Correction

The Crusader news editors would like to take this opportunity to apolo-
gize to Holy Cross students for publishing the article entitled, “The Wiz: A soulful play at a soul-less school?” which ran in the Mar. 1 issue. The article was not designed to offend anybody who participated in the Senior Show or in the Holy Cross community. Indeed, it was based on a humorous ar-
ticle which ran in the Feb. 26 issue of the Worcester Telegram and Gazette, which was mistakenly taken for news. We urge anybody who was offended by the article, and hope that it is understood that it was not written with malicious intent. For additional comment from the producers of the Se-
ior Show, please see, “Letters to the Editor.”

RA unionization sparks controversy at UMass

BY ELIZABETH PRESTON

The RA's unionization movement is sparking a lively debate on the campus. However, the residents of the ARA's at UMass feel they have not had enough time to organize properly.

“Right now, we are just starting to think about unionization,” said a spokesperson for the UMass RA's. “We are still trying to figure out what kind of union we want and how we can best represent our interests.”

Despite the initial delay, the RA's are committed to the idea of unionization. “It is important for us to have a say in the decisions that affect our lives,” said the spokesperson. “We want to be able to negotiate better wages and working conditions.”

Cheney on Diplomatic Trip to the Middle East

BY JAMES DUCKETT

Vice President Dick Cheney is now the middle of a 12 nation mid east trip in which he will meet with several nations' leaders and other officials to try to further plan the countries' next step in the war on terror. Cheney, who met with U.S. soldiers sta-
tioned in the Middle East this week, and bolstered support in middle eastern na-
tions for the Bush administration’s next phase of the war in the Arab world. "Our co operations in the war on terror will involve the removal of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from his position," said Cheney.

While over there, however, Cheney’s focus has seemed to shift from building support for an Iraqi confrontation to deal-
ing with the current crisis in Israel and Palestine. "This is a very difficult situation for us," said Cheney.

The Bush administration recently sent American envoy Gen. Anthony C. Zinni to deal firsthand with the crisis, but violence in the Middle East continues to be a great concern for President Bush and the admin-
istration. This week a grenade attack on a protestant church in Pakistan caused the death of five people, including an Ameri-
can who worked at the Embassy and her teenage daughter. "(The attacks) were acts of murder that cannot be tolerated by any person of conscience," said President Bush in reacting to the recent murders. In response to the climate of violence, the Middle East Bush has set up a meeting with Saudi Arabian Prince Abdullah, who has agreed to attend high level talks with the president in the coming months. Bush is also working in conjunction with Pak-
istani President Pervez Musharraf, who called the recent attacks in his country, "(as) acts of terrorism."

U.S. Nuclear Arsenal to undergo change

The Bush administration has recently started a plan in motion to begin the devel-
oment of a different kind of nuclear weapon than the country has ever pos-
sessed before. These weapons will be smaller than grand scale weapons made to wipe out entire cities, yet will be able to burrow deep into the ground and destroy targets hidden below the surface. These new weapons are coming at a time when the need for the U.S. nuclear arsenal is no longer to wage a global war with the Soviet Union, a sce-

dario that the nuclear arsenal was initially intended.

The new weapons that will be devel-
oped are made to fight in the United States' new war, and will be able to com-
bat "rogue states" instead of other fully in-
dustrialized nations. The U.S. already possesses similar weapons commonly re-
ferred to as "nuclear weapons." The pro-
posed program will create warheads that will travel deep inside the ground and cause an explosion many times greater than the most powerful nuclear bomb ever dropped. The Los Alamos national laboratory will be host to the new nuclear program, and the new project will hopefully attract more research funds to the lab and the area.

The older generation of Cold War bomb builders is now reaching retire-
amage, and with them will go their entire body of knowledge from the workplace. The hope for the government is to have a new breed of developers before the veter-
ans of the Cold War finally step down. In our new war on terror these new kinds of weapons will be the mainstay, but the chance of being used. As the former head of the nuclear weapons department at Los Alamos warns, "It’s often, but not univer-
sal…We have very good outreach to the poten-

trators."