A Look at This Year's
Hanify-Howland Lecture

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On Monday, November 13 at 8:00 p.m. in the Hogan Ballroom, the Holy Cross community is invited to attend the 35th annual Hanify-Howland Memorial Lecture. The late Weston Howland, a board chairman of Warwick Mills, Inc., who died in 1976, first initiated this series. His friend, Edward F. Hanify, was a 1904 Holy Cross graduate and a Massachusetts Superior Court justice for 15 years.

According to a memorandum sent by the Lecture Committee's Co-Chairs, the families of these men wish "to bring speakers to campus who have found creative and powerful ways to serve our community... it is the hope... that this lecture will foster student debate and discussion of current issues, as well as inspire members of our community to commit their lives to public service."

Mary Ann Glendon, a Learned Hand Professor of Law at Harvard University, serves as this year's speaker and presenter. The title of her speech will be "Perils and Promise of the International Human Rights Project." Glendon's work focuses on human rights issues and she is known for her work in international law.

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A Bandwidth Hog No More: HC Bans Napster

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Earlier this year, among the lecture announcements, grad school studies advertisements and other printed information littering the student posting boards at the University of Michigan, was tacked a poster of a pig wrapped in an computer cable cord. "Don't be a bandwidth hog," the poster said.

Napster, an Internet server that allows users to trade files online, is at the heart of a bandwidth hog. The program was barely used at the beginning of the year to share their experiences with new students. Each day would began with a prayer and throughout the course of the day leaders would give talks on various topics, sharing their stories and experiences with the group. The sessions were followed with time for spiritual reflection and group discussions. Liz Maloy, a sophomore who had not been on Manresa before, described her experience as, "A touching weekend. I went into it free of expectations, and it was awesome... such a moving experience."

This seemed to be the general consensus of all students who went on Manresa for the first time this weekend.

Ted Lombardi, the student director of the retreat, has been on several Manresa retreats, but describes this retreat as being special. "This one certainly holds a special place in my heart, seeing all the hard work the team, Marybeth, and Fr. McKeon have put into it. The group of students who attended the retreat were terrific! Overall it was an amazing experience that I would recommend for anyone to Holy Cross to take advantage of."

Another Manresa retreat will be held this weekend in Vermont, and students interested in future Manresa retreats should watch for emails for anyone at Holy Cross to attend.

This weekend was an incredible experience for spiritual reflection and group discussions. The retreat was lead by eleven student leaders, and was also attended by Fr. McKeon and Marybeth Kearns-Barrett from the Chaplains Office. The group of student leaders, consisting of sophomores, juniors and seniors, have all previously attended Manresa retreats, and were asked to return as leaders this year to share their experiences with new students.

As previously mentioned, Napster presents administrators with more than just technical problems. Napster is used to trade copyrighted material. Earlier this year, the lawyer's representing Dr. Dre and Metallica against Napster filed a suit against several colleges, charging that the Universities were complicit the copyright violation. Because they had not banned the site. While the legal suit was dropped, twenty schools received "strongly worded" letters from the lawyers.

To deal with moral and legal issues alike, this year the University of Virginia and the University of Delaware have begun administer a test to new network users, testing students on both correct computer usage and the institutions' computer policies. Cornell University forces almost all new users to take a "Computers Use and Ethics" course. Howard E. King, lawyer for Metallica has serious doubts of this education approach. "I don't think anyone needs educat-

Rather than relying on the university's server to provide access, using Napigator, a service which reroutes the Napster service. In the beginning the block worked and network use fell almost 70 percent. But then slowly the usage rose up again as students found ways to circumvent the ban. These methods included keying in the server's numeric address in a computer's firewall-- hardware and software that can prevent users on the campus system from reaching specific Web addresses, and can prevent outsiders from connecting to computers in the system.

Some schools which have been forced to ban Napster have introduced a similar service to appease students. Upwards of 40 schools, including Stanford, Wake Forest, and the University of Notre Dame offer another file sharing agreement utilities organize traffic by priority, which music downloads at the bottom of the ladder. Mark Bruni, Indiana University's IT Policy Advisor, explains the University's decision to revamped their network around Napster usage. "Napster is very clever," he said. "One of the primary reasons we wanted to do more research on this kind of application was because we believe it's going to be much more prevalent in the future, and that it could support other, less recreational university activities.

Whether Holy Cross, like Indiana University, is meant to one day reinjoin the ranks of Napster users, or join the growing list of school applauded by Dr Dre and Metallica, it is yet to be determined. Until the final call, a covetor of MP3s can only wait, want or current.