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From the Editor

Welcome back to Roberts! Freshmen, we're excited to have you here. It's a new year and there are many exciting things just around the corner. Campus is abuzz with all sorts of new happenings. As the seasons change from summer to autumn and leaves begin to fall, we are also entering a new season of life. The goal of the Beacon staff this year is to bring community to the Roberts campus, and I'm so excited to do just that! We want to embrace the creativity and ideas that you all have. You are what makes this paper special! As the newest member of the Beacon team, I can't wait to see where you take us. This community is one that has the potential to be a light across campus. I hope you feel at home here at Roberts. Blessings to all of you as the semester begins.

Katy Goodwin ♡
Editor-in-Chief

Dear Abby,



**DEAR ABBY,
HOW DO I GET NATE MAGAW TO FALL IN LOVE
WITH ME?**

There is no doubt that Nate's humor and unruly good looks are what make Nate a sure catch on our campus. With Nate's rizz charts on the rise, it is important to recognize that you may not be the only person after Nate's love and affection. Be sure to make yourself stand out above the rest. You can do this by positioning yourself in Nate's circle. Join clubs and activities that Nate may be a part of, and you might just find your way into his heart.

**Xoxo,
Abby**



**DEAR ABBY,
HOW CAN I BE A GOOD ROOMMATE?**

Sharing a small living space with anyone is no easy task. It is important to set boundaries on what living together will look like. You should answer important questions such as when you will be getting up in the morning and when you will arrive back in the evening. Cleanliness is also important to discuss. Will you take turns cleaning your space, or will you each take care of your things? (Be sure to quickly clean up your food and dirty dishes!) You must be respectful of your roommate's space. Never invite guests over without your roommate's consent. Make sure to respect your roommate's privacy. Do not touch or move their things without their consent. Being a good roommate not only allows you to live in a stress-free environment, it also allows you to build a fulfilling friendship.

**Xoxo,
Abby**

Get Out There: Off-Campus Activities to Try This Fall

Jessica Montemorano

Wickham Farms: Check out the farm for a full day of fun! Some activities include the corn maze, mini golf course, tug of war, hayrides, and much more! Afterward, head to the barnyard for their famous Fall Shake Ups, kettle corn, and apple bar! There are also so many fantastic photo areas to jazz up your Instagram. The farm is open from 10 am-7 pm every day except Wednesday. Barnyard admission is \$15.95 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and \$22.95 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Wickham Farms is located at 1315 Sweets Corners Rd in Penfield, just 31 minutes from campus!



Stokoe Farms: Enjoy a fun fall activity day at Stokoe Farms! With activities such as the Peanut's corn maze, wagon rides, candy cannon, and pumpkin corral, you're guaranteed to find something to do with your friends! Afterward, enjoy apple cider donuts, lemonade, fudge, and more. Entry cost is \$21.99 for General Admission if bought online. The season starts on September 21st and ends on October 27th. The farm is open from 10 am-5 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Stokoe Farms is located at 656 South Rd in Scottsville, just 19 minutes from campus!

VerHulst Haunted Hayride: Looking for a thrill? Head to VerHulst for a haunted hayride! Not only do you ride on the wagon, but there are also parts where you can walk through the haunted grove and the corn maze at the end! You are sure to be frightened! Admission is \$29 and available only at the gate with cash. The hayride runs every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6:30-10:30 pm on Friday/Saturday and 6:30-9:30 pm on Sundays. The season starts on October 4th and will last until October 27th. The hayride is located at 5161 West Ridge Rd. in Spencerport, just 14 minutes from campus!



A Fresh(man) Pair of Eyes

Catherine Magaw

I'm a freshman. As I'm writing this, I have been a Roberts student and resident for 19 days. Here are some observations I've made so far through my "fresh eyes," in the form of a list.

- My brother is a student here, and I grew up in the Rochester area, so I'm familiar with Roberts. But being a student feels vastly different from just visiting.
- Adjusting to being in college and living on campus can be difficult. The secret is, other freshmen probably feel homesick, overwhelmed, or confused, so if you feel that way— you're not alone!
- Although college involves different classes, more responsibility, and living here all the time, college classes feel like previous years of school (but maybe better).
- I'm still learning the art of swiping my student ID. Interestingly, different scanners require different swipe speeds.
- Garlock offers some wonderful food!
- There's lots of great nature I get to see around campus, like trees, flowers, and numerous squirrels.
- As I walk to classes, I must remember to give myself enough time to get there, but I also get to appreciate being outside.
- I enjoy chapel! It's a nice opportunity to focus on my spiritual life. It's also cool to see a majority of the student body in one place, especially on Wednesdays.
- There are some very kind and welcoming people here on campus, both students and faculty, which has been a highlight of my time here so far.

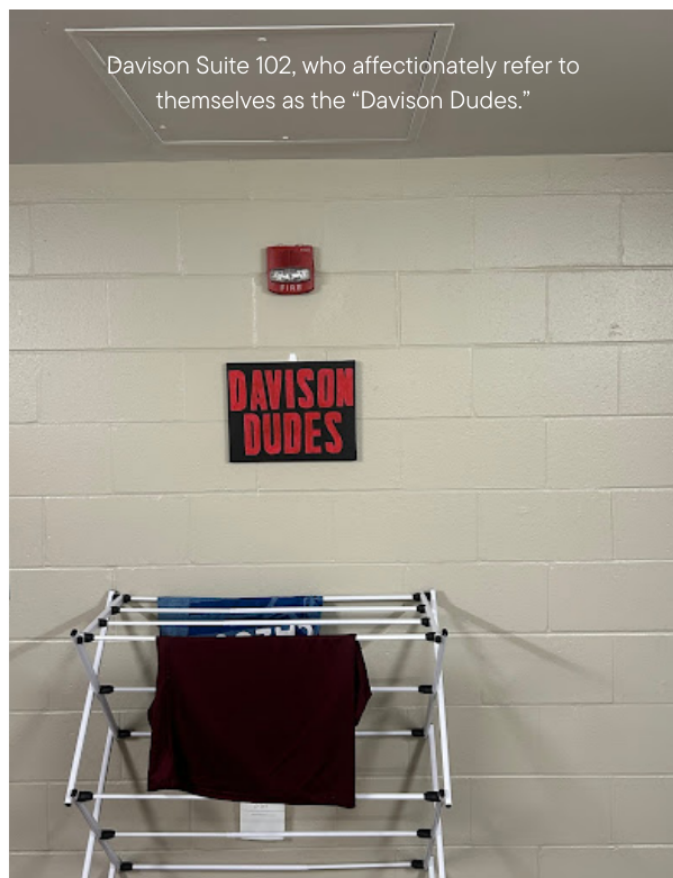
Sometimes I wish that I wasn't a freshman, and I could skip to the part of college where everything makes more sense. But that's not how this works, so for now I will try to savor the moment while it lasts, and enjoy the novelty of viewing things through my new, fresh(man) eyes.



Davison Dudes???

What It's Like to be the First Group of Men to Live in Davison Hall

Nate Magaw



For many years, men all across the Roberts campus have wished they could live in the wonderful, air conditioned comfort that is Davison Hall. Such a wish was only a fantasy for many years as they sweltered in Miner Hall or the Villages.

But this year, the dream came to life, and more than 50 men now call the first floor of Davison home. I got to interview sophomore Isaac Fesmire, one of the lucky new residents.

Pictured: Nate and Isaac growing old in Davison Hall.



Me: What was your first reaction when you heard guys could live in Davison?

Isaac: I was a bit surprised. I didn't expect it to happen and I was a bit disappointed I couldn't live in Miner another year.

Me: Now, as someone who lives in Davison, how are you liking it?

Isaac: It's such a vibe, and the quality of the building is miles better than Miner. The lounge is also so much better than Miner's since it's more secluded.

Me: What's the biggest downside to living in Davison?

Isaac: It's very out of the way. Running back to my room is such an inconvenience in between classes or events.

Me: What specifically has been the best part of living in Davison?

Isaac: It would have to be the community. The people here are all great and we've been able to connect with people that we might not have known as well before. The game nights we've been able to have have really added to the vibe.

Me: What would you say to freshmen or upperclassmen who are thinking about living in Davison next year?

Isaac: It's so worth it, and the extra two minutes of walking is not that bad. Just get a solid crew to suite up with and make sure to stay open to the community. It can be such a social hub if you do it right.

WEIRDEST DORM ROOM

DULCIMA



We asked, and you guys certainly did not disappoint! Here are some of the weirdest (or dare I say coolest) things you have in your dorms:

A Deana bobblehead in the shower

For the freshmen and sophomores who don't know, Deana Porterfield was the previous president of Roberts. And for this particular student, she happens to still be president of their shower. Bobblehead Deana hopes that your shampoo, conditioner, and body wash are united in cleanliness.

A bust of Edgar Allan Poe

My number one question here is *where*. Where is it (he?) located? Does he watch over you while you cook in your kitchen, or is he located in someone's room? I would ask why you have this, but we all know better than to do that lest Sir Poe send a raven our way.

A spatula with a ping pong paddle duct taped to the handle

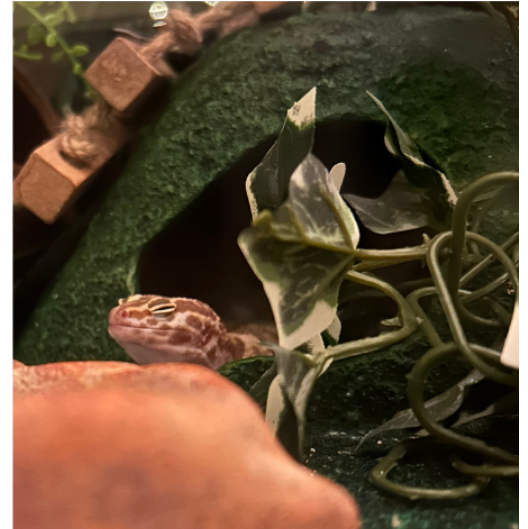
Which came first, the paddle or the spatula? Dear submitter of this entry, I would love to meet this spatula. And ask you how and why this happened. Do you still use it as a spatula, or does the ping-pong paddle cover it?

A cardboard cutout of a blobfish

Okay, but is it how a blobfish looks underwater or above water? Because underwater, they actually look pretty normal! It's not their fault that we caught them out of their natural habitat—anyone in that scenario would be caught off guard! Just look at what happened when we put Miner men in Davison!

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2 garbage bag-sized bags of chips

I just know that those chips are so stale. Also, what flavor of chips? There are many right answers to this question, but there is also a wrong answer. Once again, I am astounded by how you even managed to acquire two garbage bag-sized bags of chips, let alone get them into your dorm. I hope you've shared your chip surplus with your fellow residents!

In conclusion, it was absolutely hilarious to hear about the things you guys have in your dorms. It's important to find ways to make your dorm feel homey, even if that means having Edgar Allan Poe watch over you!

Keep putting weird stuff in your dorms!

Haunted Buildings: The Soul Sequel

Juliana McNew

Last year, I wrote an article on which campus buildings were haunted. However, I only briefly mentioned the actual ghosts inside them. Now that the spooky season has rolled back around again, I feel that it is only right to revisit these locations and give these revenants the recognition they deserve.

01

Endicott

Harboring resentment toward past professors for rejecting his aesthetic tastes, he has claimed the art wing and basement of Carpenter as his domain. Most notably, Endicott has the power to create illusions of the interior, which he uses to try to trap unsuspecting students inside. He is by far the most powerful ghost on campus. Be vigilant.

03

Euston

This ghost has some strange tastes—literally. He is responsible for the odd flavor of water within Hastings. Unlike the other ghosts, this haunt doesn't appear to be confined to one place. He has altered the taste of several other water fountains throughout the campus. He is the #1 suspect of causing the Great Flood of Updyke.

02

Nikolai

The library ghost. Nikolai is normally passive, but he won't hesitate to make it known if he becomes upset. He exclusively interferes with technology. Last year, shortly after the Library Cafe was closed, Nikolai repeatedly broke the printers. This year, he's frozen a whole section of the moving bookshelves. While the cause of the latter is unknown, I suspect it was because they closed in on him one too many times while he was trying to read.

04

Lynette

A placid phantom that resides within Cox Hall. Students and staff alike have claimed to have heard her singing while alone in the building. The next time you walk past Cox Hall in the evening, remember: it might not be Cecilia's voice you're hearing, but the dead's.

ALL HALLOWS EVE

COLETTE ROSICA



Happy All Hallows Eve season! Whether your religious beliefs allow you to celebrate Halloween or not, the Church has undeniably been involved in its history. Halloween originated as a pagan holiday called Samhain that celebrated the end of autumn. In the 8th century, the Church created the religious holiday All Saints Day or All Hallows Day to commemorate the Saints (but more specifically martyrs) of the Catholic Church. This celebration was originally set on the Sunday after Pentecost. About a century later, the Church moved the date closer to Samhain. This holiday now falls on November 1st. The preparation for this holy holiday, called All Hallows Eve, was later shortened to Hallowe'en. The Church chose a time near a pagan holiday, which inevitably led to the integration of the two. However, trick-or-treating originates from the Christian celebration, not the pagan!

Trick-or-treating originated with beggars asking for food (traditionally cakes called "soul cakes") in exchange for prayer. People would pray for the dead and for Christian martyrs on this day. Many still do! Legend even has it that jack-o'-lanterns were left out by early Christians to help light the way for lost souls. Many of the religious ties from this holiday have been lost in popular culture, but the fact remains that for many Catholic people this day holds great significance. Many fast on this day. Perhaps a fast before we collect our candy could help us keep the day holy while still enjoying the secular aspects of this popular holiday?

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