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Houghton Food Service Changes Hands Sodexo Switch Yields Mixed Reactions

BY HANNAH JENNINGS

Of the many other campus-wide renovations that took place this summer, perhaps the most apparent change on Houghton's campus for students has been exploring an entirely new dining experience. After a 30-year relationship with Pioneer College Caterers, the college accepted a contract with Sodexo this spring and ushering in the new services they have to offer.

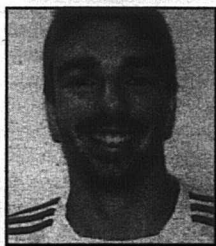
From last year to this year,

the changes in the cafeteria are evident. Jim Ruoff, General Manager of Houghton Dining Services, has stressed the quality and freshness of the food with no in-between reheating or processing. A new, fire-heated brick pizza oven, which was hoisted into the second floor kitchen through a window this summer, and an expanded salad bar was built into the sitting area. More modern decorations and flat screen televisions in the cafeteria contribute to the sense of novelty.

In addition, there are vegetarian and vegan options available at the 'Wild Mushroom' bar.

One of the biggest differences for students this year, however, is the option to eat meals at any time during the cafeteria's all day hours, termed 'continuous dining'. This allows students to eat at non-traditional times according to their own schedules. Ruoff reported that this is a trend in college dining around

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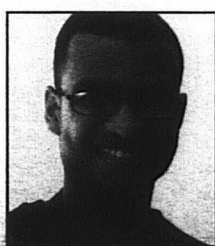
"Sodexo has better quality food than Pioneer and a nice set up, but I often find myself eating pizza when there is nothing else to eat. They tend to close down too fast so those coming late to dinner have almost no options."

Devon Kauffeldt '13



"I like that they have a variety of fruits and vegetables and healthy options. I love the soft serve ice cream, and I think the majority of the food taste pretty good!"

Destiny Rafter '14



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"The food is fresher, so in that aspect it is really good, but I think the rotation is quite poor. Overall, I think they could improve in the food selection and try to minimize the lines."

Daniel Peixoto '12

New Pro Tools Class Brings New Opportunities

Houghton one of three Christian schools able to certify students in Pro Tools

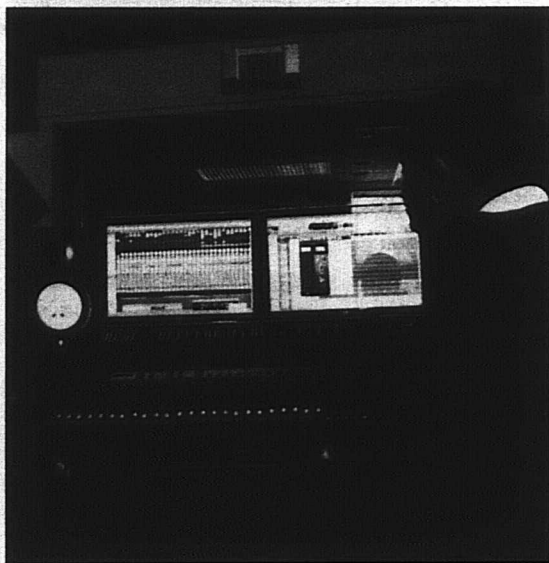


PHOTO BY JORDAN GREEN

Houghton senior Devin Paige looks on at the professional software used in the Pro Tools classroom

BY LYDIA SNOUFFER

Houghton College now stands as one of only three Christian schools sponsored by Avid to certify students in Pro Tools after they have participated in a Pro Tools course. Pro Tools, despite the name, has nothing to do with construction or power tools, rather, it is an advanced, professional software program used for audio engineering, creation and production in the music, movie and gaming industry throughout the world.

Pro Tools made movies like Avatar and Inception, or songs from bands like Timbaland, so noteworthy.

Students, especially those interested in music, film, media, worship ministry,

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HOMECOMING WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY

1:30 p.m. Golf Tournament

Pre-registration golf-tournament available to everyone

6:30 p.m. Alumni Volleyball Game
Gym

7 p.m. Alumni Art Show
Ortlip gallery

7:30 p.m. Choir Concert
Wesley Chapel

9 p.m. Celebration on the Quad

SATURDAY

8 a.m. 5K Fun Run
Pre-registration required

8 a.m. Pancake Breakfast with the President

10 a.m. Festival on the Quad

Cross Country Invitational at Geneseo

11 a.m. Science Center Renovation Celebration

12 p.m. Field Hockey vs. St. Vincent

12:30 p.m. Tailgate Lunch at the Soccer Fields

1 p.m. Volleyball vs. Carlow

Trail Rides at the Equestrian Center
Pre-Registration required

2 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Sienna Heights

3:50 p.m. Hall of Honor Inductees Announced

4 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Nyack

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Homecoming Dinner Banquet

5 p.m. Athletic Banquet in Honor of Coach Burke
Pre-registration required

7:30 p.m. Alumni Soccer Game

9:15 p.m. Athletic Alumni Gathering

9:15 p.m. Fireworks on the Quad

10 p.m. SPOT

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Family Weekend Worship Service
CFTA

Family Weekend Breakfast Reception

Engaging the World

Ghana Works for Sustainable Future

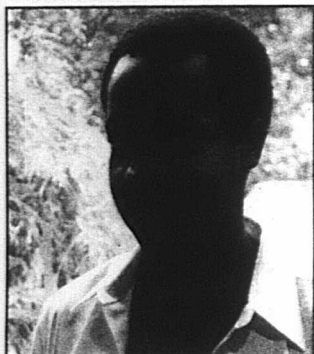


PHOTO BY JORDAN GREEN

BY JOSEPH CHINN

This West African country, about the size of Indiana and Illinois combined, has progressed much in its 53 years of independence. Yes, the road has been rocky, and in many ways—both geographically and politically—it still is. Nonetheless, Ghana is making her way to a more sustainable future. For one, the country is continuing to push for the empowerment of women. With the majority of the country functioning according to a traditional economic model, this is a remarkable phenomenon which will reap positive benefits for the country. As a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Ghana has been on the road to gender equality for some time. Most recently, two organizations have launched a political project for women in the Upper-West region, with the objective of increasing the knowledge, self-confidence and relevant skills of

selected women to become successful candidates for elections at local, district and parliament levels," according to the Ghana News Agency (GNA). The project will undergo ratification by 45 important stakeholders from three of the nation's ten regions. Personally, I would expect some tensions in this area, especially since the traditional societal mindset is largely androcratic, or socially and politically ruled by men. Given time, however, and the realization of the positive outcomes brought about by an increased number of productive citizens, I believe that Ghana will be the better for this movement toward women's empowerment.

In other news, Ghana has received a \$10 billion concessionary loan from China. This is the second loan in 20 months to be asked of China by President Atta Mills. The first was in the amount of \$3 billion. The loan will be geared towards a road and railway project, which, according to the GNA, is "expected to open up the eastern, middle and the northern parts of Ghana for accelerated development," as well as "promote the exploitation of mineral deposits and the execution of the Savanna Accelerated Development Project meant to open up the Upper West, Upper East and Northern Regions towards poverty reduction."

China has been investing in Ghana for a long time, now, and some of the country's leaders are cautioning against excessive borrowing. "When you borrow money you must make sure that you can productively pay it back," said National Chairman of the New Patriotic Party Mr. Jake Ofori-Atta. Mr. Ofori-Atta said he does not at

all believe that Ghana is borrowing responsibly, and is concerned that Ghana will again be listed as a nation on the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) list, as it was before 2001, saying that "already, President Mills is taking Ghana's external debt to some 140% of GDP, again like in 2000, more than twice the size of Ghana's economy."

What then is the guarantee that this is simply not a reverse drive to the bad old days of borrow-and-spend-recklessly? In 2000, Ghana's external debt was 158% of its GDP. According to Obesebi-Lamprey, Ghana's record during the past 21 months has totaled \$28 billion. He has suspected that, in light of the recent discovery of oil off the coast, Ghana may be "spending more than the oil money before we even get a dollar from it." Due to this suspicion, he has insisted that the government "must come clean and be honest and transparent with Ghanaians about the details of this sudden loan rush, every dollar, every cent." I support Mr. Obesebi-Lamprey's comments entirely. Ghana, in my opinion, will not be able to continue on the road to economic prosperity if temperance and frugality are not always present in the financial decision-making process. The money looks great at the present time, but I know that the repayment will likely cause increased strain on Ghana's economy. Is this a ploy by China to suppress Ghana economically? Maybe this is just wise recognition of opportunity on China's part. Still, Ghana should exercise caution, because the HIPC is not too far off for a developing country, even with a promising future.

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communication or technology can benefit from this rare opportunity. Each student taking the new course receives his or her own Pro Tools system. With this professional software, students can compose, record, edit, and mix music and sound. Students then not only work alone with their individual software, but they also work hands-on in Houghton's professional, high quality studio. Perhaps the biggest advantage of this course, however, is that after two semesters, one can become fully certified in Pro Tools.

Just as college is often looked at as a path to take students to their desired field, a Pro Tools certification prepares students for many opportunities in the future. Having such certifications will help students get jobs in their various fields of interest, and also perform well at these jobs. For example, Kevin Jackson, Director of Sound and Recording and instructor of the class, worked with platinum artists such as Limp Bizkit and Timbaland before arriving at Houghton.

Jackson's passion for his work, his students and God is evident as he strives to equip students with both a passion and the necessary tools for their future business and ministry, whether in Hollywood or within their church sound booth. It is his hope that students will use what they gather in this course not only for their own careers, but also for the furthering of God's Kingdom, whether simply as a light in the secular media or in improving Christian media technologically.

Jordan Green, senior, is pleased with the excellence of the teacher and course as well as the multiple uses of these certifications.

She said, "We get to learn everything from recording sessions to post production film audio. Kevin is such a great teacher. He genuinely wants us to fall in love with Pro Tools, and his excitement for the class rubs off on everyone. Kevin is willing and wants to help us accomplish our goals for the class and for life, and makes that very apparent through the way he teaches and interacts with us."

I think it would be awesome to work in a studio with Christian recording arts, or something that incorporates my passion for worship. I am just happy to be getting the certification."

In order to become fully certified, students must take two semesters of the Pro-Tools course and a final exam. The introductory course, is held each fall semester with a follow up course in the spring. For more information, e-mail Jackson at Kevin.Jackson@houghton.edu. ★

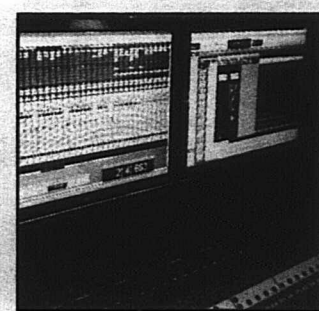


PHOTO BY JORDAN GREEN

Each student taking the Pro Tools course receives his or her own Pro Tools system

The World OUT There

BY DEREK SCHWABE

Study Shows Genetic Link for ADHD

Researchers at Cardiff University released, this week, study results that suggest a genetic cause for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Scientists have used the new results to remove blame from "bad parenting" as a chief cause. They defined ADHD as a problem of the brain, like autism. The study isolated stretches of DNA from 366 children who were diagnosed with the disorder, then compared it with DNA from 1,047 others who were not. Results showed that 15% of the ADHD group had large and rare variations in their DNAs, compared with 7% in the control group. "This is really exciting, because it gives us the first direct genetic link to ADHD," said researcher Anita Thapar.

Koreas Hold Key Military Talks

North and South Korea began their first working-level military talks in over two years. Officers from the two sides met a truce village in the Demilitarized Zone that divides the peninsula, said Seoul's Defense Ministry. At recent UN meetings, North Korean leadership expressed its intentions to continue to grow its nuclear program in order to counter what it has called American and South Korean aggression. The military meeting was proposed by North Korea earlier this month with the purpose of discussing western maritime borders and anti-North Korean leaflets spread by South Koreans. North Korea's Vice Foreign Minister, Pak Kil Yon commented, "As long as the U.S. nuclear aircraft carriers sail around the seas of our country, our nuclear deterrent can never be abandoned but should be strengthened further."

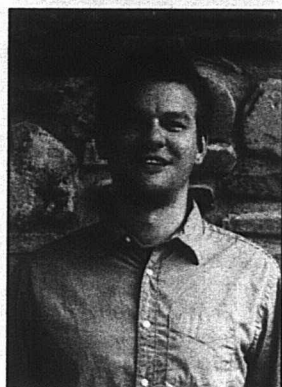
Alien Planet, Likely to Support Life

Astrophysicists at the University of California, Santa Cruz, say that they have discovered the first planet outside of our solar system with the correct environment to support biological life. Researcher Steven Vogt stated "My own personal feeling is that the chances of life on this planet are 100 percent. I have almost no doubt about it." The discovery is the result of 11 years of study at the Keck Observatory in Hawaii using gravitational field detection technology. The first exoplanet orbiting a normal star was detected 15 years ago. Since then, almost 500 other alien planets have been documented. The discovery, named Gliese, has an estimated mass 3.1 to 4.3 times that of Earth and lies approximately 2,000 light years beyond our solar system.



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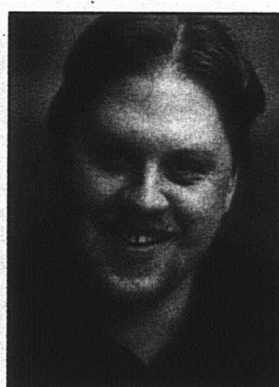
Fall Semester Brings Four New Professors



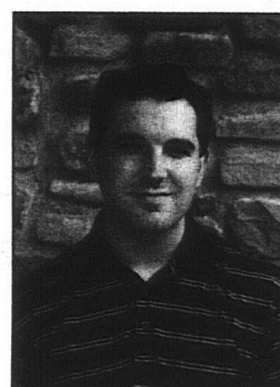
Dr. Christopher Wells,
Physics professor



Dr. Kurt Vandock,
Biology professor



Cory Renbarger,
Voice professor



PHOTOS BY JORDAN GREEN
Daniel Bowman,
Writing and Literature professor

BY ELIZABETH LARTER

This fall welcomes to Houghton four new full time professors. In the science department, Dr. Christopher Wells and Dr. Kurt Vandock are teaching physics and biology respectively. Cory Renbarger, professor of voice, is new to the Greatbatch School of Music and Daniel Bowman is a full time professor in writing and literature.

"At this time in Houghton's history, it's critical that we continue to find highly qualified new faculty to build on our historic strengths as a Christian liberal arts college. Each of these new faculty will help us in that endeavor," said Academic Dean Ron Mahurin of these new additions to Houghton's faculty.

But Mahurin said that it can

be a challenge for Houghton to find individuals that are qualified for teaching positions, especially in the sciences, who also exhibit the Christian faith that our school has been built upon. Wells and Vandock came to Houghton after several years of searching for those positions. Mahurin said these professors are part of the administration's overall plan to strengthen Houghton's science programs, and hopes that their strong interest in and experience with research will benefit student researchers.

Wells has had his work published in the *Journal of High Energy Physics* and the *Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics*. A Houghton graduate, Wells said, "Being back at Houghton, on this side of things, is a little strange, but I'm excited about what I see God doing here."

Vandock has had his research

on invertebrate systems published in the *Journal of Insect Physiology*, among other publications. He is a good friend of Wells and a newly commissioned 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army. "I serve as an entomologist, serving as a science officer on a number of research projects," he said.

Renbarger has brought with him a "very impressive track record in voice," said Mahurin. He apprenticed in the Florida Grand Opera as well and in 2008 he was a semi-finalist in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. He was also the national anthem singer for the Minnesota Wild NHL franchise last season.

Bowman is a professional writer who has worked with clients from IBM and Microsoft to Harvard Business School and the US Department of Justice. He has also had his poetry published in journals

such as *The Adirondack Review*, *American Poetry Journal*, *Chai: An Asian Literary Journal* (Hong Kong), *Istanbul Literary Review* (Turkey), *Main Street Rag*, *The Midwest Quarterly*, *The Other Journal*, *Pyra* (India), *Rio Grande Review*, and *Seneca Review*. "In addition to reading, writing, traveling, and spending time with my family, I love early jazz and big band music, and have over a thousand records from the period," he said.

Mahurin expressed excitement in seeing the new faculty, not only who have started this year, but those that have come to Houghton in the past few years.

"Today's students and future students will benefit from their expertise, their energy, and their commitment to be strong teachers and scholars," Mahurin said. ★

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the nation because "students shouldn't be scheduling their lives around food services."

As with all changes, there have been mixed reactions to the new food service company. Student opinions on the new dining services have been varied.

"I would say there is higher quality food with fewer options. But I would prefer to have a higher quality food," said Zach Adams, senior. "There is a definite transitional tension between students and Sodexo due to expectations from previous years—things like rice and being able to make our own food. But overall I'm happy."

"I'm not unhappy. I guess just comparing it to last year there is better food but with less options. It is just tough to go to eat every day knowing it is going to be the same thing," said junior Jonny Geeze.

Sodexo has also placed an emphasis on sustainability initiatives. For the students, this is perhaps most obvious in the selection of fair-trade coffees and teas offered. But the company itself has highlighted three specific goals as a matter of environmental responsibility: food sourcing, energy use and greenhouse gas emissions reduction, and waste minimization.

"I really appreciate that Sodexo utilizes fair trade coffee. It's encouraging to know that a farmer somewhere is being paid fairly for his work. While the lack of to-go cups can be an inconvenience, I appreciate the lack of extra waste," said junior Renee Roberts.

Ruoff, in his 20 years experience in college dining, has noticed Houghton

students wasting less on average.

"I'm constantly amazed at how little food is wasted compared to other schools. People seem to make a conscious decision to just put on their plate what they are going to eat," he said.

Results from last week's Houghton Star poll question about Sodexo Food Service affirm this general consensus. 45 percent responded that "It has better quality food but less selection," while 29 percent responded that "I like the continuous dining but the food isn't great."

Ruoff said that he recognizes the need for student feedback.

"Every day is a learning day. It's only been four weeks for us and I hope to do everything great. Every day we're looking to make it better," he said. Sodexo said he encourages student feedback about the dining services through comment cards, or through their website. According to Ruoff around 20 comment cards have been submitted as well as a similar number of online entries.

"Because of the geographic location we have more participation because there aren't a plethora of other food options for the students. We have to find other ways to make it interesting," he said.

Sodexo is also one of Houghton's largest employers. "All full time employees have been rehired from the previous company, as well as employing over 160 students," said Ruoff. There are still some positions available to students seeking part time employment. For more information, visit www.houghtondiningservices.com. ★



PHOTO BY JORDAN GREEN

A student picks up one of the choices of entrees Sodexo offers



PHOTO BY JORDAN GREEN

Students make salads at the salad bar

Fleshing Out the Meaning of Sustainability: Our Common Ground Provides Practical Workshops to Public

BY OLIVIA BUTZ

"We can't preserve neighborliness or charity or peaceability or an ecological consciousness, or anything else worth preserving at the same time that we maintain an earth-destroying economy." These bold words of Wendell Berry, the intrepid farmer, essayist, poet, and fiction writer, formed part of the impetus for the existence of Our Common Ground (OCG). OCG is Houghton's new sustainability center, which celebrated its grand opening just three weeks ago. OCG's existence is a result of its commitment to the belief that "environmental sustainability" and "Christian care for others are inextricably linked together."

The center is open and bustling with excitement and activity with available resources in lieu of its proposed mission: "We seek to nurture the health of our community into the future: the health of its people, the health of its economy, the health of its land." OCG has desires more specifically, in the area of Christian stewardship, to "inform how we should and can protect and nurture all of God's gifts (our land, relationships, health, finances, education, privileges, etc.)." (All

references from the college's Creation Care and Our Common Ground web pages.)

Throughout the summer, OCG held workshops on various topics ranging from family nutrition and personal budgeting to composting and the raising of poultry. Since the beginning of the school year OCG has offered sessions related to the responsible management of money, the art of scrap-booking, learning how to test the health (pH) of soil, and familiarization with the local flora and fauna through a trail walk at the Field of Dreams, led by Houghton's own Recreation Department Professor, Thomas Kettelkamp.

OCG has continued, as this fall semester picks up steam, to nurture the growth of ecological understanding and practice in Houghton College's immediate environs and Allegany County. Just this past week, the center held several events spanning a diverse range of subjects. On Monday evening, Sept. 20, Paul Cronk led a session on bicycling in Allegany County, entitled Cycling 101, covering the area's road laws for bicyclists and some common reasons for bicycling. For example, biking can help us to tread a little more lightly on the earth and is a great and scenic source of exercise, especially in this area and at this time of year. Last Thursday evening Sally

Murphy, senior, led a session on the basics of sewing. Sewing is an incredibly valuable skill to have when seeking to be resourceful with goods in repairing and reusing them. Friday evening, the center held a screening of *Split Estate*, a documentary exploring the ins and outs of fracking—the process of hydraulic fracturing below the surface of land to harness natural gas. Though this is an issue of broad health and environmental concern across the United States and around the world, it also may be coming to Allegany County and influencing, for better or worse, the economic and physical well being of the county. There were about 15 people in attendance, with a sizeable group from the Concerned Citizens of Allegany County joining some immediate members of Houghton's community.

Senior Veronica Caldwell conceded that "some people would claim that the documentary was one-sided," but that the potential presence and practice of fracking in Allegany County, though "appealing to some because of the jobs it would bring to the area" should not be taken lightly. She talked about the need for the public to be educated about its potentially detrimental health effects while not ignoring its possible benefits. Caldwell also discussed the need for communities to consider

how, in terms of the amount of space the businesses and wells would take up, it would mar the beauty of the Western New York landscape.

The center also gathered a group together to do a tour of local farms on Saturday, Sept. 25, an event initially sponsored by Cornell University's Cooperative Extension. The purpose of this event was to acquaint people with the day-to-day functioning of a farm, and to gain a better knowledge of one's locale and neighbors and the where of food production. It also aimed to encourage residents of the area to support the local economy.

OCG is located on Route 19, next to Houghton's post office and across the street from Subway and the small green space of Leonard Park. It is open Monday through Thursday, 9-5 p.m., and houses a small library containing books and magazines relating to the issues of sustainability OCG seeks to address, two computers for public use, and information regarding happenings and issues of concern for residents of Allegany County. ★

PHOTO BY JORDAN GREEN

Book Review: Love is an Orientation

Marin's Book Transforms Dead-End Debate

BY BRADLEY MEYERS

In the relatively short span of three months, Andrew Marin's life was radically altered when his three best friends confided in him their identity as either gay or lesbian. For the first time, the GLBT community was no longer an abstraction, a distant, almost mythical, group of sinners irrelevant to Marin's life. With this pivotal event, Marin found a renewed calling in ministry to immerse himself in the GLBT community and put forth his best efforts to bridge the gap he saw between the mainstream evangelical Christian community, of which he was an active member, and the GLBT community.

One of the products of this missionary work is Marin's book, *Love is an Orientation: Elevating the Conversation with the Gay Community*. In his book, Marin explores the GLBT identity on an individual and cultural level, examines the historical evangelical Christian response and investigates the current state of Christian-GLBT relations. *Love is an Orientation* presents Andrew Marin's 'bridge building' strategies to create an effective, transparent, mutually respectful and validating conversation between Christians and persons of the GLBT identity. He puts forth a Christian paradigm that shows how the gospel can be lived out with and offered to the GLBT community.

Used here as a representational statement of Marin's ideology, the author quotes Thomas Merton, saying, "For me to

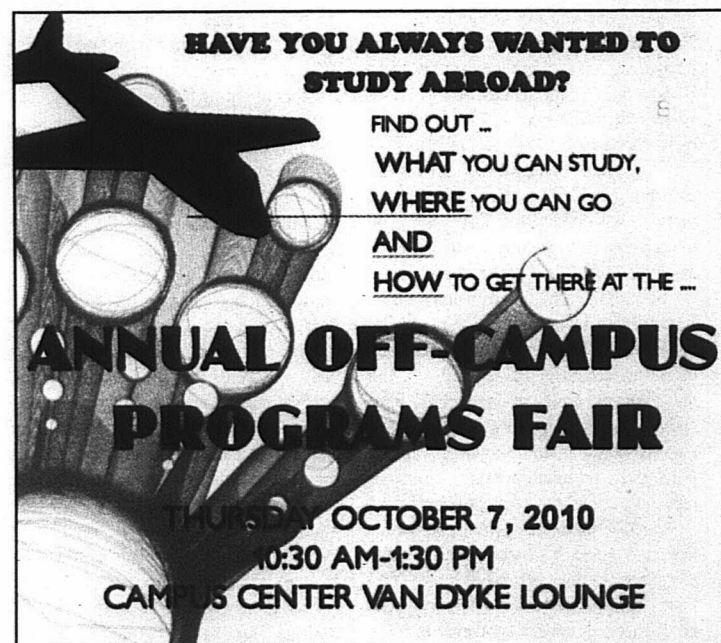
be a saint means to be myself. Therefore the problem of sanctity and salvation is in fact the problem of finding out who I am and discovering my true self" (p. 167). Throughout *Love is an Orientation*, Marin intentionally omits any sort of judgment on whether it is 'right' or 'wrong,' 'sinful' or 'acceptable' to actively live as a GLBT member. He elevates Christian-GLBT relationships and dialogues through the search for an answer to Merton's problem of sanctity. What does it mean to be "who I am" and discover "my true self?" The question of whether one can identify as a GLBT Christian is left open ended. The Savior will do as He will, and we can have no idea as to how His plans may be manifested.

I picked up Marin's book last year around the time of the SoulForce visit, a useful campus-wide impetus to further explore personal concerns and confusion regarding the troubling division between the church and the GLBT community. Looking for a new perspective on the whole issue, apart from the dead-end debates consisting of right vs. wrong, choice vs. pre-determinism, etc., I can hardly say I was disappointed. Although I was left with even more questions than I had when approaching the text, I finally found a bit of relief. The traditional arguments surrounding GLBT issues were nullified in Marin's paradigm of Christian living; the political, social, and ecclesiastical hindrances to loving all people, regardless of sexuality, were cleared away.

Fueled by personal experience,

research, and spiritual fervor, the passion with which Marin writes puts the issue of GLBT-Christian relations and ecclesiastical shortcomings in vivid color. Even if the reader has not had or sought out the opportunity to come into contact with a person identifying themselves as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender, the pressing need to engage the Christian and GLBT communities in effective, transformational dialogue is felt nonetheless. For those of us who have

firsthand experience with not knowing how to love or even act around an 'out' friend, family member, or complete stranger, Marin's words are all the more impactful. And for those personally struggling with a GLBT identity and/or marginalization from the evangelical Christian community, Marin offers hope. He offers hope for a relationship with Christ and His family that transcends and transforms sexuality. ★



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Soccer Teams at Advantage Despite Losses

BY NICK FREDETTE

As the spirit of Homecoming dawns once again on the Houghton College campus, the soccer program is in full swing. Both the men's and women's programs are enjoying success this year, and both teams seem to be at peak form at this stage of the season.

On the men's side of things, the Highlanders have an overall record of 6-5; until Wednesday night, the men were undefeated in American Midwest Conference. The team started the season with some difficulty, as they opened 2010-11 play with a loss to Rio Grande and split games at tournaments hosted by Judson and Clarkson Universities. They returned home to play their first home game against Mercyhurst on Sept. 8, and lost despite a good fight. Wednesday's game against Notre Dame in Ohio was particularly tough: a 1-0 loss. Their wins in the Conference prior to Notre Dame include St. Bonaventure University and SUNY Cortland. These wins are due in

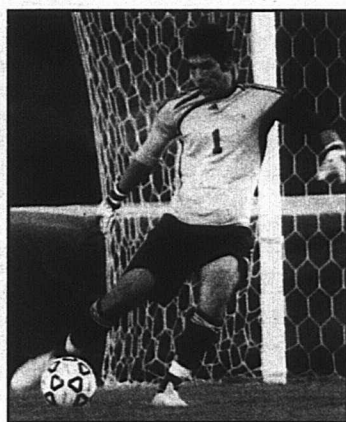


PHOTO BY MIKE WISE
Steve Zacchigna protects the goal.

large part to the strong defensive effort the team has made over the last few weeks. Mike Dix, a sophomore defender from Lagrangeville, NY, was recently selected to be the American Midwest Conference player of the week.

"I think we've been playing well

the last few weeks, and I was honored to receive this selection. It's been nice seeing our defense click this early in the season" said Dix. In addition to this strong defense, the Highlanders are benefiting from brilliant play from junior goalkeeper Steve Zacchigna. He has posted shutouts in their last two games, and three of their last four. Zacchigna also received honors as the NAIA recognized him as a national defensive player of the week. This is a selection that reflects his strong play in net, and shows the importance of his position as an anchor in the defense.

The women's soccer team also got off to a rough start this year, but has stepped up its performance and, like the men, were on a four-game win streak until Wednesday night. The team had won every conference game they played, but with the 1-0 loss to Notre Dame, their record is now 4-1 in the American Midwest Conference, with an overall record of 6-3-1. The Highlander's defense has always been solid, and has had one of the lowest "goals allowed" averages in the conference. This year, that tradition

has continued with strong play from Houghton's experienced defense, made up of four juniors – Samantha Choma, Rachel Cross, Keeler Topping, and Katie-Jean Vandzura. In its losses early in the season, the team struggled to produce offense, but as the Highlanders have been improving their form, their offense has found the net on several occasions. During their 4-0 winning streak, they had outscored opponents 13-1. Sophomore Jen Hudson, from Ionia, NY, has led the team in points with 8 goals and 2 assists, for a total of 18 points. She also shares the honors of Houghton College Athlete of the Month with men's soccer player Jared Toth. The Highlanders have proven their ability to play offensively, and as long as their defense continues its strong play while the offense continues to improve, the Houghton women will prove to be a tough opponent for any team.

Both the men's and women's teams play tomorrow, Oct. 2. The women play Siena Heights University at 2 pm and the men face off against Nyack College at 4 pm. ★

Art Department STAND-OUT Recognized: LeMaire is Dubbed "Rising Star" by Arts Council for Wyoming County



LeMaire hard at work at the potter's wheel. COURTESY OF MARC LEMAIRE

BY MEGAN SPECKSGOOR

Senior Art major Marc LeMaire was recently awarded the Rising Star Award by the Arts Council for Wyoming County (ACWC), as well as the opportunity to display his work free of charge at a booth worth \$300 in the upcoming Letchworth Arts and Crafts Sale.

LeMaire received this opportunity by participating in a student art exhibition at the YMCA in Warsaw, making him eligible for the contest, and on recommendation from Houghton ceramics professor, Gary Baxter. "[The Arts Council] was looking for someone who would have enough work to last three days, which I think helped me a lot," LeMaire explained.

However, Baxter attributed this

privilege not simply to the quantity of LeMaire's artwork, but also to its quality and diversity.

"The Arts Council was interested in artists with versatility," said Baxter, "and Marc is a model liberal arts student." With concentrations in ceramics and painting, as well as a pursued interest in printmaking, this certainly seems to be true. Baxter noted that a successful student needs "a good work ethic, originality, and natural talent," adding, "Very few have all three."

Of LeMaire's award, Jillian Sokso, professor of printmaking, said, "Nobody would be surprised by this. Marc is dedicated to his class work and his studio practice outside of classes."

Indeed, Sally Murphy, senior and art major, and Monica Lord, junior, also an art major, were not surprised by LeMaire's award either, considering his abilities and dedication.

"Marc dabbles in everything, which helps his craft a great deal," said Murphy, who said she believes it is "a strong thing to be prolific in all areas."

Likewise, Lord said, "You can tell Marc loves ceramics...it's nice to see someone enjoying what they do and having confidence in it."

In their years of being his classmates, the two seem to be inspired by what Murphy called LeMaire's "constant energy." Poking fun at the artistic stereotype of "falling into despair" upon a block in creativity, Murphy and Lord characterized Marc as just the opposite.

"If his creative brain runs out in ceramics, he simply goes to painting, or printmaking," said Murphy. This upbeat perspective, along with his willingness to study art outside of the classroom, are what Lord and Murphy said have "rubbed off" on them.

Murphy stated, "Marc keeps you on track in being aware of other artists," and Lord said playfully, "He was one of the first people to get art books out of the library, sit, and look at them. Now we all do it."

Though Marc's professors and fellow students seem to possess utmost confidence in his gift for 3-Dimensional art, LeMaire was not always as certain of this path academically.

"I actually started out as a biology major," LeMaire confessed. He also added, "I find art very challenging because with science and other studies you are expected to do work where as long as A, B, and C, line up, you generally succeed. With art you can put all of your energy and work into one piece and the public can ignore it."

Though LeMaire has seen this risk as frightening, he has found it rewarding to be a part of something he considers to be "one of the most influential aspects of

a culture," and a determining factor as to whether that culture is "living or struggling."

Although LeMaire spends frequent time painting, he has gravitated towards ceramics because he views pottery as a "very daily thing," claiming, "Things often influence us most when it is something small and every day. Not necessarily just the objects put on pedestals." He likens this art form to something in the "peripheral vision," like "background noise we are always exposed to."

Ted Murphy, professor of painting, commented on Marc's cautiousness, precision, and determined work ethic. "He's a careful observer," said Murphy, which has allowed him to "emulate" what he sees. The character trait of a successful artist, Murphy reasoned, is practice. "You just have to do it a lot. And Marc does it a lot." LeMaire noted this persistence as his effort to "learn the craft of the clay."

"You don't just pick up a cello and start playing Bach," LeMaire said. "You have to work at it a long time, master the materials, and understand the history."

The Letchworth Arts and Crafts Sale is scheduled to take place October 9-11 and is expected to attract around 90,000 people, weather permitting. LeMaire is currently in the midst of producing around 200 clay pieces which will be on display for the general public to admire or purchase. In addition to receiving a booth at the festival, LeMaire has earned a solo exhibition for his ceramics and watercolor paintings at an art gallery in Perry, headquarters for the ACWC, prepared to open in January in conjunction with their annual member's show. ★

Re-examine Community, Re-examine Ourselves



PHOTO BY JORDAN GREEN

BY RYAN CLARK

For all the endless preoccupation with the Houghton "community", it seems a rather elusively defined word. In many ways it is just an abstraction and an idea that many feel is a biblical standard. After my brief experience at the institution, I have come to realize serious detriments wrapped up in this idea of community.

It is easy to make generalizations on such a widely parodied topic. But I want to make it very clear that the Houghton community, stripped from all the illustrious trappings of academia and biblical implementations, has many damaging side effects to numerous members.

Many of these side effects are simply

in the very nature of the size and aims of the community. It enforces many standards upon itself, most of which are noble enough. But in a student body where everyone is familiar with each other, these standards become legalistic and petty. We confuse familiarity with the right to invasively support or condemn simply based on perception. With so much emphasis on the idea of a close-knit, Jesus-following community, many people feel the need to hold each other accountable to standards regardless of whether or not they know the people involved.

In many situations I have encountered, students have felt the call to rebuke each other like children. Email and Facebook have made this an impersonal enough method; as if the moral standards of the community could be issued out like a campus wide message. This results in confusion and frustration for the opposite party. I suppose what I'm calling into question is one's role

in a community. What does it mean to sustain one another in a community this small and irrevocably gossip-ridden?

We use many broad terms to voice our moral aspirations. One of the previous commentary articles was on integrity. Now one cannot doubt

the necessity of such a virtue, but many students are inept in executing these standards tactically. One can believe so strongly in these community standards and at the same time show a lack of love in carrying them out.

In loving one another, I don't believe I'm too far from the Bible in saying that we should present ourselves vulnerably to

one another. There is a fundamental difference between acting for a standard and acting for one another. And as well as some students may seem to be concerned about something, the way in which they express themselves is far from adequate. For example, in critiquing two people about their

relationship, a student may feel the need to comment on physical aspects without understanding the situation and thus undermining the concern that they wish to express. And whether or not it is even the concerned party's business is another matter.

In this kind of community, I think that many feel so familiar with each other and the expression of Christianity, they assume they are some arbiter of morality and shamelessly impose what they believe to be right on people they don't even know or situations they don't totally understand. The last time I checked, nosiness was not featured in the fruits of the Spirit, the Ten Commandments or any of the other spiritual laundry lists. Therefore, I recommend that if one does consider oneself a Christian, it would be prudent to first consider his or her expression of love, if it is being clearly communicated, and make sure that he or she is not acting for the sake of something he or she does not understand, or worse yet, does not apply at all. Leave no room for assumption.

Ryan is a senior Music Performance major

From the Archives

At one time I belonged to that interesting breed called College Freshmen. To make matter worse, I was a Freshman with a big mouth. I loved to talk. I had at least something to say about everything. It did not matter if I knew absolutely nothing about the topic being discussed; I could always say something.

I boldly carried my trait through all areas of college life, including the classroom. If a professor opened a class for discussion I was usually one of the first ones to say something. If I did blurt out something, it was likely that it had little thought behind it, and little content to it. So my statements were often very weak, and this would quickly be made very clear to me through the class discussion. I would be forced to clear to me through the class discussion. I would be forced to either strengthen my argument or take it back altogether.

Now I am an upperclassman. I have learned a few things, one of them being to think through a statement before I say it. But I find a curious thing happening—I am in a few courses in which there is a cross-section of all four classes. In these courses I make various statements and to my surprise they are no longer challenged. If this is because my statements are sound and truthful, I am glad. But I am not so egotistical. I suspect my statements are accepted merely because I am an upperclassman. Upperclassmen know what they are talking about.

Well, I hate to be the one to break the illusion, but we upperclassmen do not necessarily know what we are talking about. But many upperclassmen like being regarded as the intellectual elite. The unfortunate thing is that we do not realize it does us more harm than good. To use a Platonic term, it is through dialogue that we learn the most. Only by presenting concepts, having them intelligently criticized, and perhaps even having them shot down completely, do we really refine our ideas.

This principle can be carried on further into the classroom. I don't think any of the professors want their students to sit meekly in class, accepting everything, without question. They want students to think through the class material and prove for themselves what is true, important, and practical.

Every time an issue of the Star comes out, we as the staff become like the student making a statement in a classroom. If our readers quietly accept everything we say, they do neither themselves nor us any good. We are student, not professional journalists. It is necessary that our publication be intelligently challenged, criticized, and attacked, not only to strengthen our concepts and ideas, but also to improve and refine our journalistic skills.

*by Howard Chapman
Editor of the Houghton Star 1974-1975*

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From the Editor's Desk

Service or Servitude: Working for a Christian Organization

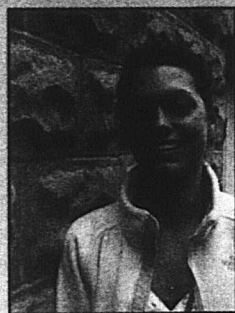


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BY KRISTEN PALMER

My summer brought a whole new meaning to Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not men." I was working at a Christian summer camp and had a hard time adopting this mentality. To me, it felt a lot like I was working for men. The first two days at camp consisted of hand-scrubbing the gym floor (one square inch at a time) free of skid marks that would reappear two minutes into the first game of basketball that would be played the next day. Don't they have machines for that? It was not what I had in mind when I signed up for "pre-season," the period before camp started that was used to get everything ready. "We're like servants," my friend and I joked

Except I wasn't joking.

When camp started, our regular jobs began. I was no longer scrubbing the gym floor, but scrubbing the tables in an ice cream shop on the beach. Sounds like the perfect summer job, but it wasn't to me. I checked out my first week's work schedule and discovered I would be working split shifts, which included some eleven hour days. Plus, we were all earning the same pay per week yet some of us were scheduled for more hours than others. I was getting worked up about the long days and unequal hours, and asked some other kids about it. "That's the way it is here," everyone responded. "You are doing it for the Lord."

I was perplexed when we performed "closing" duties even when we closed the shop just for a couple of hours, only to re-open again for the evening. We scrubbed tables, swept, mopped, scraped grease off the fryer, and washed windows as if we were closing for the night and those "closing" duties took me past my allotted shift. It seemed pointless to me and even though I

had a "scheduled" shift I never could predict what time I would be finished. That was not my experience in the restaurant I worked at throughout high school.

When it came time to ask for a weekend off for the wedding of a close family friend at home, my request was

denied. I was stunned. Here I was, putting in more work than I had bargained for, making next to nothing in pay, and I couldn't leave. I felt like I was held captive. I went straight to the director for an appeal, and he gave in. At the point of my interview for the summer job, I had mentioned that I had two weekends I needed to go

home and was not given any indication that it would be a problem.

Now I can admit that perhaps I was the problem. My friend and I went into the experience together and came out with two very different attitudes. She felt as though she grew from the challenges camp brought, but I had a very hard time with it. I went into camp hoping to grow spiritually by being able to attend the chapel services.

spend time with fellow Christians, and reflect on my own life. Instead, I was too wrapped up in my 50-hour work week to pay attention to anything else.

The broader issue I wish to raise here is about Christian organizations. Is "you are doing it for the Lord" a good enough answer to reasonable questions about fairness and purposefulness of work? Yes, it is important to work for the Lord in all that we do, but hopefully that does not mean we cannot ask questions and have meaningful discussions about what is important and how well we treat each other. In my case, I was uncomfortable about several issues but looked around and wasn't sure that everyone else felt the same way. Maybe if I had stayed long enough I would have had the courage to ask the questions. Instead I ended up going home sick after a month.

Kristen is a junior English and Communication major

Is "you are doing it for the Lord" a good enough answer to reasonable questions about fairness and purposefulness of work?

Houghton Responds...

From 41 votes

What did you think of the chapel speaker, Andrew Marin?

I think we should stop talking about homosexuality

46%

He was great

27%

I thought he was boring

12%

His Biblical interpretation was off because he was a good speaker

7%

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7%

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Note From the Editor:

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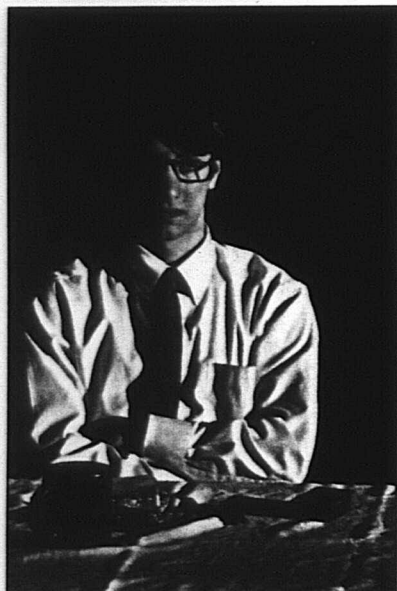
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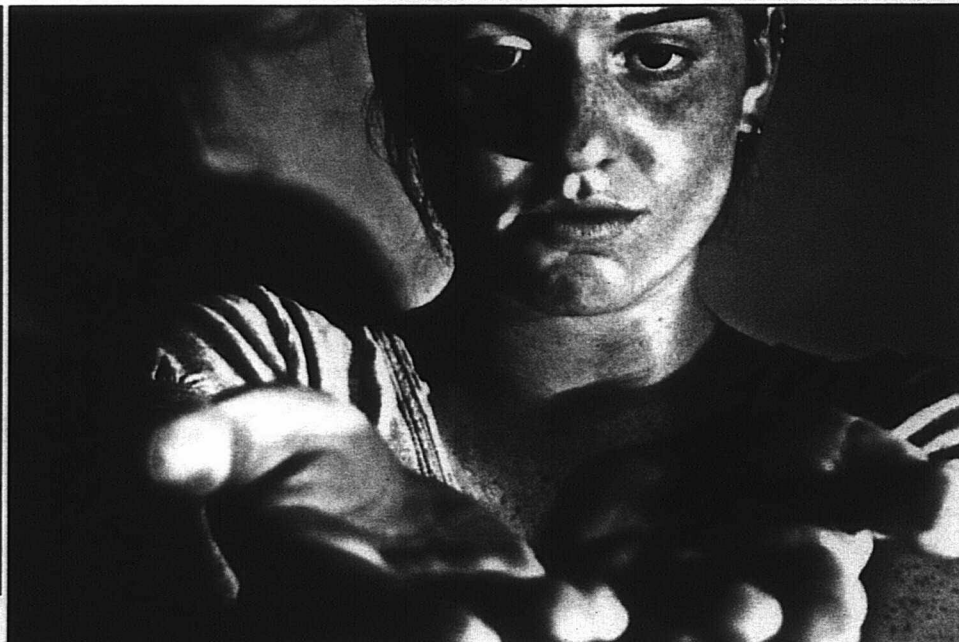
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ARTIST of the WEEK



Dude You Have Way Too Much Time on Your Hands, digital image

Broc Verschoor

A note from the artist: I don't really know how to compress who I am as an artist into a small statement. I can say that I really enjoy the manipulative power you find in digital work. So in the words of Andy Warhol, "Oh, gee... thanks."

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