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**NEWS**  
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*Brief*  
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## State of Florida to choose next Pope

Oh the times they are a-changin' for the ancient selection process of the Pope. Instead of the silent casting of ballots until a unanimous decision is reached, the highest members of the Catholic clergy decided to be more democratic in the way their Church's leader should be selected. The Clergy spent the last few months deliberating over which voting constituency in the world has performed the best, exemplifying virtue, wisdom, and common sense. Nominees the church considered include the voting publics in Cuba, China, and North Korea, the Syracuse Men's Basketball coaching staff, the OJ Simpson Jury, and the entire state of Florida. Finally, on Tuesday, the Catholic Church announced that the state of Florida would be responsible for the Pope's selection.

## Creators of JW: Chapel Linebacker sued by Wesley Estate

Houghton College students responsible for the creation of the two John Wesley: Chapel Linebacker films have been sued by the John Wesley Estate for copyright violations and libel. The civil suit set at \$1.2 million dollars claims that the students "distorted and mocked every good thing the Reverend stood for an accomplished in

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## There's Something in the Water: Houghton's New Diet Craze

by JOSH MILLER  
Star Staff Writer

As of last week, students and a few faculty members have been flocking to Houghton's sinks and water fountains, taking part in the college's latest diet fad. "See that freshman girl over there?" a jealous student in the Campus Center remarked, pointing to freshman Kiki Klokovich, an MK from Uberslovakia. "She's been on the diet for three weeks, and she's like a stick now! But she used to be so fat!"

Kiki is one of the many Houghton students who have taken advantage of Houghton's water supply to shave off their excess weight. The new diet, referred to as the "iron-rich diet," was developed by junior Misty VanderHoff. "Someone had told me to drink eight glasses of water a day to lose weight," Misty says. "Well, that didn't work, so I tried drinking eight Nalgene bottles of water a day. Within a week, I lost five pounds!"

Misty's friends quickly noticed her dramatic weight loss, and after they called her

a big slightly-less-fat liar when she chalked up the change to improved dietary habits and exercise, she shared the secret ingredient of her dietary regimen.

Within days, students across campus began

chugging milk jugs full of Houghton water. "I've never seen anything like it before," security officer Ray Parlett says. "Usually students drink as little Houghton water as possible or use those Brita filters. My family won't go near what comes out of the tap."

Recently, members of the chemistry department have taken samples

of Houghton water in an attempt to discover the weight-loss agent it contains. "I don't know what it is," says chemistry major Jason Smith. "But I know one thing: it's not bacon!"

Smith's theory turned out to be remarkably accurate. After careful analysis, Dr. Irmgard Howard believes Houghton's water contains a rare type of bacteria that, when consumed in large quantities, rapidly destroys the body's internal

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PHOTO BY PETRUSHKA FLURGONHAAFER

Students across the Houghton College campus flock to and fight over the fat-burning fluid known as the iron-rich Houghton water. Once a source of revulsion, it's now causing a rapid weight-loss revolution.

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his humble service to the people and the Church." Upon hearing this statement, filmmaker Michael Moore took a public stand in favor of the students and their films. "We should all support films which bad mouth and humiliate respectable public figures by distorting the truth. Libel-shmibel."

**Cell phone use linked to infertility, brain damage, and increased social status**

Last Thursday a report out of Hong Kong – where over two-thirds of the adult population carries cell phones – claimed that cell phones emit a harmful dose of gamma rays directly into the ears of users. The rays have minimal effects on the ears themselves but instead act to channel the rays directly into the brain. A few exposures to these rays via cell phone use do not result in brain damage. Over the course of a few months and years however, the harmful gamma rays begin to kill brain cells in specific areas. The first sections of the brain to fry are those dealing with manners and driving IQ. Next is the section of the brain dealing with fertility. When asked if such a persuasive study would change their cell phone use habits, 72% of high-schoolers said "And risk being less-cool? Heck no." In a related study, young adults ages 18-25 viewed the ownership of a cell phone to increase one's social status among peers. After hearing these results, the percentage of students in the first study increased to 94%.

**Prince Charles and some chick get married**

On Saturday Prince Charles and Camilla Parker-what's-her-face were married before the Archbishop of Canterbury. Lots of people pretended like this was an interesting piece of news, but, in reality, it was not. In a campus poll, 13% knew Camilla's full name, 35% found the news to be interesting, and an overwhelming 68% of students said that yes, Dr. Brittain looks a little bit like Adolf Hitler.

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systems. "To be honest, I'm surprised no one's died from this yet," Howard said.

As a preventive measure, Howard and some of her chemistry students will be performing a concert of Dr. Howard's original compositions. The concert, called the Thirsty for Death Tour, will perform new tunes, including, "Large Problems for Your Large Intestine," "Have another Glass of Death," and a sentimental piece called, "Life-Destroying Bacteria Have Feelings Too." The concert will also feature Dr. Howard classics, such as, "Dr. Atkins' Diet Re-volu-ti-on," and her smash hit about moderating the calcium level in the blood stream called "Calcitonin Puts the Bone In."

The counseling center will also be putting on a drama in chapel where a bacterium, played by Dr. Tim Nicholls, takes a baseball bat to a human intestine, played Dr. Michael Lastoria, and beats the crap out of him. Literally.

But for now, students continue to flock like rabid, murderous dogs to sources of Houghton water. "Sure, I might be suffering from internal bleeding and kidney failure," said one student, "but look at these legs!"

**Houghton College's Top Five Eligible Bachelors**

by MATT AUYEUNG  
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It's already been some time since Easter break, with graduation rapidly approaching, and I still see a vast number of senior maidens strolling about campus gazing upon their ringless fingers, drowning hopelessly in their ever daunting sorrows. Acknowledging that it is taboo for students (particularly females) to engage in open dialogue regarding members of the opposite gender publicly on this campus, me, as your fellow scholar servant, have devoted myself in vigorous research and labored heartlessly (which consists solely of a casual flip through our beloved *Boulder*) to bring you Houghton College's *Top Five Eligible Bachelors*.

(In no particular order)

**Bob White:** This Pillsbury Doughboy is more of a virgin than I am at the dating game. That's just sad. When my mother doesn't think any girl will want to marry me because I'm boorishly uninteresting, and I've still kissed more girls than you, may God have mercy upon your bald soul. Well, Bob does have one advantage. He is white, after all.

**Dan Fuller:** He may have the savage looks of a towering beast, but possesses the sweet, tender heart of an eighth-grade Catholic school girl. A stellar athlete, he's a monster at the ping-pong table, a sheer brute at Mario Golf against his little brother, and makes Kevin Garnett look like Nick Furman on the basketball court.

**Brent Chamberlain:** Due to his tall and lean stature, Brent raises his hands higher than anybody else during worship in Chapel, depicting a picturesque vision of devotion and beauty. He can also cook, and decorates like a perky Martha Stewart, where her lavender, satin-laced toilet seat by her bed also doubles as a reading chair in her prison cell.

**Mickael Cressman:** It's hard to comprehend a man with a 2,000 inch bicep who goes by the name "Mickey." One can't help but to venture through a short list of (perhaps) more suitable names, such as "Kroll," "Rocky," "Maximus" and "George." (Although that can backfire on a couple: what were the O'Briens thinking when they named their kid "Conan"?). Nonetheless, this 4,370 pound, 6-foot-2 Pongo pygmaeus constantly reeks of testosterone. Certain members of the opposite gender may find his scent the sweet elixir of misty meadows. I don't.

**Aram Mitchell:** I really don't need to say much about the guy: fluffy, sandy blonde hair, a pretty smile, and the uncanny ability of making checker-patterned skirts fashionable among men (It's just so cool to be Scottish!). I can't wait to see Andrew Brautigam in one.

**Honorable Mentions: Off-The-Market Studs:**

**Joel Howard:** This snugglebunny is, simply put, the pinnacle of class. (I'm serious.)

**Chuck Meeks:** Who can ever resist a fair-haired, baby-faced Jewish drummer?

**Dan Holcomb:** There is just something about his dorky, yet charming personality. Whoever is dating him right now just inherited a real mess from his parents.

**Matt Guerrasio:** Consistently dwells in the spotlight, Matt's voice sticks out in the College Choir like a Geo Metro would in a Lamborghini garage.

**Kevin Bonesteel:** He has to be the gentlest 300-pound man God has ever created.

**Adam Schwamb:** If he isn't as pretty as he is, I'd stop pretending he's normal and put this obsessive-compulsive clean freak in an institution.

**Kevin Thompson:** If I was a girl, and Elaine Tooley never existed, I'd take a run at him.

**Ian Galloway:** His face radiates of unsuppressed grace and nobility, just like Bob Galloway did during his college days back in 1492.

**Dustin Gervais:** I wonder if he's ever been to Australia.



# Houghton Announces Presidential Candidates

by D. ELLIOTT TAIT  
Editor in Chief

On Friday, April 1, the Presidential Search Committee (PSC) released an official list of candidates the committee is currently considering for Houghton College's next President.

Issuing the committee's formal statement regarding the list of candidates, PSC Chair Dr. Karl Eastlack said, "After receiving numerous recommendations and applications for the position, the Search Committee has selected its official seven candidates for the extensive interview process."

The magnificent seven are: Dr. Don Osgood, Fred Libick, Wayne MacBeth, Jeff Spear, Dr. Maugans, Ashlee Simpson, and Gloria Gaither.

*The Sentinel* was able to speak with Dr. Eastlack privately about each of the candidates. He served us Fig Newtons.

"Dr. Don Osgood is a candidate for obvious reasons," Eastlack began. "His chapel performances remain a topic of conversation, he's personable, and his comments about shaving behind his ears and his permanent deer-in-the-headlights expression lead us to believe great things about his PR skeelz."

*The Sentinel* only got Osgood's voicemail, which said the word "love" 4 times.

Regarding Pioneer Foods Manager Fred Libick, Eastlack said, "A bit of a strange pick, I know, but meal prices are so high that we thought this would be the only way to lower them to something more reasonable."

Mr. Libick was unavailable for comment, so we mzzade something up. "If elected, I promise to get rid of the new 'no ID, no eaty' policy," he said. Mostly.

"Current VP of Student Life Wayne MacBeth was selected as a candidate based solely on his oratory skills," Eastlack said. "The President has to make many speeches to many different people, and Rev. MacBeth has shown particular strength in this area."

Another VP, Jeff Spear, also made the list of candidates. "Spear is a pretty cool guy we think," Eastlack stated, "and students tend to like him. Oh, and his son is that 'Beardo' kid. You know, the guy that those freshm...first-year-students-of-the-male-persuasion always shout to during dinner."

When *The Sentinel* gave Eastlack a confused look, Eastlack added, "and he loves Jesus." That made it all better.

"Dr. Maugans made the list mostly because the PSC members were all scared of her," Eastlack whispered. *The Sentinel* reminded Eastlack that

Maugans was more docile than the Spurrier twins on anesthesia. Eastlack then showed *The Sentinel* pictures from when Maugans plowed into a herd of cattle when driving home from work two years ago. *The Sentinel* was scared too.

Regarding Ashlee Simpson Eastlack said, "She is really a candidate to boost the music department's respect and excellence to prospective students and investors." When asked if Ashlee had even received any education beyond high school, Eastlack responded matter-of-factly, "She's got her PHD - Playa Haita's Degree." *The Sentinel* almost got up and walked out.

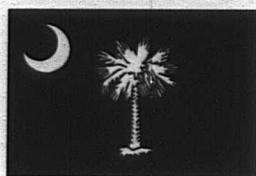
"Gloria Gaither was kind of a wild card pick," Eastlack noted. "She has thrown some successful par-tays on campus, and really seems to identify well with a majority of the females on campus."

*The Sentinel* asked Dr. Eastlack if the PSC would consider a candidate's sex when selecting the next President. To answer the question, Dr. Lastoria was quickly flown in. After a few minutes of dialogue, Dr. Eastlack dismissed Lastoria, learning that the question was about "gender" and not "sex," which is the only thing Lastoria is allowed to talk about at Houghton.



PHOTO COMPOSITE BY LEOSHA FLURGONHAAFER

The magnificent seven candidates for the position of Houghton College President, from left to right: Fred Libick; Dr. Rev. Jayne Maugans; Don Osgood (he was having a bad hair day); Ashlee Simpson; Gloria Gaither; Wayne MacBeth (another photo was not available, so the Sentinel had to buy a blackmail photo from some of his friends); Jeff Spear (he's known as such a cool guy that he has to occasionally go around in disguise for self-protection, and that's just the day we caught him for a photo).



## THE FACTS:

**Location:** South Carolina, between North Carolina, Georgia, and the Atlantic Ocean

**Capital:** Columbia

**Highest Point:** Sassafras Mountain - 3,560 feet above sea level

**Climate:** Humid and subtropical

**Languages:** Southern drawl (ya'll!)

**Population:** About 4 million

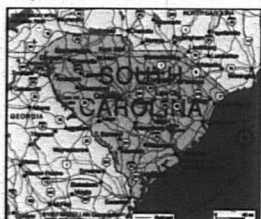
**Government System:**

Confederation?

**Major Industries:** Textile, tourism

**Produce:** corn, cotton, peaches, tobacco

(<http://www.oversouthcarolina.com/scfacts/index.asp>).



# WORLDVIEW: THE DEEP SOUTH

INTERVIEW WITH JONATHAN SCHMUTZ, MK TO SOUTH CAROLINA

by HEIDI SPRUNGER  
Staff Writer

**When were you first a MK in the South?** My family was called from New York when I was in third grade. It was quite a surprising and quick decision for my family. There was such a great need and my parents just said "Here am I."

**How is the accent over there? Do they say**

"ya'll"? Oh yeah, all the time. There is a difference between "ya'll" and "all ya'll."

**I've never even heard of "all ya'll"! Yeah, so if a waitress comes up and says, you know, if you're with a big group of people with several different tables, the waitress would say "ya'll" meaning everybody at the one table, meaning all ya'll on the same check. Or she could say "all ya'll on the same check", meaning everybody in the whole group, not the people right there. The other southernism is "big old"**

**Big Old?** Yeah, as in "big old boy, or "big old truck"...

**Do they say Pepsi or Soda or pop over there?** They say Coke—Coke's everything.

**Is there a big difference between the types of food we have up here and down there?** Umm...not real big. We have stuff like grits a lot more.

**Now, explain what grits are.** It's kinda' like oatmeal, except it's made with corn. And there's definitely a lot more sweet tea in the south...

**Sweet tea like...ice tea? Is that the same thing?** Yeah. Sweet tea is definitely huge. It's definitely the drink of choice in the South. And when you think

"sweet tea" in the north you think you put in a little bit of sugar, right? In the South, you take the tea, boil it, add sugar so it can hold more-- because it can hold more when it is boiled... it's as sweet as possible.

**What is the biggest difference between the north and the south?** Well, I think, the weather. But also I think people are more friendly in the south. Everyone waves at everybody along the

highway... driving down the road—even if you don't know them.

**And here...** Here it doesn't happen as often, but I think Houghton is a little better.

**What do you miss the most about living in the South?** Umm... I guess the warmer weather, shorter winter is kinda' nice.

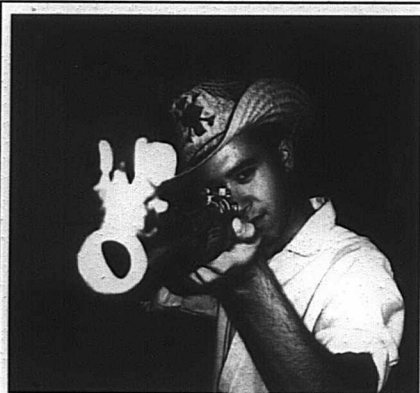
**What are some of the needs in the South that Christians can be praying about?** There is a great need for people to learn how to read good.

Just about everyone owns

a Bible here, but "quiet times" are so few and far between because no one can really read on their own. What my parents and I did as missionaries was mainly to teach basic literacy courses to the poor folk of South Carolina. Also drinking seems to be a big problem for many of the young people. And inbreeding.

**How do people in the South view us true Christians of the North?** They have a lot of bitterness toward "Yankees." All over the place in the South you can hear and read slogans about the "War" not being over. Actually in classrooms they refer to the Civil War as "The War of Northern Aggression," and that really breeds contempt among the young people. They also find us to be rude, arrogant, and immoral. They seem to live in this other world where manners and family actually mean something...silly southerners.

**Tell us about a funny experience you've had as a missionary kid in the South.** This one time I was doing some street evangelism and I started talking to a young man, about 20 years old, about Jesus. He told me that he loved Jesus. I asked how much. He told me, "More than my pickup, 12-gauge, dog, and mamma all put together." Honestly, I didn't know what to say, so he walked away.



Jonathan Schmutz posing with his trusty rifle, named Bertha.



That's one big ol' truck!

## Faculty Profile: Daniel Perrine, Dean of Chapel 2005-2006

by RACHEL MORAN  
Staff Writer

**Tell the student body a little bit about yourself, Daniel.** I am a 22-year-old philosophy and political science major, who prior to this fantastic job offer was contemplating careers as a movie extra, bartender, exterminator, magazine editor, scholastic supply salesman and religious education director for the Unitarian Church. I'm from Rochester, NY.

**And how did you come to be selected for this prestigious position?**

I don't remember much of it. My recollections are hazy, but I do remember it was a dark and stormy night. We were in the middle of the woods around a large fire, and I heard strange chanting noises all around me. At one point in time I picked out the sound of a goat moaning plaintively. The next day I was informed by the search committee that I had passed Xul's test, and I could now serve in this prestigious position.

**In what sense did having a political science/philosophy degree make you the perfect candidate for the Dean of Chapel position?** It left me very familiar with the ideas of postmodernity and moral relativism, which I think are excellent ideologies to be acquainted with for such an important leadership role.

**Tell us about your very brief experience as Star editor, and how that helped qualify you for the chaplaincy.**

Well, we got one issue published, and then the next night I heard a helicopter overhead, and men dressed in black and carrying assault weapons stormed into my room and told me that if I ever published again, they would kidnap my dog and sell her to a Chinese restaurant, so I had to give up the position. There were also some problems vaguely related to not having attended the proper number of chapels since my freshman year that may have played a small factor in my being removed from the editor position.

**What's the planned title of your first sermon?** What Gnosticism Can Do for Your Spiritual Growth.

**Some individuals who saw last semester's SPOT are wondering if you**

**plan on incorporating Dance Dance Revolution into chapel worship.** No, and the first person who hums that song in my presence will find themselves an unwilling participant in a live reenactment of the crucifixion. There will be no resurrection.

**Any great ideas for stopping the Great Scan-and-Scream Scandal?** Well, my plan for dealing with all issues of chapel attendance will be to make chapel a more enjoyable experience. We've

purchased a fine new brand of port wine for communion. We're also looking to expand student employment opportunities by hiring "chapel attendants" to hand out peanuts and pillows for those who desire. And we've hired Swedish alternative music star Gunther to be the new director of worship music. I think that making chapel a better experience will help solve the attendance problem.

**You haven't cut your hair since I can't even fathom when. Is this a Nazarite vow?** It's sort of like Sampson, except instead of strength it's related to my sex appeal.

**Well Daniel, we're proud to call you our newest faculty member.**



PHOTO COMPOSITE BY EIDUNNO NUSSIN

Despite many administrative hurdles, Daniel Perrine was somehow elected Dean of Chapel for the 2005-2006 academic year. Here he speaks on the significance of a shoe in a postmodern context.

**Do you have a final exhortation for the Houghton community?** Well, I'm thrilled too - receiving the opportunity to serve as Dean of Chapel has helped make up for my disappointment over not being nominated to give a Faith Journey. And one more thing: San Dimas high school football rules.

### THE BOTTOM TEN...

**Signs that your roommate is a weirdo**

(by Mike Mordenga)

106. His favorite saint is Sponge Bob.
107. After every chapel hymn he turns to you and says, "That song was about me, right?"
108. He does an hourly check up on the life of VinDiesel.
109. She gets uncontrollably angry and depressed at one particular scene in *The Little Mermaid*.
110. She carries around a bag called "ex-boyfriends' heads".
111. He feels led to evangelize the Matrix.
112. She sent you an encouragement card with the scripture, "In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash began to reign." 2 Kings 12:1
113. He scan-and-scrams the cafeteria thinking that he's jipping the college.
114. She's allergic to PDA.
115. He says his first choice for a dorm was Lambein.

### faculty quotes

"There's nothing inherently wrong with parking lots."  
- Dr. Linda Mills-Woolsey

"Lie to me a little bit, it'll make you feel better."  
- Dr. Symons

"French? A language of cowards and fops."  
- Dr. Meilaender

"If books are evil we should sin more so grace abounds."  
- Dr. Stephen Woolsey

"Make those kindergarteners sing chromatic solefege? That's mean!"  
- Dr. Newbrough

"I'm butt ugly but I'm a good athlete. I've got cool moves. Watch me dance."  
- Dr. Vanwicklin on self-esteem

"My religion involves torturing squirrels and doing a lot of crack."  
- Prof. Lipscomb



# MOVIES

with Adam Kline

## This Week's Review: *John Wesley: Chapel Linebacker --The Movie*

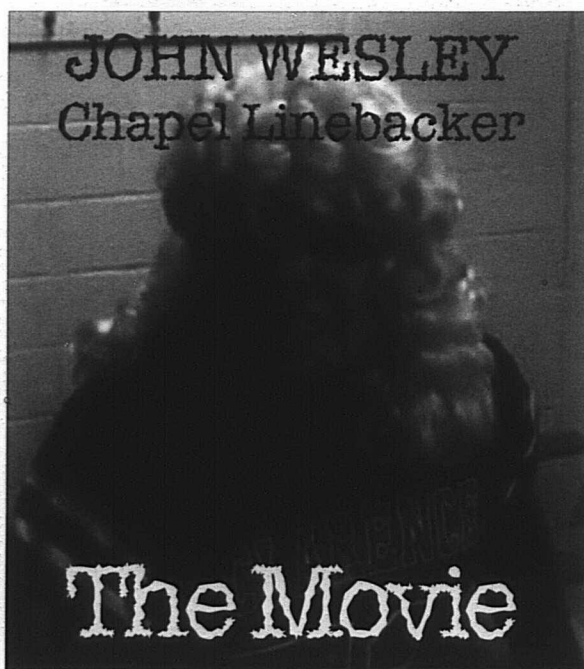
### Grade: A +

Following the international success of the short films, *John Wesley: Chapel Linebacker 1* and 2, filmmakers Kliner and Taiter were offered a deal they could not refuse. Dreamworks, in alliance with 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox, put together a budget of three hundred million dollars, the biggest movie budget to date, and told the filmmakers that they could cast whoever they wanted in the roles. The most surprising thing was that Taiter had not even written a script yet, but the studios believed so much in the filmmaker's vision that they were willing to put their reputation on the line. With the completion of a stellar script, Kliner went to work filming the project, and the result was *John Wesley: Chapel Linebacker -- The Movie*, which will be this summer's biggest, funniest, and most successful action movie, so here is an early review.

The story revolves around the continuing success of John Wesley in the world of "full-contact Christian ministry." Through the gifts of preaching, teaching, and anointed tackling John Wesley's ministry begins to flourish outside the walls of little Houghton, New York. After founding his ministerial organization titled, "The International Holy Club for Fools who Ain't got a Ride on the Sanctification Train Yet" John Wesley seeks out churches and Christian organizations who are in need

of a disciplined wake up call. Realizing he cannot do this alone Wesley hires the help of his brother Charles.

take our lives but they'll never take our discipline!" At that point in the story the movie take a surprising



Knowing they need to reconstruct the organization, Charles, in one climatic and dramatic scene says, "There are just too many fools who ain't know how to roll." After the addition of a few hundred lay preachers John and Charles Wesley put these men and women through Sanctified Boot Camp where each leader is primed, prepped and pumped to hit the world and hit the world hard. In order to keep their preachers accountable, the Wesleys have them all stand by the code of the Triple D: "No Drinking, Dancing, or Doping."

These highly-trained and methodical preachers are then given the name Circuit Tacklers. Armed with their Bibles and cleats, John Wesley rides in front of his army on his trusty steed as he screams, "They may

yet effective turn, which can only be explained as an excuse for the filmmakers to use up their enormous budget. The brothers Wesley and their army of Circuit Tacklers engage in a series of endless battle scenes, which strangely enough include no weapons. They defeat a string of evil villains including televangelists (who almost entirely are from the state of Texas), John Maxwell, Bruce Wilkinson, Dick Cheney, and Max Lucado. Lucado actually ends up becoming friends with John Wesley and dedicates a book to him titled *Why Love is Such a Lovely Thing* the movie ends with a bang as John Wesley saves the world from predestination.

Aside from the gripping and realistic storyline, the jaw-dropping action, the eye-popping special effects, and the tear-jerking sermons, *John*

*Wesley: Chapel Linebacker -- The Movie* is also a must see because of its amazing cast. Due to such a physically demanding lead role, it was rumored that filmmakers Kliner and Taiter were going to opt for Vin Diesel to don the sacred wig of Wesley. In the end, however, the filmmakers desired realism in order to portray John Wesley's physical stature more accurately and consequently hired Dustin Hoffman in the lead role. Surprisingly enough, Dustin Hoffman handled the actions scene quite well and apparently did all of his own stunt work. In one reflective scene, Hoffman seems to re-inspire himself with the acting methods he used in his Oscar award-winning performance as Ray in *Rain Man* when Wesley states, "Yep, I'm definitely, definitely sanctified... definitely sanctified Charlie."

To support the role of John Wesley, the filmmakers attempted to hire an actor who could handle the musical talents of Charles Wesley, and so filmmakers Kliner and Taiter hired Adam Sandler. At one point in the film, Charles is inspired to rewrite his famous hymn, "And Can it Be," Sandler picks up his guitar and begins to sing, "And can it be...dip dip dip...and can it be...shamalama ding dong..." The music only adds greater depth and meaning to this complex character study/buddy comedy/summer action movie.

Be sure to catch *John Wesley: Chapel Linebacker -- The Movie* when it hits theatres later this summer. It is a great film and it is well worth the price of admission many times over, and this critic would not be surprised if it picks up the best picture Oscar at next year's Academy Awards.

### The Grading System

- A+ = Perfect, no complaints
- A/A- = Great movie, worth owning
- B +/- = Good movie, worth seeing
- C +/- = Disappointing, maybe on video
- D +/- = Bad movie, not worth the money
- F = One of the worst movies of all time

# HOROSCOPES

by MADAMME RAQUELBRASQUA  
Happy Medium

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** With your sign representing the god of war, you feel you need to put a tough front to compensate for your fluffy-bunny, flaky-laky, fears of paper-products, confectionary sugar and plastic. You don't have to compensate for any of those abnormal character traits. Be true to yourself, starting today. Put a flower in your ear and run through the local dump.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** One day you will climb to great heights, but for now, beware of the dramatic pressure change that will pop your ears and make you dizzy in just the first two feet of your altitude change.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** Too many nights spent in the same place can lead to temporary insanity and depression. Step out of the refrigerator and get moving. Your body will take a little time to get used to room temperature again.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** Today will seem very, very fuzzy. You have been very stressed, have not gotten enough sleep, and you're studying more high philosophy than you have the diminishing brain cells to process. So at least remember to clean your glasses so that way everything doesn't seem as fuzzy if you forgot to.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You will meet the love of your life today. It may or may not be a person, but the chances of it being a person are more likely. You are compatible with all signs except for Sagittarius. Stay far away from Sagittarius.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Take off the earphones every once in a while. Slowly wean yourself from listening constantly to "Inhale, exhale, inhale, exhale," and allow yourself to eventually think of breathing on your own.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Life is like a toilet, some days more than others. When trying to flush your worries away, they will always come back up on you and swirl over the edge of your life's ability to handle a certain capacity. Be sure to carry a plunger with you at all times to remind you of this, and to help in cases of emergency.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** Your incredible charm, intellect, creativity, amiability, smelly feet and 6<sup>th</sup> finger will guarantee you a ring by spring. May you and your spouse live happily ever after with many small monkey-children and goats, and be sure to send all of them to your alma mater when they are of age. That's what college is for.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Your romantic life is hopeless. So just do yourself a favor and stop looking to horoscopes for answers. Reading Dear Abby will not solve your problems either. Perhaps you were hoping for a horoscope reading indicating that you would meet the love of your life today. Well, you won't. Sorry. So skip to the back page.

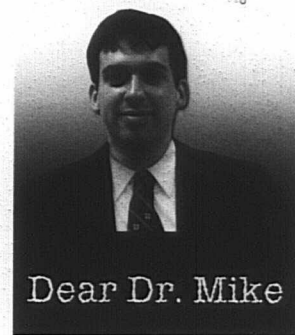
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You need to face your fears. Confrontation may not be your way of handling your fears, but it must be done. To conquer your fears of heights and of sidewalks, find the nearest tall building and jump. You will quickly confront both fears. Don't forget to wear lots of padding, rubber, and perhaps a long bungee cord.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 18)** You need to get out more. You need to experience life, the outside world, trees, sky, people. Talking to yourself does *not* count as conversation, and instant messaging yourself is even worse. Both needs to change immediately, or else dire consequences will inevitably ensue.

**PISCES (Feb 19-March 20)** Today you will read something enlightening, and then then the page to another page, and then to another. And when you are done reading it, you will have forgotten what you had written.

Since I got such a huge feedback with the last column I did, helping a poor girl understand true love, I thought I would handle another question. I'm not here to take Dr. Brittain's job, but I understand that he can't handle the hundreds and hundreds of questions he gets. I will gladly answer any question that comes from faithful Houghton students.

Dear Dr. Mike,  
What is post-modernism?  
Feeling Dumb,  
Winslow



Well, the most logical answer is that no one knows, so don't ask. We'll probably find out in ten years. Bye.

<Later that Day>

Elliott: Mike your article submission is lacking a bit.

Mike: What is it lacking?

Elliott: Any factual information for one; and humor.

Mike: Well I don't know what Post Modernism is?

Elliott: Make something up, you're good at that. Plus, I'm not going to give you the key to your room until you do.

Well Winslow, perhaps I took that question at the wrong angle. Hopefully this illustrative metaphor I've concocted will help you understand. The modern era is like a squirrel hoarding nuts for the winter. You see the squirrel, you can touch the squirrel and you can hear the squirrels adorable chirp. After the squirrel leaves you can steal its nuts and cause it to go hungry.

Post Modernism has no squirrel, no tree for hoarding and no nuts. Instead, you have the sensation of a squirrel. This sensation must be mixed with the feeling of a squirrel and the meta narrative that the squirrel offers. There's no way to test for the squirrel or to research the squirrel, you just have to feel out the squirrel's vibe. There's no tree in post modernism either. The tree is a metaphor for the feelings that the squirrel offers to the world. The tree acts as a pluralistic source for all religions to give their feelings on the squirrel. The hoarding process is actually a metaphor too. There are no actual nuts. Instead there is the feeling of nuts through faith and story. The nuts represent the theology and theory that the squirrel, who isn't real, offers to the tree, that doesn't exist. The hoarding of the nuts represent the human's sensate urge to gain the knowledge from the theory of the truth behind the nuts, a true urge in us all. You can't steal the squirrels nuts, you must believe in the story that the squirrel's nuts are for every nation. Stealing represents the poem of humanity as it wails its painful life. The squirrel will go hungry, but not from food, from the closed mind of conventionalism. So stealing the nuts is a good thing. In post modernism you can't ask about the squirrels existence in science, but you must ask about the squirrels political feelings toward its own existence. So on and so forth...

Basically, Winslow, anybody can explain Post Modernism, all you need is a bunch of isms' and words with meta in front of them. If you're still confused then just remember the last 50 chapels you've been to. If you want to be cool with your friends just remember to add the word post modern to any idea, object or person. If you're still confused about post modernism then just play some European techno and do the robot in front of a strobe light (that's very post modern). There will be three things I never understand: reality TV, Post Modernism and why the Star Editors keep tampering with my jokes (silly silly people). I'll leave you with this Christian post modern wisdom, "It's not what you know, but it's what you feel like you should know through sensory meta narrative liberalism..."



# Houghton and Roberts Colleges to Combine

by SARAH ALLEN  
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HOUGHTON, NY In a stunning move announced Friday the first, Houghton College and Roberts Wesleyan College will be merging into one university as of the Fall 2006 semester. The plan for Houghberts University is to maintain two campuses; one rural campus that can serve as a place for spiritual mediation, and one more urban campus "where students can really minister to sinners."

The merging of the two Wesleyan Colleges solves a number of problems for the Houghton campus but also reduces the number of higher education Wesleyan institutions by half. "Well, I thought that combining with Roberts was the easiest way for us to achieve a goal of a 1400-member student body in record time," reflected Dr. Chamberlain, "Plus I wanted to go out with a bang."

The Presidential Search Committee also felt some relief because of the decision to form Houghberts. "I love committee work," a representative admitted, "But we've got a tough decision to make and we'll need the minds of our Roberts colleagues. How can you really decide between Gloria Gaither and Fred Libick for a position like this?" (See "Presidential Candidates," page 3).

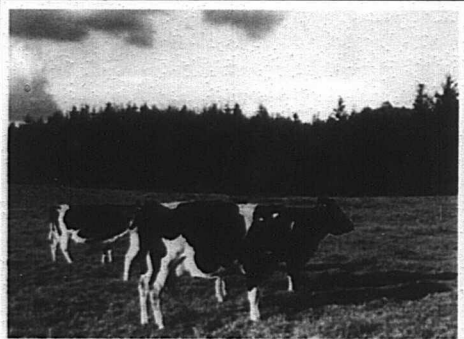
Apparently, the decision to form Houghberts has been long-coming. The Drs. LaCelle-Peterson have served as ambassador/spies since transferring their professorship to Houghton from Roberts Wesleyan some years ago. "The position of professorship was offered to my wife and me much to our great delight," noted Dr. Mark LaCelle-Peterson. "What we didn't know was that we'd be divulging so much information about Roberts life. We didn't mind though, really," he stated, "After all, there's not that much to tell." The "ambassador" program will begin its second phase this fall as Scott and Lisa Bennett have taken new

positions at Roberts Wesleyan. "We're excited," said Lisa, "but of course we'll be relaying information back to Houghton to see if the Houghberts combination is really worth our while."

Further negotiations have yet to be confirmed but students are excited for the change. Said one Houghton scholar, "I'm excited for all the potential spouses...I mean, new ways to get involved in student life."



The new Houghberts University logo combines key elements that had formerly represented each of the colleges individually. The Roberts Raiders horseman rides on as a Houghton Highlander brandishes his sword and characteristic bagpipes, in front of the former Houghton icon. Houghbert U's school colors are to be orange and purple, taken from mixing that characteristic red of Roberts and the yellow-gold of Houghton, complemented by Houghton's purple, since black is an ugly school color to keep. The new logo will appear on all Houghberts paraphernalia and propaganda.



Frustrated by alleged repeated abuses, these cows have joined forces with many others in a dairy strike to have their complaints heard, and their needs respected.

## Allegheny Cowntty on Strike

Unsatisfied with the unfair treatment and cultural abuse of cow jokes, the cows of Allegheny county have decided to go on strike. No one is going to take a cow, until the cow wants to go, and these bovine beasts are certainly milking it for all its worth. Allegheny cows sit at pasture and refuse to give milk, and udderly refuse to go to the slaughterhouse. They adamantly claim that their beef is not respected. Many cows are suing for the mental and physical abuse they suffered from local cow-tipping, a time-honored tradition amongst the young folk. What does this mean for the rest of Allegheny county? "We're not going to put up with this bull...or that bull, or that bull," Old McDonald said of his bovine-employees at E.I.E.I.O Farms. For the time being, beef production and the dairy market of New York state is at an all time low. Said one adamant protesting calf, "We will not be moooved until we get what we deserve."