Holy Cross holds reflection for one-time guest speaker MLK, Jr.

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39 years ago, another edition of The Crusader recalled the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. However, it was not his most famous “I have a dream” speech that was the subject of the article. It was a speech Dr. King delivered before a smaller gathering of around 1,500 people on Nov. 19, 1962. Where did this speech take place? Holy Cross’ own Field House.

Senior Kristin Misner discovered the event and commented, “When I found out MLK spoke here after leaving the yearbook, I was pleasantly surprised. Of course I assumed that professors and administrators would know about it, but that somehow the students had been left in the dark.”

The surprise that Misner experienced was exceeded by the surprise felt by those in the faculty and administration who were also unaware of King’s appearance. Dean Frejig commented, “I’m still amazed that MLK was here and no one knows about it.”

The lack of publicity regarding Dr. King’s visit to the Holy Cross campus was one of the main topics of the MLK Reflection that occurred on Jan. 17. The reflection was part of this year’s celebration of Martin Luther King Day, which began with a display in Cool Beans. The reflection was a small, intimate gathering in the Dunand Browsing room where thoughts and memories on the Civil Rights leader were shared.

Those who took part in the reflection shared experiences both of growing up in the era of Dr. King and what he has meant to them since. Some spoke of the pain of racism and discrimination and others mentioned the guilt of being part of the white society that benefited from inequality. Another sentiment that was felt was the inspiration and hope that MLK provided.

Kate Speaking, Holy Cross’ AmeriCorps Vista Community Service Organizer, admitted to having pangs of jealousy of not being-spaced, and must not exceed 300 words.

Men’s lacrosse players become Big Brothers

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This past September, the men’s lacrosse team became Big Brothers to boys at the Canterbury School. In the past, the lacrosse team had hoped to do service work, but this year they put their plan into effect through a mentorship program entitled “John’s Brothers.” “John’s Brothers” is dedicated to the memory of John Price. Price would have been a senior, one of the captains of the Holy Cross lacrosse team this year, but he died tragically last May. John Price’s death stunned the campus and especially his friends. Price had been very enthusiastic about getting a service program started for the lacrosse team. Service work was very important to John Price, and this program will serve as a lasting tribute to Price and his compassion for others. “John’s Brothers” brings the forty-two lacrosse players and their coach, Michael McCaffrey, together with boys each week. The men on the lacrosse team are consistent role models to these boys who often do not have much consistency and dependability in their home lives.

Coach McCaffrey worked with Hilary Bayer, Case Manager and School Based Coordinator for Big Brother Big Sister, over the summer to get the program ready for the fall. When the lacrosse team returned to campus after summer vacation they began the process of becoming Big Brothers. Bayer interviewed each of the team members, ran background checks on them, and interviewed the boys at Canterbury also had to be interviewed before becoming eligible for the program. Bayer matched up the lacrosse players and the boys by personality and interests. The senior lacrosse players were assigned to sixth grade boys, while freshman team members were assigned to second and third graders. The lacrosse players will work with their Little Brothers for their time at Holy Cross. Therefore, the big brothers will be a constant part of the boys’ lives. Off-campus students are one of the most important elements of the program. Marc Wilson explained that the boys have come to know that, “they can always count on their Big Brothers.”

The program has been an amazing success by all accounts. Anticipation and excitement begin to build at the Canterbury School well before it is time for the Holy Cross lacrosse players to arrive. McCaffrey explained that, to these boys, the lacrosse players reach the celebrity status of Bruin or Celtics players. However, it is not only the children at Canterbury that gain from their mentor relationship. Steve Ribaudo explains that for the team, visiting younger brothers is “the highlight of the week.” The players know they are making a difference in the lives of these children.

Many seniors on the team hope to stay in touch with their Little B brothers, and become Big Brothers to other boys after their graduation from Holy Cross.

The Holy Cross Lacrosse team

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Public Safety Blotter

Monday, January 15th

Loyola Hall - A student reported that someone was charging items to his Crusader card.

Student Lot #2 - An accident occurred in the student lot.

Healy - Students were throwing snowballs into a first floor dorm window, damaging the screen.

Hanselman - RA reported a power outage on Hanselman 2.

Hanselman - A student reported that the lights were out in Hanselman 418.

Wednesday, January 17th

Easy Street - A student found keys on Easy Street.

22 Caro Street - An off-campus student reported that a car was smoking. The Worcester Fire Department was called.

Swords, Science Building - A student with breathing problems was transported to Worcester Medical Center.

Thursday, January 18th

Hart Center - A window was shattered at the entrance of the weight room.

Gate #7 College Street - An accident involving two cars occurred at Gate 7.

Haberlin, Science Building - The Physics department called to report a missing item.

Loyola Hall - Public safety received a report of a suspicious odor on Loyola 3 central.

Friday, January 19th

Mulledy - A student complained of a group of noisy people in the hall of Mulledy central.

Public Safety Office - A student filed a report with public safety about receiving obscene and threatening e-mails.

Saturday, January 20th

Healy - RA requested that an officer come to quiet down a group of noisy students on the north side of Healy.

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Loyola Hall - Burnt food in the basement oven set off the fire alarm. The Worcester Fire Department was on scene. The oven was unplugged, and an out-of-order sign was put in place. The oven must be cleaned before being used again.

Off Campus - A neighbor called about noisy students on Crompton Street and was told to call WPD.

Monday, January 22nd

Haberlin, Science Building - Two staff members requested an officer file a report with public safety about their fall on the ice earlier in the morning.

Hogan Campus Center - A student reported missing from the bathroom on Saturday night.

Tuesday, January 23rd

Millard Art Center - A student in the painting studio spilled chemicals on her skin. She was transported to Memorial Hospital.