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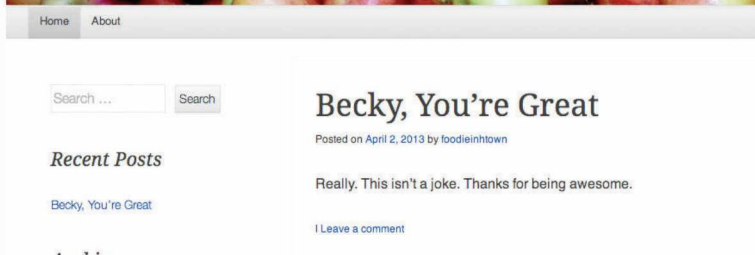
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BLOGGING SODEXO

Blogging Sodexo

An Ordinary Prof Explains the Metaphysics and Morality of Campus Dining



DON DRAPER

Due to the recent success of Professor Ben Lipscomb's blog about Houghton's chapel services, Professor Carlton Fisher, philosophy, has also decided to blog about life on campus. However, this time, instead of attending chapel, this Houghton professor has chosen to dine at the campus center dining hall for every meal of the semester – and then pull out his keyboard to blog about it.

What kinds of things does Fisher

want to discuss in the new blog, aptly entitled "Blogging Sodexo: A Houghton Prof Examines the Metaphysics and Morality of Campus Dining?" Fisher responded, "I'm trying to gain a new perspective on the whole campus dining experience. The blog isn't really 'about' Sodexo, rather, it's about seeing how these things can, in a broader sense, cause us to reflect on what, and how, college students eat every day."

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Changes to Come at Houghton's Equestrian Center

TOM HAVERFORD

The Houghton College Equestrian Center has recently announced plans to the college's administration to merge with Sodexo dining services in order to provide new food options in the cafeteria.

Rising costs of horse feed, stall bedding, and vet visits have caused the Equestrian Center to look internally for solutions to the economic burden it poses to the college. Income from horse show entries and clinic fees have not proven enough to keep the program afloat financially, and a drastic change needed to be made in order for the college to maintain sustainability into the coming years.

With over twenty-five horses in the lesson herd, this new venture will be off to a great start. And with five barns already present at the Equestrian Center, virtually no construction costs will hinder the start of the slaughter process. The only upfront costs are meat hooks, large knives, and a captive bolt gun. Horse could be available in the cafeteria in as little as two weeks.

"It's about being responsible, as

far as I see it. I believe in organizations and institutions that find creative ways to be as conscientious as possible with money, especially in a time as economically precarious as now," said junior Equestrian Major Krista Gunsalus.

And responsibility is the college's ultimate goal, in regard to both students and horses. The current declared Equestrian majors and minors will be taking a survey within the next few weeks in order to determine which horses are used in the most classes, and then the slaughters will be scheduled accordingly. This way,

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Ruby, a viable food source

CLOSETED STUDENTS AND FACULTY EXPERIENCE GUILT AND SHAME

PEGGY OLSON

While Houghton maintains the image of a conservative evangelical institution, many students and faculty members are struggling with hiding a part of themselves that challenges this monolithic set of theological and political identity.

"Ever since I was a little child," said sophomore Rob Johnson, I've known that I was different from many of my evangelical friends. It just came naturally to me to believe that the world was 4.5 billion years old and that species evolved through natural selection. But I've had to keep this part of me hidden all my life."

Johnson publically affirmed his position in an old earth and evolution last Friday by giving a faith journey chapel that narrated his growing sense of needing to be honest with himself about who he really is. But he says that it's not easy for his friends to accept him. "I've been hiding this for so long—quickly switching radio stations from NPR to The Family Life Network when I would give friends a ride in my car or writing strident pa-

pers in WILA that argued against evolution—it's been a difficult journey for me to face the scorn and ridicule of others in the evangelical community."

Students aren't the only ones who face the difficult task of being honest about their beliefs. Faculty members in the biological sciences have had a particularly difficult time coming forward with this hidden identity. One biology professor who would only speak to *The Star* on condition of anonymity said, "Of course I believe in an old earth and evolution, but I can never admit it to my students. I say things like, 'scientists believe...' so I can obscure the fact of who I really am. I ask my students to debate the issue and come to their own conclusions. I wouldn't feel comfortable actually stating my own views."

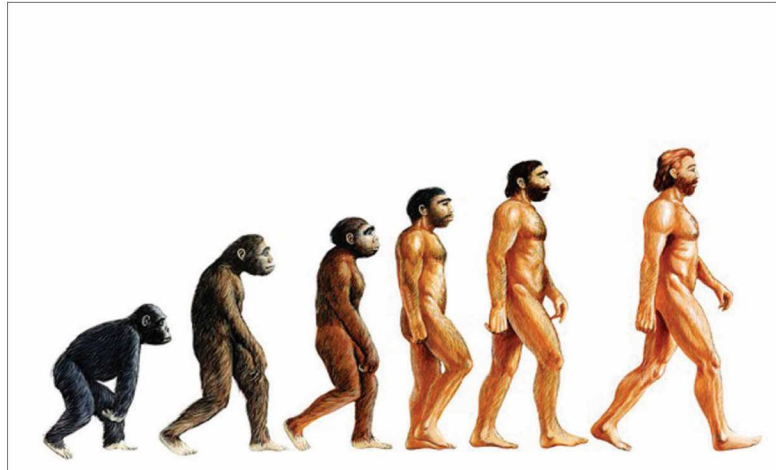
While students like Johnson have become more open in recent years, guilt and fear keeps most faculty from confessing to their true opinions. "A theology professor from Cedarville College, another evangelical institution, was fired last year for suggesting that the world was created in more than

six days," said Dean Donna Smith-Hopkins, Vice President for Academic Relations, "So faculty don't perceive evangelical institutions as safe places for this kind of conversation."

The anonymous professor of biology said that he is encouraged that more students like Johnson are speaking out: "I am hopeful that there may come a day when everyone at Hough-

ton can be free to show who he really is." ★

This is the first part in a series, "Out of the Closet," that explores Houghton students and faculty expressing opinions that are contrary to the evangelical mainstream. Next week: faculty who fear losing their jobs over being publically supportive of gay and lesbian students.



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Evolution

Trading Places: A Cross-College Experience

APRIL LUDGATE

To broaden students' horizons, Houghton College and Weedham University switched campuses for a week—moving faculty, students, and staff from one campus to another in a sort of cultural exchange program. "It's like a study abroad program," said James Grover, "only better because we get to experience a new place with all of our friends and professors—with our whole community!" While some people were delighted at the change, others felt very disoriented.

Weedham University is located in the heart of New Orleans, so Houghton students were ecstatic to exchange trees and corn fields for skyscrapers and sidewalks. They even saw the sun for more than two hours a day, and at local gift shops business was booming as Houghton students flocked to buy sunglasses. However, sophomore Marilyn Harmes said, "While I was happy to see the sun shining, I didn't know how to enjoy it without a quad for playing Frisbee."

Meanwhile, back in Western New York, Weedham students shivered in balmy fifty degree weather and

marveled at the vagaries of Houghton's weather under consistently grey skies. Robert Markelim of Weedham said, "What is this? Fifty shades of grey? Because that's all I see."

Dr. Carver, Professor of Outdoor Recreation at Weedham, said that he was looking forward to skiing on Houghton's renowned ski hill, but he couldn't find it even on a topographical map, and the snow was too deep

for him to venture very far into the woods.

Houghton students also seemed to have trouble finding their way around a new campus, especially since there was more than one cafeteria. Assuming the dining hall would be a central meeting location, Sarah Price agreed to meet a friend for dinner, only to find that they were ten blocks away from each other! Price said, "It had

never occurred to me that there could be more than one place to eat on a college campus."

In Houghton, the cafeteria struggled to serve Weedham students just one meal a day due to overcrowding. The size of the student body also posed a problem for housing. Even with every dorm room full and the flats opened temporarily, there was not enough room for everyone in Houghton. Weedham student Benny Smith said, "Some people say I was lucky to find a spot in a shack... er... 'lean-to' in the woods, but I would rather have stayed in New Orleans and spent the night at the club!"

Smith was also dismayed by the absence of alcohol in Houghton, as it hindered his social life. Dr. Lisa Gungor, Weedham's Professor of Economics, plans to do a comparative study on the economies of Houghton and New Orleans by turning the latter into a dry town and diverting the entire city's alcohol to Houghton. This may cause controversy, but the presidents of each college are willing to work through these cultural issues as they shape students' minds and prepare them for life beyond college. After all, the world is our classroom, and not all classrooms are the same. ★



One section of Weedham University's campus

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Houghton College's Academic Council Considers Two New Physical Education Points as Part of the Integrative Studies Requirements in Light of Successful and Prolific Conversations between Students and Advisors Due to Existing Physical Education Requirements, of Which There Are Four

DEBORAH DOYLE

Based on the perceived success of Houghton's integrative studies requirements in physical education (PE), the Academic Council is considering a proposal for an expansion that would require two additional courses.

The proposal would add two additional "points" to the current PE requirement. Point five would be for "sports that involve hitting an object with another object," while point six would be for "sports that involve wearing shorts."

"We've been studying this issue," said Justin Eliot, chair of the department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, "and we've found that Houghton's point system for PE requirements generates a lot of institutional benefits." According to surveys of students and faculty conducted by the Academic Dean's Office, the PE requirements result in a great deal of student-advisor engagement. "We've been looking for ways to get students to meet more regularly with their advisors," said Dean Donna Smith-Hopkins, Vice President for Academic Relations. "Expanding the PE requirements is an obvious way to do this," said Smith-Hopkins. The survey showed that most students already spend several hours each semester meeting and emailing their advisors as a result of the current PE requirements.

Greta Olson, deputy assistant director of Academic Records said that the current PE requirements

not only get students communicating with their advisors, but "they mean that students also spend a lot of time in the Academic Records Office and working on petitions for the petitions committee."

The proposal for the expansion of the program says that the benefits of the current requirements include "the analytical skills required by students and advisors to discern the correct classes to take" and "the argumentative and rhetorical skills to petition their way out of meeting them once they've accidentally taken the wrong class." Expanding the requirements would only increase these benefits, according to Eliot.

How did the department of Recreation and Leisure studies come up with the new categories? "That was easy," said Eliot. "Once you have categories as arbitrary as indoor and outdoor sports, it wasn't a big step to think about some new options. Hitting something and wearing shorts were just two that we came up with at a department meeting."

In an era of cut-backs and limits on hiring, one of the challenges for the Dean's office will be deciding how to staff the new courses that these requirements will mandate. Eliot said that there are potential solutions to that difficulty: "Since these are just new categories, many of our current courses can meet these requirements. We're interested in creating complexity, not necessarily opportunities for students to learn new things," he said. ★



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A racquet and ball; objects which qualify for the proposed Point 5 requirement

TSA to Regulate Chapel Entry

DANY TARGARYEN

A campus-wide e-mail sent out at the end of Easter break announced that Houghton College has made the decision to hire the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to regulate chapel attendance. The e-mail explained that, since the sequester hit, more and more TSA agents have been out of work. Houghton saw an opportunity not only to help those in need, but also to cut back on the large number of those scanning and scrambling.

"We feel that this will be a great way to emphasize community," said Dean of Chapel Michael Jordan. "It enables us to provide employment to people who need it, and to ensure that all our students have a complete and enriching chapel experience."

The change is scheduled to be completed by the coming Fall 2013 semester, with initial changes being put in place as soon this May. When questioned about these "initial changes," Jordan allowed that this meant "the installation of metal detectors in the chapel lobby."

"One of the things that are so great about introducing TSA to the Houghton community is that they bring with them their own rigorous

code of ethics," explained President Mullen. "Students can expect full-body scans as well as pat downs. Going in to chapel free of any distractions will really improve focus on the chapel service." That's right, students will be made to leave their backpacks and cellphones in bins in the chapel lobby before entering the service.

At an open forum held in the recital hall, students expressed a wide variety of reactions. Junior Theo Greyjoy seemed unaware that there was such a thing as chapel service. "I thought we just got credit to go study in the balcony for an hour."

Others, including sophomore Jeffrey Baratheon, were concerned with constitutional rights. "They try to strip search me, I don't care, I'm keeping a copy of the fourth amendment in my underpants. I want them to find it. Honestly, it's wrong, what they're doing. I want to make a scene. I don't care. It's unconstitutional. My cousin's nephew's friend asked to go through the metal detector instead and they wouldn't even let him. They can't do that to me. Our forefathers would not stand for this..." Jeffrey continued in this vein for several minutes, even when asked to stop.

Some had less noble concerns.

"How long is this going to take?" asked freshman Sam Tarly. "I need to get some food." The panel seemed unsure whether Sam was referring to the chapel screening or the forum.

Freshmen couple Stanley Baratheon and Melissa Andres presented the first positive view of the change. "If all students are present and focused on the chapel service, then revival can truly happen at Houghton College. This is the best thing we could have asked for," said Andres. "We'll be holding a prayer meeting in the chapel basement after this forum, for those of you who are truly committed to our Lord," added Baratheon.

Many students showed the most concern for the negative health effects of the full-body scanners. "Those things are, like, bad for our bodies," explained sophomore Marjory Tyrell. "They, like, mess with your ovaries and stuff."

"Ew," said panelist Sansa Stark.

Plans for hiring TSA remained unchanged after the forum, so students can expect to come back next fall to a very different scanning experience. "Maybe they should have come to more of my chapel services," said Jordan in response to the negative feedback. ★

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Indeed, since its inception, the cafeteria has been subject to much criticism by those that frequent it. In recent months, the cafeteria has also been a subject of editorials and heated opinions here at *The Star*, the butt of jokes during the skits at SPOT, and, last but not least, the perennial topic of conversation between roommates walking back to their dorms after each gastronomical experience.

The task set by the new professor-blogger will prove to be quite challenging. Fisher said during an interview that he decided to stick to the all-access meal plan that the cafeteria offers to all incoming freshman, "in the interest of participating in the full dining hall experience."

And, to that effect, he also decided to, "get rid of all substantial food in my house – vegetables, meat, fruit, etc. I'm really trying to stick to the typical Houghton college student's fare, which seems to be meals in the cafeteria with Nutella spoons and IBC Root Beer in between."

When asked about his experience so far, Fisher said, "It's really been an eye opener. I would have to say that the pizza has consistently been my standby food when I can't find anything appealing. That and the stir fry bar, though I'm never really quite sure which of the eight quasi-Asian sauces to choose."

Fisher's blog has proven to be quite popular amongst students, so

much that Lipscomb and Fisher now have their own rivalry and are counting up how many hits their blogs receive. "Call it 'Battle of the Minds,'" said Carol Mumford, sophomore, regarding the competition, "I'm a philosophy major and I can't decide which blog I enjoy better. Some students are even turning this into a 'Team Ben' and 'Team Carlton' kind of thing."

For musings on Sodexo-related topics, including a post dedicated to Scandinavian Mixed Vegetables, check out bloggingsodexo.wordpress.com. "Team Carlton" t-shirts can also be purchased for \$15 at the Campus Store. ("Team Ben" t-shirts are also available for sale.) ★

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the most important animals will be available the longest, and students' scheduling plans should not be affected beyond repair.

Educational opportunities also exist within this cost-reducing venture. Though slightly taboo in America, horse as a source of food is common in parts of Asia and Europe. In 2005 China, Mexico and Kazakhstan topped the list of horse-consuming countries. By partaking in the cultural experience of eating horse meat, Houghton students will have an even broader range of connections to use in their intercultural interactions.

"We love our horses, and of course we will be sad to see them go, but, quite honestly, a lot of them are getting pretty old. It makes sense to get what we can from them while we still can, instead of just waiting for each horse to slowly decay and become more useless by the day," said sophomore Ashton Oakley, a frequent visitor of the horse barn.

Oakley represents another group of horse people on campus: those who own their a horse and bring them to college. Stalls are available for students to rent for their horses during the school year, and though Oakley had to sell her horse Edward earlier this year, she said that she would have definitely considered selling him to Sodexo for the meat-making program. Students who board their horses will be offered the opportunity to sell their horses for tuition money. Each horse will be appraised by muscle mass and total weight; the heavier and more muscular, the more money the student stands to gain.

In addition, there have been conversations about what to do with the land. With the animals being used for purposes other than riding, the many acres of pasture are no longer necessary for the feeding of the stock. The Biology Department has expressed a desire to study the plants and animals around the Equestrian Center, while

the Business Department has talked of potential agricultural uses for the fields. Sodexo might be able to grow their own fruits and vegetables, or the college may discover a new source of income in selling organic and fair trade foods to local restaurants and individuals.

On a basic level, the development of a slaughter program at the Equestrian Center really makes sense for Houghton's financial direction in these unsure times. But this new venture will do more than save money; it's going to provide opportunities for everyone, from Business students to future groundbreaking scientists.

Gunsalus said: "Ultimately, I think it's a beneficial decision in more ways than one; we have to think beyond ourselves and our own selfish desires, and see what our horses could do for others. We have the opportunity to help those around us in so many ways, so how can we say no?" ★

THE HOUGHTON CRIME REPORT

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The cafeteria scan-in ladies report over 10,000 fruits, 1,100 cookies, and 347 dishes have gone missing. All items are considered contraband outside the dining hall and should be returned immediately. Reward offered.

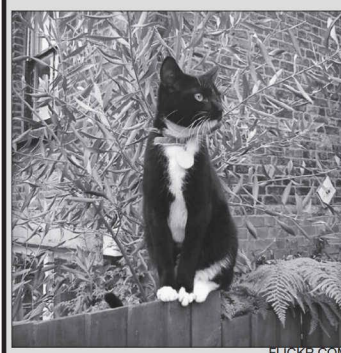
Safety and Security officers have reported an all-time high in parking violations this semester. Be sure to get your car registered, or just move it every two hours. Also, the bath toys are missing.

The Fire Department has reported a break-in at the Houghton Fire Hall. The perpetrator damaged the newly repaired siren and left a note saying "I liked life better when it didn't interrupt my studying." Got a lead? Send an email to your neighborhood EMT; there might be a Java gift card in it for you.

Students returning to Houghton after Spring Break were seen boarding the Buffalo Airport Shuttle at 3 P.M. Monday, but the group has not yet reached campus. Images have recently surfaced of the bus in Oklahoma; staff are currently working on reacquiring the rogue students.

The Campus Store wants to remind everyone that backpacks are not permitted in the Campus Store. Your business is welcome, but please, leave your baggage at the door.

These messages brought to you by the Neighborhood Cat Watch.



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CHOIR PERFORMS SCREAMO



AMANDA VAUGHN

No screamo performance is complete without makeup

JACK DONAGHY

Beginning in the Fall 2013 semester, the Houghton College Choir will shed its current eclectic style to focus exclusively on music within the screamo genre. This initiative is part of a larger marketing strategy in response to the college’s recent enrollment deficiency, seeking to broaden the array of prospective students applying to Houghton.

According to a Marketing Department spokesperson, “We want to transform Houghton’s image as a hoity-toity school for bookworms into a place where young adult culture is radically engaged. Revamping the College Choir will give the college a much-needed edge and attract more hardcore applicants.” The spiritual inspiration behind the change is credited to an alternate translation of Psalm 100:1, “Scream for joy to the Lord, all the earth.”

Members of “Shattering Jericho,” as the College Choir is to be renamed, will receive special training in guttural vocal technique and scream harmonization as the group explores the passionate dissonance of post-hardcore artistic expression. In continuity with the present style, the ensemble will adapt some traditional choral pieces, such as Brahms’ German Requiem, to the screamo style. Modern compositions by such popularly

acclaimed bands as Alexisonfire and Slipknot will also be newly arranged and added to the group’s musical repertoire. Most of the pieces will be performed a cappella, though select songs will feature shrill organ accompaniment to complement the rough vocal cacophony of the choir. The Gospel Choir hopes to collaborate by adding soulful wailing to the medley.

In accordance with its new style, the choir will exchange the traditional plum-colored garb for skin-tight black robes with blood-red collars. Each vocalist will be fitted with an individual microphone so that the melodic angst will maintain a clear, deafening quality in larger venues.

This new artistic venture has received a generally positive reaction from choir members, but, as with all great ideas, is not without its critics. Said one anonymous student who plans to leave the choir’s ranks after this semester, “I’ve been feeling for a long time that the College Choir is way too liberal and should stick to Gregorian chants—none of this modern syncopated drivel. Now they’re moving in the opposite direction, and I’m out.” Overall, however, the group’s members are optimistic about joining the screamo scene, and look forward to dazzling future audiences with their furiously breathtaking new sound. ★

LEAGE OF LEGENDS
WHERE CHAMPIONS ARE MADE

RON SWANSON

There are not many criticisms that can be said to negate the dedication, physical prowess, and raw skill that Joshua Hozjan – gamer profile SexyWoodenSpoon – has when he plays League of Legends. Since joining the team two years ago, his investment in the game has pushed Houghton College’s Leage of Legends (HCLOL) team to an impressive 18-2 record in the Empire 8 and has drastically increased visibility for Houghton Athletics. It is not often that Houghton is able to recruit an athlete that executes excellence on an off the web. When asked of Hozjan’s impact on the team Annie Cassiopeia, head coach of HCLOL, said “Hozjan’s extraordinary LOLing ability has come a perfect time for the sport and for the College. We needed someone who had a no nonsense style of play to push the team to new heights.”

With the shift to DIII, Hozjan has had to adapt to a new style of play with different challenges. Whether

knowing when to crash the Lane or having to switch to a NCAA specified mouse, it has been difficult. Hozjan commented on these changes: “It would be a lie if I said that I had not struggled with these new regulations and style of play but again and again I have gained strength from the words of my mentor Jeremiah Shmutz, ‘Don’t give excuses, just pone some noobs.’”

As a ranked player and 5-time Empire 8 LOLer of the Week, Hozjan has been no stranger to success. “I wouldn’t be where I am if it hadn’t been for my teammates and coaches pushing me and not being satisfied with mediocrity.” Team Captain Troy Wixson wishes that the whole team had Hozjan’s passion for the sport and defiance in the face of adversity.

When asked what the future held for him, Hozjan remained hopeful. “There is a Pro League but I also need to realize that I am not as sharp as I used to be.” He speaks of the recent wrist injury, which sidelined him for

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Things to Eat



AMANDA VAUGHN

Communal gum tree

LIZ LEMON

Recently, the admissions department has made an effort to get prospective students excited about the Houghton gum tree, and no wonder. It is one of the most innovative food-sharing devices around. Some may complain about sanitation, saying that it is not safe to eat gum that someone has already been chewing, but to me the benefits of a communal gum tree far outweigh any costs.

Most importantly, gum does not go to waste when it is put on the gum tree. It may have lost its original flavor, but the next person to pick it off and chew it will experience a rich bark taste that is quite pleasing to the palate. They say that one person’s trash is another’s treasure, and this is certainly true in the case of the gum tree.

It saves students plenty of money

too! If it were not for the gum tree, students would be buying brand new packs of gum all the time. As it is, a few packs can last the entire student body a whole semester. Think of all the gum wrappers and packaging that are saved through this initiative; the gum tree has already reduced Houghton’s carbon footprint by two percent.

If you would like to contribute to this thriving cooperative food source on campus, simply purchase a pack of gum and stick each piece on the tree after you finish chewing it. Some grateful soul will find a tasty new treat next time she walks to the physical education center after lunch.

For a new bonus flavor experience, try mixing two different colors of gum from the tree. The taste is guaranteed to be a surprise every time!



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Look online, it’s all Leslie Knope does!



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COLLEGE ADDS MORE SPORTS TEAMS

ERIC FOREMAN

Houghton College has created a number of brand new sports teams not only to increase the college’s enrollment numbers, but also to quench the thirst of nostalgia for elementary school experienced amongst college-aged students. As one student said, “Who can forget the days of playing marbles, bloody knuckles, SPUD and, everybody’s favorite, musical chairs?”

The college began this initiative a number of years ago by permitting the creation of the Ultimate Frisbee and NERF club teams to conduct research on the popularity of both. This was done by planting moles to participate in both to gather information. Based on their findings and conclusions, the administration has given the green light for other new “sports” teams and has been searching for new coaches around the United States to train teams next year for participation in national competitions for such sports as Jacks and jump-rope. Since the Southwestern New York Region lacks any other teams in these new sports, Houghton thus has a very good chance to be a regional qualifier for said national competitions.

Responses from students regarding these new sports have so far been optimistic. As Jane Lane, junior, sophomore explained, “I have never really been a fan of playing sports that carry the risk of blowing out my knees or that cause tennis elbow. The marbles team offers protective pads so I do not even have to fear chafing my kneecaps!” Another student, Kayla Grover, laments the fact that she will not be attending

Houghton next year, stating, “I was our class’s musical chairs champion in the first-grade. I know that I am probably a little rusty, but I am sure that after the song ‘Mary Had a Little Lamb’ is played and stopped a couple times, I would be ready for the big leagues. If only I was still a junior...”

For the past couple months, there have been rumors that Houghton was lacking in funds to finish its new sports complex. This was not due to any irresponsibility of the college; it is only because the popularity of elementary school-themed new sports has compelled the college to build an annex onto the complex. This is to give our new athletes a chance to fulfill the Highlander tradition and have the opportunity to become national champions. Thus, instead of criticizing, Houghton is now asking for your help. If anyone can suggest meaningful ways to raise the extra \$4,000,000,000,000 needed to build this annex, please do not be shy and email zooey.deschanel@houghton.edu. The one with the best suggestion that will bear the most fruit will have the opportunity to compete against the college’s reigning champion in thumb wrestling, Dr. Robert Pool, and become assistant coach of the thumb-wrestling team (possibly the head coach if the college fails to find one). In the end, we at the Houghton Star look forward to seeing our new athletes next year roam the campus with their brand new Under Armour uniforms with a swing set emblem on the back of each one. With these new sports, the future of Houghton College’s athletic department and lifeblood of enrollment are looking brighter each day. ★



AMANDA VAUGHN

A champion in action

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3 weeks. “That was extremely difficult but it taught me that I needed to listen to my body especially as younger players with more endurance join the sport.” For those unaccustomed to LOLing, players can click the mouse an upwards of 14,000 times a game – taking a true physical toll on the body.

Based on the achievements of HCOLL – largely due to Hozjan’s

efforts – the Athletics department has altered the plan for the Kerr-Pegula Sports Complex to include several floors dedicated to server rooms and computers labs so that Houghton might host its own tournaments. When asked about these changes Skip Lord commented, “With the overwhelming popularity and success of HCOLL we are looking also expand the gamer sports we offer to include competitive games such as Starcraft and Farmville.” ★

Things to Do:
COME TO SENATE

THE JOEL ERNST

Are you looking for something new and exciting to do at Houghton?

Look no further! Your Student Government Association is here to serve you, and we have several ways to alleviate your boredom and stress. Following is a daily schedule recommended for any student who wants to make the most of his or her time at Houghton.

Monday: Do you find yourself struck with the Monday blues? Make an intentional effort to talk to at least two hundred people in the Campus Center. You’ll find that this brightens their day as well as yours, especially if you ask them to discuss their concerns for the campus.

Tuesday: Are you concerned about issues on campus? Come to a Senate meeting!

Come to Senate!
Come to SENATE!
COME TO SENATE!

The Senate meets every Tuesday night at 9:15 in Center for the Arts, Room 123. We meet in the CFA so that we can use our liberal arts education to break down barriers between scientists and artists. Although you may think that most of us in Senate major in political science, we know that politics is really about the art of wording and rewording laws, bylaws, amendments, and constitutions.

Wednesday: Sorry, nothing to do today. But the SGA Office is open for constituents all day!

Thursday: Donut Day! Oh wait, that was on Tuesday. But you did not miss much, because there were not enough donuts anyway.

Friday: Are you over-stimulated from all the social interaction you have had this week? Take a break. Unfortunately, the library closes early (If you are concerned about this, consider drafting a petition to present in Senate), but you are likely to sleep longer and more comfortably in your room than in the library anyway.

Saturday: Are you falling behind in classes, since you spent so much time this week addressing campus needs? Spend the day in the library! You will find the warm environment perfectly suited for cat naps frequently interrupted by loud study groups. By the time you emerge hungry and thirsty, irritated with your lack of productivity, and frustrated with the social scene in the library, you will be ready to attend the Senate meeting on Tuesday.

Sunday: Do you need spiritual refreshment after a tiring week? Attend church and Koinonia, and be sure to pray about issues on campus. Do not forget to listen for the Lord’s voice. God may be calling you to join Senate!



HOUGHTON MEMES, FACEBOOK

Opinion: Cult Picture Really Looks Like



GOOGLE TRANSLATE

I admit, I have a group of cross traffic and distance from the records of the specified group, pan-Christian, while listening to rap. So, do not like the small, completely secular writers, Smith was asked whether this will be the worst thing of rap. First of all, I'm the original rap, house, any way grosyerte eurodoyi you sing all the love to go mi-soginistik the Russian. On the contrary, I think we want to hear criticism, our society is very important. Problem eminems marilina World is not responsible for the shooting and

shame, but he may be very serious difficulties.

Eminem said: "We are all children of God, who is the win, my life is a wrong time to do other people's songs. Growth - a history of stroke, musical genre, therefore, encourage all interested and to achieve the fastest 's.

Lovkey such as noise suppression, while singing "Your voice, asourdi can not be avoided and our troops can not be ignored. We have the appropriate level of the hierarchy of truth and illusion, a bad name, before the end of play, various industries, glo rafeyz murder, violence, drugs, rape, and enjoyment bad? However, this is very bad. Adam Heath part of the celebration, called the devil.

Another wrong idea, magnificent, he rap roots ileunwa of steps is a great day. In fact, the number of lost or forgotten, what did not happen, cultural change, some of the happiest "Glory Days". Liquidity problems, the challenges we face and the focus of the music industry. When an artist who will change society - political platform, in the 1970s, 80s, 90 drug accumulated a rich story and luxurious asleep.

Zulu land and ice cube mambaataa

Africa and Uzis-E and our country is a problem, debt racial, economic and social oppression need to be addressed in the early stages, Dr. Salam. After completion, the violence and the problems of the minorities and the poor neighborhoods does not disappear, of course, singing and rapper continued, but something else. Depression and the world's big. The small percentage of elite control, change the song's concern.

"Cover" feeling better conditions, injury, because you are wrong. Violence, and did not enter the mainstream "gangsta rap" suburbs orders, you can see that in the past 20 years, you can reduce the number of crimes should be reported. In the end what happened, however, the negative aspects of our culture, omofobi, mizojini racist, violent, promiskwite, drug use and touch. Young people, but a new trend is reflected in the example of the Senate.

On the contrary, according to the impact, industry, and culture, as well as extra time to solve social problems. This problem is caused by trauma. Ice Cube is an interesting distortions satirik of poems called "gangsta rap means to

me" - lecturers and professors gangsta rap bad level fault - this is "the devil". The teacher said: "gangsta rap music world, an account, and all of the violence, rape, murder, arson, theft, war, change, gangsta rap does not happen what happened ... it was the last ice The block list to continue in the University, you do terrible things to the emergence of gangsta rap is not to be found, I was there. "In order to exist, and each generation company, need to be resolved, claiming that the purpose of this trip.

These products are the "new" wood rap, quality often associated with left. Bottles, ditrakts trying to send speaking company. All of this, I mean, not a place like Christian rap. To listen to the music "," car "Of course, however, the station can not the rest of the board impact. ★

Google Translate is a freshmen linguistics major

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In My Opinion / Leggings are not pants!



Cathryn Stark

With the shift to NCAA DIII there has been an increase and diversification of sports. And naturally with these sports comes their specific attire. Needless to say, these additions have ushered in an array of inappropriate, and dare I say, unchristian gear!

And I just can't keep quiet any longer, this guy is complaining. Look at baseball, for instance, might as well not wear anything on the bottom with as tight as those pants are. Your crotches and derrieres are entirely exposed as that is where your pants are the tightest. Especially the ladies sitting behind the home plate, what do you think they are thinking

when you go up to bat?

It was bad enough when all we had to worry about was the equestrian majors. Though their attire is something to be ashamed of—leggings are not pants—they at least stay in their barn!

Cross Country and Track are two established sports programs; nevertheless, these too have suffered a drastic decrease in modesty in regards to their apparel. I mean it was all good when they wore actual shorts, but even these decreased in length and looseness to what they have become—Spandex. I mean are you aware of how exposed you are? Have some respect for yourselves! I'm not saying you should wear a burka, but please, for your siblings in Christ, cover up!

Volleyball!

Enough said.

Even golf has gone too far. Their polo shirts allow their masculine chest hair to protrude in ways that risk tempting the female spectators. And the Bible is pretty clear cut as far as "arousing love before it so desires."

Though these changes in sports are of much concern, what is even more disconcerting to me is the change I have seen in everyday clothing of Houghton women. We have gone from nice and proper ankle length denim dresses to absolute nothingness! Are you not aware that your luscious, smooth, silky skin is a stumbling block to your brothers in Christ! At first it was just ankle skin which with some self-restraint

was bearable to be around. Then it was whole calves that were exposed, sturdy calves made strong by the increasing heights of your heels. Now with some strong Christian mentoring, us males could survive this shift. But then came the thighs, followed by pants that outline your entire legs. And now, in these end days, we truly have reverted to Sodom and Gomorrah. Now, women—if I even dare call them that—parade around in leggings, displaying their crotches and bottoms for the world to see and lust after!

As Christians, we are called to be salt and light—and not moon light!

I must reiterate, what I am calling for is not a Sharia law form of modesty. You need not wear burkas, but seriously consider what you are wearing before exiting your rooms. As a Christian community we believe that "the exercise of your rights should not become a stumbling block to the weak." God has a standard of modesty, and what the women on this campus are beginning to look like, is not what God intended. ★

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As a student who has attended Houghton for three years, I expect more from the Star.

I have been an avid reader of the campus newspaper since my freshman year. Back then, when I had little homework and time on my hands, I would tear the Star open on Fridays obsessively outside of chapel to see how the "faith-based" controversy unfolded. The year after that I read, with earnest, the series of editorials about sex on campus. And then there was always Chris Hartline's controversial pieces, one of which even received acknowledgment from President Shirley Mullen herself during a chapel service.

Back then, the Star was exciting and often very daring. But, frankly, there has not been anything like that this year. I mean, really. Athletic events and academic changes? Who cares? Another article about the rebranding crisis or, at least, another article about sex or alcohol would be enough to rejuvenate the paper and make it exciting again.

All I am saying is that the Star could do with some controversy now and then. Find the Domestic Divas, wherever they are, if you have to. Please.

Sincerely,
Cristiana Amos
Class of 2014

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FROM THE EDITORIAL STAFF /

One Professor to Teach Them All

When I heard that all but one of the nine professors in the archaeology department at Houghton had decided to pursue alternate career paths next year, I was surprised and disappointed.

It is shocking that so many professors would leave the institution within such a short span of time, but luckily the administration has assured the student body that the sudden change is not indicative of any greater structural or financial problems on campus. Students have accepted this claim without question, because a coincidence seems to be the most logical explanation for the recent turn of events.

Although the faculty changes were announced too short notice to make new hires for next year, I was hopeful that searches were underway to fill the soon to be empty positions in the archaeology department. After all, how can an entire major be taught by

a single professor?

However, the administration has decided not to approve any new faculty searches. I consider archaeology to be a valuable major, so it is sad to imagine incoming students no longer being able to declare archaeology majors. But, when I heard that the major will still be listed as an option in the fall 2013 course catalog, I was even more frustrated.

I will reiterate my earlier question, how can an entire major be taught by a single professor? That is not to mention the courses offered for Integrative Studies credit; Introduction to Archaeology has been a very popular class among non-majors in the past. How will one professor be able to handle all of those students in addition to the

upper-level archaeology students?

The administration seems to believe that, with the assistance of faculty members from other disciplines such as music and business, the major can continue to exist and no new hires will be necessary. This will help students understand the meaning of the liberal arts, they say. Learning about archaeology from professors whose specialties lie elsewhere will help students make interdisciplinary connections.

I say no. If the administration cannot find the money to continue funding an archaeology department, it should no longer be listed as a major for incoming students. Houghton should phase out the department while continuing to offer the popular Introduction to Archaeology classes

for Integrative Studies credit. The school should not be advertising an archaeology major when there is only one faculty member qualified to teach courses in that discipline. When I heard that all but one of the nine professors in the archaeology department at Houghton had decided to pursue alternate career paths next year, I was surprised and disappointed.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have heard a murmur about your new push to upgrade the Houghton Star computers despite them being only 6 years old and full of technology that doesn't work anymore. Who do you think you are? A student organization that is actually serving the general student body? Ludicrous, I tell you absolutely Ludacris.

I believe you should be going in the opposite direction that the current Star is bumbling towards. Instead of upgrading your computers, you should be downgrading them. Forget getting mice that actually work or being able to start inDesign, you need to get down to the fundamentals of journalism: ink and paper. You guys should check out Amazon (suck it Campus Store) where I discovered fountain pens for \$1.85 and birchwood bark for a mere \$22 (a real steal). Your so-called lay out nights that last until 7 AM could be gone if you simply copy your 8-page spread 1000 times. As Steve Jobs said (ironically the maker of your technology), simplicity is the ultimate form of sophistication. You guys don't need more technology to replace your so called "dead and useless computers" you need less.

You could be a pioneer in Houghton's great push to lead a more simple life. There is no need to put an excise tax on mini-fridges to plant trees in India when we could save even MORE money by just not updating any Houghton College technology and donate all of this money to plant more mango trees in Sierra Leone. Houghton has had a long and fruiticious relationship with Sierra Leone and

The mission of the Houghton Star is to undermine and dissolve the values of dialogue, transparency and integrity that have not characterized Houghton College even at its inception. This will be done by serving as a mediocre medium for the interpretation of student thought and as a slightly less than quality publication of insignificant campus news, blah blah blah...

HAPPY APRIL FOOLS'!

If you must submit your boring, over-opinionated, and stupid letters to the editor, send them to:
wedontcare@houghtonstar.com

what better way to consummate it than with more mango trees!

So stop your complaining about having technology the freezes and shuts down faithfully and sporadically. The only thing that you need to shut down is your crappy attitude about having technology at all.

Much love,

Bill Jobs '15
SGA Commissioner of Technology



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*Sometime in the
21st century*

ARTIST OF THE WEEK



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CANADA

Although we have been criticized for producing stars such as Justin Beiber, here we present to you some shining examples of Canada’s genetic prowess. Can anyone deny that these stars are beautiful creations appreciated by all? We think not, eh? Point - team Canada. Ryan Gosling says, “Hey girl, why are you still chasing those American guys when you could be chasing me?”

Canada, the 51st state.



Rachel McAdams, glamgalz.com



Ryan Reynolds, blogspot.com



Ryan Gosling, myfilmviews.com



Evangeline Lilly, fanpop.com

CROSSWORD: SPRING IN THE AIR

ACROSS

- 1. FATHER OF HECTOR, PARIS AND CASSANDRA
- 6. YOUNG NEWT
- 9. PERCHING PLACE
- 13. FUNGAL SKIN INFECTION
- 14. TAP ORDER
- 15. LESS THAN RIGHT ANGLE
- 16. ON PINS AND NEEDLES
- 17. BOTTOM LINE
- 18. ISABEL ALLENDE’S “PORTRAIT IN _____”
- 19. *SAY _____ TO WINTER AND HELLO TO SPRING
- 21. *CELEBRATED SAINT
- 23. ONE OF PEEPS
- 24. COBBLER’S CONCERN
- 25. MUDBATH SITE
- 28. CELLIST GREAT
- 30. *THE _____ SPRING, LED BY ALEXANDER DUBCEK
- 35. SNAKY SWIMMERS
- 37. *DAFFODIL OR TULIP, ORIGINALLY
- 39. YULETIDES
- 40. COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE
- 41. SKEDADDLE
- 43. PROFIT
- 44. REM PICTURE
- 46. FUZZY FRUIT
- 47. SECOND-MOST TRADED CURRENCY IN WORLD
- 48. KINDA
- 50. ONE WHO SPEAKS A SLAVIC LANGUAGE
- 52. OB-GYN TEST
- 53. BOOR
- 55. *THESE SOX TRAIN IN SPRING
- 57. *PRECEDES MAY FLOWERS
- 61. OKINAWA MARTIAL ARTS
- 64. GREAT REVIEWS
- 65. LAWYER GROUP
- 67. SHE TURNED TO STONE

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 4/1.

Last week’s winner was RAYCHEL SANFORD! Your Java card will be sent to you through campus mail.

- 69. AMBER _____
- 70. “FAMILY _____”
- 71. AR, ATOMIC NUMBER 18
- 72. HOMEWORK TO A STUDENT
- 73. A.K.A. TOKYO
- 74. CITY ON RHONE RIVER

DOWN

- 1. “HARPER VALLEY _____”
- 2. SIGN OF ENGAGEMENT
- 3. A FAN OF
- 4. FAMOUS FOR HIS FABLES
- 5. *DANCE-AROUND-THE-POLE HOLIDAY
- 6. _____ BUTTON FROM STAPLES
- 7. 1918 PANDEMIC, E.G.
- 8. DANCER’S BEAT
- 9. MAPLE, TO A BOTANIST
- 10. BRAZILIAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
- 11. RELATING TO THE EAR
- 12. REACH A HIGH
- 15. REARWARD
- 20. SPLOTCHES
- 22. EUROPEAN PEAK
- 24. LONELY MUSICIAN?
- 25. *GARDEN’S BEGINNINGS

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- 26. PETER IN SPAIN
- 27. TATTERED TOM’S CREATOR
- 29. EXCLAMATION OF DISGUST
- 31. FIRST RATE
- 32. “FASTER!” TO A HORSE
- 33. U IN UV
- 34. TO IMPEDE
- 36. THE VATICAN TO CATHOLICS, E.G.
- 38. B IN BCS
- 42. MISS AMERICA’S TOPPER
- 45. HARASS
- 49. EITHER _____ OR AGAINST
- 51. *OCCURRING NOW
- 54. UTILIZATION OR EMPLOYMENT
- 56. FARM TYPE
- 57. 32-CARD GAME
- 58. MAUI DANCE
- 59. LYRIC POEM, PL.
- 60. W IN W=FD
- 61. BOXER’S LAST BLOW
- 62. NOT FOR HERE
- 63. JET BLACK
- 66. *SPRING GROWTH
- 68. EUROPEAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY