Fourth annual ALANA town meeting held

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The Fourth Annual ALANA Town Meeting, sponsored by the Bishop Healy Committee, took place on Saturday, Feb. 10 in Hogan Suites B and C. It began with a reception from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm. The Town Meeting itself began at 4:00 p.m. and concluded at 5:30 p.m. The primary goal was to discover and discuss effective ways of facilitating the attainment of full academic potential at Holy Cross.

Rev. Catherine Reed began the Town Meeting with an inspiring Invocation. She thanked God for our gifts of life, of talents, and of opportunities to grow in wisdom and in service of others.

In addition to students, alumni/ae, and members of the Bishop Healy Committee, the following members of the administration, faculty, and staff participated: Jacqueline Peterson, Vice President for Student Affairs; Deans Esther Levine, Margaret Freize, and Victoria Swigert; Professors Ambrose Kom and Nicolas Sanchez; Christina Chen, Dr. Neal Lipsett, Father Gerard McKeon S.J., Dr. Mary Ni, Robert Principio, and Dr. John Winters.

A compendium of the views expressed will be written and distributed to those attending, all ALANA students, members of the Diversity Task Force and others who have shown interest.

In the future, the committee intends to consider the inclusion of non-ALANA in the town meeting.

ERes debuts on campus

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Some people can talk the talk, but Brian Murphy '02 is walking the walk. Brian has been a driving force in getting Holy Cross more involved in community service, making the school a viable element within the Worcester community. Brian has devoted his life at Holy Cross to helping those less fortunate and at the same time he has begun to examine himself.

Brian attributes his desire to serve to two major events in his life. These events, the Mexico Program trip after his freshman year and Professor Nickoloff's Liberation Theology class, moved him to service and made him question his place at Holy Cross.

The Mexico Program is run by the Chaplains' Office. It is not a service trip, but an educational program. Its main goal is to show how the poor and destitute of Mexico live. Professor Nickoloff's class deals with the poor and oppressed of South America and the Church's role there.

The program was moved by both of these events, that after his sophomore year he considered dropping out. He could not rationalize spending so much money on his own education when there was so much he could do out of school to help the poor and homeless. He even went as far as inquiring about graduating early, but the administration did not approve his plan. So rather than doing nothing and being miserable, he took control and started to make strides in instituting programs to increase the amount of volunteering on campus.

Since then, Brian has seen Holy Cross move in the right direction as far as supporting service projects and organizations.

Brian's list of activities is numerous. One of the groups that Brian is most passionate about is Jeremiah's Inn, which is a halfway house for those suffering from drug addiction. Brian began getting Holy Cross students involved at Jeremiah's Inn doing such tasks as teaching clients about food stamps and even risk being arrested during the program. Brian has also been the driving force behind the creation of SAFE, which serves as an alternative to the Chaplains' Office and the Counseling Center. This program trains students as rape counselors.

Though it has faced some logistical obstacles, Brian is optimistic that the program will also be a success.

Brian's plans for the future focus around social service. He hopes that in his second semester of his senior year, he will have the opportunity to work with the poor and homeless in Worcester on a more intense level. Though he has no specific career in mind, he is looking into the field of social service and social policy. He does not want to deal only with alleviating the suffering of the poor, he wants to address the problems that create poverty.

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Circle offers programs for deaf children.

The Deaf Studies Program runs numerous programs for Worcester-area deaf children. DEAFinitely Hockey and the Swim Program are both run by the college and are taught exclusively in American Sign Language. This is especially helpful because ASL is the first language for so many members of the deaf community.

In addition, Holy Cross offers the After School Special, a program involving tutoring, sports, and arts and crafts. In all of these programs, College Hill students who are proficient in ASL are given the opportunity to put their knowledge to use, not only by breaking down the language barrier which exists between the deaf and hearing worlds, but also by serving as positive role models for deaf children.

Professor Fask also runs a program for Holy Cross students in the beginning of each year called “Daf, Deaf World,” in which participants are put into situations where they must communicate in ASL. Participants must make hotel reservations, book flights, and even risk being arrested during the program. All communication must be in ASL, emphasizing, especially for students new to ASL, the language difficulties encountered by many deaf people.

Through the efforts of Fask and the Deaf Studies Program, Holy Cross is actively incorporating the deaf into the college community. By sponsoring events like California State's teleconference, making accommodations for deaf students in the classroom, and promoting college-sponsored activities for deaf youth, HC is becoming increasingly more involved in the deaf world.

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