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The holy cross campus connects with the natural world in many ways. One way is that the campus lies on an old fruit farm and it still has some of the trees from the past. All the trees are labeled with names. It also connects to the natural world with the buildings that are on it. They were all built a while ago, during the building years of holy cross college. They resemble old buildings that connect to the past. The campus is a natural space I believe. This is because it’s on the same grounds as when it was built and we are walking among all the alumni who graduated. It’s a natural space to be thinking also. The natural world to me is the area surrounding you and how it connects to the world and the past. Natural space is a place where nothing has really been altered. All the trees and buildings from the past are still among us today.

I do believe there has been an underlying symbolism that has guided the construction of the buildings at holy cross. All the buildings at holy cross are built in the same way. They all have the same look

*The college’s name should be capitalized.*

*Actually, we are still very much in the “building years” with the construction of Williams Hall (the apartment dorm), Smith Hall, and Smith Labs quite recently.*

*Is what you are saying really true about the campus? Does this area look the same as it did in 1840 (before the college was founded)?*

to them. They have the tall towers that look like a castle, the windows are all aligned and the halls all look the same. Church I think played a big factor in the building of the buildings, since the first building included a chapel. The chapel has the same bricks, as does every other old building. The two dorm buildings next to the dining hall Kimball, one on the right and one on the left are the exact same. They both have the indented middle where the door is and the steps leading to it. I believe the reason why holy cross is the way it is today is because of the castle-like buildings. Also because it has such rich history and is build on an old fruit farm on the side of a hill. Holy Cross campus is very much the natural world.

*Jack,*

*This is a reasonably good essay. Your writing is direct, which is good. I don’t think you have completely caught the possible meanings of “natural,” though. Is the Holy Cross campus “natural” in the way a forest is natural? Everything here has been shaped and molded by the people who founded and continued the college.*

*Everything you are saying is connected with human beings too.*

*By the way, I couldn’t help noticing what you called your Word file – phonetically OK, but the spelling is Montserrat(!)*

*“have a look to them” is OK in everyday speech but it is too informal this kind of writing. Just say “have the same look”*

*What you are saying about influence of church architecture is certainly true.*

*(should be “exactly the same”). Look more closely – there are subtle differences in details of ornamentation, layout of windows, and so on. They definitely “go together,” though.*