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First of all, does the College really need more housing? Yes, there is a shortage in rooms, especially for upperclassmen, but that shortage is counteracted by the trend for juniors and seniors to live in houses and apartments off campus. It has become a rite of passage for Holy Cross students in the past years to endure two years on campus, and will not have to worry about their telephone and electricity bills, the new trend of crazy landlords and thieves off campus, walking through Worcester to go to class, or trying to find a parking spot every morning. Although in choosing to remain on-campus, residents of the new residence halls would be held responsible for their actions under Public Safety, Morrill was quick to point out the benefit of not having to deal with the infamous Worcester Police Department.

The Residence Life Issue Committee is aware of the many concerns of the upperclassmen about living on campus including throwing parties. They feel that because only about one third of seniors are of legal drinking age and after having three students die in the past seven years due to alcohol, they cannot be too liberal. Obviously they need to abide by the law. However, one of the points they are bringing up to their next meeting is a new “party permit policy.” The committee is trying to listen to all suggestions and is trying to appeal to as many students as possible.

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