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**Problem Set 2 Essay**

After I saw Tom Zetterstrom’s talk about the American Oak Tree, I felt no differently about the natural world than I did before I entered Seelos Theater. I have always been aware of the importance of trees and mankind’s ability to prevent trees from becoming extinct. Though, I admit, it was nice to learn how trees have helped shape America as a country. I certainly did not realize how big American Oak Trees could grow to be. The photographs that Zetterstrom took of various trees in America were beautiful; I especially liked his set of photographs of the same tree in different seasons. I appreciate the beauty that trees bring to the world around me and I enjoy sitting in the shade on a sunny day. I think that for the most part human beings are divided when it comes to trees. Some people fight to keep trees unharmed while others believe they are of a higher importance than trees and guiltlessly cut them down. I believe it is important for humans to try their best to live along side nature with as much harmony as possible. I do not understand why Zetterstrom focused so much on the fact that trees create shade. He mentioned it multiple times throughout his lecture and I thought it was a little excessive. To be honest, I did not like Zetterstrom’s lecture very much. I felt that he criticized Holy Cross because of “our lack of variety of trees.” I understand that there are many, many different types of trees in the world, but I do not think it is necessary to have as many trees as possible in one plot of land because that would retract from each tree’s own beauty and I think it would make the campus look unkempt.