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Why Jimmy's Enrollment falls short of goal

articles are awesome...

For all those readers who suffer from A.D.D. (Attention Deficit Dissss...where's the comic section?) and can't make it past the first paragraph of the first page. For all those readers who turn straight to the part of the paper where Dr. Pearse tells us all why what we think is wrong, and for all those readers who deem Jimmy's articles to be too immature or too childish for their sophistic ways, you are living an unfulfilled life.

In fact, I will go so far as to say Jimmy's works are on par with any great piece of literature, classical or modern. Jimmy Dutton, Columnist (J.D.C) has recently been writing articles of such perfection that we all should dedicate our lives (or at least a couple of minutes) to the study of his writing.

His convincing theories written with eloquent language scream genius, drip beauty, sweat appropriate levels of sentiment, and provide us with an elevated understanding of truly pertinent issues, such as the Bible, God, Jesus, why Marc Smithers' articles are bad, and the Bible. If you do not believe me, I will prove it to you. Take, for example, this excerpt from Jimmy's most recent article:

"Do I really have to give any more of an explanation as to why Marc's articles are horrible? The answer is 'yes.' If you read the title of this article carefully you would've noticed that this is simply the first part of a series explaining why Marc's articles are bad."

To the average and sub-average reader alike, this appears as nothing more than a series of ramblings by a self-promoting,

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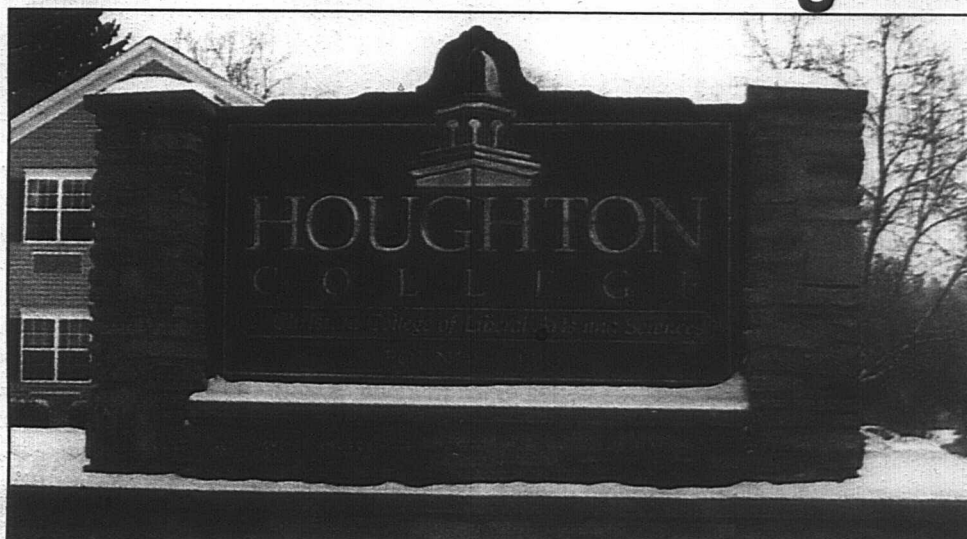
I am sure it is no shock to anyone when I say that Houghton College is a relatively small school in terms of enrollment. In fact, a lot of students' attended high schools larger than Houghton College. There is a plan in effect, however, to make this school more populated. Two years ago, Houghton began a four-year campaign to increase enrollment from its typical enrollment average of 1,200 students to 1,400 students.

Despite new strategies for marketing to potential students, Houghton has not been able to increase enrollment, and there has actually been a slight drop in enrollment over the past two years.

"We haven't made progress toward that goal in the last couple of years. We've made progress, but not progress toward that numerical goal," said Tim Fuller, Houghton's Vice President for Enrollment Management. "Sometimes that happens. Sometimes you don't always see the results of new strategies right away."

This campaign is now under review by President Mullen and her staff in an attempt to weigh the pros and cons of this kind of action plan. The initiative to increase enrollment is still moving forward, but changes will likely be made under the new administration.

Some of those enrollment strategies included becoming the primary academic sponsor for the annual "Kingdom Bound" Christian music festival at Six Flags Darien Lake. Another strategy included a heavier focus on direct mail, keeping the Houghton name



on the minds of high school students and providing the appropriate information on academic programs. This past summer alone, Houghton has acquired thousands of potential students' contact information through marketing at "Kingdom Bound."

"What didn't happen with this plan was we didn't get as high of a percentage as we thought we would of students applying for admission and ultimately enrolling," said Fuller.

Another strategy of this initiative included implementing the results of a group called "Houghton Higher Ground" or "H2G." The results of H2G called for the possibility of expanding some of our most popular majors and building up the existing programs that have a high national interest among potential incoming students.

"It's not just about acquiring more names for direct mail. It's about providing quality programs in the areas that students are interested in," said Wayne MacBeth, chair of the H2G project. Some of the programs cited were next semester's newly created Communication classes and the success of the Education and Intercultural Studies majors.

"We learned from our re-

search that a big concern for almost all of our students is tuition costs," MacBeth explained. "One of the ideas we tried this fall was giving more financial aid away, in hopes that would raise enrollment and that extra enrollment would more than cover the cost of that extra aid; however, this didn't achieve the results we were looking for."

"One of the goals of this project is to have more students enrolled at little or no extra expense to the college. If that were the case, Houghton could operate more efficiently and perhaps lower the yearly percentage increase in student tuition," said MacBeth.

When asked if Houghton's relatively high admission rate, 94% of students who apply, was a result of this initiative to increase enrollment, both Fuller and MacBeth guaranteed me that admission requirements had not been eased. "Absolutely not," Fuller assured me, "not in the 23 years that I've been on the admissions council."

"I can see how you could read those numbers and think, 'To meet enrollment goals we've watered down admission standards,' but that's not the case." Fuller went on to say that each student is evalu-

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Mine ears have heard the glory

The months of October and November are a rather exhilarating time of (every other) year in the American political landscape. By the time this article goes to press, the final outcomes of the various 2006 state and national elections will have been decided. No doubt our student body will have been faithful in researching the positions of their candidates and postmarking their absentee ballots by the appropriate date. Determining what party controls the halls of Congress will have been decided in large part by the Religious Right, a group with deep roots in American Evangelicalism.

On October 30-31, Dr. Randall Balmer delivered a series of lectures entitled Critical Junctions in American Evangelicalism at Ashland Theological Seminary's Fall Lecture Series 2006. Balmer serves as the Ann Whitney Olin Professor of American Religion at Barnard College, Columbia University. While authoring a number of books on the history of evangelicals in America, she has also worked with PBS on various projects. I was fortunate enough to attend the lectures along with a few other students on behalf of the Houghton Theological Society. (I have been instructed to note that HTS meets every Monday evening and is currently discussing Brian McLaren's *A Generous Orthodoxy*.)

Balmer sketched the broad history of American evangelicalism stretching back into earlier centuries before paying particular attention to events more recent in memory. After the Civil War, he argued, evangelicals lost much of their enthusiasm for the betterment of American society and began to

reject postmillenarianism in favor of premillenarianism (in short, Christ will come before the thousand-year reign of the saints instead of after). On this foundation, Balmer examined the construction of the conservative evangelical subculture in the twentieth century, culminating in the rise of the Religious Right as a political movement in the 1970s. His conclusions were not entirely favorable towards American evangelicals. Many of the ideas we hold dear, Balmer professed, grew only out of historical context and are not necessarily applicable today. These arguments have led to accusations that Balmer has a chip on his shoulder concerning American evangelicals and is looking for any excuse to criticize and undermine their authority.

I will not attempt to explicate or defend all of Balmer's opinions in this space and I would direct any questions to two of his more popular books, *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* (a history of American evangelicalism) and *Thy Kingdom Come* (a close examination of the Religious Right). What struck me, however, was my own ignorance and misconceptions concerning much of the history of Christianity in America. Concepts and ideas that I should have been familiar with were instead new, intriguing, and convincing. It is vital that we understand our religious heritage in order to critically examine and reflect upon our beliefs and practices. I would encourage all students to cast an inquisitive eye over their own religious backgrounds and learn the full implications of the faiths they hold dear.

-Will Airhart, editorialist

The Star staff would like to remind readers that Editorials are opinion based and therefore slanted by nature. Opinion also opens itself up for challenge, so write responses! But make sure they question the writer's stance, not our reason for publishing.

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS!

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Bling your green

How will the Earth look 100, 200, 500 years from today? Will "The End" be here, yet? It's boggling to think how environmental changes (human-caused or not) have put thousands of species to sleep. I don't know how much you believe all the hype about climate change and how we might be facing irreversible changes to how our climate behaves. Personally, regardless of conflicting rhetoric concerning the human impact on climate change, I'm a conservationist. My conservationist tendencies are probably rooted in a combination of passion for efficiency and a modest level of frugality—rare values for a Latin American. However, beyond the aforementioned combination, I am even more concerned about how I live since my lifestyle and personal habits greatly impact the environment and the life of others. After taking a quiz on my ecological footprint and learning that if my lifestyle and habits were practiced by every single human being, we would need three Earths, I was even more motivated to support eco-friendly and fair trade products. (Ecological Footprint Quiz: www.earthday.net/footprint)

The Student Government Association (SGA) appointed Stephenie Peck and I as co-chairs of the Green Campus ad hoc committee. Currently, we are working on trying to make our college—as an institution and as a community of believers—become more environmentally friendly. After being in Houghton for over three years now, I have the suspicion that Houghton College students care about the environment, but do not feel the institution does enough for eco-friendly initiatives. Believe it or not, Houghton College has a recycling program. We recycle paper, cardboard, plastic, metal, fluorescent light bulbs, vehicle batteries and motor oil. Personally, I didn't know such program officially existed until Stephenie and I started doing some digging and asking around. Even after knowing that we have a recycling program in place, I think we can do a better job at recycling. We pay thousands of dollars every month to get rid of junk in an environmentally friendly way, but very few students actually know how to be eco-friendly on campus. If every student actively participated in recycling, we wouldn't be paying thousands of dollars for half-empty recycling bin pick-ups.

Stephenie and I have been trying to get Big Al's cashiers to ask students if they want their meals "for here" (on a plate) or "to go" (in a Styrofoam box). So far,

we haven't been too successful at this, since cashiers complain this would be one more question to ask customers. So, to make it even easier for them, make sure you tell the Big Al's cashier you want your meal "for here," when eating there. Ideally, we would like Pioneer Foods to purchase biodegradable/compostable take-out containers for the cafeteria and Big Al's. We have presented Fred Libick, director of Pioneer, with these eco-friendly options, but the usual trump card is presented: these options are too expensive and would entail raising meal plan prices. This is partly true. These eco-friendly options are "expensive" for the sole reason that Styrofoam is dirt-cheap, but they are definitely financially affordable. Even if our meal plans costs per semester were raised \$20-30, I would be willing to pay for a more ecologically-friendly food services.

Another way our committee is trying to make Houghton College more eco-friendly is by placing more recycling bins around campus, making it convenient for us to dispose of our bottles, cans, paper, and so on. There are recycling bins in every building, believe it or not, but very few people would walk clear down to the other end of a hallway to throw away a pop can. We need recycling opportunities to be more convenient.

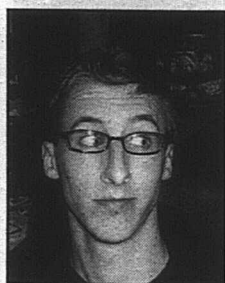
Finally, the Maintenance Office recycles fluorescent light bulbs, vehicle batteries, and motor oil. If you change your car's oil or want to get rid of a fluorescent light bulb or your car's old battery, make sure you contact the Maintenance Office in order to dispose of these properly. The used motor oil is given away to local low-income families to heat their shops or garages.

I want to urge you to recycle more and be more energy-efficient: turn your computer off or put it on standby/hibernation when not using it, don't leave lights on if you're leaving your room for more than a few minutes, turn your thermostat down a few degrees (for those who leave in the flats and townhouses), report leaky windows or doors to the Maintenance Office, dispose of your bottles and cans properly, try to consume fair trade products, avoid using your car when you can walk or bike, and don't use Styrofoam containers.

Being eco-friendly takes some effort to get used to, but at the end it's worth it. For the latest on eco-stuff, check out this fun website: www.grist.org.

-Jnti Martínez, editorialist

I'm supposed to have a theme?



Jimmy Dutton

I've been told by the higher ups of The Houghton Star that I need to have a theme for my articles. Now, this whole "theme" thing is against my philosophy. Well, at least it would be if I actually had a philosophy. I'm scared if I put myself in a box then eventually I'll have an idea that's in a completely different box, and I won't be able to use it because the Man is keeping me down. (Woman for you feminists out there; keep on truckin', ladies.) And since I won't be able to use the idea I want from the other box, my articles will become lame. It's as simple as that.

Some of you probably already think my articles are lame, but you're reading one right now, so stop being a hypocrite. Basically, what I'm trying to say here is that not being able to write what I want to would be a drag. I like The Star, and I don't want to separate myself from it like the soccer team at meals in the cafeteria.

I'm told that I ramble in my articles, and I do! I know! I've never made any claims at being a good writer. The rambling is probably the result of no research, outline, or thought about what I write until it's past my fingertips.

So okay, like I said, I'm told that I have to start having a theme or a point to my articles. Alright, I can deal with that. I can follow the rules.

Like a good little robot, here's the point to this article: I don't want to have a point. Maybe I'm being too harsh. I guess I'm willing to change. I don't want to write an article that absolutely no one wants to read and if a point will make my article better, then so be it! But before you judge the quality of my writing based on the presence of a point, here is my defense for not wanting one:

Sure, I could write about something important – maybe stuff like terrorism, politics, petitions at Houghton, and the war in Iraq. The list of possibilities goes on and on. But here is why I don't. There are smarter people who have a passion for writing about that kind of stuff! For example, Dr. Pearse wrote a great book review on Dr. Hamid's *The Roots of Jihad*. After reading it, I would have to say that my response to Dr. Pearse's article

would be something like, "Yep, that sounds good. I agree." And my response to Inti's article would be like, "Yeah seriously, democrats. Get out and vote already."

Now I'm not saying that I don't care about issues such as these, because I do. I care very much about them, actually. For example, I'm a pacifist who thinks that "just war" is the biggest oxymoron ever. I think global warming is a very real and serious problem that has been neglected for far too long and that drastic changes need to happen if we're going to preserve God's creation. I think that the Republican Party is making a lot of bad decisions, but I also think that Democrats need to actually make a decision. See? Behind all the ridiculous column ideas running through my mind are real opinions.

What does this have to do with my point of not wanting to have a point? Well, I think everyone needs a break sometimes. Depressing, frustrating, ever-present issues are always going to be around. What harm is there in walking away from them for five minutes to read something light-hearted?

Now, I know that I might be over-exaggerating a little bit. I wasn't asked to write about serious stuff. I was only asked to have

a point to the stupid things I write about in my articles. (Note: The Star editors didn't call my article topics stupid. I did.) I'm merely trying to say that – and get ready for yet another corny clincher here – in a world (or on a campus) where everything has to have a point, there is always time to waste on something that doesn't. And that something is my article – the time waster that will keep you from slipping into a depression. Think of my article as the Sabbath of The Star – completely relaxed and less than a mile long. None of them are ever meant to be taken seriously and are meant to be totally out in left field.

Maybe this particular article should be taken the same way? Perhaps I was never asked to have a point, and this whole article is just as false as my "Lie-brary" article. Maybe I just overheard some people who don't like my article talking about it (behind me at lunch...you know who you are).

So I guess what I hope you pull from this article, if anything, is that The Star, Houghton College, Alleghany County, New York State, America, the world – none of these things – have to be serious all the time, especially The Star. If you want all-serious all the time, the campus store sells USA Today. Take love and peace out.

-Jimmy Dutton, columnist

Pphaa



Marc Smithers

I have very poor vision. I've worn glasses since I was in the second grade and to be honest I've hated wearing glasses since I was in the second grade. I hated them so much that I would push them as far up onto my face as I could, eventually bending them at the nose, making them fit snugly against my face just like Oakley sunglasses do. My sisters called them my Aerodynamic Spectacles.

So when I heard the news that Houghton would be playing host to a New Vision Week, I was like, "SCORE. No more glasses!" But alas, I discovered that this week had no relation to a person's literal sight, but rather would focus on the church's relation to the world.

Now I know that I don't think about the global church as much as I should. This could be because of my continual shying away from the thought of being a missionary in a jungle somewhere, subsisting off the juices of plants that haven't a name yet and from feasting on black panthers and other such exotic animals. I didn't want that for me. Then again, I probably don't think about the global church much because at 20 years of age, I still have yet to even enter through the doors of an airport, much less those of an actual plane (make fun of me, and I will be sure that Jimmy's next article is about how stupid you are).

I came into the week being open to the idea of learning more and more about the global church. It may have been unintentional, but it seemed as if it was just "Missionary Promotion Week." Now, I think the man who spoke in chapel, J.B. Crouse, dealt with this issue very carefully and ultimately did a respectable job. He said something along the lines of, "Be a missionary wherever you are," bringing up the evident fact that not everyone from Houghton is going to graduate and move overseas with a missions

organization.

I do remember, however, that the woman who spoke in chapel, Bette Crouse said in regards to missionaries that we should, "familiarize ourselves with missionary biographies." Now, I don't know if anyone around me heard my reaction to this, but I have this annoying and quite embarrassing habit of making this noise with my mouth. It's a quick exhalation of air through pursed lips that if I had to write it out as a word, would spell something like "pphaa." Now according to Microsoft Word, the handy program that I write my articles with, pphaa is not a word, but there you go, that's what it sounds like.

Anyway, I make this noise when I blatantly disagree with a person, as I did when she said this. I don't in any way disagree with her or anyone else who says that missionaries are important and that their stories can be inspirational and all that stuff. But when she compared their stories, as she did, to the message of the Gospel and the stories of the saints, it seemed to be a little over-glorifying. It is my belief that in the body of Christ, missionaries are no more and no

less important than anyone else (1 Corinthians 12). This is because all of us are called to be missionaries.

So, maybe there just needs to be a redefining of the word "missionary." It is not just, as my twelve-year-old self believed, a person who goes to remote parts of the world. Instead, it is a person who goes out into the world and spreads the Gospel – period. Therefore, I'm sorry, but the purpose of this article was selfish. It was to discover the actual purpose of New Vision Week for myself, as I obviously didn't get it at first.

New Vision Week is about restating our obligation as Christians to go out into the world (whether it is to South America or to Southern America) and witness to people.

But, perhaps I am most sorry for those readers who began pushing old people down hills because of what I wrote this week, as Jimmy said my articles do to my readers. I could lie and tell you that I don't care what you do to old people. But alas, I am a fan of old people and would not enjoy seeing them being pushed down hills.

-Marc Smithers, columnist

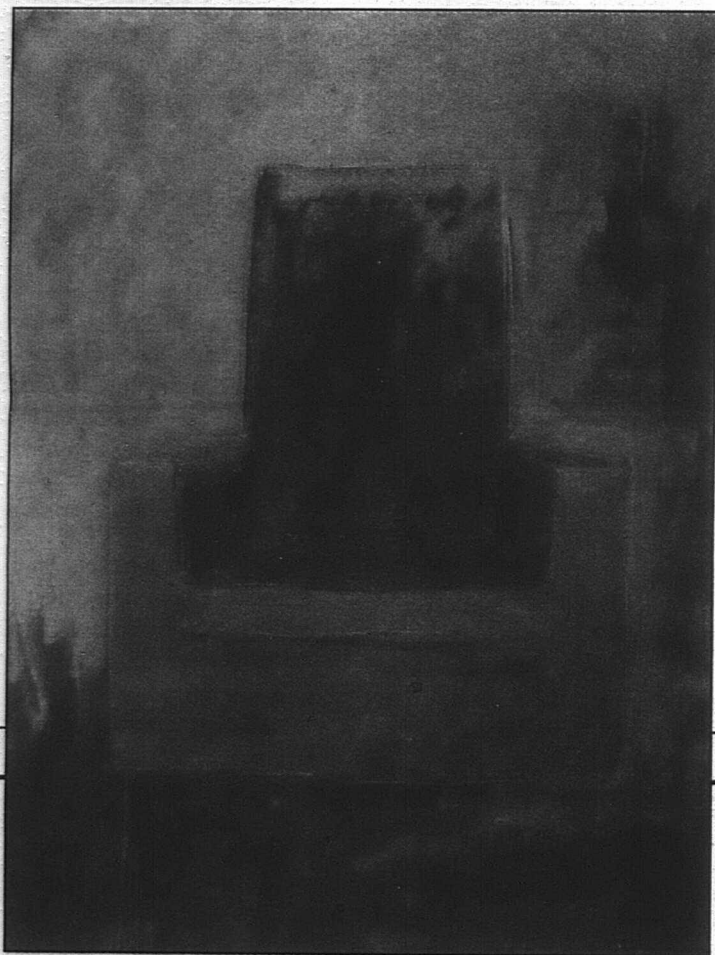
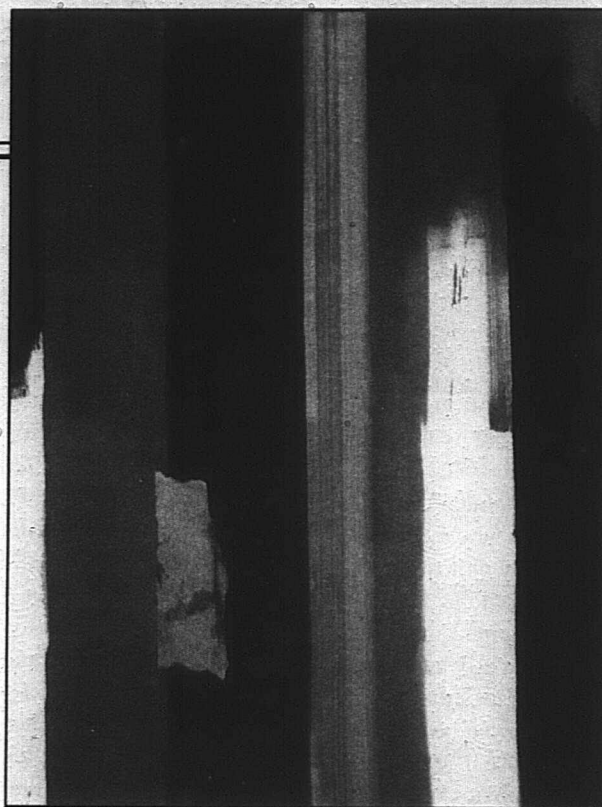
Featured artist:

Stephan Zoller

When you meet Stefan Zoller for the first time, "art major" may not be the first thing that comes to your mind—something along the lines of professional bouncer or bodyguard might be a more likely thought. Yet a closer look at his paintings could change your perspective about this Houghton junior. Stefan currently has a concentration in painting, although he expresses interest in printmaking as well as a variety of other media. Lately he has been exploring what he calls, "large spaces of pure color built up with subtle layering." Many of his paintings feature bold blocks of color and linear patterns.

Stefan admits that he often thinks in non-representational ways—and his paintings reflect this—although he is quick to add that his goal is to be a well-rounded painter in both representational and non-representational styles. He also explains that studying and imitating the work of mature artists is a key part of developing one's own artistic style and visual vocabulary. Some of his favorites are Francis Bacon, Robert Motherwell, Brice Marden, and Hans Hofmann.

Stefan states that his older brother Ian, who majored in visual art at Messiah and is currently pursuing his masters in art history, had



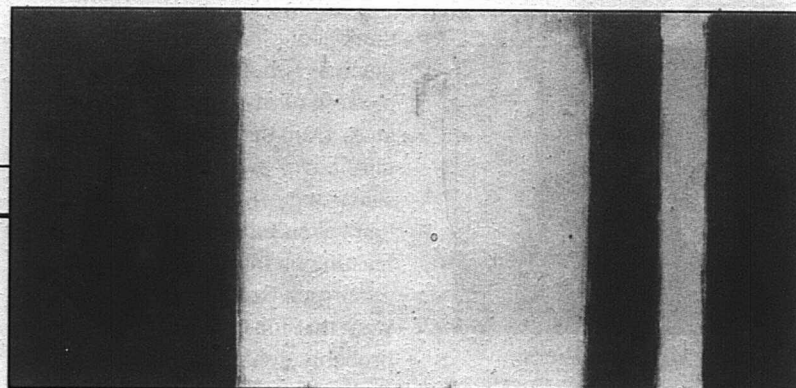
a strong artistic influence on his life. His good friend Jared Baxter (son of art professor Gary Baxter) also "kindled" this artistic interest throughout high school.

When asked about the benefits of his Houghton education, Stefan says that he has grown over the past couple of years in the area of editing his marks and ideas rather than using everything that occurs to him at once. This focus has clearly grown into one of his strengths. He cites that the greatest lesson he has learned in his art classes at Houghton has been to critically analyze

everything he sees. As he says, "Seeing everything in terms of color, shape, composition, etc., is now so ingrained in me that I can't remember having looked at things any different."

After graduating from Houghton Stefan plans to pursue a Masters in Fine Arts with the possible goal of becoming an art professor. His passion for art comes through when he states, "I love what I do and I can't imagine doing anything else. In the end I just want to make quality art."

-Katie Doner, managing editor



Review of *Eat, Sleep, Repeat* by Copeland



Copeland's newest album is incredible! *Eat, Sleep, Repeat*, which was released on Hallow-

een, is Copeland's third full-length studio release, and I believe it is their strongest. Copeland has never been a band who sticks to one style of music. In their previous albums, there were always a few songs that broke out of the normal musical fare. Their last album, *In Motion*, included the eccentric "Kite," which featured an accordion and sound effects of a movie reel in the background. With *Eat, Sleep, Repeat* we find Aaron, Brian, James, and Jon venturing into new territory while managing to still sound like themselves. The entire album

is strewn with refreshing musical ideas.

In the opening number, "Where's My Head?", the instrumentation includes a xylophone and string arrangements sprinkled with random syncopations of drums. It's such an awesome sound and a perfect warm-up for this stunning album.

"Control Freak" starts out with a beautiful and contemplative piano intro before it breaks into the full-bodied chorus of typical Copeland guitar riffs. "Careful Now" is more reminiscent of *In Motion*.

The verse gets its motion from a groove bass, but the song transitions into a charming chorus.

The album begins to shift toward a softer side with "Love Affair." This song is full of pain and hurt, emotions that Copeland is awesome at conveying. The band can really engage the listener's heart in what they are singing about. "Love Affair" is about a relationship that has gone astray, and the person in the song is challenged to think about what went

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The Woolsey Lectures

the first of an annual series on theology and culture.

The inaugural Woolsey Lectures in Theology and Culture will be presented at Houghton College this year on November 15 and 16. This will be an annual event which honors professor emeritus Warren M. Woolsey and brings to our community speakers who share his passion for linking theology and culture in our world. The speaker for this year's Woolsey Lectures is Dr. Richard J. Mouw, President of Fuller Theological Seminary and Professor of Christian Philosophy.

The idea for the Woolsey Lectures in Theology and Culture was conceived after the Religion and Philosophy Department was notified that a friend of Houghton College, Mary Randall Stewart, had bequeathed a generous gift "for the educational purposes of the Theology Department" in honor of her mother, Margaret Hayes Randall. Discussions among department members resulted in the birth of a lecture series that would meet the need for students to explore the relationship between theology and culture, and at the same time honor former colleague Warren Woolsey. Dr. J. Michael Walters, chair of the Religion and Philosophy Department, stated that "we can think of no more fitting way to honor this gifted teacher and consummate Christian man than to bring significant Christian thinkers to campus who will challenge our students with the possibilities of the gospel in our world."

Warren Woolsey's life has been an exploration of theology and culture. He grew up in the rural village of Houghton and later studied at Houghton College, Columbia University, Princeton Seminary and Lutheran School of Theology. During World War II he flew Army aircraft for 29 missions. For 16 years he served as a Bible College teacher in Sierra Leone and then taught Philosophy, New Testament and Missions at Houghton College for 26 years. In 'retirement' he taught for a brief time at Kingsley College in Australia. During Woolsey's Houghton College career, he fervently endeavored to show students that a life of following Christ is one where scholarship and Christian mission walk "hand in hand." Loved and highly respected, his aim was to "develop a devotion that includes openness in approach to scripture, teaching students to use scripture not just as a source of texts to use in arguments, not just promises for comfort, but as a guide book for

meeting the Living Word, for growing in all aspects of life and applying Biblical principles to life."

Warren is the second generation in three of Houghton College professors. His father, Pierce, began teaching here in 1923, and his sons Dan and Stephen, and daughter-in-law Linda carry on the tradition. He met his wife, Ella during their first year at the college and both graduated in 1943. They began their life mission together when they wedded in 1946 and have raised four children who have attended Houghton College also -- Stephen ('73), Matthew ('76); Daniel ('77) and Ruth ('81, now Woolsey Strand). There are 9 Woolsey grandchildren, two of whom attend Houghton College -- Stephen ('08) and Jesse ('10).

During his career at Houghton College, Warren Woolsey has been honored with a dedication in the 1975 Boulder Year Book, with a Student Senate Excellence Award for teaching, by being named to the Houghton One Hundred in 1983, and with an honorary doctorate in 1993. It is not surprising that a lecture series is added to this list of honors. As you might expect,

Warren would be the first to say that he is not deserving of such honors. And you might also expect that Warren would be the first to thank God for granting him life as a scholar servant whose mission continues through the Woolsey Lectures.

Richard J. Mouw graduated from Houghton College in 1961. He has served as president of Fuller Theological Seminary since 1993. Mouw joined the faculty of Fuller as professor of Christian philosophy and ethics in 1985 and before this served as professor of philosophy at Calvin College. He has been an editor of the *Reformed Journal* and has served on many editorial boards, including currently *Books and Culture*. He has also authored

15 books, including *Consulting the Faithful*, *The Smell of Sawdust: What Evangelicals Can Learn from Their Fundamentalist Heritage*, *He Shines in all That's Fair: Culture and Common Grace*, and *Wonderful Words of Life*. His most recent publication is *Calvinism in the Las Vegas Airport*.

The Woolsey Lectures in Theology and Culture are funded by the friends and alumni of Houghton College and by the Margaret Hayes Randall Endowment. You may support the Woolsey Lectures by designating your gifts as such and sending them to the Office of Advancement. Your contributions are gratefully accepted.

-Laura Wardwell, guest writer

The Woolsey Lecture Series

"Cultural Discipleship in the Time of God's Patience"

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"The Cultural Authority of Jesus Christ"

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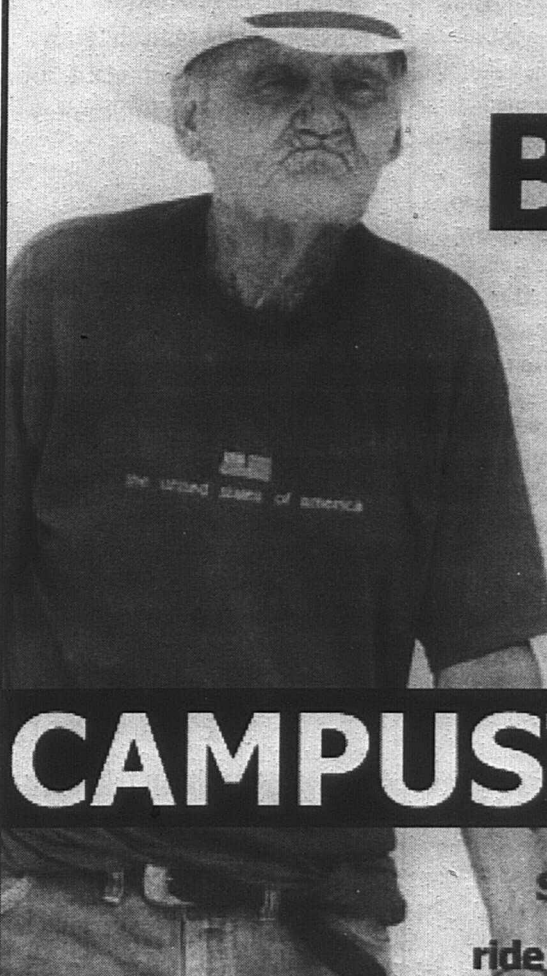
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PoLaRiS

So, what do Houghton College students think about the current Chapel Scanning policy (random scanning) and about potentially opening the Library after traditional worship hours on Sundays (i.e., after noontime)? In short, about a quarter of respondents (13%) like the random scanning policy and 39% don't really care about random scanning; a majority of students who responded (60%) would like to see the Library open after noontime on Sundays, while 23% percent don't really care about how this issue is settled.

When asked, "How often do you attend chapel per week?" 39% percent of respondents said they went to chapel three times per week, trying to go all chapel services. Twenty-six percent said they went to chapel about two times per week, while only 15% of respondents said they mainly went to chapel to meet the 2/3 requirement—but going to some chapels after meeting the requirement. A fifth of respondents said they go to chapel as permitted by their jobs or homework.

Here's a cool one for you: sixty-five percent of PoLaRiS respondents said they would attend chapel, whenever possible, even if it were not required; while 32% said they would attend occasionally—an impressive 97% having a positive attitude towards having chapel services. Only 3% said they would never attend chapel voluntarily.

Junior and Senior students were asked whether, prior to the "random" Chapel Scanning policy instated in Fall of 2005, they had ever scanned in for chapel, but not actually stayed for the service (i.e., "scanning and scrambling"). A whopping 78% said they had never done this, 18% only a couple of times, while a slim 3% said they had "scanned and scrambled" several times. There's no consensus among surveyed students on whether "scanning and scrambling" was a significant issue for further requiring the "random" Chapel Scanning policy: 55% of those surveyed said this issue was not significant enough to have promoted a change in scanning policy, while 19% said it was significant enough. Twenty-six percent of surveyed Juniors and Seniors said they were not sure what to think about this matter.

In response to the next question, "What is your opinion of the current chapel scanning policy of "random" scanning, in which students do not know whether they will scan in, out, or both?" only 13% said "Honestly, I like the policy." 33% either didn't mind the policy but were annoyed at people who complained at how long it takes to scan out or didn't mind the policy but were annoyed at people who felt they were being punished by random scanning; one third of responses reflected indifference towards random scanning. Three percent of responses considered the policy a necessary evil, as much as they didn't like the policy. Sixteen percent of responses found the policy inadequate and needed to "be revised to reflect a more positive approach to student issues."

As mentioned above, 60% of surveyed students would like to see the Library open after noontime on Sundays. When asked "How often do you find yourself needing to use the Library for research, study, or leisure reading on a Sunday?" 53% of those surveyed responded with a "Very often" or "Somewhat often". Thirty percent said they rarely needed the Library for the aforementioned activities on Sundays and 17% responded "Never."

Lastly, respondents were asked if, considering the academic difficulty of Houghton College, they felt students were put at an unfair disadvantage with the Library being closed on Sundays, when similar schools had access to a library all week long. Twenty-two percent of the 298 respondents said they didn't feel Houghton College students were at an unfair disadvantage, while 78% said to a certain extent they were at an unfair disadvantage.

That's all folks! I want to thank William Airhart and Steve J. Woolsey for coming up with this issue's questions. Check out the next issue of PoLaRiS!

Note: PoLaRiS is in no way a professional opinion survey and its results should not be used as official statistics. Some percentages might not add up to exactly 100 percent due to rounding. All fill-in responses were either discarded due to irrelevance, added up to one of the main options due to their resemblance with the provided options, or made a separate category.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions for future topics or specific line items, please contact Inti Martínez. Keep playing PoLaRiS!

News from Outside the 'Houghton Bubble'

-Elyse Drum, staff writer

- After almost two and a half years, the trial of Saddam Hussein and six other defendants charged with killing more than 100,000 Kurds during "Operation Anfal" in 1987 and 1988 has come to a conclusion. Saddam was convicted of 'crimes against humanity,' and though he has the opportunity to appeal, it is expected that his sentence of death by hanging will not be overturned. Of the other defendants, two were sentenced to death, one to life in jail, three to fifteen years in jail, and one official was acquitted.
- The National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) is now under new leadership after its old leader, Pastor Ted Haggard, resigned. He has been accused of paying for sex with a man and purchasing methamphetamine. He has admitted to buying the drugs and having a massage from the gay masseur. His church, New Life Church which is 14,000 people strong, is under new leadership as well.
- At a summit in Beijing on Saturday, the fourth Chinese President Hu Jintao announced that China plans to double its aid to Africa over the course of the next three years. Billions of dollars in loans, along with the training of 15,000 African professionals, were among the gestures offered to the impoverished continent from the Chinese.
- The Episcopal Church has named a woman to be its new leader. Katharine Jefferts Schori is the first woman in the Anglican denomination to receive such a position. This was a very controversial decision, and seven U.S. dioceses that have already refused to accept her authority.
- The U.S. is not the only country holding elections this week. As the U.S. focuses on its midterm elections, Nicaragua is awaiting the voters' decision on their new president. Daniel Ortega, a former Marxist revolutionary, has been leading in the polls over the other four candidates.

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Houghton Men's Basketball 2006-2007

Will more balance lead to success?

Last year, the Houghton Men's Varsity Basketball team featured a high-octane offense that emphasized accurate three-point shooting and a strong transition game. By executing this system, the Highlanders led NAIA Division II in three pointers made and blossomed into one of the most potent offenses in the conference, averaging nearly 75 points per game. Despite such a prolific offense, the lack of consistent rebounding and defense contributed to the squad's 4-21 record (1-13 in the conference).

In preparation for the 2006-2007 season, Coach Zarges and Assistant Coach Turner have unveiled a new strategy: by combining elements of last year's offense with a renewed focus on aggressive rebounding and defensive assignments, the team hopes to emerge from the cellar and compete for the American Mid-East Conference Division II title this winter. To reach this accomplishment, strong senior leadership, the rapid adjustment of freshman, and solid team chemistry are crucial. Senior guard Corky McMullen highlights the importance of a cohesive team,

stating, "Our best quality is team chemistry; as a future coach, I think that is one of the first things you must establish in order to be successful."

In the backcourt, the Highlanders return three starters, seniors Anthony Houghton, Corky McMullen, and Luke Mortenson. Houghton, the team's point guard and floor general, brings contagious energy every night and is a pest on the defensive end. An underrated distributor, Houghton quietly finished seventh in the nation in assists as well. A benefactor of Houghton's fearless 'drive-and-kicks' is sharp-shooter Corky McMullen. To complement his pretty shooting stroke from beyond the arc, the co-captain added a lethal mid-range jump-shot to his offensive arsenal. Much of the scoring burden will be shouldered by fellow co-captain Luke Mortenson, who combines superb athleticism with excellent finishing ability, both from the perimeter and the paint. As demonstrated by his 37-point performance against arch-rival Roberts Wesleyan College last year, Mortenson elevates his play in crucial games. Off the bench,

Jon Van Skiver provides excellent ball-handling, while freshman Ben Kopp can knock down threes in bunches.

Employing a 'small-ball' offense reminiscent of the Phoenix Suns and Villanova Wildcats, the Highlanders suffered in the paint last season. Due to the added bulk of Allen Goodman, the return of versatile forward Tyler Mutton, and the impact of two raw freshmen, Houghton supplements a veteran backcourt with a maturing frontcourt in '06-'07. Goodman, who led the team in rebounding last season, appears determined to finish his Houghton career with a winning season. As the team's 'wild-card,' Mutton is just as likely to 'drain a three' as he is to cross-over a lumbering forward. Furthermore, junior transfer Martin Axnick embodies the toughness of Houghton's revamped frontcourt; his fearless rebounding and refined fundamentals provide a spark off the bench. Also seeing minutes in the frontcourt is Jamestown Community College transfer Rimgaudas Valaitis, another threat from three-point land.

Through recruitment, Coach

Zarges has landed two highly-touted freshmen in center Mada Abdelhamid and forward Yannick Anzuluni. Despite lacking the ideal height of a center, Abdelhamid plays with a ferocious attitude, displaying the defensive toughness and rebounding prowess that the squad desperately needs. At six-foot-eight with a seven-foot wingspan, Anzuluni will force Houghton students sitting courtside to pay attention due to his shot-blocking talent. These two additions will only improve as the year progresses, as both face the daunting adjustment to college basketball.

While Coach Zarges preaches rebounding and defense, he also stresses the team's commitment to God. To support this, co-captain McMullen states, "One of our core covenants is 'All for God.' We wouldn't be able to perform on the court without God, so we give it all back to Him." As the Highlanders begin another hunt for the American Mid-East Conference Division II crown, watch out as this improved, balanced team takes the floor.

-Ben Tsujimoto, sports writer

Next issue:**HOUGHTON WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW AND FALL ATHLETICS WRAP-UP****Post-Season outcomes unpredictable**

The results for the Post-Season Tournaments were not what most Houghton fans would have anticipated from the start. The women's soccer team was expected to breeze through the Region IX games. The field hockey team expected to have their work cut out for them but was optimistic that they would get the two wins needed to win their post-season tournament. It was debatable as to whether or not the men's soccer team would overcome the challenge of Roberts Wesleyan College, to whom they had already lost twice in the regular season. Despite the predictions that Houghton fans may have made before the post-season play actually began, the results were unexpected.

The post-season play started with the women's soccer team's game against Malone College on Friday, November 3rd at noon on

the Field of Dreams. It snowed for a full day before the game, so after having the field plowed and shoveled, the Highlanders took on the Pioneers in the muck that remained. Although the Highlanders outplayed the Pioneers and had the shot advantage of 8-1, the field conditions and the weather evened the play on the field. The game remained scoreless through regulation and two overtimes. This left penalty kicks to determine the game. Houghton won in penalty kicks 4-3 with Krista Fowlkes, Hannah Swift, Bridget Toth, and Jenn Switzer all scoring off their shots. Goalkeeper Meghan Radimer made two saves to help the Lady Highlanders win the semi-final Region IX game. The next day Houghton took on Tiffin University in the Region IX championship game at 2:00 PM on the Field of Dreams. Tiffin scored first and

played an aggressive defensive game during the rest of regulation, shutting out Houghton. The Lady Highlanders will now wait on the NAIA National Tournament Selection Committee in hopes of getting an at-large bid for their #3 National Ranking and outstanding record.

The women's field hockey team hosted their 7th Annual Houghton College Post-Season Field Hockey Tournament. Seton Hill University, Ramapo College, and Houghton College competed in the tournament this season. The teams had to deal with the same winter weather and muddy field conditions as the soccer girls did on Friday and Saturday. Houghton first took on Seton Hill University at 2:00 PM at the Alumni Athletic Complex on Friday, November 3rd. Seton Hill struck first midway through the first half, but Houghton quickly rebounded and scored three

consecutive goals to defeat the Lady Griffins 3-1. The Lady Highlanders took on the Lady Roadrunners of Ramapo College at noon Saturday in the championship game on the Alumni Athletic Complex field. Both teams played aggressively with Houghton dominating the majority of the game. Two defensive break downs, however, gave Ramapo the edge to defeat Houghton 2-1 and to win the tournament. The girls remained positive, however, and recognized all of the trials they had to overcome throughout this difficult season.

The men's soccer team took on rival Roberts Wesleyan College for the third time this season on Saturday, November 4th at Roberts. Though Roberts had won both games played during regulation, Houghton was prepared and dede-

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New to the STAR: Sooj's Mailbag

In an attempt to address the professional sports interests of the Houghton audience, you are encouraged to either pose a question or suggest a topic for me to write about. If your topic/question is chosen, your name will be included in the article. There's your incentive. Send all ideas to Benjamin.tsujimoto@houghton.edu.

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ated on the basis of academics, and whether or not they are a good fit for Houghton socially and spiritually. "A lot of bright people apply to Houghton, because we do a good job of marketing to bright people."

Once President Mullen and her staff have had time to properly review the initiative to increase student enrollment, changes to the plan could be put into effect as early as the coming semester.

-Andrew Parks, staff writer

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wrong and what to do next: "In a flash her heart is slain, you have to ask in all this pain, was your heart too soft? Was your love in vain? Was your kiss too weak? Were your eyes too tired?" I really love this song. One of the things that Copeland was brave enough to try on this record was to include jazzy brass like trombones and trumpets on the bridge of this song, as well as in some of the following tracks. "I'm Safer on an Airplane" is a song about wanting peace: "I think I'm safer in an airplane. I think I'm safer in the sky up above. I think I'm safer on the jetway than a world without love."

The disc begins to pick up again with "By My Side," which

is undoubtedly the happiest song on the disc and sounds much like a song that would've been on their first album *Beneath Medicine Tree*. The upbeat chorus begs, "I need you to tell me you'll be right by my side. When I feel alone, you'll be right by my side, in a crazy world."

The album closes with "When You Thought You'd Never Stand Out" – a nearly six-minute masterpiece which rounds off a nearly perfect CD. Other highlights include the title track "Cover What You Can," "The Last Time He Saw Dorie," and "I'm A Sucker for a Kind Word."

This is arguably Copeland's best album, and it gets better with every listen. The Copeland sound that many of us have come to love is still there, but there are new elements that keep it from getting stale. Sometimes I wish more bands would be courageous enough to morph their sound like Copeland does. While this release is a bit darker at times than their often cheerful and bright albums of the past few years, the overall mood of *Eat, Sleep, Repeat* is optimistic. Buy this album! I will personally reimburse anyone who is disappointed with it. Just kidding. But seriously, buy it.

Grade: A+

-Justin Hackett, staff writer

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glasses-wearing nincompoop, while in fact it is the quintessential form of elegance and genius. JDC uses little-known words that spell check doesn't even recognize. And just preceding that, notice the interwoven alliteration: "articles are." That's impressive. Jimmy is to all-knowing, as Jesus is to omniscience. Now I'm not saying that Jimmy is Jesus (same number of letters, starts with a J), but his initials are JC.

Now buried deep within the obvious parallelism and iambic pentameter, you will find the profound thoughts and ideals of Jimmy Dutton Columnist. Have you ever read the Bible?... Me neither, but I hear some passages are about Jesus. He explains why sins are bad. In a succinct allegorical expression, JDC explains that Marc's articles are bad. Wow! JDC's brilliance connects these two ideas, revealing that Marc's articles are sin, therefore Marc is sinful, and since the devil too is sinful, Marc – and the devil – are both sinful. Amen.

Jimmy, thanks for being a leader to us all.

-Landry Jarvis & Joel VanderWeele, guest writers

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determined to win. Houghton came out strong, but with an unexpected injury to goalkeeper Eric Lefebvre in the first half, the game was suddenly up in the air. Back-up goalkeeper Dan Miller was ready for his task, however, and stepped up to fill in some big shoes. The game remained scoreless during regulation and throughout two overtimes. The game moved to penalty kicks to determine the winner. Houghton eliminated Roberts 3-1 with Josiah Snelgrove, Ben Loos, and Tyler Haggerty all scoring on their shots. Dan Miller made two saves during the shoot-out to help Houghton win the game. This was unfortunately the beginning of the end for Men's Soccer post season play. They went on to shut out Daemen 4-0 and advance to the region IX semifinals but their run was ended by Rio Grande in a 3-0 loss. The men finished out the season with a 6-10-3 overall record.

-Erin Frederick, sports writer

THE HOUGHTON ENQUIRER

New diet: eat hygiene!

History Lesson: for years now, America has been unbuckling its belt latch by latch, just a little at a time, and by the time we all notice that our prom dresses don't fit anymore, it's too late. So America has decided to jump from diet to diet, never really committing to one (except for that Subway guy), and never really losing any weight.

New studies by ESPN, ABC Family, and Kandy Kastle Inc. (the people who brought you the Mal-low Burger) have evidence that eating food isn't the way to cut down the pounds, but neither do they say not to eat anything. It seems that eating toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, and other such personal hygiene products can significantly take off the pounds.

In the studies performed to test this hypothesis, 100 volunteer patients who wanted to lose weight

were separated into 5 groups, each consisting of a different diet: Group 1) diet purely of chocolate, Group 2) diet of rare meat, Group 3) diet of vegetables and fruits, Group 4) diet of personal hygiene products, and Group 5) diet of dairy only. The results were more than astonishing. Group 4 lost more weight than all the other groups combined, with the total weight loss between the 20 people in that group being 980 pounds all in the matter of one week. Groups 2, 3, and 5 showed weight loss among their participants as well: Group 2 lost 49 pounds, Group 3 lost 29 pounds, and Group 5 lost 3 pounds. Those figures are of all the people in their groups combined.

What the dietologists did not find surprising, however, was that Group 1 actually gained weight. Many of the participants

in this group complained about this weight gain, but the researchers didn't listen/care.

"That group was kind of a joke amongst us," said one dietologist.

But why do personal hygiene products reduce weight so well?

"Well, we figured that if all those products worked on the outside of the body, they'd most likely do wonders while combined with the glorious bacteria and other natural chemicals in the body. Thankfully, we were right, and no one died. That would have been a pickle."

To advertise this new diet, the dietologists have hired TV personality Ryan Seacrest to do an infomercial. It will air on Fox five times every night for the next month from 2 AM to 4 AM.

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