Music and fun for the spring that has sprung

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It's 80 degrees out, the sun is shining, you have three papers due, and you're finalizing your summer job plans. This could all mean only one thing: another Spring Weekend is fast approaching. Our last weekend of fun and excitement before the hell of study week and final exams begins. A weekend designed to allow the students of Holy Cross to forget about school work and focus on having fun. It's one of the last opportunities for students to get together with their friends and let loose before leaving for summer vacation.

This year, the weekend was supposed to be kicked off with the Battle of the Sexes, but due to a lack of interest, it was canceled. In the past, the prize for the Battle of the Sexes, but due to a lack of interest, it was canceled. In this contest, the bands of Holy Cross I.D. and Run DMC. I don't know how in Menudo you get kicked out at like 16, but at least for the director Fitzgerald said, "I can't believe we're getting paid for this!"

"Obituaries" will be performed on May 1 in the O'Kane Pit, and is one of three one-act plays scheduled for study week. Other student-directors featured include Patrick Finley and Lauren Checki. Check out posters around campus for dates and times.

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On May 1, Matthew Saldarelli will present his self-written and directed one-act play, "Obituaries," to the Holy Cross community. "Obituaries," previewed to a smaller audience last weekend, displays the directing talent and technical quality expected of a senior thesis project.

According to the director, "Obituaries" is a "surrealist" play that reveals to the audience various character's obituaries, gradually enabling the audience to see more and more of what component's typicallity personality after death.

The technical aspects of the show lead the audience towards towards these discoveries while simultaneously entertaining the audience with a mixture of creative directing and clever humor. Saldarelli also paid close attention to the technical work put into the show, noting that the one-act is "grounded in technical quality." Besides highlighting Saldarelli's playwriting and directorial skills, "Obituaries" displays the talents of other members of the Holy Cross theater and music departments.

Several well know thespians, including Shaun Fitzgerald, Meg Trelcaase and Christopher Lops among others, star in the play and deliver performances of professional quality.

On last week's preview Saldarelli said he was very "happy with the culmination" of everything that went into making the show what it was. "Obituaries," which was written from scratch, required a great deal of organization and planning.

A scene from senior Matthew Saldarelli's one-act play "Obituaries." The play will be performed May 1 as part of the Theatre Department's Spring Sampler.

Obituaries: A one act worth seeing

Pat McGee

Run DMC

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The center of this week's article is an old standby for music lovers in the Worcester area. Newbury Comics is headquartered in Boston, but has graced us with one of its fine stores. It allows the poor and addicted a way to both buy and sell their discs of pleasure otherwise known as CDs.

Upon walking into the store you are immediately aware of the fact that you are among your peers. As the saying goes, "Don't trust anyone over 30." Well I think the store doesn't employ any adults. You know how in Menudo you get kicked out at like 16, well the same thing applies here, but the people at Newbury Comics are a lot cooler than the people in Menudo. Even the guys in Reunion, the new group made up of old Menudo members. You might ask why I know so much about Menudo ... I watch too much VH1.

"Round Worcester

Welcome to Newbury Comics

OK so the topic of this article is Newbury Comics, not Menudo. Music is always playing, and it's not the top forty. Whenever you go in, there is something different on. Whether it be N'Sync, one of my personal faves, or Radiohead, which is less mainstream, it just serves to show that the store is not catering to any one interest. Plus the music is chosen by the employees on duty so you get a sense of their personalities, and when they enjoy themselves and are dancing around, it just makes everyone else relaxed and happy also.

There are the regular old displays of the top cds and new releases with an added section of employee picks. Generally these selections run about $12.88 or so. Most of the CDs are about $15 with some at $17. If you shop at the right time you will save some money. The store also has a savings club type of deal where you save money with this little card.

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