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Mills-Woolsey Presents Candidacy for Academic Dean Position

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Dr. Linda Mills-Woolsey officially presented her candidacy to the college yesterday for the currently vacant position of Academic Dean.

Mills-Woolsey's agreement to become a candidate for the position has the potential to end the search by Houghton to find a suitable match to fill the opening, especially considering her experience with the position and her qualifications thereof. During the search by the college to fill this position following the resignation of Dr. Ron Mahurin, Mills-Woolsey has stepped in as the interim Academic Dean, meeting the demands of the position for this past year.

Since current policy states that the Academic Dean of Houghton, a Wesleyan school, be himself or herself a member of the Wesleyan church, Mills-Woolsey's candidacy presents a unique position, due to her non-Wesleyan church member status. According to President Mullen, Mills-Woolsey will have to submit a document expressing her support of the Wesleyan church and Wesleyan theology, as a part of the application.

Yet regardless of her church membership status, Mills-Woolsey's decision to become a candidate is not one disapproved of by the Wesleyan church.

"Something to realize," said Mullen, "Is that this is very much something that would happen only with the Wesleyan church's approval. They support her decision to become a candidate."

The length of time that the search has so far taken is typical of the time it usually takes a college to fill the search—according to Mullen, academic dean openings can take 1 to 3 years to fill. It proves a demanding and difficult position is to fill, as it requires a wide range of ability and experience. Candidates are usually expected to have a wide range experience.

"Usually experience with faculty, with planning, with budget planning, and still being both detail-oriented and having the ability to see the big-picture," said Mullen.

After the candidate documents have been submitted, the paperwork will be considered by the Faculty Concerns Committee and other academic areas not covered by the

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CHANGING TIMES FOR COSO POLICY

Student Programs Director becomes committee co-chair in light of nationwide considerations



LUKE LAUER

Olivia Nijssen, senior, and Hannah Kahler, sophomore, take sign-ups at the Environmental Club table at the Student Activities Fair.

KATHERINE BAKER

Last week, the Student Life Council unanimously approved a new policy regarding the Committee on Student Organizations, COSO.

In order to form a new club on campus, a specific procedure must be followed. The Committee on Student Organizations, COSO, is responsible for making decisions regarding student organizations on campus.

There are several notable changes to the policy. First, the committee went from being chaired by the SGA

Vice President to being co-chaired by the SGA Vice President and the Student Programs Director. COSO is now a joint committee of the Student Life Council and the Student Senate, with the current co-chairs being junior Benjamin Hardy, SGA Vice President, and Greg Bish, Student Programs Director.

Another significant change is that, according to the new policy, "any decision reached by the COSO may be modified by the Director of Student Programs...this modification may be appealed to the Vice President

for Student Life or Student Life Council." These modifications are made according to whether the club aligns with institutional policies in place at Houghton College.

If a proposed organization would like to become a Registered Club, it must first be approved for provisional status. Under the new policy, in order for an organization to be defined as a Provisional-Status Club, it must be approved by both the Student Programs Director and the SGA Vice President. In addition, the newly approved policy states, "The Student Programs Director serves as the advisor to Provisional-Status Clubs and may approve campus-wide emails and college space usage."

Provisional status exists to increase efficiency in the creation of clubs. Bish explained that about 15 years ago, all clubs went straight to the Student Life Council for review. However, "as the number of clubs on campus was increasing, the council wanted to encourage growth... so they empowered the SGA to be the first step in reviewing potential clubs on campus." Then a couple years ago, when clubs began to get stuck in the review process with SGA, provisional status was introduced to make the process run more smoothly.

In the words of Hardy, "The reason why there's a provisional period is if a few students wanted to

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A LOOK AT THE NEW FACE OF SODEXO

ABBY BUCKINGHAM

Tina Powers was brought in as General Manager of Houghton Dining Services in May, following the resignation of former manager, James Ruoff, at the end of last year.

She immediately began thinking about the unique Houghton dining situation. "My approach when I transfer to a new location is to try and not have any preconceived ideas," Powers said. "I began by reading through the Student Survey results, the old comment cards, and watching and listening."

Powers spent the summer getting to know the dining hall staff and ruminating over changes to the dining services for this year. This led to the current dining options that Houghton students are experiencing. "We must constantly assess ourselves and make

sure we are adjusting to the change around us," Powers said, regarding her decisions in the dining hall.

Along with switching some of the food service, life for the student workers upstairs has changed. They are now required to wear matching uniforms, consisting of a purple shirt, black hat, and nametag. Jane Merriam, a junior who works for the dining services, said "This change is an understandable one to keep all of the student workers uniform, keep our hair out of the way, and the nametags not only help our new manager tell who we are but also tell our peers, whom we serve." Yinka Araromi, junior, feels that the new uniform makes the work environment "a lot more professional. It actually feels like you're going to a real job."

The response to the uniform has been mixed but they all agree that

Powers runs a stricter environment. Last year, student workers were allowed a 15 minute paid break to eat if they were working during a mealtime. This year, that leniency has disappeared. For students like Merriam, this is an issue.

"I come directly from class, right to Gillette to clean, and then directly to the cafeteria to start my 4:30-7:30 shift," said Merriam. "I have no time in between to eat so I have to end up eating at Big Al's after my shift."

She could clock out to eat and then clock back in but does not see the point in losing money in order to eat dinner at a standard time.

Araromi points to another new policy that student workers cannot listen to music or, if they are scanning students in, do homework during lulls

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SGA / The Politics of Us Against Them



LUKE LAUER

BILL CLUNN

Jesus said, “The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me” (Matt. 26:11). This verse can either make you feel comfortable, while justifying your actions (or inaction), or it raises your blood pressure and makes you more than a little peeved.

Was Jesus ignoring the plight of the poor and teaching apathy to his disciples? Was he possibly preparing his 21st century American followers to vote along specific party lines in the 2012 presidential election? In the US, presidential candidates are claiming to represent homosexuals, Christians, women, and minorities, but who is the poor person’s candidate? Perhaps in this “nation under God” we have decided that we cannot eliminate poverty, and that trying is a waste of time.

Lyndon B. Johnson’s “War on Poverty” was waged in the mid-1960’s because, of his beliefs stated in his Special Message to Congress, March 16, 1964, “it is right, because it is wise, and because, for the first time in our history, it is possible to conquer poverty.” Johnson’s speech hinted that poverty could be “conquer[ed]” and therefore victory assured. However, Johnson would soon discover that Americans prefer war that ends in complete victory (please see World War II) and have a distinct dislike of wars with no foreseeable end (please see Operation Iraqi Freedom). The problem with warfare against an enemy with no army and no capital is that ideas and opinions are not easily destroyed and therefore wars against them will drag on.

When we wage war, we divide “our side” from “their side.” In many cases, US citizens have decided about the war on poverty that the poor are not on “our side,” and are rather lazy, unwilling to work, and desirous of a free ride for themselves and their offspring. This is the rhetoric of what I would call the “pro-middle class anti-poor movement.” This growing movement in today’s American politics is not entirely aimed at the establishment of a huge middle class, as much as it is aimed at the maintaining of the financial stability of current middle class citizens. The propagandists of this movement remind us that if ‘those people’

would stop living off of government funds, then “our” tax dollars could be used to meet “our” needs. This same movement often purports that it is the moral authority in the US: the phrase, “we will save them from themselves” summarizes the mindset of this movement. They must be saved from their financially slothful behavior.

But poverty is not only about money. It is a problem caused by poor financial circumstances, and both low self-esteem and self-worth. A lack of political representation also underlines poverty, as according to Michael Harrington in *The Other America*. Many impoverished people struggle because they are unable to acquire gainful employment, and also because they do not believe they have the capacity or the value to earn employment. If a family considers a child a burden rather than a blessing, because of the cost it presents of another household member, the idea of personal value is not well impressed on that child. If strangers looked down on that person and suggested that person and that person’s family are free loaders, that person might begin to believe them. Only a few decades before Johnson’s “War on Poverty” began, an experiment conducted by Kenneth and Mamie Clark concluded that self-hatred was common among poorer blacks attending segregated schools. According to Economix, a New York Times blog, and “The Political Economy of Hatred” by

Edward L. Glaeser, this self-hatred is just as prevalent among the poor in the US today.

As Christians, how should we vote in a presidential election? I am not saying to vote for Mitt Romney or President Obama. I am just encouraging you to ask the hard questions. If you think Jesus’ teaching should inform every decision you make, then, while you might think that certain acts like homosexuality and murder are condemned by Scripture, you might also consider what Jesus has to say about greed and the poor. Too often we vote in the way the rich man in Matthew chapter 19 might have voted if he lived today. We vote to uphold those “commands that we have kept” which others break (v. 20). But Jesus said in response to him, “If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor...” (v. 20). I suspect that we prefer a political framework that is incomplete, in so far as it is reactionary (anti-gay, anti-welfare etc.), rather than one which may force us to find ourselves poorer and without our usual political affiliations during a presidential election. Jesus did say, “Blessed are you who are poor for yours is the Kingdom of God” (Luke 6:20). So if you frame this election as an election of “Us against Them” you may cast a ballot which supports an ideology of “me against Him.”

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get together and start something but they didn’t really advertise it well or pick a good mission, if students

didn’t want to continue it in the future, the SGA wouldn’t be left with any baggage.”

However, Bish pointed out, “even when the SGA was empowered, the

Student Life Council still held legal responsibility for clubs on campus.” The new provisional status left the Student Life Council liable for decisions about clubs that the Student Programs Director may not have supported. “The restructured COSO policy is intended to address both efficiency and liability issues. It is inefficient for everything to go before the Student Life Council, but having an open provisional status is a legal risk for the institution.”

“In the old policy, provisional status could come into effect for a club even without the college’s approval... the Director of Student Programs could be outvoted by the student members of COSO,” SGA President Joel Ernst said. “If a club violated the mission and principles of Houghton College, the college couldn’t do anything about that club until that club tried to provide for full club status and then that goes before the Student Life Council.”

Ernst explained that the new policy attempts to address the question, “How do we give the college a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ say at the beginning of a club forming?”

Interim Vice President for Student Life Dennis Stack said that the change in procedure was related to incidents at Biola University, Calvin College, and George Fox University.

These incidents were concerned with student organizations forming on campuses whose missions were not in alignment with the values of the institutions involved. Specifically, John Boxley and Ashley Bornancin at NBC report,

“On the same day President Obama became the first U.S. president to come out in support of same-sex marriage, a group of students announced the presence of the ‘Biola Queer Underground’ at this small evangelical university.”

With the emergence of this anonymous group came a strong reaction from the University. The President of Biola, Barry Correy, addressed students in a chapel service, and Biola trustees released an official statement on Human Sexuality. The *Chimes*, Biola’s student newspaper, started an online discussion about the situation.

Boxley and Bornancin reported that Biola University’s code of standards “includes prohibitions on sex outside of marriage and same-sex relationships.” Biola’s student handbook states that sex is “designed by God to be expressed solely within a marriage between a husband and wife” and continues to say that “sexual misconduct, depending on the facts and circumstances of each case will result in disciplinary action.” These institutional standards are similar to those of Houghton College.

According to Bish, Houghton would like to avoid any liabilities and loopholes while still encouraging students to form clubs on campus.

“The restructuring should be very minimal to students trying to form clubs,” said Bish. “The process is being developed to make sure that clubs and organizations do align with the mission and theological beliefs of the institution.” ★

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in the job.

“Before, I didn’t really want to go to work but now, I *really* don’t want to go,” said Araromi. “It’s definitely less enjoyable.”

There have been some changes to the food service itself, as well. Last year, Becky Hendricks made stir-fry and salads. This year, Becky sticks to salads, much to the chagrin of Lauren Bull, junior.

“I love that Becky has been making all kinds of new and interesting salads, but I miss her dinner-time stir fries,” Bull said. “Those were pretty much my dinner staple last year, and I wish they’d bring those back again.”

Although it is sometimes frustrating to return for a new school year to many changes, Merriam thinks it will all work out. She said, “This is a change that, although it may take a little getting used to, may be for the best.” Students can be confident in the leadership of Powers, who said, “As long as you let God lead you, it is much smoother than when we try to take control and make moves without him.”

Katherine Spaulding, junior, also worries about the changes that have been made to custodial since Sodexo took over. “They cut my hours,

they have somewhat unreasonable expectations for the hours I’m supposed to work, and I felt the system we had in place was effective. I’m not confident that the changes they’re making are benefiting the campus as a whole.”

Students working custodial must now work at certain allotted times, with a few exceptions, whereas last year they could work whenever was convenient. Steve Tullar has been a real advocate for the students while Sodexo attempts to make life more difficult.

“Steve pushed for flexibility in the hours, instead of making all students work from 6 to 8.” Merriam, who works in custodial along with the dining hall, said, “This wouldn’t be so bad if there were other work options around, but since we live in the middle of nowhere we don’t really have a choice.” ★

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committee. The Academic Committee of the Board of Trustees will also review the documents.

As to when the final results of the filling of the Academic Dean position may be, “putting a time frame on what may happen in the future is difficult,” said Mullen. ★

Local produce, organic food, fresh baked goods

Allegany Harvest Co-op Celebrates Grand Opening

NORA KAHLER

The grand opening of the Allegany Harvest Cooperative Market (located across from Subway) was held last Saturday, the 15th.

The event began at 10 a.m., when Dr. Peter Meilander, president of the board of directors, presided over a ribbon-cutting ceremony. He thanked several people who had been instrumental in making the co-op a reality: Ginny Routhe, one of the original founders, Miranda Hunter, operations manager, and the entire board of directors.

Legislator David Pullen, Houghton College alum of 1970 and community member, also spoke, emphasizing the significance of a local store to sell local products: "Local food growers and providers now have a market. Local people have a place to sell their products." He added, "It's important for residents to be healthy—we all breathe and we all eat. There are things here that I couldn't before get locally."

The celebratory event was a culmination of a multi-year process, involving many people's efforts. After the closing of a local mini-mart, a small group of Houghton residents, including Ginny Routhe and Sunshine Sullivan, began discussing the possibility of opening a buying club or co-op. Routhe attended several co-op conferences, and in March 2011, the board of directors was elected. The process of opening the co-op took another year after that, with a soft opening in May 2012.

Allegany Harvest Market's inventory has expanded significantly since last spring, and now includes a wide range of healthy, organic, natural, and fair-trade products. These include staple food items such as milk, eggs, butter, bread, flour, and sugar, in addition to fresh baked goods, local produce, frozen foods,

gluten free foods, and pasture-raised meat.

Although it appears much like a standard natural foods store, Allegany Harvest Market is a consumer-owned cooperative business. Joining the co-op as a member-owner is not required in order to shop there, but there are several advantages to being a member. Benefits include a small discount on all purchases, special sales and events, and a sense of ownership and belonging to the process. Member-ownership costs a total of \$150; however, this can be broken down into monthly payments of \$12.50. Member-ownership can be shared by up to three people, making the cost more accessible. Currently, about 13% of the co-op's member-owners are college students.

Miranda Hunter, operations manager, cited the close proximity of the co-op to the college's townhouses, where many students are not on a full meal plan, as a major benefit, especially for students who may not have transportation to stores outside Houghton. She also emphasized how affordably priced bulk items are, saying, "they should appeal to students on a budget."

Ultimately, the co-op's goal is to be a "small scale full service grocery store." Hunter envisions it as a place one can walk into and buy everything needed to cook an entire meal. Hunter hopes for student input in determining the direction that the co-op takes: "We should have students involved to say what students want, to share what they want the co-op to look like."

Hannah Meyers, a senior member-owner who attended the grand opening, said, "I feel they do a good job of having a wide variety." Katie Hodgkins, senior, added, "We're really happy with the bulk section and that you can buy small amounts." Meyers commented that she is especially looking forward to "local and fresh produce, which can

be hard to come by."

Allegany Harvest Cooperative Market is open Mondays: 2:00-6:00, Tuesdays-Saturdays: 10:00-6:00, and closed on Sundays. More information about Allegany Harvest Market can

be found on its Facebook page or website: <http://alleganyharvest.coop.com>. ★



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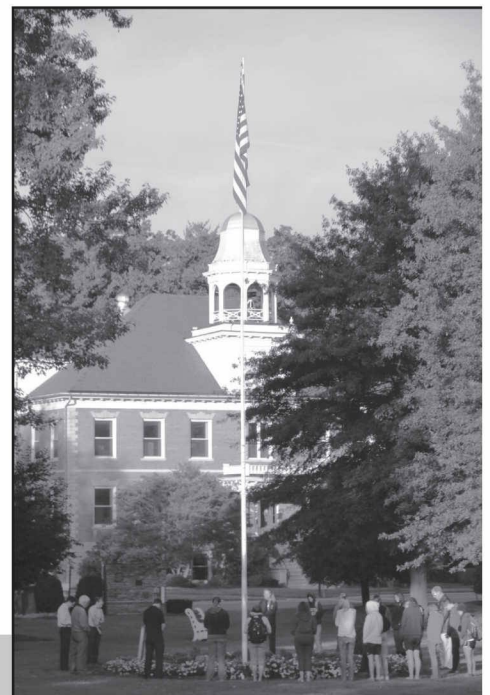
Dr. Paul Young (above) buys milk at the check-out counter of the Allegany Harvest co-op. In addition to opening for business, there were multiple events that took place to entertain visitor to the grand opening, including live music.

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Face painting was one of the activities at the grand opening of the Allegany Harvest Cooperative Market

Students and faculty gathered at the flag pole on Sep. 11 to commemorate and pray for America on the anniversary of 9/11



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Ex Mea Sententia / Critiquing Advocacy Critics



LUKE LAUER

ANDRE NELSON

At this point we've all heard about Invisible Children Incorporated (IC), a non-profit created in 2004 to raise awareness concerning the activities of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in Northern Uganda. Quite a lot of controversy has come out of this organization, leaving us to wonder why Houghton College has maintained such close ties with this non-profit.

The organization began after three college students, Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey, and Laren Poole, travelled to eastern Africa in order to create a documentary about the war in Darfur (a region in western Sudan). During this trip they discovered a much lesser-known war being waged in eastern Africa: that of the LRA. The LRA has been fighting for approximately 26 years and has been particularly noted for their abduction of children for their army.

Thus far, who wouldn't like Invisible Children? They raise awareness about child soldiers, victims of sexual violence, and massacres. But after all this, IC encountered criticism last March after the start of its Kony2012 campaign. Hundreds of blogs started scrutinizing IC, such as the "visiblechildren" Tumblr. IC received so much negative attention that when one searches "Invisible Children" on Google, the top two suggestions are "scam" and "criticisms", followed by "Jason Russell," a co-founder who was arrested after allegedly masturbating in public. An important question is, why so much hatred, towards a seemingly well-intentioned organization? Why did an article in UC Irvine's paper call IC "one of the most controversial activist non-profits operating in Africa today"? Why did a Foreign Affairs article state, "Such organizations have manipulated facts for strategic purposes, exaggerating the scale of LRA abductions and murders and emphasizing the LRA's use of innocent children as soldiers"? Why are they now known as a "shady organization at best"?

When researching IC, the lists of complaints that come up are as follows: IC refuses to be independently audited, and as such has been given lower ratings by Charity Navigator, an organization that ranks non-profits, IC only puts 37% of their income towards direct services, and IC supports direct military involvement by the Ugandan military, which itself has been accused of crimes against humanity, including rape and torture. On top of all this IC was accused of skewing numbers and giving false and misleading facts about the whereabouts of Kony and the actual size of his army.

Looking back at this list it now seems difficult to imagine a more corrupt and shady organization. Why would anyone

support them, and furthermore why would Houghton College invite them back on campus year after year?

What is ironic is that the bulk of the blogs commenting on IC all said the same thing: research them for yourself. I did. What I found from primary sources is that none of these accusations against IC are valid. Charity Navigator stated, "We give the charity 4 out of a possible 4 stars for its Financial Health. It spends upwards of 80% of its budget on its programs and services," and according to their rankings, IC currently outperforms other organizations operating in the same area. As far as IC's finances go, they have in fact been independently audited by an outside accounting firm called Considine. IC has also made all of their 990 IRS forms public online.

Where moral ambiguity could potentially be found is within their support of Uganda's military (UPDF). However, they do not by any means fund the UPDF financially, rather, IC has stated that "International attention focused on the UPDF in its counter-LRA activities will be a step towards ensuring that human rights abuses are reported and the perpetrators held accountable."

That being said, I do not necessarily want to end by praising IC. It simply should be noted that they have defended themselves adequately against most of the existing criticisms. For me, the question regarding IC is no longer whether or not they are morally and ethically superior to other non-profits, but whether or not non-profits in general are at all beneficial in the work that they do.

Chris Blattman, an Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs at Columbia University, stated that "One consequence, whether it's IC or Save Darfur, is a lot of dangerously ill-prepared young people embarking on missions to save the children of this or that war zone. At best it's hubris and egocentric. More often, though, it leads to bad programs, misallocated resources, or ill-conceived military adventures. There's lots of room for intelligent advocacy." I believe this is where we should leave IC—not calling them a scam, fraudulent, or liars, but simply asking whether or not advocacy is the best tactic for bringing change.

Though I set out to write this article as a harsh critique of IC, after a good deal of research I have come around to critiquing its critics. Why after Kony2012, IC's massively successful advocacy campaign, were there such criticisms? Maybe IC isn't doing everything right, after all, there is a lot of room for "intelligent advocacy," but what makes those who criticize them any better?

Is attempting to change the world, even if ill-prepared, worse than sitting apathetically in the comfort of your home writing poorly researched, pithy, hateful blog posts? Why is it that so many criticisms of non-profits come from people who are not themselves active in bringing about any change? Could it perhaps be a way to appease the guilt caused by their apathy? After all, the greatest crime against humanity is apathy.

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SOCCER SEASON UNDERWAY



LUKE LAUER

Women's soccer team in action.

LAUREL WROBLICKY

It is definitely soccer season when Shen Bloc is suited up in bathrobes and cardboard boxes, sporting moon shoes, and rocking mullets. Both the men's and women's seasons are in full swing as homecoming approaches and the leaves begin to turn.

With this year's transition from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, NAIA, to NCAA Division III, Houghton's fall sports are the first to face other teams in the new conference, Empire 8. Due to the recent reconstruction of Burke field, the Highlander soccer teams are experiencing some of the initial effects of the Kerr-Pegula donation.

Women's soccer opened their season with a 4-1 victory against Hiram College. They were the first team to play on the newly reconstructed field. The women's team is 4-3 overall and 1-0 in conference, placing them third in NCAA Empire 8.

Sophomores Stephany Ellison, Kathryn Hornbrook, and Jen Bowman, senior, and have collectively scored nine goals this season. Atalie Fite, junior, has contributed the most assists for the Highlanders, while Shawna Sprout, freshman, tallies the most saves.

Head women's soccer coach David Lewis highlighted Alyssa Figueroa, junior, as working to adjust to a new style of play as a defender—indirect style. Indirect style is associated with "possession" soccer, the style Houghton strives to play. It focuses on spreading players across the field and passing the ball to obtain a good position to score, as opposed to the direct style, which typically involves more direct kicks to get the ball to the goal.

Regarding the women's play this season, Lewis said, "We play quality soccer in spurts, but our goal is to play more consistently, to play our style...[P] art of [that] may be due to the fact we have so many new players adjusting to our style of play, but at some point we need to pick it up. So hopefully that will come sooner than later."

Sophomore Kathryn Hornbrook said, "We have a lot of potential because we have a lot of new faces and a lot of new talent...if we can figure out how to start playing together and putting our talent to good use then I think we're going to start scoring some goals and winning some games; putting some W's on the board!"

Because of the transition to NCAA,

the addition of new Division III sports resulted in the cancellation of the JV programs at Houghton. This led many students who previously in JV sports to try out for the varsity teams. In order to accommodate the changes, both men's and women's team rosters have expanded considerably. Competition for playing time has inspired many of the players to train even harder for a starting position.

Although the men's team lost their first home game to Stevens Institute of Technology, a team that made the final four last year, they exceeded expectations with their level of play. Men's soccer is 2-3-1 overall and 0-1 in conference, and they are now officially ranked seventh in Empire 8.

For offense, Tyler Ashley, freshman, leads the team in goals while Paul Seddon, senior, has recorded the most assists and shots on goal. As for defense, Tyler Mastin, junior, carries the team in saves in goal. In addition to these statistical leaders, head men's soccer coach Matthew Webb emphasized the solid play of Jordan Smith, freshman, Cory Brautigam, sophomore, John Carpenter, Jared Toth, juniors, and captain Mike Amico, senior.

"We've established a goal for ourselves: we want to make the NCCAA (National Christian College Athletics Association) tournament," said Webb. "We've talked a lot this year about playing to a standard rather than playing to specific wins and losses...if we play to a standard, results will take care of themselves. We've got the players, we have talent, we have the ability. It's a matter of just getting it together, understanding the system, and going from there."

Junior John Carpenter elaborated on the beginning of the men's soccer season.

"I think the season has been off to a good start building off of a good preseason," said Carpenter. "We have gotten good results, but we are still looking to improve our play. We are making good progress and coming together as a team."

Because Houghton is in a transitional year, if any of the teams qualify for post-season matches they would only be able to participate in those hosted by the NCCAA.

In the words of goalkeeper Luke Ogden, a junior: "Come support your athletic teams as they battle throughout the ages!" ★

HOMEMADE CHAI

EMILY PEACE

Chai is the fragrance of cardamom, cloves, cinnamon and warmth. Chai is the color of my Gujarati Auntie Betty's skin. Chai is the taste of too much sugar and "full cream" milk. Chai is made with my palm and my eyes as its only measuring tools. Tablespoons and cups are a foreign oddity. Instead, it is the weight of cloves in my palm, the sight of tea leaves spreading out to cover the surface of the water. And it is however many spoon-fulls of sugar my hand tells me to plop into the now milky liquid.

Chai is best made with buffalo milk over an open fire. It is most pleasing when poured out of an antique-looking tin kettle into flimsy 2-inch plastic cups or 3-inch glass cups. With such small glasses, it is ideal to gulp down a cup full of near-boiling liquid in an effort to save one's fingers. So, perhaps contrary to popular belief, chai is not best sipped. No, real chai drinking requires that one acquire a high tolerance to liquids of high temperature. This experience is best in the middle of the chatter and clatter of a bicycle, cow, cart, child, mother, and monkey congested market.

I cannot neglect to acknowledge an alternative best. This best involves sitting cross legged on a woven twine mattress, surrounded by the buffalo that provided the full cream milk. The plastic and glass cups receive real competition from the rough and unfinished clay cups with their convenient disposal method; a pile of clay shards on the dirt ground is all that remains.

For now though, Gillette 2nd Old kitchen will more than suffice as the fellowship of floor mates and friends while sharing a hot, freshly brewed cup of chai more than compensations for the agony of using an electric stove. If you want to learn how to make chai here are some guidelines to get you started:

Ingredients:

- water
- milk
- loose leaf black tea (tea bags will work too)
- cardamom
- cloves
- cinnamon
- sugar

Process:

Boil water (approximately 1 tea cup for every cup of chai) with tea and spices in it (Add approximately 1-2 teaspoons of tea leaves for each cup of chai. If whole spices - whole cardamom pods, cloves and cinnamon sticks - just add a couple of each spice. If powdered spices, 1/2 to 1 teaspoon of each spice. Season to taste!)

Once water (with spices and tea in it) boils, add milk until tea is light brown color. Add sugar (1-2 teaspoons per cup). Let it boil again with milk in it. If it is dark you can add more milk and let boil again on lower heat.

Everyone makes chai differently, the amounts of ingredients are not specific for a reason. Try it out for yourself and find the perfect balance of spice and sugar for your ideal cup of tea.



ISABEAU HIGDON

Emily makes chai for friends.

Athlete Profile

KATHERINE BAKER

Sierra Mitchell is a senior ICE major with a concentration in communication. She is one of three field hockey captains and plays the center back position.

Mitchell and the other two captains have many duties. "We usually organize team events... meet with the coach to see what our goals for the season are... try to encourage our team especially when they are down, and try to make sure people are on top of their school work, keeping them accountable with that," Mitchell said.

In addition to being one of the team captains, Mitchell is also the chaplain for the field hockey team. Her duties as chaplain

include scheduling and leading devotionals.

"Sierra and I have been friends since freshman year. She is a wonderful woman of God, who seeks to know him more and more every day. She never sells herself short from her fullest potential, whether its in athletics or school work," said fellow field hockey team captain, Ashley Engle. "I can always count on her to have encouraging words to say when I need them most. She is an amazing field hockey player and she has come such a long way since freshman year."

Many of Mitchell's closest friends are on the field hockey team. "My teammates always work their hardest. They always challenge me to get better, and I'm able to laugh a lot around them. They are basically like my family at school," Mitchell explained.

Mitchell is also thankful for her coaches' hard work and the impact it has had on her time at Houghton. "My coaches are always able to see what we can become," said Mitchell. "They are always pushing us beyond what we think we can do at the moment because they can see how good of a player that we can become. They're also mentors in our relationships with each other, with field hockey, and they're always encouraging us to grow in our faith as well."

The experience of playing field hockey at the varsity level at Houghton has definitely impacted Mitchell in many ways. "Specifically as a field hockey player, I know I grew a lot. I came in and could barely hit the ball, and now I can actually play the sport," said Mitchell. "Spiritually I've grown as well because I went to a public school that didn't stress the fact that you should worship through playing... Here we use our game field as a sanctuary. We witness not only to our teammates but also to other teams and refs and students."

Mitchell has also grown as a student because she has been forced to balance things in order to keep her grades up. "I always try to get my schoolwork done first; the coach is always stressing that we are student athletes," said Mitchell. In fact, she said, "I find that in season I am able to balance my schedule better even though it's more stressful."

Head field hockey coach Rachael Snelgrove said, "Sierra is the type of player and contributing member to a team that every coach would want/be blessed to have. She is a leader on and off the field. She maintains a consistent determined work ethic in every area of her life. She is someone her teammates look up to athletically academically and spiritually. Sierra is truly a blessing to have on our team."



LUKE LAUER

Senior student athlete Sierra Mitchell.

THINGS TO DO

ANDRE NELSON

It really doesn't take long for Sodexo food to get bland and Java ambiance to become pretty mundane. And while Houghton does have quite the pool of talented musicians, it is nice once in a while to hear something other than worship songs. And let's be honest, how many times have you actually made it up to the art building to mess around with

destination for both audience and performers." Musicians from all areas, both locally and nationally recognized, come here to perform live. You can purchase tickets for \$12 at the door, or \$10 online, and if you become a member there are added discounts available.

The Creative Arts Center does not stop at providing great coffee and awesome music: they also offer an extensive lunch and dinner menu, serving just about everything from pasta dishes and pizza to "design your own" half-pound burgers (I would recommend caramelized onions and sautéed garlic with Bleu Cheese). And for those of age and off the Houghton Community Covenant, there is a decent selection of beers and wines. To top it all off, the waiters are friendly and service speedy.



ANDRE NELSON

Refreshments from the Wellsville Creative Arts Center.

pottery "just for fun?" For, as quaint and loveable as Houghton is, we could all stand to get out beyond the hamlet from time to time. Located on the corner of Madison and North Main Street, right off of Route 19, the Wellsville Creative Arts Center provides the perfect escape from everyday life at Houghton.

Stopping in midway through any typical day, the Wellsville Creative Arts Center could appear as your typical café—a couple lounge areas in the back with couches and armchairs, and a dozen or so tables around a stage with some spotlights. As expected, there are a variety of coffee blends, and the menu consists of what you would find in just about any café across the nation, with an assortment of espressos, macchiatos, cappuccinos and all the other delicious coffee-based "o's."

But if you stopped at that, you'd be mistaken. The Creative Arts Center has made itself a "true music lovers'

beverage, and entertainment, you might also notice as you walk in the beautiful collection of hand-made pottery -- both amateur and professional -- all sold at low prices. These gems are not only sold here, but designed, painted and fired all beneath the shop.

The Wellsville Creative Arts Center is the home of the Allegany Mud Club, created in 2007. The Mud Club is a group of students and professional artists from around the area. The Creative Arts Center also hosts a variety of arts exhibits beyond pottery; upcoming is an exhibit featuring photography from Mikey Mulley.

All in all, Wellsville's Creative Arts Center provides a versatile ambiance, whether you want to listen to live music, play with clay, view beautiful art, eat a delicious meal or simply study with a cup of coffee.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK / Right Speaker, Wrong Stage?



LUKE LAUER

MONICA SANDRECZKI

Christian Life Emphasis Week. According to Dean Brittain, CLEW is intended to be a sort of revival service and Pastor Oden said that indeed, CLEW grew “out of the church revivals that were held twice a year, starting in the late 1940s.” Speakers are always asked to focus on spiritual growth, even though there is no overarching theme. He added that “the purpose of CLEW is to help students (and others) get grounded in whatever way they may need, to Christ,” in hopes of turning individuals, the campus and the community more toward Christ.

This fall, our CLEW speaker was Jeremy Kingsley, inspirational speaker. Stippled throughout his messages were encouragements of “leaving a reputation of exuding a life that follows Jesus.” During Monday’s chapel, he outlined Solomon’s reputation as being for “wisdom, wealth, and women”; in another service he talked about the connection between the Prodigal Son, and as he put it, the Loving Father; or in a third, he discussed witnessing verbally despite persecution from in and outside

of the Church. No one would doubt Kingsley’s enthusiasm for Christ’s calling on our lives.

These are all quality subjects to address, but I think they were aimed at a different audience. Instead of six services of deep, complex, and cohesive content, I found it to be fairly shallow with a target audience of perhaps, early high school, dotted with emphatically said statements, that weren’t actually revelatory: “Do you know why Jesus could control nature? He was fully God and fully man. If He’s only man, then Him dying on the cross wouldn’t mean anything”; “If you have an addiction to lust or pornography, stop”; “God, if I can’t give you my Coke, how can I give you my whole life?” I’m not contesting the truth of these statements, but that they started and stopped in the same place without explication and without depth.

Besides these non-explications, he added asides about heavy subjects like cutting and pornography, and even a subtle jab at St. Francis of Assisi believing animals could become Christians, made suddenly then kicked away which disrupted the cohesiveness of his message. For Houghton, a college that prides itself on academic rigor and critical thinking and is looking for an edifying message of spiritual growth, this was not the appropriate audience for his message.

Now don’t get me wrong. In his capacity as an inspirational speaker, King-

sley would be a perfectly suitable chapel speaker on a typical Wednesday. I don’t want to illegitimize the effect that he had on students, either. At Monday evening’s service, dozens of student came forward during the altar call to confess their sins. However, I would not argue that he makes an intellectually gratifying revival-esque CLEW speaker. Is the goal to stick with a more strict and academic definition of “the Christian Life?” Not necessarily. In fact, Oden said that because of feedback from students, they were searching for a

speaker who was more inspirational than academic. I don’t think, though, that one has to negate the other, nor do I think that we need an “inspirational speaker” to combine these two qualities.

I wonder though if the tension lies less with Kingsley, and more with the actual structure of CLEW.

CLEW typically lasts from Sunday evening to Wednesday morning chapel. For years, it was not uncommon to have a speaker visit for a week or ten days; Oden said that when he first came to Houghton Wesleyan, CLEW lasted from Sunday night through Friday morning with evening services Sunday through Thursday. However, within the last decade, there has been a harder and harder time finding a speaker who is willing to lock themselves into several days of speaking. This has been due, in part to costs and hassle of travel and just technological convenience (i.e. create a podcast of your sermon instead of revival-

hopping week to week). Brittain even mentioned that Francis Chan has been asked to speak at Houghton on several occasions, but that he just doesn’t speak at events like CLEW.

Perhaps then, this model of a single-speaker week-long spiritual renewal-revival should be rethought. I don’t mean to mock the traditional Wesleyan model; I actually grew up in a Nazarene church myself with week-long revival services every year that my parents and I both benefited from. But, if finding a speaker for this length of time is becoming difficult and less and less people are willing to concede, is this a sign of the times that it would it then be better to switch models? At Houghton, CLEW has a comparable week in the spring semester, Praxis. While CLEW has one speaker focusing on spiritual growth, Praxis has multiple speakers focusing on a common theme relating to practical theology. It seems as though a Praxis-like model would be more appropriate, focusing on the overarching theme of spiritual growth in the Christian life, with multiple speakers talking about that theme.

Seeing that Kingsley didn’t align well with Houghton’s current vision of CLEW, perhaps this is indicative of the fact that its natural progression is moving toward a new model. CLEW is pivotal in guiding the campus spiritually for the new semester, but perhaps we should reconsider the way we do that.

Monica is a senior French and intercultural studies major

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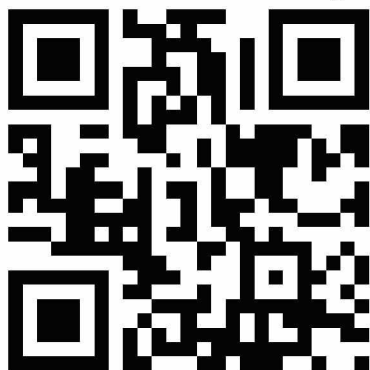
Sodexo from page 6

campus cafeterias to close for the day. We are in an era where money and callous business practices are the primary forces of society. Houghton College likes to think of itself as an exception to this contemporary rule. However, by supporting Sodexo, this college is giving poor business models and questionable ethics a pat on the back. Houghton College cannot stand by such impossible treatment and still uphold the kinds of values it subscribes to. Sodexo is a by-the-book establishment and they will make sure you know it, but I believe there is a fine line between doing things right and by the rules, and right and by basic compassion and kindness. The presence of such a morally backwards company is degrading to our integrity, and I urge this college to ask itself and its community members, “Is Sodexo right for us?”

Thomas is a freshman art major

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ARTIST OF THE WEEK



LUKE LAUER

HAYLEY DAY

All of my life I have lived within the suburbs of Chicago. Living so close to the city was, and still is influential and evident in my art and designs. The clean-cut, high-end styles are notorious to the city, as well as my life. I knew early on that fashion, design, and photography was my niche. Moreover, I am inspired by the world around me. Being able to work within a frame like photography or graphic design adds an edge or another element to what I love to do. God has truly blessed me, and I couldn't ask for anything more gratifying than experiencing and glorifying Him through my creativity.

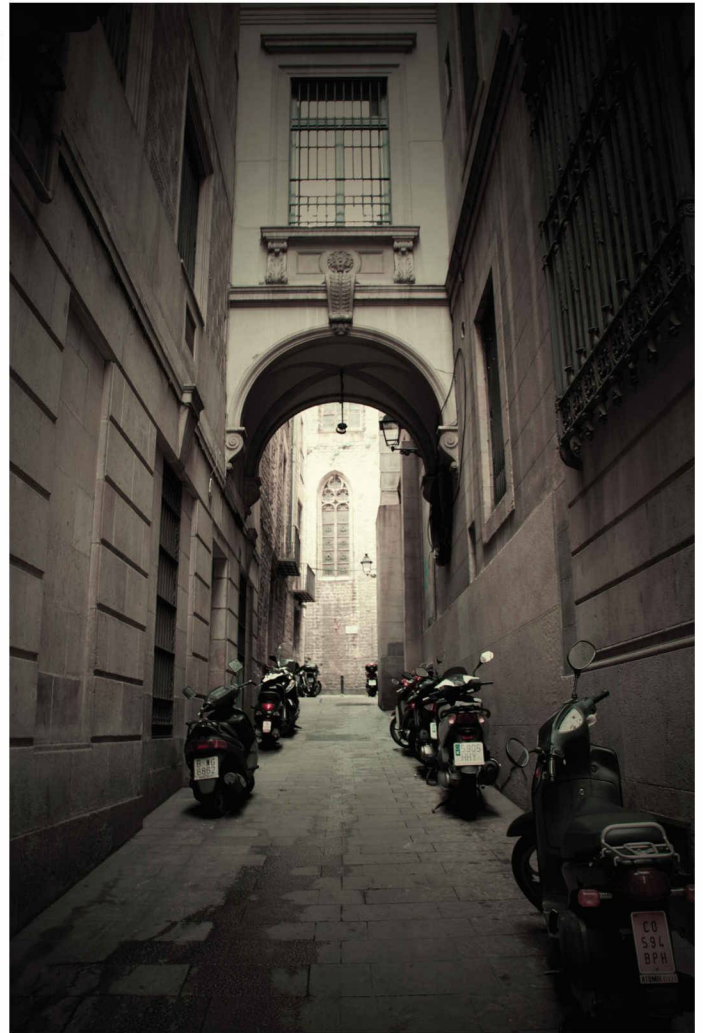
Hayley is working towards a bachelors in the fine arts with concentrations in graphic design and photography.



Landscape, Lisbon, Portugal, photograph



Typographic self-portrait, typography



Madrid, Spain, photograph

SUDOKU PUZZLE

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Sudoku Solution from 9/14

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To enter a drawing for a **free Java drink**, bring your finished puzzle, clearly marked with your full name and CPO, to the Star office in the basement of the Campus Center by 6PM on WED 9/26.

Last week's winner was KOURTNEY MILLER! Your Java card will be sent to you through campus mail.