the old to the new. The Birthday Ball is one of the biggest events of the year for the ROTC. It is also a night to reflect on the proud history of the College was significantly diminished because of the sheer volume of funds that were directed at the disaster relief effort and to the American Red Cross.

Habitat for Humanity forged ahead, however, and slowly but surely, began to raise the money necessary to launch what is currently Holy Cross’ biggest capital campaign, so funding from alumni and friends of the College was essential. This spurred them to focus their efforts on networking with corporations, foundations, and local officials. The Worcester affiliate of Habitat for Humanity helped Holy Cross find a local donor interested in helping the cause.

Partially as a result of Holy Cross’ impressive involvement in the Spring Break program, Habitat for Humanity International gave the Holy Cross group a $15,000 grant. The fund raising committee worked hard to acquire the rest of the money. On campus, they sponsored raffles for bookstore gift certificates and a basketball ticket giveaway. The Enterprise, a local newspaper, even ran an ad about how they could involve students in the Worcester community, give students who come from small schools an opportunity to participate, and live more in the spirit of Latin student’s page, 1

Despite obstacles, HC Habitat raises adequate funds to build a new dorm

Local youth visit HC

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Holy Cross students also gave the kids a tour of the campus. The students were able to give the kids a writing assignment that asked what it would be like to live on a campus. “I really like the dorm rooms,” Irma Garcia, a student from Oneonta, said, “I would be cool to go there. Plus, there’s no curfew.”

On the second visit, the students had pizza together in Crossroads. The atmosphere of the visit was the same as the first, though this time they realized how much college life was like socially. They then broke up into small groups again to discuss brief presentations about the importance of Habitat for Humanity. As described by Habitat Co-chair Maura Kaveney, “02 was the “ultimate year” for the project.

The origins of this project can be traced back to 1993, when Holy Cross joined the Collegiate Challenge Spring Break program, which sent under fifty students to a few service projects. The project required $70,000 and the time of students who were on spring break. As described by Maura Kaveney, “02 was the "ultimate year" for the project.

The housing will be located between the Twin Towers, and conduct hearings necessary to related to the College’s Community Standards or the judicial process. To “do what ever else Dean Petzinger wants [him] to do,” Surita has a lot of experience in this field after spending the last fourteen years working in Student Affairs.

Surita’s background includes a major in communications with an emphasis in public relations and advertising from the University of Wisconsin and a minor in political science with an emphasis in pre-law. He got his mas- ter’s in counseling at the State University of New York at Oneonta and stayed there for about five years. During this time, Surita held the positions of Residence Hall Director, the Assistant Director of Student Relations, and the Coordinator of the College Union and Student Activities. Despite holding all of these titles, he also assisted the college as their marketing consultant and helped the Office of Admissions with their brochures, videos, etc.

Although Surita took on many responsibilities at Oneonta along with continuing his education, these experiences are what he enjoys the most. He is currently working on his Ph.D. in Higher Education at the University of Rochester. These included being the Director of Residence Life, the Assistant Dean of Judicial Affairs, and the Director of Campus Relations. After making the move to Mary Wash-ington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia, to work as the Director of Residence Life, Housing, Judicial Affairs, and Admissions Coordinator, Surita became the Assistant Director of Residence Life while working on his Ph.D. in Higher Education at Ohio University. Since then, the whole suite of the Suritas, including their daughters, Gina (8) and Keri (5) has relocated one more time, this time to Massachusetts for his present job here at Holy Cross. Surita said that his “first re- action” to coming to Holy Cross “was the heady feeling of being a part of the whole moving process.” However, the positi- vities outweighed the negatives.

Kaveney met with their Charitable Contributions Committee and asked them to partner with Holy Cross to come up with a new fundraising idea from alumni Chris Collins.

The Crusader/Martha Wallace

Rich Mucci ’02, head of admissions from UNUM Providence when Maura

Admissions Committee and Administrators.

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