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Entire Music Faculty Terminated

LADY GAGA

This week, Dean Jack Connell announced yet another major overhaul of faculty members at the School of Music. "After the student body's reaction to recent faculty changes," said Connell, "we thought it would be best to make a new start. To wipe the slate clean, so to speak. As such, we've decided to place the entire music faculty on mandatory leave." According to Connell, the change is effective immediately. He expressed a desire to be open about the situation, but stated, "Unfortu-

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Every single faculty member at the Greatbatch School of Music has been fired and replaced with adjuncts, though Provost Jack Connell said he "can't tell you a d**n thing about it!"

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MIKEA KRONIN

For the first time since 1973, The Houghton Star published an isseu without typos.

The newspaper, which has been a sstaple of the college since 1907, has a reputation for publishing their

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"Scram-Ban," Seatbelts Coming To Chapel

CAMPUS WIDE EMAIL

On Monday, the college announced that they were taking "drastic measures" in an effort to stop scanning and scrambling once and for all.

The plan, announced in a campus wide email, stated the college had invested in a new software called Scram-Ban. According to chapel scanner, Ashley Jones '18, the software will use the newly installed cameras to run facial recognition software for anyone who leaves chapel after scanning their card. Once the camera cap-

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Shen Hall Cult Exposed



A nefarious cult may be active in Shenawanna Hall, say mostly reputable sources. Photographic evidence has surfaced suggesting the existence of dangerous, animalistic initiation rituals.

ROTHRULEZ411

Amid the hustle and bustle of the Houghton College

campus, there lies a realm of secrets and myth in the form of Shenawanna Hall. This residence hall has been a part of the college for nearly 56 years this academic year.

Home to hundreds of men in its time, Shenawana has long been suspected to be a frater-

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Houghton Exempt From State Of Emergency

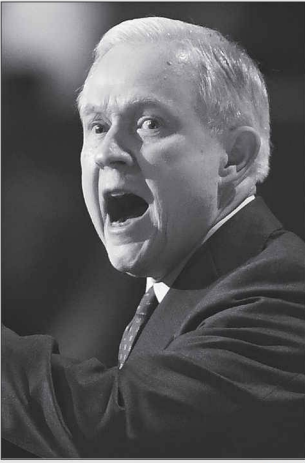
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This week, a blizzard swept across the continental United States, claiming the Mojave Desert and freezing the Everglades. Our esteemed President Trump called the freakish weather, "A really, really big deal. Like, huge. This blizzard, it's a bad blizzard. As in, the worst." The entire country was placed in a state of national emergency as roads were snowed in and electricity went out.

Despite these seemingly daunting circumstances, Houghton College did not call a snow day. Ray Parlett, director of security, sent out an email titled, "Na-

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World // Trump Swipes For Putin



SATAN

JEFF SESSIONS

It has been confirmed that Russian President, Vladimir Putin, and U.S.

President, Donald Trump, have been communicating on the dating and hookup app Tinder since June of 2015, according to FBI commissioner James Comey. Breitbart news reported that Trump “super liked” Putin.

The scandal was released to the public when Rachel Maddow of MSNBC shared leaked screenshots of their extensive conversation. “I swear to Hillary, this is the real deal this time,” she said. The screenshots included discussion over arms trade deals, although the extensive use of the winking emoji “clouded clarity,” Maddow said.

Vice President, Mike Pence, known for his pro-

LGBTQ politics, said he was happy for Trump, and wished him “the best” as he continued “his journey of self discovery”.

Recent harsh legislation restricting public promotion of LGBTQ rights in Russia “is perhaps a cover” for Putin’s relationship with Trump, reported Tomi Lahren of The Blaze. Lahren said she was torn between supporting Trump and supporting “liberal snowflakes and their gay agenda.” She was then suspended from The Blaze indefinitely.

Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell said that while the incident “makes [him] feel weird,” it is “not an impeachable offense.”

A leaked email sent from Hillary Clinton’s blackberry expressed outrage that Trump will not face impeachment. “The GOP is seriously corrupt, no elected official should be involved in such scandals of any kind.” She is reportedly contemplating a 2020 run, with the slogan “swipe right for integrity”. ★

Jeff Sessions is coming after you.

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weekly papeprs filled with typos. Dsepite their efforts, The Star stafff continues to make errsor on a a wekely basis.

Editor-inn-Cheif, Dani Eaton ‘17, said “Its so graet to finally acheive this, weve been tryng al yaer. We can finally stop tying nw.” The stffs succsfull editon included sotries about Shen’s staeaking tradition, IBC Root Ber to be uzed for communion in chapel, Mercy Seet starts Hillzong cover band.

Nwez ediotr, Micah Cronin ‘17, sed “Im jus doing thios for the paychcek.If im beeing honst, I dont evn edit the artcles.” Eaton sed, “its rilly our writerss hoo acheeved this goal. Thyve dun a great job.” Cronin concurred nd sed, “Their alrite.”

Righter, John Jacob Smith ‘20, sed, “its not as hard as theyy maid it seem. I meen i graduated frum hi school.”

According two Eaton, the staff epect too continyoo theyre streek. She sed, “were gunna keep editing nd wrking harde.”★

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tional State of Emergency Declared.” The email’s title raised the spirits of many a near frozen student, but its contents were far from encouraging. “Although the weather is severe,” it stated, “we feel that Houghton’s Wesleyan tradition of self-denial has hardened our students well enough that we can continue classes this week. And because we’re a

community-styled campus, you shouldn’t have too much trouble making your way through the ten-foot snow drifts.” Parlett also assured students that cross country skis and snowshoes would be placed at the entrances of every major building, for “ease of transport.”

Thus far, the health center has reported only eight cases of hypothermia. A mere three students are said to be missing. A team of pre-med students, EMTs, and rescue dogs are currently searching for those unfortunate few

who were lost in the tundra. However, these statistics are much improved over last year’s report of 27 students ill and a total of nine deaths. Officials credit this staggering improvement to Parlett’s email, in which he suggested that everyone “bundle up” for the “chilly,” sub-zero temperatures.

Students expressed frustration at the college’s decision to continue classes as usual, posting unedited, saucily titled photos of Fancher Hall’s snow submerged bell tower to the

Facebook page, “Overheard at Houghton.” Shivering and huddled in a blanket with a mug of hot cocoa, Freshie Mansfield ‘20 stated, “We have a God-given right to snow days! I mean, isn’t that one of those unalienable rights that one guy talked about? In the Bible or the Constitution or something? I don’t know. All I know is it’s, like, a human right.”

The blizzard, formerly called Winter Storm Rudolf, was renamed Winter Storm Willard. National officials stated this was not so much

to honor the college’s founder, but to point out its “flagrant disregard for the well-being of its students.” The administration, however, is sticking to its decision. Ray Parlett recently tweeted, “We will NEVER have a snowday! EVER. Stop asking! Just staaaahp.” When questions were raised as to the progress made with the missing students, Parlett tweeted again. “We’re on day two of the search. If you see any bodies poking out from the snowbanks near Roth Hill, please report it immediately.” ★

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nately, I can’t tell you a d**n thing. Sorry! Legality and whatnot.” After a moment’s thought, he added, “But we truly appreciate your concern.”

The loss of the entire music faculty was expected to garner serious backlash, but thus far it has produced little remark from the student body. Sally Sax ’17 commented on the situation, saying, “When two professors were fired at the beginning of the semester, I was angry. When a third was let go midway through the year, I was enraged. But by the time the entire music faculty was placed on mandatory leave, I had no energy left to deal with it.”

However, not all students are reacting with Sax’s ambivalence. Tony Techface ’19 asserted that he “would not be silenced!” He continued, “The Sodexo Napkin Controversy of 2015 is still

a relevant issue! We need open dialogue, here, people!” When Techface was made aware that we were talking about faculty members and not napkin dispensers, he stated, “Yeah, I heard something about that. I wanted to go to the protest, but when I saw there were only, like, three people there, I decided not to go. But hey, Muffins-Over-Miraclewhip, am I right?”

Other students are expressing their anger in a totally healthy and constructive way: by posting about it on social media. On the Facebook page “Best Students Ever (AKA MUSIC STUDENTS LOL),” Conroy Spiracy ’20 wrote, “SAD. Entire music faculty place ON LEAVE? More like MURDERED! Big liar Connell trying to cover up homicidal rampage!!!” Spiracy later retracted his post, but said that if the administration would be more honest, “DESPITE legal obligations,” people wouldn’t jump to such wild

conclusions.

A few music students expressed concern over the loss of their professors. Some even had the audacity to question whether or not they would be able to graduate, given the current circumstances. However, in an effort to console this inexplicably distressed minority, Dean Connell sent out an email which stated, “Although I really don’t know why you’re all so upset, I suppose it does matter that you graduate. At least, our lawyers seem to think so. So we’ve hired a new staff made up completely of adjunct professors. While none of these professors know your musical abilities and they certainly don’t have any emotional connection to you, the administration feels they’ll do the job alright.” The adjunct professor team is made up, almost entirely, of elementary school band and chorus teachers from the surrounding area. Classes will resume on Monday as normal. ★

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nity in everything but name. However, recent events have made it clear that there is more to it than simple fraternal bonds.

This past week secrets were unveiled as one Shenawana RAs accidentally made an event called “The Feast of Chief Copperhead” public rather than private. A reporter was able to sneak into the event by passing as a Shen Bloc acolyte. The event consisted of lots of chanting, speeches that made no sense, and a goat sacrifice performed by puppets. It was unclear what the purpose of the event was, but it was definitely cultic activity.

AC Taylor, new Resi-

dent Director of Shenawana, commented, “Yeah I had no idea what I was getting into this year. I mean, I lived in Roth for four years. We spent most of our time remembering which door was the stairwell.” Taylor plans to have his son baptized in the sacred waters of Ganyodae (a.k.a. Shen pond), where legends claim the power of manliness is drawn.

Currently, the men of Shenawana plan to file to be recognized as an official religion to be known as Shen-duism. “It’s not just about the tax breaks,” stated Ian DeHaas, High Priest of the Order of the Basement. “We’re also really passionate about sacrificing goats, chanting things, and cutting the mullet while under the full moon.”

Houghton College administration has had no comment on these events so far. However, due to the number of Shenawana alumni with dean status it is unlikely that any disciplinary action will be taken. ★



Scram-Ban, facial recognition, and locking seatbelts are the new measures the Office of Spiritual Life is implementing to prevent students from skipping chapel to sin or eat lunch.

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tures someone leaving, the software runs the image of the person’s face through a database of ID photos.

A student worker has been hired to man the software Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during chapel time. When the software matches the identity of the scammer with an ID photo an alarm will sound, and the student will communicate with safety and security via walkie talkie to catch the student. To assist chapel staff in this effort, the college has hired three additional security guards to pa-

trol the sidewalks throughout chapel.

Jones said, “I think this is just what we needed. We’re not really going to feel like a community unless every single person on campus is in chapel.”

In addition to the software, seatbelts have been installed into chapel seats to help ensure individuals attending chapel will not leave early. The seatbelts are voice activated to release at the end of the service when the speaker says, “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”

Chapel deacon, Richard Hands ‘17, said, “We had some trouble with people walking out when a speaker implied that animals don’t go to heaven.” He continued, “One girl ran out crying, saying something about her hamster. It was just a mess, and we want to make sure that doesn’t happen again. Everyone really should be listening to the entire message.”

Chapel-goer and community member, Ross Robert, said “These millennials students have no respect, in my day we would have been honored to be forced to listen to God’s word.”

Despite having concerns, one student tried to remain optimistic, “I usually leave a little early to beat the lunch rush, so I can make it to class on time. Now, I guess I’ll just be fasting a lot more. I’m taking this as a challenge from God, like when Jesus was stranded in the desert.”

The changes could be in effect as soon as this coming Monday. Officials expect to see an increase in chapel attendance.★

Houghton College Declares Micro-Nationhood



Houghton College has declared itself the Holy Houghton Empire, and is now a micro-nation. President Shirley Mullen is expected to ascend to a benevolent dictatorship. Sodexo Flex Dollars will replace the US Dollar, according to Mullen.

ALBUS WULFRIC BRIAN DUMBLEDORE

a micronation under the title Holy Houghton Empire. Because micronations are unrecognized by most countries and organizations, they are generally ignored by surrounding countries, in this case including the United States.

Future goals would include admission into the United Micronations, so Houghton could form treaties with global members such as the Republic of Mallosia (surrounded by the state of Nevada) Rose Island (based off the coast of Italy), and the

Principality of Hutt (located on the continent of Australia).

There are still a lot of decisions to be made for how the new country would be run, including minting a new currency. Suggestions have been made to expand upon

the current system of Flex Dollars, at least for the interim period. The new currency system would have the expected benefits of giving more control over tuition rates and hopefully allowing the college to fully pay off the remaining debt of the KPAC.

The Houghton Wesleyan quilting club was commissioned to sew the Holy Houghton Empire flag, using the sacred colors purple, gold, and white. Houghton alumna and head quilter Greta Mertle ‘38 said the purple “represents the royalty of Christ”, the gold represents “the riches of the Holy Houghton Empire’s endowment,” and the white represents “the diversity of our citizenry.”

Further debate stems from the issue of representation. While some propose giving the power to the SGA, others argue adamantly dictatorship led by President Mullen. Assuming Mullen’s successful rise to power, LGBTQ+ students have proposed their own bill of rights, which was passed by the SGA and is now awaiting the approval of the Holy Houghton Empress herself.

Shen-Bloc leaders said they will be hosting a prayer meeting asking God to raise up a Judge for Houghton as he did for Israel in the Old Testament. Alternative Chapel credit would be offered for attendance, according to the Dean of the Chapel. ★

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Houghton Announces First Ever Mayterm in Genovia

ANNE HATHAWAY

For the first time ever, Houghton College will offer a one of a kind Mayterm trip to Genovia.

After a recent discovery that the Disney movie *The Princess Diaries* was actually, in fact, a true story, that Genovia is a real country, and that the character of Queen Clarisse Renaldi is in fact our very own President Mullen, the Houghton College Intercultural Studies department decided to organize the trip.

Genovia, once thought only to be a fictional country, was found out to be a real nation when Houghton student Lay Z. Sophomore '19 found the country boundaries while trolling through Google Earth pictures during his 8 a.m. Biblical Literature class.

"I was bored like I normally am, so instead of looking at memes I decided to do something more educational and enlighten my sense of geography, so I started trolling Google Earth. I was just looking around Europe for funzies when I came across a tiny little area. Google had it listed as 'Genovia.' I was quite shocked to see that it was a real country not just a made up one from the movie, I cannot believe no one realized this until now", he said.

Sophomore's discovery

went viral and prompted international investigations into the legitimacy of the country. Investigations revealed that former Queen Clarisse Renaldi had left the country to become a college president under a new identity. In an SGA meeting shortly after that announcement, Houghton College President, Shirley A. Mullen, came forward with the confession that she was in fact the former queen.

"Suprise! It's me, I am the queen," said Mullen in the SGA meeting.

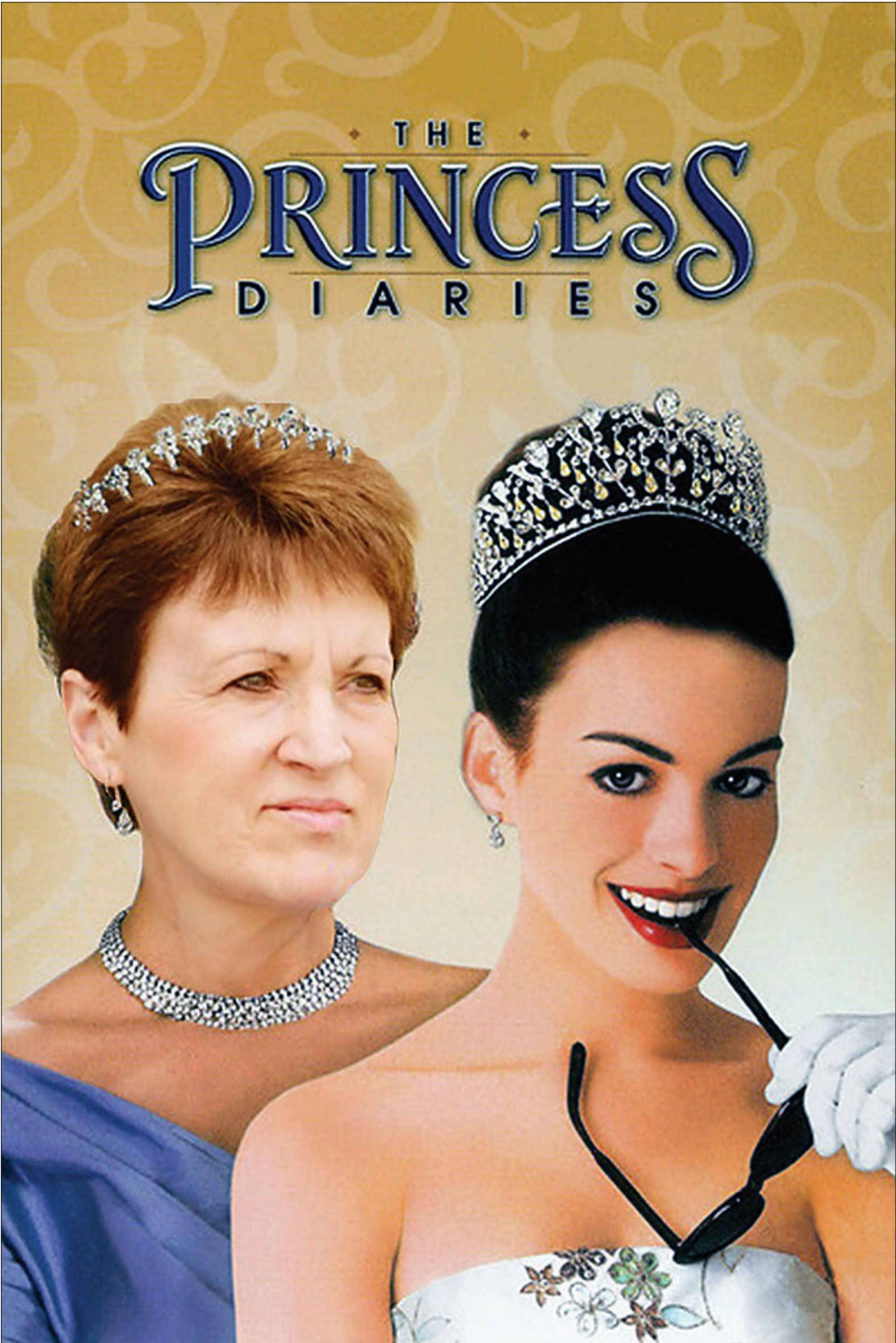
When all the pieces of the puzzle began to fall into place, the intercultural department at Houghton decided it would be a great idea to organize a trip for students to see the newly rediscovered country.

"We thought a trip to Genovia would be a great addition to our off campus offerings this spring. And with all of this information coming out so quickly we knew we should take advantage of experiencing all this history while it was happening," said A.Broad Coordinator, chair of the intercultural department.

The two week long trip will focus on two things, the history of the small county, and the anthropological study of its citizens and culture.

"Prices will vary based on the number of students interested in going, but in general will be quite affordable in the \$700-\$1500 range," said Coordinator.

To learn more about this Mayterm or to express interest in signing up, students are encouraged to attend the information session on Saturday, April 1 in the Shen Basement laundry room, or email "genoviatrip2k17@houghton.edu."★



GARY MARSHALL

Will students meet Princess Amelia Renaldi while in Genovia? Administrators make no promises, but the look in Mia's eyes say otherwise. Pack your bags, Houghton!

Review: The Gay Agenda

MILEY CYRUS

You walk into the store and see it: the glimmering book of hope, of scheduling, of beauty. *The Gay Agenda*.

Its cover is made from recycled cardboard and is very flimsy and delicate, like the place in society that the LGBT community has currently. Despite that, it is a good investment because the agenda is a light weight

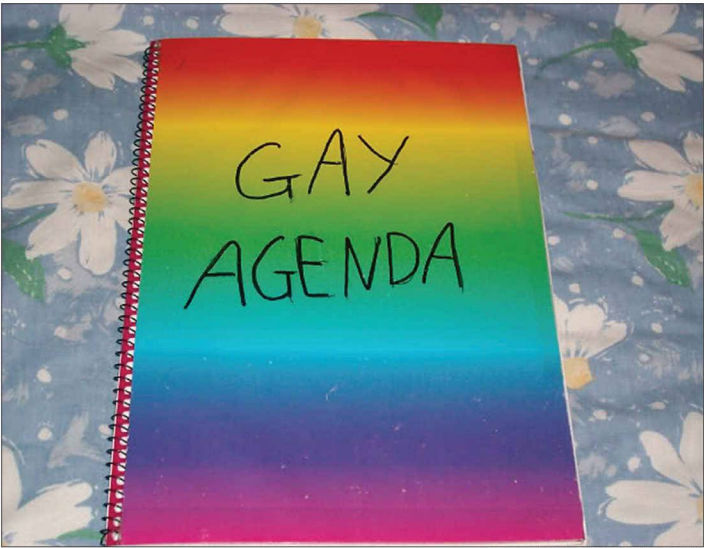
companion, unlike the topic that it brings up in discussion.

If you like to push conversation and discourse, this is the agenda for you. It comes with 7 packets of glitter, which you can sprinkle on your friends to make them joyful and gay, and a bonus unicorn pen that you can write in your gay agenda with.

That's not all. The *Gay Agenda* comes in special packaging; wrapped in flannel and placed deli-

cately in a large 16" x 16" x 22" box that is filled with sparkly rainbow confetti, this is sure to leave all your friends wondering about the big package you have.

I love the *Gay Agenda*, 10/10 would recommend. That may be because I, myself, am a jolly and gay gal, but I think that its structure to plan the weeks and days of your life in a wonderful rainbow themed book says it all. So, go get yours today and advocate for your *Gay Agenda*!★



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You will probably not find the *Gay Agenda* in the Campus Store. But if mainstream media is any indication of progress, come back in 10 years.

President Mullen Relocated to Shen

JAMES COMEY

As of April 1, 2017, President Mullen and the first gentleman have made an official move to Shen basement. The reason for this move will remain classified to protect all parties involved, however it is important to note that due to the first gentleman's mid-life crisis, President Mullen decided to transition from their home on Centerville Road to Shen basement.

In an effort to bring her husband back to relive his "glory days," and "remind him of the joys of life," President Mullen made her

brave way down the corridor of the residence hall to reside in their new home, Shen room five. "When he hit rock bottom, I knew what I had to do," President Mullen said, "No, no, the move isn't easy for us by any means, but the paid security we arranged has definitely eased us into this new season of our lives."

Black cars line the parking lot of Shenawana Hall to protect the President and first gentleman coming in and out of the residence hall.

"We hear the weirdest noises at night," the first gentleman said. "I mean it's good to be back, it is, but we'll definitely need some more time to adjust to the guys walking around the hall doing their laundry in their underwear."

The response from the residents of Shen basement have been positive. "Having the first gentlemen on the floor is great. I especially appreciate



THE NSA

Increased security measures in Shen have thus far not impeded traffic for Houghton students.

him when I'm singing in the shower, he always harmonizes with me... even if he's not showering," one resident said.

Overall, President Mullen is pleased to have made this transition. "The first gentleman and I believe this move to Shen basement is for the better not only for us, but for the whole of the community," she said.★

College Republicans To Hold "Hair-Raising" Event

JUSTIN TRUDEAU

Since Donald Trump took office, critics have pointed to more than his policy decisions as problematic. His toddler-throwing-a-tantrum-sized hands, cheeto-tinted skin, and thin golden hair have all been points of ridicule throughout his campaign and more recently during his reign as

President Don't-Blame-Me-For-Lying-I-Heard-It-On-The-News. Houghton College student Republicans have decided to aid the president with one of these issues next week by hosting a drive to collect hair for his newest toupé.

"We were devastated when Trumpcare didn't get enough votes," said Kellyanne Ryan '19, a double major in communication and political science. "We wanted to do our part as a campus to make the President more successful. His hair seems like a

good place to start."

The Hair Drive will take place in the campus center basement next Friday afternoon when all major staff writers at news outlets have gone home for the weekend. Professional hairdressers will choose who is worthy enough to provide hair fit for the kumquat shaped head of President Buy-My-Daughter's-Shoes, and maintain the right to turn away anyone who doesn't align with their hair values. The organizers will accept hair from

both men and women, as long as their family's annual income is over \$200,000, and they pledge 10% of it for the next four years to President You're-Fired's 2020 campaign.

When asked how they will deliver the hair to President Grab-Her-By-The-You-Know-What, organizers were not forthcoming.

"We have a system in place," said Steve Sessions, who is not a Houghton student, but seems to hang out here a lot. "Vlad is very trustworthy, and we know he'll

get the job done." Sessions then proceeded to deny any contact with Vlad or Vlad's friends.

In the unlikely event that the organizers do not find any suitable hair donors for President You-Thought-I-Was-Lying-About-The-Wall-But-Instead-I'm-Going-To-Spend-21-Billion-Dollars-On-It-So-There, organizers have a back-up plan.

"We'll probably grab some cats from the path to the townhouses," said Sessions. "It's what he would want."★

Pot Sales Fund KPAC Debt



BOB ROSS

Several ceramics students have banded together to save the college from debt.

BERNIE SANDERS

A group of student potters have formed a coalition to pay off the KPAC by giving the college 100% of their earnings until graduation.

"It was the least I could do for the college after everything it has done for me," said Jill Magara '17, who runs her own Etsy page selling ceramic mugs. "Once I realized that

there was a way for me to give back, I sat at the pottery wheel and started throwing for my school."

While the ceramics studio may be closer to Nielsen than KPAC, the students recognized the need for some kind of fundraiser to pay off the new athletic complex.

"I've been selling my mugs at campus events for a few years now," said Hannah Banks '18. "I sell pots and my friend sells brownies, which have been popular."

Serving their community is especially important to Magara and Banks, who take part in the annual Christmas craft sale at Houghton. Now

with this fundraiser, what they might have used for coffee money (or textbook money or first apartment rent money), will now go to the college's building. Magara and Banks agree that this is a simple act of school spirit. One anonymous student, however, hopes their generosity will not go unnoticed.

"Maybe once the KPAC is paid off, more of the budget could go to the art building," said the student. "Or Paine. Or Chamberlain. You know, one of the buildings where academic learning happens. I would buy mugs for everyone in my family if that could happen."★

Our New Neigh-bors

Welcoming Our Equine Friends To Res-Life



SAVANNAH HARMS

RAY-SING STRIPES

With the rising number of emotional stressors at college and students enrolling for sessions in the counseling center, we really need some furry animals in our lives to brighten up our days. Puppies have been approved

as emotional support animals, as have kittens. However, it is time for the administration to take it to the next level. As an equestrian major, I have decided to rally with my fellow horse lovers to petition for our rights. More specifically, I suggest that the college support our right to have our favorite, equine friends join us in our day-to-day dorm life. That’s right. It’s time for our horses to become live-in stress animals. Despite that only public universities are required to comply with the laws that ensure students are accommodated, the students desperately request and wait for the administration to comply to our demands. It would be easy. The only thing Residence Life would need to do is add a full stable

“That’s right. It’s time for our horses to become live-in stress animals.”

onto each and every room in all the dorms. I have estimated this cost to be somewhere around 20 million dollars. That’s less than we dished out for KPAC! Surely we can afford to complete such a small task for the sake of our students. The benefits would far outweigh the costs. After all, horses are mirrors for ourselves. They’re incredibly sensitive to emotions and body language, and can teach us things we never knew about ourselves. By doing that, they can then lead us into better

copying habits and how to live in daily life more calmly and effectively! This would be great for boosting students’ GPA, which would be great for Houghton later down on the line. (We all know our national rankings could use a little help.) Also, it’s important to remember that people aren’t the only ones who would be affected by this arrangement. My horse, Gus, desperately wants to keep me safe and healthy. Just the other day, he confided in me, saying, “My owner is a kind soul, who has a really busy schedule student teaching. I’d love to be living on the 6th floor of Lambien, welcoming her home every day with a whinny and some snuggle time.” If you, like me, feel the

pressing need for such a change, you can help! The Equestrian Center is partnering with the Do-Something table to create a petition. So sign it! Because remember, we can “neigh”-ver have enough horses in our lives!★

Ray-Sing is a equestrian major, activist, and inspirational blog writer.

“...I have decided to rally with my fellow horse lovers to petition for our rights.”

I Think...Maybe...Nevermind



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JESSICA DAY

Okay, so, guys. I’ve been thinking a lot about some pretty serious things, you know? Like, I don’t know.

There’s just so many things in the world that are really, really difficult and I think that, well, we should just talk about them! Would it be so hard? Because when things are hard, it’s best just to talk about them. Dialogue is good. Words are good. People should say words. So that being said, let’s move on to what I think. After all, that’s what an opinion is, right? That’s what the editors said at least. They were leaving me these comments like, “needs more opinion” or “what are you even saying? You’re babbling, you weirdo.” “My prayer for all of us is that we could be as bold as me.”

“There’s just so many things in the world that are really, really difficult...”

So, anyways. Back to what I think. Telling people what I think so there can be dialogue. I must admit, I am nervous to tell people what I think. We all have those times. Right? One time, when I was a freshman, I almost passed out during a presentation because I was so nervous. Right now I’m feeling a little woozy just typing so

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Sorry. Passed out on my keyboard. Well, anyways, I think the things I think are important. LOTS of things are. Just because I was asked to write this thoughtful and insightful opinion, does not mean your opinions are any less valid. We are all equal, and all opinions are valid, and we just should talk about them. If you agree with what I said, great! If not, I may pee myself in shame, but that would be okay. My prayer for all of us is that we could be as bold as me. After all, the God said in Malachi “Bring ye all

the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house.” I think that really says it all, you know? So what I’m trying to say is that I think.... Maybe we should.... Ya know what, nevermind.★

Jessica is a writing major with a concentration in vagueness.

HAPPY APRIL FOOL’S DAY
FROM THE STAR STAFF!



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KRISTEN STEWART

I guess I am what some would call an “ex-straight.” Let me explain. I wasn’t always this way: I remember being attracted to women for a year or two before I developed opposite-sex attraction (OSA) from watching American Ninja Warrior. Those sleek, sweaty men distorted my view of sexuality. But I am on the path to healing, through prayer, accountability, and daily doses of Demi Lovato music videos. I believe the healthiest option for me and other students with OSA is to take on a wife (or husband, if they are cis gender men).

I often feel that the Houghton community and the church at large doesn’t do enough to encourage me on my journey to healing and holiness. People tell me I can’t change, that I shouldn’t try to. Others on campus try to push for the acceptance of opposite

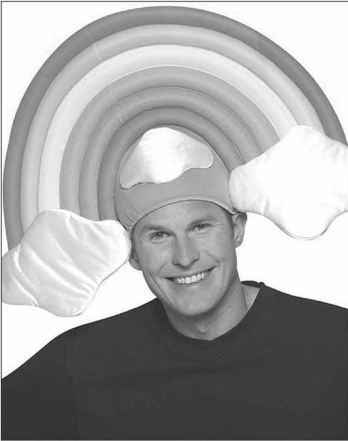
sex relationships. Is there a place for me, someone who seeks to follow Christ by pursuing a shift from my OSA to holy homosexuality?

I am living proof that attractions can change. I was once a straight, now I am a homosexual. Our culture tells us that we are born into one or the other sexual orientation, and that these orientations are near impossible to change. I agree. But the Bible tells us that with God all things are possible, and that even in light of the vastness of the universe and the scale of human suffering in the world, the most pressing issue for God is what we do with our genitals. God can change you, and God wants to! My hope is that God will continue to transform me into what is pure, lovely, and homo. If you find yourself in a similar place, may this be your hope too.★

Kristen is an actress who just really, really loves The STAR, Houghton and Jesus.



On Accepting Straight Students



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LEVI GORDAN BECKER-TRUMP

Well, it’s pretty obvious that I’m gay. It’s a great privilege and I hope I never take it for granted. I mean, who else can get away with wearing the entire rainbow all the time? I also recognize that I did nothing to deserve this privilege, it was entirely inherited. Therefore, as a gay student with privilege it’s my duty to say this: Houghton is too gay.

I just feel like it’s not right how we’ve been oppressing the straight students on campus. They have it so hard. There are so many more people they can date on campus and it must be really difficult process to sift through all the other straight people of the opposite gender. I just feel like things would be easier if they would come to see the error of their ways. I fully believe that Houghton could help them realize that being gay is so much easier than being straight.

With all of this campus conversation about LGBT+ issues, the straight students must feel like they don’t matter very much to our campus. In fact, I believe it’s cruel for the college to privilege minority voices and suppress the majority; it’s just not democratic and I’m definitely a Democrat.

If we want to make Houghton great again, we need to support our straight students and at the same time encourage them to change. Even if they aren’t willing to change, we still need to support them.★

Levi is a senior, rainbow-loving guy, majoring in queer studies.



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Letter to the Editor: Wut Is Sandella’s?

Dear Editor:

When I visited last year the tour guide raved about the big al bucks I’d get and how I could use them in the basement of the CC at the various food and coffee joints. She went on and on about how great Big Als was. She told us the workers were incredibly friendly (especially the night crew), how fast and efficient they were at getting orders done,

and how hard they worked. She truly sold us on it. She then went on to recommend “Sandella’s.” She didn’t really have time to tell us what it was, though, because that would have cut into her time to tell us about how great Java101 was. Everyone seemed so mysterious when I asked about Sandella’s and told me, “I can’t explain it, you just HAVE to try it.” I chose Houghton JUST so I could try this mysterious establishment

that I can only guess serves something edible? But when I got here, guess what? NO, SANDELLA’S! I can’t describe the heartbreak I’ve had to live with knowing I’ll never know what exactly this Sandella’s was that everyone raved about. So, for the sake of my sanity, can you please tell me what Sandella’s is?

Sincerely,
Mason Jar ‘20

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thoughts anyway.
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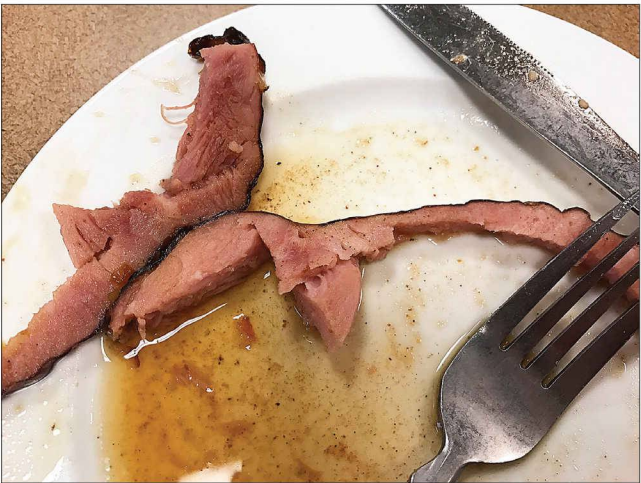
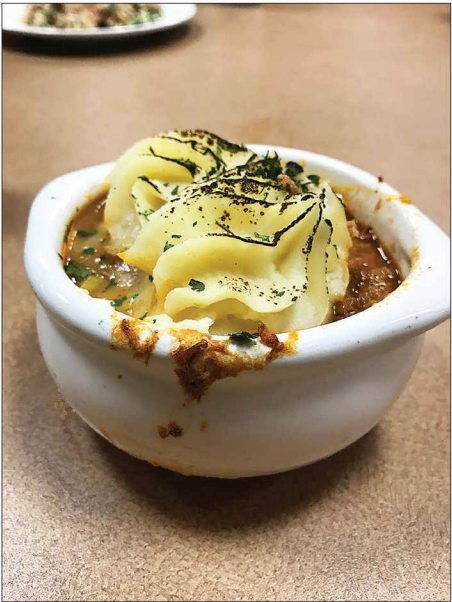
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Meals of the Week

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Titles & Media

clockwise descending

Red Yellow Brown Yellow, *fried potatoes & cheese*

Moldy Whip, *mashed potatoes & chili*

Titus Andronicus, *meatloaf & tomato paste*

Life's a Rind, *ham & grease*

The Trinity, *loaded fries*

Flaming Beige, *who even knows*

Requiem for a Bagel, *glass & disappointment*

