I predict you are reading this Zeller reflects on an evening with The Evasons

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Greetings and salutations fellow Holy Cross students and faculty! Welcome to another deep and introspective look into issues that don’t warrant one. I thought I’d start this week’s column off with a little trivia:

Did you know that 0.00 percent of Crusader papers have contained my picture, and that, bizarrely, this very same percentage have had my picture next to my article. I know it surprised me, too. Maybe there’s something we can do about that...

However, the focus of my aimless rambling this week will be the bizarre phenomenon that I witnessed at about 9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25. It was my great pleasure to observe the psychic workings of The Evasons, a husband and wife duo that travel the country performing feats that defy logic and astound intoxicated bystanders. The show, which lasted approximately two hours, consisted of various forays into the world of E.S.P., which, until that night, I had not been aware did anything but sports broadcasts.

Tessa Evason, the apparently more psychologically receptive member of the pair, managed to name members of the audience, describe in detail the history of items those people had put up, change the perceived weight of the human body, and predict a playing card drawn 600 miles away. Meanwhile, Jeff Evason, her husband, scrambled frantically about the Hogan Ballroom like a frightened ant. Much to Jeff’s chagrin, the name of an audience member’s deceased grandfather to appear on two chalkboards that had been pressed together with a piece of tape between them. I was, needless to say, impressed.

At various points during the show, Jeff and Tessa assured the audience that there was nothing paranormal about what they were doing. They said that it was merely intuition and physics. To disprove the few claims that there was anything malignant in what they were doing, they conjured Satan on stage and he vehemently denied having anything to do with the performance. “I have no connection whatsoever to the occurrences here tonight,” stated the Prince of Li’es, “and I am fully aware of the powers these two have displayed for evil purposes, such as brainwashing the population of a small town and creating an army of invincible zombie warriors to take over the world.”

Before leaving, the Devil urged the crowd to drink lots of Pepsi. Being the curious individual that I am, after the show I did some investigating into E.S.P. and discovered some interesting facts.

Did you know:

- The first reported psychic, who lived in London, England, used to charge three shillings for people to watch him explode black powder. She would stand on stage, trying to make a rock float. When you don’t stop you are going to faint. When you open your eyes, you will discover that the rock has not moved at all.

- Some people are idiots.

- Ninety-five percent of men don’t give a damn.

- Some people claim their animals have psychic powers.

- Some people are idiots.

Most sources believe that psychic powers are, much like The Evasons said, nothing more than highly developed intuition and a healthy knowledge of physics. I also read that, because of this, any worthless waste of space can use them, even you. I have reprinted below several steps anyone can use to levitate a rock.

Step 1: Find a rock. This can usually be done by going outside and looking down. It is recommended that you choose a medium-sized one, somewhat smaller than a baseball, so that you don’t take it from someone else’s garden. If you must, then just run fast.

Step 2: Return to the comfortable safety of the indoors, away from the burning gaze of the sun. Sit in a comfortable position on the floor and place the rock in front of you. Position your hands on both sides of the rock, with your palms facing it. Take a deep breath, close your eyes, and let your mind go blank.

Step 3: Slowly begin to picture the rock in your mind, remembering it in the clearest level of detail you can. Remove all other thoughts from your mind, even those of that last math test you took. Do this until you can picture a boy named John Smith, who was born in London, England, used to charge three shillings for people to watch him explode black powder. He would stand on stage, trying to make a rock float.

Step 4: Get interrupted as your roommate comes back into the room and questions you on what on earth you are doing. Quickly get red in the face and make up some lame excuse about falling asleep. When they start focusing down to pick up the rock that you found on the floor. Throw the rock away and start doing some homework. Then spend several uncomfortable hours doing that, just hoping you will have the rock for your roommate to leave again.

Step 5: Repeat steps one and two. Once you have the image of the rock clearly fixed in your mind, begin to imagine the rock lifting slowly up off the floor. Keep focusing on the thought, bringing all your energy to bear on it. You should begin to perspire and feel very strained. Continue to picture the rock rising off the floor until you feel that if you don’t stop you are going to faint. When you open your eyes, you will discover that the rock has not moved at all.

Step 6: Get really angry, realizing that you have just wasted a good part of the afternoon trying to make a rock float. Stomp around your room complaining and swearing. Grab the rock from the floor, shout a particularly obscene expletive, and hurl the stone through a window. You have now made a rock remain in the air for several seconds. The dirtier the expletive, the better this tends to work.

All joking aside, I was very impressed with The Evasons’ show this past Friday. Both Tessa and Jeff were great performers and their act was a blast to watch. I even got to take part in it, even though I had no idea what the next step could be. It is nothing like the show that I attended four years ago.

Tessa stated to me after the show that she believes people should trust their intuition more, and that it would help guide them. For someone who has found myself in-depth and thorough investigation into psychic activity lacking and would like more information on The Evasons or E.S.P. in general, you can go to their website at www.evason.com or contact them at their email address, info@evason.com. Thanks again for reading and, until next time, get off of my lawn, you damn kids!

Friday, Feb. 1
- Men’s Hockey vs. Mercyhurst, 7 p.m., Hart Center
- Kimball movie: “Bandits.” 7 p.m., Kimball Theatre. $1.50 with Holy Cross ID. Sponsored by Holy Cross Film Series.
- Lecture and Concert: Don Byron, Jazz Clarinetist. 4 p.m. lecture, 8 p.m. concert, Brooks Concert Hall. Mr. Byron is one of the most accomplished jazz clarinetists of our time. Sponsored by First-Year Program, African-American Studies Program, Office of Student Programs.
- Dance: The Gentleman’s Ball. Hogan Ballroom, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. - Come dance the night away! Sponsored by the SRC’s.
- Men and Women’s Swimming vs. WPI and Clark University, 5 p.m., Hart Center.

Saturday, Feb. 2
- Men’s Hockey vs. Mercyhurst, 4 p.m., Hart Center
- Concert in Crossroads: Dave Binder playing the best of James Taylor. 9 p.m., Crossroads. Free! Sponsored by CAB.
- Men and Women’s Swimming vs. WPI and Clark University, 10:30 a.m., Hart Center.
- Kimball movie: “Bandits.” 7 p.m., Kimball Theatre. $1.50 with Holy Cross ID. Sponsored by Holy Cross Film Series.

Wednesday, Feb. 6
- Women’s Hockey vs. NE College, 7 p.m., Hart Center
- Kimball movie: “The Deep End.” 3 p.m., 8 p.m., Kimball Theatre. $1.50 with Holy Cross ID. Sponsored by Holy Cross Film Series.
- Men’s Basketball vs. Lafayette, 7 p.m., Hart Center.
- Lecture: “How Can I Find God?” 12 p.m. - 12:45 p.m., Rehm Library. Lunch to be provided. Sponsored by The Chaplains’ Office & President’s Office.

Thursday, Feb. 7
- Lecture: Debra Jackson on “What’s Wrong with Autonomy?” 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Smith 501. Sponsored by the Philosophy Department.
- Lecture: Emmanuel Mignot, M.D., Ph.D., on “Some ABC’s About Our ZZZ’s.” Mr. Mignot is a leader in the field of sleep disorder research. Sponsored by: Central Massachusetts Narcolepsy Support Group; Emmanuel College, M.D., Ph.D., Office of Disability Services.
- German Film Series: “Maybe...Maybe Not.” 7 p.m., Stein 116. Come see the sparkly fly when a German homosexual attempts to seduce his friend who has recently moved in with him due to a break-up. Sponsored by The Holy Cross German Club.

Holy Cross students flock to Kimball to enjoy the new “stir-fry” food section on Wednesday. Featuring fried vegetables and noodles, these entrees promise to satisfy even the most exotic tastes.