President speaks on Jesuit education

George W. Bush assumes the presidency despite criticism

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In his speech entitled "Studia humanitatis, pietas, and Christianitas: The Jesuit Tradition in the Liberal Arts," President of Holy Cross, Father Michael McFarland, SJ outlined the history, objectives, and strengths of Jesuit education. Presenting to an audience of fellow Jesuits, professors, and students in Brooks Concert Hall, Fr. McFarland became the eighth presenter of the annual "Richard Rodino Lecture on the Aims of the Liberal Arts." This lecture is given every year in honor of late Professor Rodino, member of the English Department who was instrumental in the establishment of the College's unique First Year Program. Founded by St. Ignatius Loyola in 1540, the Jesuit order has a long-standing international reputation as being leaders in top-quality education. Father McFarland cited a strong framework of philosophy, ethics, sense of purpose, and openness to discovery as the strengths of a Jesuit education.

At its best, Jesuit education maintains a spirituality that seeks God in and through creation. As a result, it sees involvement in the world as a way to reach God. However, this involvement cannot be limited to only the secular; reverent contemplation on any range of subjects allows for the discovery of God's creation.

"Jesuit spirituality is rooted in concrete human experience with God. Howev-

BY KATIE PERRY
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This past Saturday, January 20th, George Walker Bush claimed his place in American history, taking the oath of office to become the 43rd president of the United States. Bush's inauguration marks only the second time a son has followed his father on the path to the oval office. The elder Bush was on-hand during the inaugural ceremony, just twelve years after being sworn in at his own.

Former Texas Governor Bush succeeds Bill Clinton, who concluded his term with the highest approval rating of any U.S. president since Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Clinton showed himself to be newsworthy, even in the final moments of his presidential career. Just one day before the election, he struck an immunity deal with prosecuting attorneys to avoid indictment on perjury charges relating to the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal, and, during his last hours in office, he issued over 100 pardons, including those of his Whitehouse business partner, Patty Hearst, and his brother Rob.

Bush ascends to the White House along with Vice President Dick Cheney in a storm of controversy stemming from his narrow victory over former VP Al Gore. The election hung in the balance for nearly five weeks, after votes were cast on November 7th, as Florida counted and recounted its votes. Bush's victory was finally cemented by the Supreme Court.

Bush is the first president since Benjamin Harrison in 1888 to be elected without winning the popular vote, causing many Americans to question the legitimacy of his victory. Discounting from the election resulted in the appearance of hundreds of anti-Bush protestors at Saturday's inaugural parade. Bush touched upon the nature of his tumultuous election during the inaugural ceremony, remarking that it was "a contest conducted with spirit and ended with grace."

The circumstances of the president's election, in combination with the Quayle-like ailments on his intelligence during the campaign, have led to a fair amount of B u s h b a s h i ng around Mt. Saint James. Several students have expressed their lack of faith in the 43rd president.

Dani Healey, '02, remarked, "With Bush in office, all we do is become Americans. It's time to look forward to an occasional pronunciation or grammatical error." Kevin Baker, '04, expressed a similar point of view, stating that, despite his agreement with

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"My HC" portal to expand student access

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The College of Holy Cross is making great strides toward making the campus as technologically advanced as possible. Information Technology Services (ITS) is currently working on a new web portal that is tentatively named "My HC." This new portal will enable students to look at course guides, class schedules, G.P.A. information, and other items online. The web portal is tentatively set to premier on campus sometime in early March. John Caputo, Manager of Web Services and Decision Support, explained why Holy Cross felt this portal was necessary, in saying: "Basically, we felt behind the times in what we could offer students via the web."

This ITS initiative was started by Treasurer William Durgin, but Father Michael C. McFarland really got it off the ground. Many colleges across the country have some type of web portal where students can access their G.P.A's and courses online. Holy Cross performed a series of background checks to see exactly what other schools were offering and then combined the best of what they found at other colleges with ideas of their own to create the new web portal.

"My HC" will enable students to do much more than view their courses, schedules, and G.P.A.'s. Students will also be able to look at grade reports from previous semesters. In addition, the portal will have account inquiry and financial aid tracking screens, allowing students to receive financial aid notifications, view their financial aid awards, and ensure the accuracy of their financial aid tracking screens, allowing students to receive financial aid notifications, view their financial aid awards, and ensure the accuracy of their financial aid awards.

Michael C. McFarland

The Crusader welcomes new co-editors

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Judy McDermott '01 and Douglas Frisina '02 have begun their reign as Crusader co-Editors-In-Chief. Judy, an English and Art History major, began her stint with the newspaper her sophomore year in advertising. She restructured the existing Arts section into a highly profitable and dependent section. Doug, a Political Science major, freshly back from a semester away in D.C., started as a sports writer his freshman year. While Judy devotes her time to many extracurricular activities such as NEED, Purple Key Society, Writer's Workshop, S.A.A., while writing for

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News on the side, she joined Doug in the race for Editor-In-Chief because she always felt at home in the Crusader. "I always felt like The Crusader was my niche, my thing on campus. So, when the opportunity arose, a voice kept telling me to go for it." Doug, the Concert Committee co-Chair and WCHC DJ of the tech show, will continue as sole Editor after Judy graduates. Will this responsibility be too much of a burden for Doug? "Honestly," says Mr. Frisina, "I don't think so; everything I need to know I'll learn this year and I actually welcome the challenge." On a more personal note, Sean and I are thrilled to hand the reigns of Editors-In-Chief to such a deserving pair. Both of these hard workers never disappointed us in the past and we firmly believe they will continue to impress everyone in the upcoming semester.

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