a notorious workaholic, how else do you think her daughters got so famous? I am guessing that woman singlehandedly kept Keeping up With the Kardashians alive and on air. I doubt she would even take Christmas off in the White House. Her weekend trips to Florida would be filled with more than just Trump's 9-hole course. She might be loung-

6. Hillary Clinton's Private Email Server

Talk about being able to keep a secret from the enemy! Her private email server would be able to keep any military plans under wraps for years. Although problematic and controversial, (less so than Trump, if I do say so myself) this server has a lot to offer the US government, who knows what it will be able to accomplish in the white house.

I'm not gonna change anyone's mind here so why bother

Neil Degrasse Tyson
"Well, Actually"

Mic Drop



A Not Serious Piece About Catholic Privelege, Academic Freedom and “Crusader”

Spencer Caron '20
Chief Opinions Editor

These past few months have sure been a tumultuous time for those who enjoy their glaring Catholic privilege each day on campus. First, some students, faculty members and alumni pointed to the obvious fact that our school is scantily populated with individuals from other faiths because of the mixed signal we send about the Crusades, not our explicit Catholic affiliation. Sure, some of us acknowledge the horror behind the Crusades of yesteryear, but Catholic privilege havers and their enabling cohorts just simply can't bring themselves to distance themselves from what they believe to be a proud moment in Catholic church history. Think about the thousands of Hasidic Jews and devout muslims who are turned away every year because of the mascot and moniker. I can see these faith groups touring the other Catholic schools being excited about Georgetown, Notre Dame, and Boston College, only to be seriously disturbed by Holy Cross.

This, however, is only one side of the story. Other members of the community fought back (waged a crusade against?) this politically correct nonsense, claiming the removal of Iggy's foam sword would be the end of the College of the Holy Cross as we know it. Alumni only have fond memories of the school and have enough money to give so long as everything is the exact same as it was when they were here, right? In addition, two thousand years of writings, symbols, Saints, and events later, the Crusader (for social justice and all things deemed good in modern western liberal democracy, of course) is still the most suitable name for this school.

One thing does seem certain in the aftermath. At least Catholic privilege enjoyed at the school--just think about the lack of Mosque, Synagogue, temple, monastery, basilica, meeting house, scientology complex, etc.--was brought to light for a moment, before settling back to its oppressive equilibrium. In other words, most members of the community are proud of such constructive dialogue. Said dialogue led to a seemingly democratic process and

an eventual decision, but it seems that many feel the immorality of the term Crusader outweighs the importance of measured deliberation. At least no one thinks this decision is a transient solution to neuter the Crusader moniker and mascot to a point that represents the best-utilitarian-case scenario until the older donating alumni die off, at which point the name can be changed entirely!

But then, just as the flames seemed to have settled a bit--but never forgotten about because everyone is constantly concerned about religious history and its modern implications-- the infamous Jesus as homoerotic, gender fluid drag King article was dug

that is presumably the “purest” strain of Catholic had a reaction so uproarious that it makes one wonder how solid their belief was to begin with. Is this what privilege being questioned looks like? Who knows! But once again, it did not take long before murmurs about funding being pulled assumed its rightful central position. Right in time for the Holy Cross Gives Day which, I think we can all agree, arrived at a comedically perfect time.

So, what do solutions look like? Let's run through a few that have been circulating. First, progressive students behave exactly as expected, touting academic freedom and the right to express

sion since the UC Berkeley free speech protests. One need only remember the campus speaker bans, riots and the and the highly informative emails that tutor their ignorant, albeit teachable classmates through Halloween costumes 101 every October, to see this group's unwavering devotion to protecting all expression, all the time. In short, these communities members seek to protect the professor who depicts the Christian prophet as a drag king along with all other academic expression to protect the sanctity of freedom of expression, not because the target of the inflammatory work belongs to a “privileged class”.

How about other solutions?

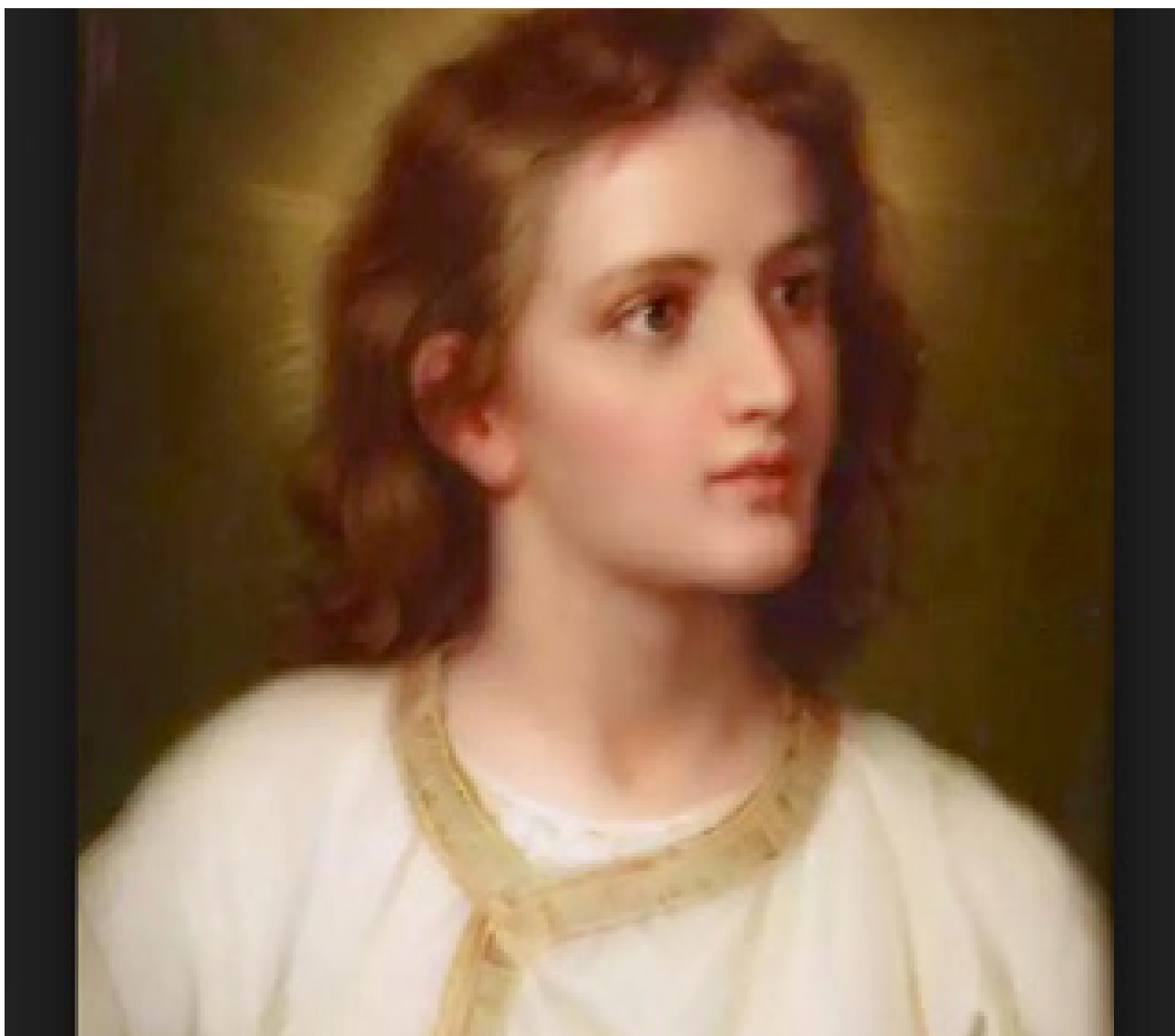
esting than the really important factor at play; he holds a chair at a religious studies department and has published this anachronistic queer theology? What next? Will the humanities become riddled with political conservatives who bring up personal responsibility as a factor that works in tandem with systemic inequalities to yield unfavorable societal outcomes? Clearly, certain departments espouse certain views and there's a line one just does not cross. Can we not just agree on one/a few/a couple thousands interpretations of the life and teachings of Jesus and do away with this one? The staunch proponents of freedom of expression, including, but not limited to the refusal to sell cakes to gay people and depict the prophet Muhammad in cartoon form, have a point here. Namely, sometimes, the freedom of expression is not absolute.

Of course, there are people in the middle who either have other opinions, or who just don't care. However, I can't see the latter group being too large, as there can't be many people at this school who chose Holy Cross because it is a highly ranked Jesuit liberal arts school with relatively lenient admissions criteria and an unbelievably supportive alumni network. Nope. A great majority are genuinely interested in history and its influence on the modern day and either feel inextricably bound to the Crusader as hard-to define manifestation of tradition, or Crusaders for social-justice who simply won't settle for attending a school that is populated with Crusades sympathists.

Of course, no one will transfer, no professors will leave their comfortable positions to make a point, and like all good businesses, money will determine what happens with the unnecessarily reversed moniker and mascot. Instead, the issues will lie dormant again until something mildly controversial happens. Meanwhile, certain students will feel protect their faith in a way they don't do 51 weeks of the year, while others do their best to be on the “right side of history”.

As an atheist who is concerned more with the actual people and happenings on campus than with what is printed on our pamphlets and jerseys, I have to say I'm pretty happy to be a Holy Cross Crusader. Happy (belated) April Fools Day.

Note: Satire is meant to parody the caricature of a set of beliefs, not seriously make fun of real people.



Sarah Silverman
@SarahKSilverman



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MERRY CHRISTMAS! Jesus was gender fluid!



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up from whence it came to, once again, agitate those slightly annoyed, but nonetheless privileged, Catholics. This raised the question, “How Catholic is this school, really?” It truly is hard to tell. It doesn't help that the population

one's self, no matter how potentially problematic their actions may be, implicit, micro or otherwise. This response is no surprise, as we have seen students on the far left crusade, excuse me, politely advocate for freedom of expres-

Well, from other side of the (political? Philosophical?) aisle, we hear demands to fire a tenure track professor for publishing blasphemous garbage. I have heard critiques regarding the merit of the piece, but this is far less inter-

Jesus photo courtesy of Wikipedia
Tweet courtesy of Twitter

Culture

Alumni Demand Revamp of College's Catholic Identity

Crusader of the Week:

Patrick O'Boyle

Anamika Dutta '20
Chief Culture Editor

Best Memory: Playing frisbee on the Hoval when it was 75 degrees in February . . . love global warming!

Guilty Pleasure: Saturdays (They're for the Boys)

Dream Job: CEO of Vineyard

Vines, while dabbling at being an Investment Banker on Wall Street

Bragging Rights: I have a Trust Fund

Favorite Pick-Up Line: Most people call me Pat, but you can call me tonight

Pet Peeve: Political Correctness

Favorite Cool Beans Drink: Large Skinny Hazelnut Macchiato

with 4 shots of Espresso

and Almond Milk
#1 Thing on HC Bucket List: Dress up in Iggy costume before it's thrown away forever

Your Mantra: Just wait until my father hears about this.



Courtesy of Patrick O'Boyle, Vineyard Vines, and Calvin Klein

Name: Patrick O'Boyle
Hometown: Ireland
Major: Double Major in Political Science and Economics with a

Concentration

in Dartying

Best Dorm:

Leits

Favorite

Holy Cross

Class: Upper-

Middle Class

Favorite

Animal: The

Crusader

(RIP)

Favorite

Book: "The

Bible"

Favorite

Color: White

Favorite T.V.

Show: "Game

of

Thrones"

Favorite

Meal on Campus: 10 hard-boiled

eggs at Kimball for breakfast

Favorite Professor: Kanye West

Song You Listen to on Repeat:

"Mr. Brightside" by The Killers

Favorite Off-Campus Restau-

rant: Leits

Biggest Regret: Wearing pink

khaki shorts to Catalina instead of

salmon. . . I totally clashed in the

photos.

Embarrassing Story: Waking up

late for class one day and throwing

on white shorts - but it was after

Labor Day :(

"Holy Cross" Catholic enough? Alumni just aren't sure anymore.

To attempt to resolve their distress, alumni sent a strongly-worded email to "The Fenwick Review" and the Holy Cross administration expressing their desire to build a 20-foot high Cross on top of Hogan Campus Center. Their reasoning?

When asked about his support for the construction of the Hogan Cross, an alum of 1970, who prefers to go by his blog username "IHatePoliticalCorrectness" responded, "Holy Cross taught me to be a man for and with others. I am standing for and with my fellow Catholic men. Our voices and faith cannot be silenced!" This alum

Catholic alumni of the College of the Holy Cross have expressed their disappointment in the neon Cross displayed on the newly-constructed Luth Athletic Complex. The Cross, which changes color and illuminates the upper-campus parking lot, probably only stands eight feet high. This is far too small for many of our generous alumni, who are worried about the College losing its Catholic identity. "First, they took Iggy away, then Jesus became a drag king, and now they only made the Cross eight feet high!" Members of the class of

1975 stormed Hogan Campus Center and cried in front of the Bookstore employees. Bewildered, employees hastily gathered vintage "Crusader" mugs and other paraphernalia to shove into the arms of the mourning. Their concerns are valid. Many are starting to doubt whether Holy Cross is even a Catholic school at all. It's not like there are Crucifixes in every classroom, Mass of the Holy Spirit during Convocation, and Fish Friday in Kimball during Lent. And why don't we have a monastery? Is the name

"Currently, we can only see the Cross on Luth Athletic Complex from Shrewsbury Street. But we want to be able to see it from Boston Common!" The proposed Cross will consistently rotate in a circle and glow a golden color, so it will be visible from all angles, times of day and night, and locations in Massachusetts. Students will no longer have to worry about making the dark walk back from Caro Street to campus; Christ's light will guide them home.

generously donated \$5,000 on Holy Cross Gives Day towards the construction of the Cross and an overhaul of the College's Religious Studies Department.

Construction of the Hogan Cross is set to begin this summer. A prospective student walking through the campus center the other day stopped, turned to his mother, and questioned, "Why don't they build a Cross on top of every dorm too?" An alum, who had just finished yelling in the Bookstore, overheard him and smiled. "Way to ask more."



Courtesy of Cross Planning Committee

Peep My Crib: The Spire Office

Yo, this is where all the magic happens. All of it. Where we sweat. Where we bleed. Where James cries. It all happens here. This is... the Spire office.



The resident Spire speaker, also known as the "Mike Wazoski" of speakers, for obvious reasons.



Pedro the Pinata, he often speaks to us late at night and gives us deep advice



Co-editor-in-chief Jack Godar's most prized possession



Sick Wallpaper, dude



We are very clean

Spotted: the Infamous Holy Cross Skunk

Meghan Shaffer '20
Culture Editor

Several students have reported that the Holy Cross skunk has been spotted making its way around campus, despite the recent cold weather. Many believed the Holy Cross skunk to simply be an urban legend, whispered about by students who find themselves walking outside of Fenwick, O'Kane, or Smith late at night. But several students have reported seeing the skunk in the last couple of weeks, much to their surprise.

"I assumed skunks hibernate," said one first-year student. "And with the cold weather lately I never would have expected to see it. But there it was, right outside of Smith Hall!"

One senior was ecstatic that he finally saw the famed skunk before graduation. "I've been trying to find it during all four of my years on campus," he told "The Spire". "I even convinced my friends to live on campus senior year so I would have a better chance. I feel so honored and blessed that the skunk finally chose to reveal himself to me." Overcome with emotion, the student then excused himself to go sit on the steps of Linden Lane, where he encountered the infamous animal.

So far, thankfully no students have reported being sprayed by the skunk, but Public Safety is waiting on standby to jump into action if the

situation arises. "We've developed a quarantine station in the old public safety office," says Chief Shawn de Jong. "That was the primary reason for moving offices in the second semester. The affected student will be isolated for 4-5 days to ensure that they do not scare away any prospective students with their stench." Once cleared by Pub Safe the stu-

dents will be permitted to return to their normal schedule but are required to attend mandatory support group meetings with other stu-

dents who have been sprayed.

There have been varying reports regarding the details about the skunk. One student reported that the skunk was "huge, the size of a medium-sized dog almost," while another said that the skunk looked to be "the size of a normal skunk, like a squirrel or something, I don't know." "The Spire" has assembled an undercover investigative team to gather a comprehensive report of the dimensions of the skunk.

With the increased sightings of the skunk on campus, there have been rumors that the administration is gearing up to announce that the Holy Cross Skunk is the new mascot. Father Boroughs could not be reached for comment.



Courtesy of emotional HC senior

ROTC Student Glad Palestinians Deterred, Says "One Less Arab Country to Invade"

Ryan Fay '20
Staff Writer

Starting on March 30, 2018, Palestinians began a protest called the Great Return March, which aims for Palestinian refugees to return to their ancestral homes and cemeteries and to otherwise protest their subjugation to Israeli bombardments, arbitrary resource-management, and military occupation in what is a fraction of historic Palestine. This movement aims to counter the effects of the Nakba (literally, the "catastrophe") which was the mass expulsion of Palestinians from their homes when Israel was established as a state. As per Palestinian nationalism, this movement is one in various approaches towards a future renewal of a Palestinian state and not merely a Palestinian "authority" utterly subject to Israeli law and military coercion.

Although the protest is still ongoing, the Palestinians were effectively deterred by the IDF (Israeli Defense Force) who have killed roughly 25 unarmed protesters (including a journalist named Yaser Murtaga) and have shot and wounded somewhere between 800 and 1,200 unarmed protesters (reports vary drastically).

After learning an extremely watered-down version of these events and the history of Israeli-Palestinian conflict, one ROTC student on campus (who wishes to remain unnamed, and will henceforth go by their Xbox gamertag, xKUSH_CAPTAIN420x) stated, "If our allies keep them Arabs from getting another country, that's just one less place to bomb — makes my job easier." Speaking into his custom-made Xbox head-

set in the safe space of his padlocked, soundproof dorm room, Captain Kush elaborates: "I'm just saying, I'll get paid whether I go to war or not. Plus, it's probably better for the government not to spend another trillion dollars on another war." He identifies as a libertarian and can therefore only identify economic reasons not to go to war. "I'm perfectly content just relaxing here, just racking up wins—" He's cut off by his in-game death. He gets sniped by a character in a bunny-suit; he places 97th out of 98.

Trying to change the subject away from Palestine, he exclaims, "And don't even get me started on Syria!" He seems poised to offer insight into the conflict between the various factions fighting in Syria. "Really, please don't get me started on Syria; I have no idea what's going on. Are the Kurds good? What is Turkey doing?" He seems unable to comprehend a conflict that has more than two sides and doesn't involve the United States. "I thought ISIS were the bad guys, but they're fighting Assad, and that guy drops chemical weapons on his own people. Must be Sharia or something, since the U.S. would never harm its own citizens." He has a Blue Lives Matter flag hanging behind him.

Putting down his controller, he picks up a large binder with the seal of the United States Department of Defense on the front. As he flips through it, he continues to explain, "With so many Arab countries, part of the burden of serving my country is the constant anxiety of which one we'll invade next. If there's another Arab country, well, that just widens the chances a bit, doesn't it?" He stops

on a page entitled Casus Belli in Comic Sans and points to the two reasons the United States might have to go to war: oil, and some nation exerting their sovereignty and resisting the global imperialist hegemony of the United States. "Commies" is also on the list, but it seems to have been crossed out long ago, thereby defeating communism forever.

"Do you see what I mean?" He continues, "Palestine could have any of those things! I dunno what the second one means, but the first one—oil! God, I love oil." He drags a steel drum full of crude oil out of his closet and takes out his Bowie knife. He proceeds to shotgun the steel drum, drinking all of the oil inside; as he does so, he unloads a full flip from his AR-15 into the ceiling. Instead of explaining how he's able to physically ingest crude oil or why he would wake up the people living above him, he simply notes, "Liberals or commies or whatever think the "AR" in AR-15 stands for "assault rifle," but it actually signifies the ancient Scandinavian rune "ár"—written as ǫ. What fool, what imbecile doesn't know that!"

I look at him blankly, clearly confused. "Oh, right, the oil." He says, "You see, when you join the military, you undergo a dietary change so you can't drink water anymore—you can only drink oil. You become pretty much dependent on it to stay alive; thing is, it makes a cycle where we gotta keep destabilizing Arab countries to stay alive. I dunno if Palestine has oil, but if our allies control it, then there's no need to invade, right?"

Top Places to See Father Boroughs on the Town

1. Whiskey on the Water, around 1am Thursday

2. Canal, around 1am Thursday,

3. District, around 1am Thursday

4. The Ballot Box, around 1am Thursday

5. Safe Ride, 1:30 am Thursday

6. Boulevard Diner, 3 am most nights

7. Outside Ciampi Hall, waiting for an Uber Driver, 2:45 am

8. Worcester Art Museum, Mondays, 1:45 pm

9. Culpepper's, most mornings around 9:30 am

10. Wendy's, just absolutely housing Baconators, M-F 9-5

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Paul Ryan is Out. Who is Next for Congress?

Greg Hausler
Wears Dad Jeans

Paul Ryan is stepping down from his role of Speaker of the House and Congressman from Wisconsin. Ryan claims he is doing so in order to spend more time with his family but many believe he is resigning due to his stress and angst of dealing with the Trump Administration something that I think we all can understand. However, this means that there now is an additional open seat in Congress that must be filled; luckily for the citizens of Wisconsin they already have the perfect candidate. Many may believe that a celebrity from Wisconsin will seek to run

for the seat, as President Trump created a precedent in which no record of public service is necessary to attempt to gain public office names like Tom Welling of *Smallworld* and Cheaper by the Dozen fame or Tony Shalhoub of the classic show *Monk* come to mind. Yet neither of those celebrities will win, only one man

will; the world's oldest eligible quarterback Brett Favre.



If the Republicans seek to run another one of their own then no

one fits the bill better than Mr. Favre. He is the perfect candidate as he is known for his ability to remain steadfast in whatever decision he makes, no hesitation or debating exists Favre. If you're concerned about his ability to work with others then have no fear as Brett is constantly playing a game of touch football with five

golden retrievers and other middle-aged men wearing Wranglers jeans. There should be no worry over Favre's ability to fend off lobbyists and superPACS as he is committed to defending the interests of any company he has done a commercial for that you see 5 times a day whenever the Celtics game is over on CSN. Why have a Congressman that will show up in a suit when you can have one decked out in denim and CopperFit. Additionally the Me Too Movement will never compromise Favre because he has already been caught sending inappropriate texts to woman so therefore he can't be tried for anything...that's how double jeopardy works right?

A Special Letter From the Eggplant Staff

The Eggplant Staff

This is a letter from the Eggplant staff. First, we would like to thank the rest of the Brooks-Crusader staff for taking the week off from writing about "serious" material and trying their hands in the art of satire. And this is just a forewarning, but this article is not going to be funny. If you want to laugh, check out the sports page today. We're sure head editor John Albinson and the rest of his staff whipped up something that will really put you on the floor laughing. While we commend the Brooks-Crusader staff for trying, they just simply do not have what it takes to write something funny. You need to have a gift for making people laugh, and they just don't have it.

Now, if you have been following us throughout the year, then you

know that week in and week out we have put out quality material that makes people laugh. And as for the articles that look they were put together at 12:07 the night before the layout of the paper, then, regardless of how unbelievably embarrassing their content is, you still laugh anyway, as it is so bad that it's good. We here at the Eggplant call these kind of articles "disaster artists" after the cult hit movie *The Disaster Artist*, which is considered



one of the worst movies of all time. The making of the *The Disaster Artist* was displayed in the 2017 movie *The Room*,

directed by Tommy Wiseau. This whole year has been full of disaster artists. However, we're trying as best as we can.

It is cute that the paper staff has

decided to try and make the whole paper into an Eggplant-themed edition, especially since April Fools was almost two weeks ago. We really missed the boat on that one guys. However, we understand. We had Easter break so we missed a couple of weeks that could have been some high quality issues. But still, why even do it at this point?

Well, that's all we have to say. Based on the content of this article, it looks as though this will be another one of our disaster artists. Eh, whatever. It's almost the summer. Who gives a crap anymore. We'll finish the year as best as we can. But honestly, we're running out of ideas for articles, so expect a lot of disaster artists. With that said, from all of us here at the Eggplant, thank you, and we hope you have a wonderful day and rest of the semester.

Real Headlines from the Fenwick Review's Satire Section, *The Infidel*

Jesuit Mistaken for A Francisian by Pentecostal

Communion to Cost a Meal Swipe or Six Dining Dollars

Father Boroughs Excommunicated

Pope Francis is a Real Catholic, an Opinion Piece

Gay Liberal Atheist Living a Fulfilling Happy Life

Sports

Holy Cross NARPs Express Satisfaction with Luth Complex

Patrick Wareham '20
Sports Editor

The Holy Cross NARP (Non-Athletic Regular Person) community has continued to express its deep satisfaction with the new \$95 million Luth Athletic Complex that majestically sits atop Mount St. James. The additions include a 64,000 square foot indoor practice facility, an auxiliary gymnasium, 9,500 square feet of new space for strength and conditioning training and equipment, among other amenities. John Gearan '65, an award-winning reporter and columnist for the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, eloquently wrote, "the stunningly futuristic lobby welcomes student-athletes, fans and others into the Luth Athletic Complex, which artfully embraces the remodeled Hart Center. The renovated basketball arena glistens with a newly installed floor and ceiling. Modern seating rings the arena and the upgraded hockey rink bustles with body checks and slap shots. And the best is yet to come."

From one NARP to all my other fellow NARP friends out there: Don't those beautiful words invigorate you? No overhead lighting in Lehy? "Eh, not a big deal!" Four

broken treadmills in the Fieldhouse? "I'm a NARP, I don't need the exercise!" How about installing air-conditioning in Dinand? "I don't know about you but I study better when I sweat!" The Holy Cross NARP Society President re-

was for the sports. Lighting, air-conditioning, all those things are luxury items that aren't necessary. Why go to an Alabama or an Ohio State where you can have a state-of-the-art recreation center AND a blue-chip football program when

A sophomore NARP agreed, "As long as the 25 percent of the student population here who participate in a varsity sport here are happy, I'm happy?" The coaching staffs for all 27 Division I sports expect the expan-

in order to keep up with our competition." Holy Cross is a member of the Patriot League, which has long been considered one of the nation's most prestigious athletic conferences. "The indoor football field is a great start," Athletic Director Nate Pine recently said in an interview. "But we have much bigger visions than Patriot League titles for our student-athletes. I see Rick Pitino as a visionary. If we really want to compete at the next level, we need to start paying our players."



Courtesy of gobolycross.com

With their brand new indoor field, hopefully the football team can win more than four games next year.

cently
said

in an interview, "I think I can speak on behalf of all NARPs at the College when I say that the main reason we all decided to come to Holy Cross

you can go to a tailgate, erm, I mean football game at a (sold-out) Fitton. You'd choose Holy Cross every time."

sion to help with recruiting efforts. Women's Basketball head coach Bill Gibbons explained, "we needed to rejuvenate our facilities

FIFA Unveils 2026 World Cup Host Nation

Charles Ryan '20
Sports Editor

The days of unwarranted scrutiny of world football's governing body are a thing of the past. From the prosperous days of the upstanding President Sepp Blatter to the early tenure of successor Gianni Infantino, FIFA is proud to be continuing its traditions of respect, transparency, and equality into the 21st century. While Russia puts the finishing touches on its state-of-the-art stadiums for this summer's much-anticipated tournament, 2022 host Qatar is making excellent strides in its preparation its own time in the spotlight by developing infrastructure, constructing stadiums, and upholding its high worker welfare standards.

In the the spirit of respect and equality, the pillars of the beautiful game, FIFA was proud to announce Saudi Arabia as the host nation for the 2026 World Cup on Monday. Bids from Morocco, and a combined bid from the United States, Canada, and Mexico were toppled as FIFA's World Cup voting committee voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Gulf State. President Gianni Infantino issued

a statement on Monday after the vote: "On behalf of FIFA, we are very excited extend the beautiful game to another nation ripe for the cultivation of a footballing culture. We believe that Saudi Arabia is the perfect embodiment of the pillars of football, respect and equality. We look forward to working with the Saudi government

tion of a dozen stadiums across the country. Mecca is set to host the opening match in a stadium across the street from the Kaaba,

expected to seat 80,000. But the crown jewel stadium of Saudi Arabia lies in heart of the Rub' al Khali desert, where over 25,000 generous

build it. The government view Qatar's commendable treatment of its workers as an example, and wishes to follow in its footsteps by providing occasional water breaks, sunscreen, and communal housing which consists of 50 men per bunk room, where they share a sink and mirror, as well as one shower head and one bar of soap in order to be conscious of water consumption. Furthermore, the government has gone so far as to promise to hold onto their visas and passports so as to not burden them with possession of such important documentation while working.

Reception to the announcement has been warm across the globe for the most part. Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed his support for Saudi Arabia, and U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted "Congratulations Saudi Arabia! Lots of jobs+great for economy! Fake News CNN won't report on GREAT human rights record Saudi Arabia has @FoxNews". When asked his thoughts on the matter, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani was silent, but visibly annoyed.



Courtesy of wsj.com

Saudi Arabia is the perfect place to host the biggest soccer tournament in the world.

and its people as they prepare to welcome the world with open arms in 2026."

Saudi Arabia's bold bid includes the commitment to the construc-

while other notable stadiums can be found in Riyadh, where the government will raze 5 square miles of residential housing, replacing it with luxury hotels and a stadium

and willing Indian and Nepalese men have offered their services to clear out 30 square miles of sand in the name of the construction of an entirely new city, and then

A Debut Half-Marathon Fraught with (Nearly) Laughable Surprises

Billy Fitzpatrick '20
Hates Weekends

Last weekend, four brave Holy Cross students (myself included), prisoners of a New Year's resolution made months ago, embarked on the long journey from Hogan 3 to Falmouth, Massachusetts. Departing at 5:00 AM, the group of haggard and groggy runners set out for the 5th annual Cape Cod Trail Race, where three of us would attempt our first half-marathons and the remaining Crusader would tackle the 10k distance. What awaited us on the southern shore of the Cape, however, was something well beyond any of our imaginative capacities.

For 13.1 miles, I unwittingly entered the world of maniacal fitness adventure seekers, for whom typical long-distance running in the form of road racing is not enough of a challenge. No, these adrenaline junkies much prefer doing their running over unpredictable terrain found in nature than on manicured paths and roads. I had heard about this niche of racing previously, but was none the wiser to the specific conditions of such running. As it turns out, a 4:30 AM wake-up call and near-freezing temperatures would be the least of my troubles that day.

The race was more similar to what I would expect a Tough Mudder to be like than your typical half-marathon road race. The run started in an eerie, endless field populated by

nothing but prairie grass, which, under the oddly luminous gray sky, would have made for a perfect site for alien abduction. After a small

for the last few miles. Yet, even this conservative approach was not adequate.

I don't know what I was ex-

cept over 13.1 miles instead of 3.1. Whereas the trails at Holmdel Park are impeccably maintained, the terrain on this Falmouth

slower pace, or (more frequently) had faster runners breathing down my neck and looking for space to surpass me at every turn. This

made for some near falls. The foot-and-a-half wide path was peppered with rocks, roots, logs, brush, and pine needles hiding all these obstructions, which made for some dicey ankle turns on steep downhill stretches. There was one impasse in the race in which I even had to use my upper body to surmount a boulder in the middle of the path. The flat sections of the course circled back through the empty field, but offered little respite for runners, as we were greeted by 20-25 mph headwinds and mud puddles.

All in all, I am thankful to have finished and not suffered a bad ankle turn or nasty fall. As my dad reminded me, I will be drawing

from this experience to tell stories about just how crazy some runners can be sometimes. I don't know if I'll ever understand how people do that kind of running for fun. Two things are definitely clear in my mind, though. First, my next half-marathon will definitely be faster (so long as I make sure it's a road race!), and it's officially pickup basketball season for me at the Fieldhouse.



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If you enjoy not enjoying weekends, try a shoddily paved half-marathon.

around this vast plain of nothingness, runners then headed into the woods around the start of mile two. At this point in the race, I still had a very narrow understanding of what the remaining 11+ miles would look like. With this being my first half-marathon, I deliberately started out at a slow pace so I would have enough in the tank

pecting when I signed up for the Cape Cod Trail Race, but whatever I encountered in the woods, I was most definitely not ready for. There was an infamous 5k course I ran many times in high school at Holmdel Park in New Jersey, feared by runners for its demanding hills. This race felt much like the agony of Holmdel Park races,

course was not too dissimilar from what I imagine the early settlers found in the 1600s. Aside from the hills, the path we were to run on could not have been more than 18 inches wide, scarcely enough for one runner. This meant that, for these stretches, I often had to find little crevices to pass marathoners or 50k'ers who were running at a

“NBA 2K is rigged,” says Student after 35-point Loss

Sean McNamara '21
Robin Lopez Enthusiast

It was a hard time in room 367 of Brooks-Mulledy Hall last Wednesday night after a tumultuous game of NBA 2K18 after a tough match between roommates Sean McNamara and Mason Hill. “Our games usually get intense, but we always leave with a good attitude, except for that game.”

McNamara was devastated after a lopsided loss, but felt that his inferior skills were not the reason he lost. “It was obvious that the game didn't want me to win” stated McNamara, who shot 21 percent from the field and went 1-9 on free throws.

“Even from the start, the court seemed to be tilted against me.” McNamara made the bold call of deciding to play with his beloved hometown Chicago Bulls, despite the team being in the bottom of the standings this year. “It was a bold call, but I thought that my knowledge of the team would be

an advantage. Hill, an avid Boston sports fan, played as his hometown Celtics, one of the better teams in the game. “I mean of course he's gonna win when he plays as the best

team in the game,” McNamara added, “and I mean yeah I told him that we should play as the teams we root

for,” McNamara's plays what he calls a “loose style of play,” meaning that he doesn't call plays and usually runs down the shot clock and heaves a three-pointer with Robin Lopez,

him” implored McNamara, who allowed Hill to run fastbreaks most of the game due to his insistence on using full court press the whole game. “It was pretty easy to score

during the third quarter, when McNamara threw a controller at Hill's head after a three-pointer put him up by 40 points. Hill told McNamara that it was just a game, which led him to walk out of the room. “I mean we were all thinking it; someone just had to say it,” said Brian Barry, a spectator to the game.

It remains to be seen whether this game will have any impact on the roommates' relationship. “I think they'll be fine,” said Barry. “Sean lost to Mason in NHL back in November and he threw a chair out of the window, and they got through that, so we'll see.” Either way, it's clear that McNamara will need some time to calm down and play some Fortnite to clear his mind.



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NBA 2K is the campus-leading cause of freshman year roommate splits.

for, but that doesn't mean he has to play as the Celtics, I mean come on!”

the team's center who shoots 20 percent from beyond the arc in real life. “I was taking better shots than

could get a wide-open dunk every possession.”

A particularly tense moment came

