Mock Trial: Giving Tomorrow's Lawyers a Head Start

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Mock trial began at Holy Cross in 1993 when students from the Trial Advocacy course began organizing mock trial competitions. After the initial members graduated, many joined as volunteer coaches. The most recent regional competition was held at Holy Cross. And it is this: resist the tinsel, move the mistletoe and work on the anchor of our life, the firmament. The spirit of Holy Cross, $5 for members of the Worcester Consortium, and $10 for the general public. CAB strongly suggests that students buy tickets in advance so that students can attend what promises to be an extremely funny stand-up comedy routine.

Thanksgiving Does it Best

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Thanksgiving is the best holiday. This is why:

- Thanksgiving is completely and totally American. If baseball is our national sport and apple pie our national food, Thanksgiving is our national holiday. Sure, the Fourth of July is pretty darn patriotic, but Thanksgiving still has it beat. Plenty of countries celebrate the anniversary of their independence. How many countries hold a holiday to commemorate the Indians teaching pilgrims how to cook corn and turkey? Only the United States. What's more, Thanksgiving dinner, which essentially defines the holiday, consists of uniquely American food: corn, squash, cranberries, turkey, yams with marshmallows? It is a meal after George Washington's own heart.

- Thanksgiving is one of the last "pure" holidays. Christmas has been all but taken over by mass consumerism. Halloween is sugar coated and commercialized. Mother's Day and Father's Day, as it turns out, are also become "commercialized." Valentine's Day got a few critical nods from the ultra-secular. What's more, Thanksgiving was the only one of the above holidays that we celebrated in class AND got from our parents. On the other hand, thanks for the last year of great food. And for those who do not enjoy food or family, there is always football.

So this year, as you give thanks for the last year of prosperity, remember to give some credit to the wonderful holiday that got you off of school. The American favorite, my own favorite: Thanksgiving.