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Neolithic Highlander Unearthed at KPAC Construction Site



The K-PAC site. The find has been dubbed TPFATK-PAC.



JEFF BABBITT

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Construction of the Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex (K-PAC) was suspended Wednesday pending investigation of what is now being called “The Problematic Fossil Find at the K-PAC” (or, TPFATK-PAC, for short).

Mid-afternoon, construction workers installing the turf quidditch pitch

were surprised to unearth the well-preserved remains of what was initially thought to be a “neolithic highlander.” The pristine male fossil was found wearing the remains of a kilt and holding a broadsword. According to one worker on the scene, the specimen was “big, dirty, and dead-looking, with a ratty skirt and a Mel Gibson sword.” Later, another worker confirmed in

noting that the fossil “definitely looked like a weird Scottish caveman.”

Sparking interest in the international science community, the remains also caught the attention of the Evangelical Church. While educated and informed experts from around the world requested access to the fossil, one prominent megachurch leader blogged a sermon

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Dining Services Roasts Students in Sodexo SPOT

SIWON CHOI

Sodexo employees gathered last Saturday in the dining hall to host a fresh adaptation of Houghton’s semiannual student variety show. The event, emceed by Manager Tina Powers, showcased myriad comedic features, including a 20-minute standup routine by Dan Forrester and a flaming-knife-juggling act by Mark Burlingame.

A number of attendees remarked upon a discernible pattern of jokes made at the expense of the Houghton student body. Students were caricatured as “roving stomachs devouring everything from buckets of ice cream to lightly seasoned napkins.” A list of “Top Ten Student Pastimes” included writing irate comment cards, failing to read the gracious responses to said cards, stacking dirty dishes, eating pizza twice daily for weeks on end, and forming conversational barricades around the conveyor belt.

Pam Wilkinson performed a set of audience-pleasing impressions of stu-

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SGA Aided with Magic 8-Ball™

STEWART JONSON

After two months of entertaining the idea in Senate sessions, the SGA cabinet has approved the motion of using a Magic 8-Ball™ to inform their decision-making process. Since passing, Senate sessions have experienced a 500% increase in productivity, with the agenda being whittled down to a five minute question and answer round of requests and shaking. SGA president The Ben Hardy has been elected the new official Administrative Executor of Appeals, signifying that he is the only Senate member with access to the ball. Hardy said that he still maintains reservations about the decision. “It feels strange to have all this actual power,” he remarked.

In January when the motion for a process reform was first proposed, the SGA cabinet briefly considered implementing an Ouija board but eventually voted against it, citing religious reasons and fearful of backlash from conservative groups who really care about that sort of thing. Despite this, rumors have been propagating that a single session with the Ouija board only resulted in it continually spelling out, “All work and no play makes The Ben Hardy a dull boy.”

So far, the decision to use the 8-ball has proved popular among the cabinet

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College Welcomes Incoming Chinese Students with Campus Renovations



President Mullen digs the final shovelful for the tunnel to China.

JIMMY PING SHEE

LI WEI

The college’s current efforts in China, spurred last year with the intent of attracting more international students, has at last made headway. According to Eric Currie, vice president for enrollment, 14 students from both the mainland and Hong Kong have committed to attend the college. With this news also comes a to-do list of summer campus renovations to welcome the students.

The campus is no stranger to international students, which comprise approximately five percent of the student body. However, admissions acknowledges that this familiarity might not be mutual. From a survey conducted amongst the students, all two of the responders answered that they had never before been to the U.S. “We know this is going to be a new and probably overwhelming experience for them at first. I especially know this, being an international

myself,” said Currie, who hails from Canada.

Despite the uncertainty that lies ahead, student anticipation generally remains positive. One accepted student from Hong Kong stated that after some initial reservations about committing, she is now satisfied with her decision to attend. “I don’t want to be mean, but Americans are scary. Everyone has a gun!” she explained via Skype call. “But they told me Houghton is a very safe city. They said I am more likely to see a deer than a gun. But, I am not sure I know what that is,” she admitted.

Another student from Shanghai expressed his lingering doubts. “Are you sure this is New York City? This looks like a farm. Are there farms in New York City?”

As for its list of renovations, the college hopes to complete them before the start of the fall 2014 semester. “We know campus won’t be home for them,” said Shirley Mullen, college president, “but we aim to create some semblance of familiarity here if possible.”

Perhaps the most ambitious of the college’s plans is the construction of a 7000+ mile long tunnel connecting the campus to an offsite location in China. Intended to ease travel for stu-

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Nielsen PEC to be Converted into New Cooperative Market

OLIVER JOHN

With the construction of the new KPAC facility, the question on everyone's mind is, "what is going to happen to the old Nielsen building?" Curiosities can be laid to rest as the administration recently announced the conversion of Nielsen into a new, large cooperative market. Due to the overwhelming success of the Allegany Harvest Co-op, they will be expanding their inventory and moving up the hill.

Senior Lauren Bull, who frequents the co-op, says, "They always have everything we need at the co-op. I heard that they recently had to significantly decrease their hours because they were being mobbed with students whenever they were open. Having fewer hours gives them a break from the chaos and allows them to restock." The Allegany Harvest Co-op is known for being stocked with items useful for college students. The hope is that the new Nielsen PEC Co-op will branch out to offer more "obscure" items. Says senior Caleb Johnson, "With the overwhelming amount of good grocery stores in the greater Houghton area, we don't need 'just another grocery store.' We need a place that is going to of-

fer some hard-to-find, yet highly sought after items."

Potential items to be stocked in the new co-op are, organic motor oils, Jabuticaba, wheat germ, bamboo Q-tips, and sweatshop-free scented candles, among others. As it is a co-operative market, local produce will, of course, be sold. However, because the Allegany Harvest Co-op is currently in business with local farms, the new co-op will attempt to partner with Houghton students to acquire its produce. Senior Christian O'Lone comments, "I have been growing tomatoes in the woods behind Shen for years. Finally, I have an outlet to sell them to my classmates!" Indeed, there are a number of students on campus who share Christians' passion for cultivating plants out in the woods. Says Professor Meilaender, "I have seen quite a wide variety of plants being cultivated off the beaten paths behind the Field of Dreams...mostly herbs, though."

The store will be arranged such that the old basketball courts will be the main shopping aisles, and the foyer will be converted into checkout lanes. The track will be left as-is to accommodate those troubled shoppers who need a bird's-eye-view to find what they need. Most excit-



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Tentative design for the co-op entrance.

ingly, the racquetball courts and weight cage will be converted into freezer space where will be held and sold venison from all the deer killed by cars on Rt. 19.

The new co-op will need a name, of course. While the administration is pulling for it to be called, "Allegany Harvest Co-op, Too", the SGA has decided to put

the naming process to a vote among the students. "Due to the massive success of the last time we let students name something," said SGA President The Ben Hardy, "I think we can look forward to a smart, Houghton-appropriate name." The co-op is set to open during the peak student-convenient weekend of July 4th.

New Adm. Partnership Announced

JA MEZ

Opinion on campus is mixed after the announcement last week of the new partnership between Public Relations and the Admissions Departments. With enrollment lower for the past few years, Admissions is increasing efforts to attract prospective students. "AMICITIA", or "friends" in Latin, will be the title of the new sub-department. AMICITIA will consist entirely of students who will act as a sort of "living admissions brochure" when prospective students are visiting campus, according to the press release.

Jordan Green, Associate of Admissions Experiences, says these students will provide a much needed service to Houghton. "Currently, prospective students on tours may suffer disappointment when the image of Houghton they have received from brochures does not match the reality they experience on campus". Most admissions material features Houghton in spring or fall; students who visit in the winter see Houghton in a vastly differently light. Green admitted that changing the weather was beyond their control, but said, "We can provide an ambiance of fun and excitement that may or may not occur naturally on campus, with many students not having the time to sit around and play games, host parties in the campus center, or have a good time in public generally." Another benefit cited by Green was the boost in campus jobs for students the department would create.

At least one faculty member also disapproved of the creation of AMICITIA. Professor Meic Pearse claimed that this was yet another example of the "infantilization of higher education", most likely due to the Protestant affiliation of many of the students, faculty, and staff at Houghton. He also expressed his belief that within fifty years, students would have ceased to be able to understand works of literature written before 1950 due to the advanced degradation of the

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reminding Christians that the skeleton should be "prayerfully ignored" because it is "obviously a fake monkey-man placed in the earth by God to test our faith in His creation story."

Wary of losing the enrollment of Creationist students, College administrators opted for a quiet, in-house examination of the fossil. Because Houghton does not have paleontology, geology, or archeology faculty, attempts were made to enlist the school's biology professors. These attempts failed when administrators discovered that the school also lacks biology faculty. Indeed, the only option, Dr. Aaron Sullivan, responded to the college's plea only to say, "No, I'm quite frightened of dead things, and I can't leave my salamanders alone."

Unsure of how to proceed, college administrators scheduled an all campus informational meeting. When only four students attended, administration

scheduled another meeting, this time offering alternative chapel credit. This second meeting proved unproductive in that the bulk of discussion centered on rechristening the school's mascot: while many were in favor of the "Houghton Cavemen," some students believed that the "Houghton Cavepeople" set a more inclusive standard. With respect to discussing the problematic fossil, the solution reached by the majority of students was to "pray about it."

Prayers were answered the next day when Shenawana RA Steve McCord recognized the so-called "neolithic highlander" fossil as one of his freshman residents. "I guess I haven't seen him in a while," explained McCord, "but that isn't too unusual because he's a music major." When asked why the resident had been outside without a shirt, McCord responded, "Shirt?" When asked why the resident had been covered in mud with nothing but a kilt and a Braveheart sword, McCord's only answer was: "Shen Block." ★

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dents between school and home and estimated to total \$25 million, the project was originally proposed after a \$12 million donation was made by an anonymous donor on the condition that the sum be put towards development of the tunnel. Construction will begin from a contractor-suggested entrance situated in the current women's restroom in the campus center basement and will end in Danshan, a small rural town about three hours from Chengdu. As the project requires the tunnel to pass through a layer of bedrock, the school will be using adapted hydraulic fracturing equipment on loan from the benefactor.

"There are no two ways about it; travel is an expense, and an expensive one at that," said Mullen. "Our job as hosts of these students is to al-

leviate some of that burden."

It is expected that the tunnel will maintain a height and width of 12 feet to accommodate traffic generated by rickshaws carrying students back and forth between destinations. Acquisition of such vehicles has been a trouble spot for the college. "We realized there aren't any manufacturers in the state, which was discouraging," said Currie. "However, we're currently in conversations with a local Amish establishment to see if we might be able to make a wholesale purchase of a similar kind," he added.

As administration presses onward, the student body also prepares for the incoming students. General sentiment remains one of welcoming and exploration of similarities rather than differences. "I mean, I guess Chinese people are similar to us," said junior Emily Morrow. "Weren't we on the same side in World War I or something?" ★

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dents. She depicted freshmen as whining that cafeteria mashed potatoes "aren't the same as Mom makes," sophomores as sniveling about the perpetual availability of abundant and nourishing delicacies, and juniors as dogmatically nostalgic about the dining hall's previous layout. Pam's climactic impersonation of a senior managed to fit 47 apples into a bulging coat and walk down the stairs amidst thunderous applause.

Dan's monologue poked fun at the student body's obsession with pizza-oven-baked cookies: "We've duped them into thinking these chocolate chip cookies are special, like they're somehow different from the normal ones. They're just normal cookies plus heat. You can literally microwave your own anytime."

Student workers who attended the event were much abashed by the evening's narrow array of jokes. Senior Len Mardy commented, "The student body is always getting railed on by Sodexo. Isn't there anything else they can make fun of, for once?" Others agreed that such a friendly and hard-working group of people "should hardly be the brunt of such thoughtless humor," as voiced by one student.

In a comment-card response to the potentially inflammatory nature of the event, Sodexo claimed no hard feelings toward individual students while expressing mild dissatisfaction with the corporate student body's standards of dress, professionalism, freshness, variety, and sanitation. This response also suggested a uniform to be imposed upon students as a means of improving their public image.

Available seating was scarce during the event, in accordance with SPOT tradition and typical dining hall circumstances. Likewise, the venue was strategically chosen to recreate the customary pre-SPOT mob on the stairs to the cafeteria, as Sodexo harnessed the force of the tri-weekly post-chapel rush and turned it into a sea of hype for their very own SPOT event. ★

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A common response from the SGA's major power player.

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and other members of student government. "I love our new Magic 8-Ball™," said SGA member Aaron Rider. "Now I don't have to feel the pressure of truly making decisions." Rider even went as far to say that another link in the bureaucratic chain has been forged. "As a political science major, I love to see Senate follow Madison's principles for the American political system... All of the Senate members are pretty much placeholders now, which when you think about it, is true of the federal government as well."

With all debate in Senate becoming void and questions directed to the ball, Senate can finally come to a resolution on several important on-campus issues, such as rearranging their office desks, or whether or not to purchase a

Keurig.

In the future, candidates running for cabinet in Senate elections will be subject to an approval process through the newly established Office of Appeals, whether they win their position or not. The Ben Hardy says that it is unlikely to affect the outcome of those elections considering that any given year, the number of candidates running for cabinet averages to nearly .65.

An SGA in-office memo was recently circulated from the Office of Appeals, stipulating that any and all SGA petitions or motions, minor or major, are required to be funneled through the new request system. When The Ben Hardy was asked whether or not he expected the system to last, he consulted the Magic 8-Ball™ before replying that "Signs point to yes." ★

Library Overhauls Book Collection; Replaces with Electronic Media

BAMANTHA SEE

Over Summer break this year, the Willard J Houghton Library will replace its collection of 230,000 books with DVDs in an effort to modernize itself and reach out to college students.

"For our 50 year history in this building, the library has always had a large selection of books - everything from novels to references for papers, but books are really like 'bleh', you know?" said librarian Brad Wilber with his tongue stuck out, gesturing towards his uvula with his index finger. He continued, "They're super boring. Movies and TV shows have explosions. I haven't ever read a book with an explosions. That just... ugh. I don't even know."

The shifting of books out of the library will begin during Mayterm. Books will be sold on the quad to raise money for purchasing DVDs. The librarians understand that others may want to use the books for building forts or kindling and want to give them the opportunity to do this.

After all books have been removed from the library shelves, workers will begin the process of moving current DVDs to fill the space. The library will then start ordering books from their list of #AwesomeDVDs that is hanging in their office.

Reusing the space the books are currently located on the first and second floors is the next step in this process. "The first floor will be totally revamped with music to get people pumped up, concessions including popcorn for \$8 a bag, and bean bag chairs everywhere!" gasped the enthused student library worker Benjamin Murphy. "The basement is even more cool! We're getting rid of all the children's books and archives of old things like the Star that go back to its first issue--boring! Those things were for a time before television, back when you had to read and stuff. Instead of that lame crap, we're going to have a bunch of TVs and movie-watching rooms! It's going to be sick."

Several other changes come along with the new set up. Reference librarians will now help you find the best movie version of that book you need to read for class so you can base your report on that instead. Current DVDs that were used only for educational purposes will be removed from the collection as the only people who borrowed them were professors who tend to be a stodgy bunch of people. The library also notes that it will be adding a \$10 cover charge for using the library every time a patron enters. This is intended to pay for the new viewing rooms and movies. ★

Interview with Associate Dean on Floor Closings

HOWIE DOOWEN

Star reporter Howie Doowen was sent to interview Les Lucid, Associate Dean for Space Allocation:

Doowen: The College has been experiencing some enrollment challenges. I understand that we are closing dorm floors next year? Are any other closings to be expected?

Lucid: We aren't sure yet. But I'm expecting that we will close down a portion of Chamberlain, probably third and fourth floors.

Doowen: But aren't those critical? Classrooms and faculty offices are central to what we do around here, aren't they? Still?

Lucid: Sure, I suppose. That's not really my area. But fewer students mean fewer bodies and fewer heads. Fewer heads, fewer beds. Fewer students, fewer classes; fewer classes; fewer faculty. Fewer classrooms, fewer offices. All of this is good news! I hope you will report it as good news!

Doowen: Huh?

Lucid: Think of it this way. If you sell hotdogs for \$2 but it takes \$3 to prepare and deliver them, you have trouble balancing your budget, right? One might think that the way to fix this would be to sell more hotdogs. But, au contraire! What good is selling 1,000 rather than 900? You just go deeper into the red. BUT, if you sell only 800, then, instead of losing \$900 (or, forbid, the \$1,000 that growth would cause) you would only lose \$800.

Doowen: So, fewer students is better than more?

Lucid: Well, sure. In fact...come

to think about it...not only is fewer better than more, but none is better than some. The budget pressures would be entirely alleviated!

Doowen: You got me there! But why start with third and fourth Chamberlain?

Lucid: Well, look at fourth. There isn't much going on up there. Mainly old professors and Muslims. No need for any of that. And we can move the young Christians over to library third. Plenty of empty space over there.

Doowen: And Chamberlain third?

Lucid: Well, we've got to close unnecessary classrooms. Third is as good as any, especially since it's close to fourth. Only one floor away!

Doowen: But there are a lot of faculty offices on third.

Lucid: Yeah, and a lot of grey hair too! Look, the ones who don't die over the summer can be moved elsewhere. Business can move down a floor. Psychologists can move to the music building. Some of those unhappy musicians need counseling anyway. Most of history is in the past; let the historians go check it out! Think of the money to be saved! I get excited just thinking about it.

Doowen: Are there any others facilities that can be closed in order to make the College more sustainable?

Lucid: Well, chapel balcony is obvious. If we closed a couple floors in Paine we might be able to free up some funds to expand the building. The new Alumni House turns out to be pretty useless. And I've heard some rumors about first floor Luckey. And then there's the Star office. Seems like a waste of space...

Doowen: That's enough; gotta go. ★

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Things to Do: Getting Around Those Pesky Proxies

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ZOE UNDERWOOD

You know those times when you just need to catch up on the latest episode of South Park, look up a trending word on Urban Dictionary you're too embarrassed to ask about, or watch a funny College Humor video your friend (who does not attend Houghton) posted a link to on Facebook? Well you can't. If you haven't noticed many sites have been blocked. It has been decided for network users which sites you can and cannot visit. Making choices isn't up to you. Because after all, students are not adults and must have their hands held. However, the great thing about the internet is that there are always tricks.

Here are three methods to getting around the proxies:

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for it to connect
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Browse any internet site at your leisure
Method #2
Take a car or friend's car to the ██████████, park, and connect to the internet. Enjoy censor-free browsing, but at a reduced speed.
Method #3
Alternatively, do the same as Method #2, only this time visit ██████████. Here you can sit in the side room, instead of suspiciously sitting in your car. You may want to buy a sandwich while you are there. It's always nice to get away from Sodexo once in a while, you know? Maybe a buffalo chicken flatbread with plenty of ranch and extra sauce. Yeah, I think that sounds good. Anyway, happy browsing. ★

Barista of the Week

FRANK BARNES

Freshman Joffrey Hartlock is one of Houghton's proud new baristas. The powerful Sodexo-Starbucks coalition revamped Houghton's Java 101, and granted a plethora of job opportunities for eager Houghton students. Hartlock applied last fall and waited nervously for three hours until the Sodexo staff approved his application, gave him an apron, and sent him on his merry way to serve caffeine deprived students and faculty.

One would think that coming in as an inexperienced barista would require hours of training, but according to Hartlock, Sodexo has embraced a more "go with the flow" approach, ditching the requirement for lengthy training under an experienced barista, instead allowing students to embrace their inner barista. This free-spirit vibe in Java gives the baristas the opportunity to interact more regularly with customers. For the charming Hartlock, this means he is able to ask customers several times the precise way they would like their drinks prepared, and even gives them the opportunity to feel more involved by letting them explain how to make their own drink. "They get to experience barista life without any of the hard work! I love that I can help the campus feel more connected to their coffee shop," said Hartlock. "After all, we're the only Starbucks for miles!"

For Hartlock, the introduction of a Starbucks franchise has granted Houghton the conformity it has been sorely lacking. "We're just like everyone else now, no more Houghton Bubble!" laughed Hartlock, who also reflected, "Unity, after all, is what Christ told us to strive for, and I

think this is Sodexo's way of living this out in Alleghany County."

For Sodexo, music taste was a key hiring point, and they made sure that their baristas represented all points on the spectrum of music genre. Tastes range from Frank Sinatra to Bon Iver, even dub step has been heard on occasion. But for Hartlock, it's all about the message, not the melody. "Unlike some of my colleagues, I like to keep the music CCC: Cool, Classy, and Christian," said Hartlock, "I play it mostly when I work during chapel to make those who are missing out on chapel still feel like they're getting their worship in for the day."

Expressos, London Fogs, and Dirty Chais are just a few of Hartlock's signature drinks, as he has worked to hone his skills over this past semester. The experience has been nothing but rewarding, according to Hartlock. "This is a career-defining moment for me," said Hartlock, "and will certainly give me an edge over my other liberal arts classmates when we graduate and start looking for work."

As a parting wish, Hartlock expressed hope that students and faculty alike would embrace Starbucks, and welcome with open arms the ever-changing and ever-growing pool of baristas. "Being a barista has been infinitely more satisfying than I could have ever imagined," said Hartlock, "and just think, without Starbucks, the fate of our coffee shop would fall in the hands of those hippies from the fair trade market, or worse, independent community business owners." Hartlock and his numerous colleagues are now at your service at a (well, the only) Starbucks near you. ★

Kinkade's Light Inspires Professor Murphy

REMY TUSK

Always competitive to receive, sabbaticals allot professors time off from teaching so that they are able to further research and pursue passions related to their professional life. After interviewing Professor Murphy last semester we learned of the three areas of studies within his professional work that he concentrated on during his time spent away on sabbatical. As he mentioned in his exclusive interview with the Star, Murphy spent his time engaged in both research and prolific reading of literature in particular. While David Foster Wallace, Jorge Luis Borges, and Andrei Tarkovsky were certainly his primary influences, Murphy had mentioned last semester that he also devoted precious sabbatical time to studying other intellectuals come the spring, the most significant of which being Thomas Kinkade.

Q: What brought you to study Kinkade's work?

A: Well, being a professor of Renaissance Art History, I of course have spent quite a bit of time with the past greats- Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Botticelli, etc... Moreover, I have spent time studying artists all throughout the ages, including those of our contemporary age, of which I'm particularly interested in. Reflecting on my studies, I'm of the opinion that many present artists tend to forget about how to truly embody spirituality and transcendent faith. After all, it is sublime when artistic expression truly conveys divine sensations of hope. That being said, I was eventually brought to Kinkade's work though because it is refreshingly brilliant; it captivates the viewer by depicting God's true love for his children. Being deeply emerged in



One of Murphy's favorite works by Kinkade, Painter of Light.

Kinkade's work the past couple months has allowed my personal devos to reach a true place of peace. It was really a "God thing" that I have been able to take this time to reflect on Kinkade's work.

Q: What have you found most inspirational about Kinkade's work?

A: Kinkade's work inspires me because he literally shows how every cloud has a silver lining. Painters often are bogged down with the destruction that our world experiences daily, but Kinkade points us to what lies after this life. He points to the golden gates of heaven and cottages and meadows of paradise that will someday be the new earth. Kinkade's sincere belief and call towards hope has inspired me.

Q: Do you feel that you have learned anything in particular from studying his work?

A: I have learned that to be a painter means to make your work accessible to everyone. For instance, people cannot look at Picasso's work and always garner a response, but when a viewer observes Kinkade's work, they understand that the majestic wildlife and glistening streams are meant to pull us towards faith and salvation in God Father. One day the lamb will lie with lion, not just in a Kinkade work but also in the New Kingdom of Christ

Q: Do you feel that the slogan, "Painter of Light" fits Kinkade well?

A: Well as I am sure you know, Kinkade was not the first to use this term. The term originated from J.M.W Turner, but like I said, I am sure everyone knows this was not a phrase coined to Kinkade but rather something he graciously trademarked for himself to honor one of the great impressionists of the past. He definitely did not adapt it to benefit his own multi-million dollar mass marketing reproduction business entitled, The Thomas Kinkade Company. I am sure he associated himself with this name to draw his audience towards faith in the divine, not to sway loving grandmothers towards buying yearly calendars and coffee coasters that match their white doilies and kitten teacups. Besides, Kinkade is much more deserving of this title than Turner anyway.

Q: What painting or group of his work do you find to be your favorite?

A: I enjoy most his paintings of churches on hilltops, this genre of his is just a touch idealistic and very subtly lavish. Furthermore, it is a meditation on his own personal adoration for the light that we all must shine from the hilltops: the loving light of God the father. Though his paint by number technique is stunning throughout all his work over his career.

Q: Would you consider him someone to be remembered through the ages and if so why?

A: Oh indeed yes. He will go down in history as one of the greats. Tragically the good always seem to die young, and sadly Kinkade was no exception to this rule. Though as Borges once stated, "Any life is made up of a single moment, the moment in which a man finds out, once and for all, who he is." Kinkade found that moment of who he must one day become in life: he was called to be the painter of light for us all. ★

Dan Sendker: Houghton Folktale Returns

EDWARD RUSSO

On Monday, March 10th, Houghton College was graced with the presence of one of its brightest and best: 2012 graduate and all-around good guy Dan Sendker. It was a short, impromptu visit that only lasted a few hours. But still.

Sendker was first sighted on campus around 2:30 in the afternoon, aimlessly wandering around the campus center, smirking at couples on the couches and desperately looking around for people he recognized. Eyewitnesses saw him pop up to the dining hall only to emerge moments later with what appeared to be a bagel concealed in his hand. He then moved onto the third floor of the Chamberlain Center where he spent most of his visit conversing with Drs. Fisher and Walters, who were successfully able to conceal their disappointment at having to talk to this guy again. He stuck his head in Paine and marveled at Science. He trekked out to Burke Field or Kerr-Pegula Field or Whatever the Heck It's Called Field and marveled at girders. He then returned to the campus center, where he spent the rest of his visit talking with optimistic yet busy juniors and utterly broken and disillusioned seniors, beseeching the latter to do whatever it takes to survive their final two months and promising them that they will actually miss Houghton at some point once they've graduated. Then he was on his merry way back home.

We were able to sit down with Mr. Sendker to hear some of his happiest Houghton memories. Many of them revolved around complaining about pretentious hipsters, successfully spanking a Rothmunk, and the life-changing discovery that if you lick someone's elbow in just the right place, they won't feel it. "Make sure you tell



Dan Sendker sends his godly regards.

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them that's a real thing," he said. That's a real thing.

We talked about life after Houghton — he's currently a first-year student at Boston University School of Theology, along with legendary Julius Cooke. We asked if grad school is busier and more stressful than college, at which point Dan started sobbing and looking for exits. When we were finally able to calm him down with funny pug videos, we changed the subject to other Houghton legends.

"Roth Cat isn't doing so well," Dan admitted. "Last I heard he was locked in a basement somewhere, lonely and damp. And Nate Calhoun still sucks at Super Smash Bros. Melee, which is kind of depressing." Fortunately, other Houghton luminaries have fared better.

"I know Colin Lauer is out west, teaching kids how to be astronauts. And apparently, Elisa Shearer [former opinions editor for the Star] is still clever and spunky. Best of all, Joyce Taylor is getting married in a pink dress this summer."

When our interview started to push seven minutes, Dan's average attention

span, we decided to wrap things up by asking if he had any words of advice for current Houghton students. "Be realistic without being cynical, and thank your professors," he said. "And don't steal bagels from the dining hall." ★

A Day in the Life of a Post Office Worker

PETER MEECHUM

Deep within the bowels of the campus center, in a 100-square-foot concrete-block box located at the south end of the basement, eighteen student workers and two college employees are busy at work to keep the campus running. These workers do it all: receiving and transmitting all incoming and outgoing mail, and even taking student photos for campus ID cards.

Yet despite the arduous work required to wholly facilitate the paper-based communications on a campus as large and sprawling as Houghton, with such a limited number of employees to shoulder the burden, an informal student survey revealed that the campus post office is universally considered one of the most difficult places to work at Houghton College.

What makes this job so appealing? A look behind the scenes revealed an assortment of unconventional perks that make the campus post office such an enviable workplace. Perks include cruising around campus in the P.O. minivan, taking turns riding in the mail cart, getting on first-name basis with the FedEx man, and blasting Top 40 music across the campus center basement during impromptu dance parties.

In addition, workers attain great job skills to help them succeed in their future careers. Students who have worked

at the campus post office consistently outperform their peers in creativity and innovation, perhaps resulting from the need to be proactive in finding things to do. "When it gets a little slow in the P.O., you've got to be creative," said senior Alyssa Figueroa, who once used some down time to help build a life-size igloo entirely out of mail crates. The post office has also been recognized for its creative hand-crafted snowflake decorations at Christmas.

No work environment is perfect, however, and the campus post office has its own sources of stress. Notable challenges include finding ways to cover shifts when the men's soccer team has an away game, and keeping up with distributing the high volume of CPO advertisements for MercySeat.

To mitigate these stresses, a culture of playfulness is encouraged. "Sometimes we've just got to take a break from it all and play some games in the back," said a worker who wished to remain anonymous, looking up from a game of Monopoly. "Excuse me for a minute... I think I hear someone ringing the bell at the window."

A student inquiring about a job at the campus post office was told that application requirements consisted of a personal recommendation from someone in the Athletic Department and a personal recommendation from someone currently or previously employed by the campus post office, preferably an older brother. ★



This is what happens when you don't take a Star on Fridays.

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Is it okay to disagree with another Houghton student in a publication that is distributed campus-wide?!?



CYRIL FIGGIS

Since Jesus is love and love is opposed to disagreeing, I feel that you should not disagree with another Houghton student in our newspaper. Now I will explain why I think this.

First of all, I am doubtful that Houghton students actually disagree about hot issues. But, if they really agree, then it would be lying for them to disagree with each other in public. Obviously, they are lying, which shows that they actually agree. And

I feel that it is bad to lie. Although, sometimes we have panel discussions at Houghton, and these imply that Houghton professors disagree about certain controversial topics. Personally, I'm convinced that Houghton faculty only pretend to disagree with each other on these panels. Again, Jesus emphasizes the importance of love and unity. Disagreeing with your colleague in front of students is probably not a Christian ideal, in which case it's not a good idea for students to mimic this sort of behavior either, since it could get out of hand. I would not be too surprised if a panel discussion ended in a fist fight one of these days.

Some people say that disagreements are healthy because they promote dialogue. Although I am not opposed to dialogue I worry that we can allow this to become an idol. So, although dialogue might involve disagreeing, we probably should refrain from disagreeing lest dialogue become an idol.

Finally, I will just reinforce my main point one last time: remember that Jesus doesn't want you to disagree with anyone else, because when you act as if someone else is wrong you are being unloving. ★

Cyril has more chapel credits than you!



PAM POOVEY

My opinion is that you should agree with other Houghton students. For instance, it's very hurtful when someone else disagrees with you in front of other people. Yesterday my professor disagreed with me in front of class and I felt embarrassed when I didn't know what to say back. But we don't want other people to feel awkward and embarrassed. So, it's only appropriate to agree with other students in the newspaper, since disagreeing would be mean.

Besides, if Houghton students continue to disagree with each other in their campus newspaper, they run the risk of causing their peers to stumble, because hearing a lot of arguments for a lot of different positions might make you a misologue. That is a person who hates argumentation because she has heard too many arguments for too many positions. (This is obviously a bad thing because it involves hating, and God is love, so hating arguments is opposed to God.) Houghton students are already in grave danger of becoming misologues since some Houghton professors think it is fun to confuse the students in their classrooms by making them think about a lot of different ideas. We cannot continue this trend in our student newspaper.

Instead, we should build up the Houghton community in love by showing support for other students' opinions. This means that you should always agree with other Houghton students when your opinions are being published in the campus newspaper. ★

Pam doesn't have time for your crap!

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Houghton professors think it is fun to confuse the students in their classrooms by making them think.

One View is funded by a sense of self-entitlement.

Facundus Nihil / Please Don't Feed the Patriarchy!



CHERYL TUNT

So I hear you're a baking whiz. Now, don't be bashful, I've tasted those signature butterscotch cookies. And your strawberry rhubarb pie? Don't even get me started. I'll admit, I sometimes take the long way back to my room so I can pass by yours and see if there's anything up for grabs. Your prowess in the kitchen is undeniable. However, I can't help but wonder if you ever worry about being mistaken for—gasp!—a Domestic Diva.

Yes, I said it. Though it's been three long years since They-Who-Shall-Not-Be-Named prowled the halls of the men's dormitories, harking their fudge brownies and misogyny, their mark on the face of all those who love to bake still lingers. So you must ask yourself:

am I one of them? Is there a chance that my generosity could be misconstrued as sexist? Is there a chance that my generosity IS sexist?!

Perhaps you wake up one morning in a men's residence hall. You're surrounded by men—men grinning, men smacking their lips, men mmm-ing in pleasure. "Thanks so much, this is amazing," one of them says to you. "Yeah, this is great," echoes another, "you should come by every week!" and as he reaches out towards you, you realize that in your hands is a tray laden with chocolate chip cookies. You gasp in horror.

Before you spiral too deeply into your existential despair, take heart: we've all been there. For some of us, it was an innocent plate of snickerdoodles. For others, maybe it was the harder stuff—cakes, pies, breads. The important thing is that we've all made it through, and that there is hope. The light of equality shines at the end of this long, dark chauvinistic tunnel.

The first thing you have to do is assess the situation. Are you a Domestic Diva? Ponder these questions: Do I find myself browsing for aprons online? Have previously injured myself while

attempting to do mundane tasks in extraordinarily high heels? Do I often clean things for no reason? Has it been longer than eight days since I've left my kitchen? If you find yourself answering yes to most of these questions, here are a few simple steps to help you out.

The first task is fairly easy. You must carefully sort through all those girly aprons you bought on Etsy at two in the morning after watching five seasons of *Ace of Cakes* on Netflix with a bottle of Pinot Grigio. Thin them out following a set of two hard and fast rules. Number one: no frills and/or ruffles. And number two: positively no witty sayings or catch phrases that in any way reference your female-ness.

That second one is an absolute must. Unisex mottos ONLY from here on out.

The second task takes a bit more commitment. You must involve yourself in other activities besides baking, and these activities are to be strictly concerned with women's rights. Try posting some angry rants in the comments sections of articles about plastic surgery prevalence in Venezuelan beauty contests, or sex trafficking at the Superbowl, or literally any blog post by Jefferson Bethke.

Participate in Take Back the Night events held on campus, and even bake for them. Wear t-shirts with aggressively feminist slogans. In general, just make sure that people know you are really, really, really, overtly egalitarian, like so much so that it hurts.

This leads me to the next step, with each step increasing in difficulty: don't shave. Just, don't. Unless it's your head. You'll be surprised by how liberated you will feel.

And the final, most crucial precaution that you MUST follow, no matter what the circumstances, no matter what the cost: Do. Not. Feed. Men. I am dead serious. I do not care how hot they are, how polite, how convincing, how old, how young, how unfortunate, how rich. Do whatever it takes to follow this rule. Make some signage. Employ Jenna Marbles' patented Face. Just Do. Not. Feed. Men. This is to be your mantra, your strong tower, your saving grace. Do. Not. Feed. Men. Say it until it becomes a part of your very being. Close your eyes, and let its truth wash over you.

I promise, if you stick to these four guidelines, you will be able to bake to your heart's content, worry-free. So hop to it! ★

Cheryl is a hot mess!

Starve them out and keep all the food in the kitchens to ourselves!

Ramblings of the Peasants!

Dearest Editor!

I am writing on behalf of a new campus group known as the “Chapel Knitters.” Having recently unionized, we are now petitioning to be granted art credit for our creative efforts during chapel. Let me outline the points in favor of this move:

1) The Chapel Knitters produce art that is both high-quality and functional. For instance, one member is currently working on a knitted body suit featuring Dean Jordan’s face in a checked pattern. When completed, this item will be immediately recognizable as a technical feat, but unlike snobbish gallery art, this body suit will also provide a Houghton student with much need warmth in the upcoming “spring” months.

2) Houghton students are universally recognized as being overbooked and therefore stressed. However, if participation in Chapel Knitters were tied to art credit, many Houghton students would be able to multi-task and would thereby reduce their stress by at least one stress unit.

3) Generally speaking, we feel that the campus and Spiritual Life in particular should support Chapel Knitters, since the act of knitting during chapel is a beautiful act that symbolizes the goodness of creation and being embodied. Encouraging our students to create with their hands (and moreover, to create tangible goods) is a way to reinforce the anti-Gnosticism held by all

Houghton faculty.

Sincerely,
Ray Gillette

Darling Editor!

In the interest of my fellow students, trapped like myself in the frozen tundra of western New York, I hope you will consider publishing the following survival PSA. While it is strictly off the record, I believe that many of the solutions I propose will be beneficial to those who find themselves in the midst of an eternal winter, with the hope that we all may emerge victorious at the end.

1. Layering. To fend off the bitter chill as frosty April winds whip round you, consider wearing multiple articles of clothing, to ensure that your flesh remains unscathed. All ethical concerns aside, a fur coat is best, even if it is a *girl’s* coat.

2. Diet. After so many months of the same cold-weather fare it is natural to want to spice things up a bit in the kitchen. However, it is important to remember to eat in moderation, and to avoid Turkish delight at all costs.

3. Guidance. Those who strike out on their own in winter will inevitably meet some sort of unpleasant fate. I recommend securing a guide, preferably one with a black umbrella of sorts. If he happens to resemble James McAvoy and has a propensity for trekking through the snow shirtless, bully for

you.

4. Teamwork. Related to the last point, it is imperative that you do not try to fight the winter alone. Don’t limit your cooperation to those you’re familiar with either. Woodland animals are a source of untapped wisdom. Beavers especially.

Going up against an endless winter is no small feat. That being said, I strongly believe that following these guidelines will greatly improve your chances of survival. I feel like I heard about a time when they worked before, I just can’t remember where...

P.S. Oh, and if you encounter a tall, witchy woman with a staff, get the #^@* out of there.

Yours,
Lana Kane

Beloved Editor!

A while back, I believed my neighbor was totally okay with me using his house while he was at work because while I was observing him leave for work in the morning (as is my custom), he glanced right into my eyes, which were peeking out innocently between the blinds, as he placed his key underneath a rock by the door. So of course he meant for me to see it. So I made a habit of going over during the day and hanging out in my underwear, watching *Frisky Dingo* reruns on his flat screen TV, and making myself meatball subs. Well, one day I was filling

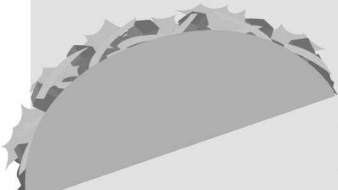
the bath to float my zucchini boat. I was on my way to the kitchen to get toothpicks for oars, but I got distracted by the neighbor’s cat, which I believe was choking on the jelly-beans I’d fed it earlier. Well the bath overflowed and flooded the house, causing my neighbor to have to pay hundreds of dollars in damage. I felt horrible, and immediately confessed my sins to him. But as he shared my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, he of course forgave me in good Christian fashion.

Best,
Dr. Krieger

My Dear Sweet Editor!

I write to you of an issue that is very close to my heart. I would like to make known the sentiment among many freshmen such as myself that we should be entitled to receive academic credit towards our integrative studies recreation requirements for the many long hours we have put in, day in and day out, night after endless night, *camping out* in the campus center, surviving by rearranging all of the couches, building blanket and cushion forts, and keeping warm by rubbing our bodies together incessantly.

Love,
Woodhouse



This is a Public Service Announcement. We at The Shack would like you to know that we know that you don’t care about us and never read anything that we print. As such, The Shack will be initiating a change. Effective immediately, The Shack will be converted into a gossip rag. Literally, a rag. We will be recycling old Purple and Gold week t-shirts and scrawling juicy gossip on them with markers.

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CFA 145

Agenda:

- ~Budget Report: Commissioner of Finance Josiah Evans
- ~Discussion on Senate restructuring

All students are invited to attend the meeting and participate in debate.

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"Six Font Wonder," clipart and word

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