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man was convinced he would be "too busy" to commit himself as a volunteer there every Sunday night, he soon recognized how urgently his "being there" was needed. Many of the women at the home had been badly injured and beaten by men. McGovern's consoling nature and presence, however, assured those in residence that all men are not threatening and, instead can serve as good listeners and counselors.

He reinforced: "that to day...I know my being there made a difference and impact on me...I think I'm a better person."

The Congressman concluded his speech by again expressing his incredible gratitude for the training's participants and all of the SPUD volunteers who contribute so much to making Worcester a better place:

"I really can't thank you enough," he said. "It's incredible that you all are here...this doesn't always happen. You really are leading the way. I'm proud to be here [and] that you are doing this...Change the community, but also change the world."

A majority of the SPUD participants' reactions to McGovern's presentation were extremely positive. Piya Wannachaiwong '01 stated, "I think it speaks volumes to our relationships with Worcester. It was a pleasant change to see that Holy Cross does have a respected reputation with the community."

An Glackin '03 added, "I felt very much appreciated after hearing Congressman McGovern's talk. Clearly he recognizes Holy Cross and, in particular, SPUD's commitment to volunteers."

Sponsored by the Chaplains' Office yet run entirely by students, the Student Programs for Urban Development date back to the 1960s. Over 17 different volunteer opportunities ranging from working with the mentally ill and elderly, serving at soup kitchens, hospitals, and jails, and acting as models and mentors, teenagers in Worcester, are available. If a student is interested in taking part in one or more of these programs or have any questions, please call the SPUD office at (508) 793-3498.

That's right, kids. While you were all getting down with your bad selves at various parties and screaming to Ms. Jackson that you are for real, your inrepid reporter was out in the very bowels of Worcester (and by "bowels" I mean a bowling alley) and none of that sissy candlepin bowling, either. We are talking BIG BALLS here people!! Balls that weigh at least ten pounds! Just so everyone knows, candlepin bowling has much smaller pins ("candle-like", one could say) and you use much smaller bowling balls. Be like in A.M.A, I deal exclusively in big balls. I believe Fred did various studies on the attraction between men and huge balls, so I believe there is scientific proof to back up this statement.

It is at this point that you ask, "Tyler, aside from, you know, man/ball love, what brought you to a bowling alley late on a Saturday night?"

Well, Good reader, let me tell you. A Jett brought me to this bowling alley. I received a call from a friend of mine. The names have been changed to protect the innocent. Yes, this Earth has happened, so I was thinking about taking if I would like to go bowling, and asked me if any of my friends would like to come. From the urgency in his voice, I could tell this was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I immediately said I would gladly go bowling with him and two other friends, "Sean" and "Christine." Christine, who is a girl, is also interested in big balls. She in fact turned her nose up at the candlepin bowling establishment that was on the way to the Big Ball Boutique, saying, "I'm in college now, I can play with whatever sized balls I feel like." To which the men in the car all thought collectively, "Yowza!"

Will had graciously left the door open for me to invite some of my other friends. I rushed out into the hall, and, eager to share my enthusiasm with my friends, shouted for all to hear, "WHO WANTS TO GO BOWLING?!"

After they all stopped laughing and throwing things at me, I realized they were not into the whole bowling scene. "That’s fine," I thought to myself, "more pins for me."

We entered the bowling alley, not really sure what to expect. I am not real good about knowing what a game of bowling is. I was also afraid of what would happen if I was actually in a bowling alley. Will was like the ultimate bowling master, "900 pins for me."

Regardless of your food fetishes, you are prepared for a night of debauchery tonight not bowling, but instead striking cool poses after bowling, or singing "more pins for me."