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Helicopter Crash Results in the US' Greatest Loss in Iraq

A violent sandstorm in the darkness of the early morning resulted in a helicopter crash that killed 30 Marines and a Navy sailor last Wednesday. The men were being carried to Baghdad in a CH-53E Super Stallion to provide security for the elections on Sunday. The most US troops killed in a helicopter crash previous to this was 17, which occurred last November when two Blackhawks collided. Six troops were killed elsewhere in various ambushes, bringing the day's total loss to 37 troops. (From Source: <http://apnews.myway.com/article/20050126/D87S17B00.html>).

Condoleezza Rice Confirmed as New Secretary of State

President Bush's former National Security Advisor, Condoleezza Rice, was confirmed last Wednesday as the new Secretary of State. She replaces Colin Powell, who strongly disagreed with the opinions of many of Bush's inner circle. Rice was grilled last week by Senate Democrats who asked her questions about her responsibility in the prevention of the attacks of 9/11 and the steps taken to avoid and later implement the war in Iraq. Rice was confirmed by the Senate with a 85-13 vote, although this was the largest "no" vote against a proposed Secretary of State since 1825. (From Source: <http://apnews.myway.com/article/20050126/D87S11Q00.html>).

Infant AIDS Close to Extinction, Officials Claim

Last week US health officials stated that they were on the verge of ending the transmission of AIDS to infants. In 1990 there were almost 2,000 babies born with HIV transmitted from the infants' mothers. As of 2003 that number has been reduced to less than 200 babies. Officials credit better drugs, strong education of the public, improved methods of testing, and cooperation from local and federal health personnel for this progress. The new wonder drug, AZT, which attacks the virus in the blood and the central nervous system,

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CAB and Administration Continue to Search for Compromise

by JOSHUA MILLER
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Since the beginning of the school year, rumors about tension between the Campus Activities Board (CAB) and the administration have been circulating within the Houghton community. Sentinel articles, such as Dan Perrine's "What's up with the Pig Racing?" or "Who's Running CAB These Days?" have

addressed these control issues, accusing new Vice President of Student Life Wayne MacBeth and Director of Student Programs Greg Bish of forcing CAB to plan activities for

every weekend and using CAB's money without the organization's consent.

While the administration and CAB deny that MacBeth and Bish have "forced" CAB to do anything or drawn on CAB's finances, both sides acknowledge that the administration is trying to take a more active and authoritative role in working with

CAB on planning activities. "There has been a change in philosophy," Bish says. Prior to Bish's installment as Director of Student Programs, Matt Webb and Elizabeth Sartor served as CAB's advisers and took a relatively passive approach in their position, "allowing students to develop their leadership skills through experience." Bish, on the other hand, prefers to be "more hands-on" and wants "to give [students] an opportunity to develop

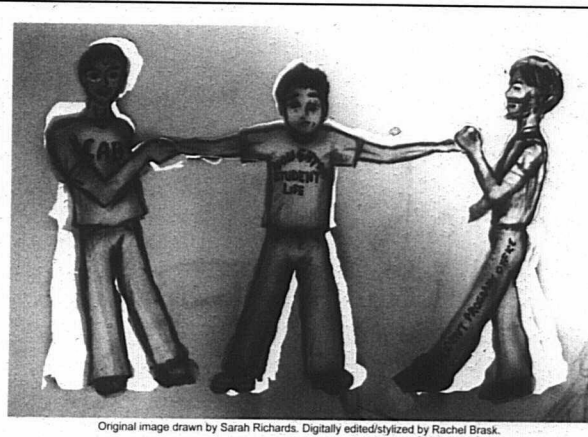
their leadership skills while working more closely with my office."

Unfortunately, this plan has been difficult for Bish and CAB to put into action. "There's a lot of tension," former CAB Director Ben Howard notes. In his interactions with

CAB staff this year, he has observed that CAB and Bish "don't seem to share the same vision."

Howard's statement is strikingly accurate. Both Bish and current CAB Director Amber Klebes admit that their viewpoints about the role of CAB differ greatly. One example is the previously cited

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has been particularly instrumental in the prevention of the virus' transmission from mother to child. Infant AIDS is expected to drop into the single digits within a few years. (From Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/01/30/nyregion/30aids.html?ei=5065&en=5e8876f16501e60b&ex=1107666000&partner=MYWAY&pagewanted=print&position=>).

Israel to Begin Evacuation of Gaza and West Bank

Sometime this week Israel is to evacuate all 21 of its settlements in the Gaza Strip and 4 from the West Bank. This is a significant step to peace on the part of Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Sharon and Palestine's Prime Minister Abbas, are to meet for a summit on February 8. The new US Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, is expected to attend the summit. (From Source: <http://apnews.myway.com/article/20050130/D87UIPE80.html>).

Bush Proposes \$125 Million for Computerized Health Records

President Bush stated that the current system of keeping paper medical records is "outdated" and inefficient, and proposed that this year's budget include \$125 million for the computerization of these documents. (From Source: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uslatest/story/0,1282,-4760247,00.html>).

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push from the administration for CAB to have something planned for every weekend. Bish's motivation involves "destroying the myth" that "nothing goes on at Houghton; you're out in the boonies"—a common complaint noted by the CRANE Study. According to Bish, "part of celebrating our location, part of showing people that we are a healthy campus is to make sure that we are providing activities and cultural events on a regular basis."

Klebes and the rest of the CAB staff, on the other hand, would rather put on fewer activities—about one or two a month—so that they could do "bigger, better events" that would appeal to a larger portion of the campus. "Our goal is to provide social activities that create unity," Klebes says, and believes that having a large amount of CAB events every month detracts from this unity. "If you do more events, then you're going to have less people at each event." Instead, Klebes would prefer to "provide the kind of social events that students really want and do those well."

But, as Klebes points out, CAB does not have the budget for these types of activities if they are responsible for providing entertainment for every weekend. She cites the Mystery Dinner this fall as a prime example of the financial difficulties that come with having a large number of CAB events. "We had to cap it off at 150 because of the

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cost," Klebes says, which forced them to exclude some who were interested and detracted from the unity that CAB strives to promote through its on-campus activities.

Bish is also aware of CAB's funding needs, but believes they can be met while still allowing CAB to provide more activities if CAB would agree to charge minimal fees at their events. Because of the portion of student tuition that goes to CAB's budget, Klebes feels that CAB is "responsible for providing activities for students without cost." Bish disagrees. "That money is not meant to underwrite everything so that students have free things on campus. That money is set aside as a supplement, so that students can have diverse experiences on campus for a reasonable price."

Bish and CAB have yet to reach a consensus on any of these issues, which has led to a miniature divide between Bish's office and the student organization. The on-campus movie series this spring—which includes *A Shark's Tale* as well as upcoming showings of *Ray* and *Oceans 12*—is being spearheaded by Student Programs without CAB. Originally Bish had offered the series to CAB who declined because they did not want to charge admission, so Bish decided to purchase the series and charge a small fee which will be used to cover the cost of showing the movies and to help fund the series of bus trips this spring—another set of events Bish proposed to CAB then took on after they decided against it.

Since then, CAB has agreed to partner with Bish in funding these trips, but tensions between the two remain high. "Our final goals are different," Klebes says, and acknowledges that CAB and Bish "need to come to some sort of compromise on what's best for students." Based on Bish's comments, he would seem to support this idea as well. But for now, the administration and CAB continue to struggle through this transitional period without any clear "compromise" in sight.

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FIRST YEAR HONORS PROGRAM EXPANDS

by VIRGINIA WHEALTON
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During the 2005-2006 school year, Houghton College's First-Year Honors Program (FYHP) will be expanded to include an "East Meets West" emphasis, in addition to the existing FYHP London emphasis.

As Dr. Christopher Stewart, Professor of Philosophy and Associate Director of London Programs, explains: "We had been talking for some time about exploring ways to expand the honors program—to make it possible for more students to experience an integrated and overseas experience in their first year." Many factors, such as housing constraints in London and the coming of Dr. Meic Pearse (History) to Houghton, played into the implementation of an "East Meets West" FYHP track which will, like the already-existing London track, provide an integrated curriculum for approximately twenty-five first-year students during their spring semester.

However, the FYHP "East Meets West" has several qualities which distinguish it from the London FYHP emphasis. In particular, "East Meets West" coursework will focus on Western culture's interactions with Eastern European and Muslim cultures. Furthermore, instead of taking students overseas for a semester like the London FYHP emphasis, the "East Meets West" program will entail students earning twelve credits of honors classes on-

campus during the spring semester. Classes covered will include Western Civilization, Politics, Introduction to Christianity, and Literature of the Western World. The current list of professors involved includes Meic Pearse (History), Peter Meilaender (Political Science), Stephen Woolsey (English), and Linda Mills Woolsey (English), the last three of whom have also been taught on the London FYHP.

During Mayterm, "East Meets West" students will travel to the Balkans under the direction of Professor Pearse, who has extensive experience in the region. The Mayterm trip will visit, among other places, Venice (Italy) and Dubrovnik (Croatia), which Pearse describes as two of the "three...crown jewels left over from the Middle Ages...entire medieval cities that are not monuments but still lived in and thriving." Both through interaction with knowledgeable residents and heavy exposure to range of Christian ministries, students will work towards what Pearse describes as "seriously interact[ing] with non-Western world views—not simply in learning about them, but trying to step into someone else's shoes—entirely—in the process learning much more about Western culture." As he explains, "Once you've seen the world through someone else's eyes, you understand your own outlook much better."

While the expansion of the FYHP may not seem to have much effect on the current students of Houghton

College, this new emphasis will certainly be another attractive distinctive for prospective students to consider. It may, as Stewart suggests, "bring students to Houghton who otherwise wouldn't have been here" to strengthen and enrich the student body.

THE TOP TEN... Houghton Events for the Bored (by Mike Mordenga)

10. Professor tipping
9. Revelations interpreted through dance coffee house
8. Ring by Spring Discouragement Seminar
7. Under-water mountain climbing step aerobics intramural
6. Old Text Book bonfire
5. Shen Bloc pep trainee courses
4. Corn counting (there's a lot)
3. Calculate how far Houghton actually is from civilization
2. Reminisce about warm weather and sunshine
1. Write the top ten

WANNA BE INVOLVED?!

The following positions are available for next year: **Lanthorn editor, Boulder editor, CAB director, and presidents of YFC, ACO, and WMF.**

These positions are no longer selected through election by the student body.

Rather, because of the constitutional amendment passed last year, these positions will be decided by a committee. In order to be considered for these offices, students must fill out an application and possibly have an interview with the selection committee. Applications are available in the SGA office or on the table in the campus center. Please consider this an opportunity to serve the club, the school, and the community.

For a complete description of each available position, see back page, 8.

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RELIGIONS: Roman Catholic 97%

Protestant minority
LANGUAGES: Spanish, Amerindian dialects

LITERACY: (definition: age 15 and over can read and write)
Total: 76.2%

Male: 76.1%

Female: 76.3%

GOVERNMENT: Democratic Constitutional Republic

INDEPENDENCE: September 15, 1821 (from Spain)

CAPITAL: Tegucigalpa

(Facts from CIA World Book.com)

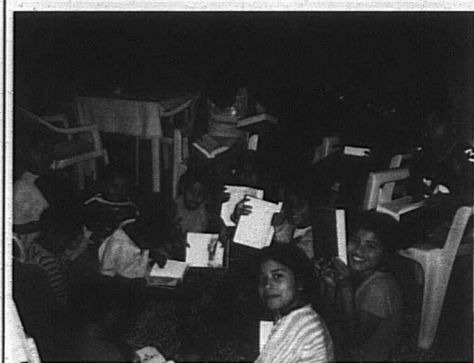
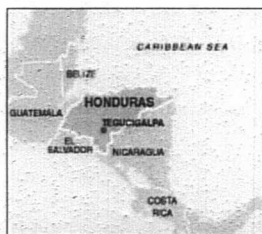


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Children at Casa Hogar look at their new Bibles brought by friends.

THE WORLD OUT THERE: HONDURAS

by KATIE HOOGERHYDE
Star Staff Writer

On April 3, 2005, a team of Houghton College students will set out with Sharon Hibbard and Greg Bish on a great adventure. It's off to Honduras for this very blessed group of individuals. While in Honduras, they plan to assist in an assortment of ways at an orphanage called Casa Hogar.

The team's leaders, Greg and Sharon, have been involved in relief and development projects in Honduras since 1998. On their first trip to Honduras they did Hurricane relief work with Tom Kettelkamp in the capital city, Tegucigalpa. Both Greg and Sharon made good friends in Honduras. Sharon states that, "Now, outreach to Honduras isn't about 'those people in Latin America' but rather about helping our friends". Both Greg and Sharon have returned to Honduras several times and have lived there for several months teaching English in a bilingual school and at a Christian university.

The team going to Honduras this spring plans to do more than play with the children of Casa Hogar all day long. In the morning, while the older children are at school, they plan to remodel the kitchen, build shelves in the pantry, and purchase a refrigerator. The kitchen at Casa Hogar is smaller than the average kitchen in East Hall. There is an oven that may or may not work for cooking, so large pots and pans are stored there. The two back burners on the stove are the only two that work, but only when you turn the dials for the front burners will they come on. There is a sink with no running water, and

the doors to the cabinets are falling off. There is a refrigerator, but it does not work, so all the dishes, cups, utensils, and some small pots take up a residence there. On average it takes two to three children and Santos (the woman who runs the orphanage) about one to two hours to make a meal for all 16 children. The remodeling to be done will surely prove to be a huge blessing! In the afternoons, the team plans to tutor the children in English, help them with their homework, and give them lots of love and attention. The team will be staying in a local, inexpensive, but clean hotel a short taxi ride from Casa Hogar.

When asked what the greatest needs are in Honduras, Sharon said, "It is the gap between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'. There are many opportunities to show the love of Christ as we take care of some of the physical needs...and there are many". The Spring Break trip to Honduras gives Houghton College students an amazing opportunity to show the love of Christ in a very tangible way. By remodeling a kitchen and helping with homework, this team will be able to show the children of Casa Hogar that they are loved not only by their North American friends, but also by our Lord!

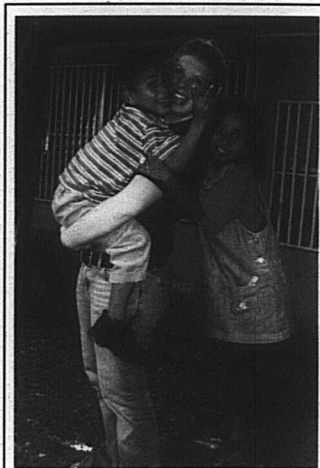


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Kate plays with brother and sister Denis and Paola over Christmas break.

One White Hispanic: Thomas Kettelkamp

by SARAH ALLEN
Managing Editor

Those who have had class with Dr. Thom Kettelkamp may not guess that this 6'2" man whose skin matches the snow on which he teaches skiing class makes his second home in Honduras. "I don't look like it, but I'm really Hispanic," explains TK, as he is known to most.

TK takes a group of Houghton students down to Honduras every spring for a

three-week Mayterm course, but his Honduran involvement neither begins nor ends there. A Peace Corps volunteer from 1973-1976, TK spent his first years out of school teaching physical education at the University of Honduras and coaching the national baseball team with Chofa, who would become a lifelong friend. He also got married to his wife, Margo, during those three years because he "got tired of the hot Latin chicks chasing [him]."

1988 and 1998 were also spent in Honduras while on sabbatical from professor life in Houghton, but he continued teaching and coaching in Honduras.

Many of the current Houghton students, excepting those who have taken Mayterm in Honduras, may not know TK because he recently came back to the Houghton campus for the first time in two years, having just finished work with the Latin American Studies Program. But those who have taken Mayterm in Honduras have been privileged not only to study under this

professor but to see him in his natural environment.

"I thrive, I feel alive in uncomfortable places," says TK. "It's part of a calling, something that I'm good at. I'm in my comfort zone when I'm there." Some of TK's best friends are in Honduras, including Chofa and many people on the faculty of the University—not to mention his 10 godchildren. (He explains, "When they asked us to be godparents in 1989, they had three kids, and every time we

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Where are you from?

Tegucigalpa, Honduras

When was the last time you were home?

Christmas break.

What do you enjoy the most?

There are so many things I enjoy here at Houghton, starting off with my job on campus. I also enjoy talking and discussing about world politics and U.S. government, especially with naïve conservatives.

How did you end up in Houghton?

Houghton College was the only U.S. school I applied to. The rest were in the United Kingdom, but UK schools don't often offer financial aid to international students. And also, I come from a big city with warm weather—I wanted the total opposite.

What's the biggest difference you've noticed between the U.S. and Honduras?

I am sorry! I am TOO BUSY, I DON'T HAVE TIME! I can't

An Insider's Perspective: An Interview with Inti Jordán Martínez Alemán

Interview by Sarah Allen

answer this question.

Why did you choose to study in the U.S?

I went to an American-styled school throughout all my life and wanted to continue receiving a high-quality education.

Ideally, what is your plan for life after Houghton?

I would want to go to law school, get my J.D. and become a lawyer. I'd like to practice law for a few years here in the U.S. (I need a Green Card!) to get used to the American legal system and then return to Honduras and become an influential political leader. I'd like to break from some of the unrealistic expectations that foreign entities prescribe to Honduras and also fight

the corruption at every level necessary. As a Honduran it is engrained in me that life is not all about having to DO something every second in life but that socializing, resting, and enjoying leisure time with family and friends is essential for humans to live a wholesome and rich life.

Tell me about your family.

My mom is a lawyer and notary. My dad is an economist working for a Swiss agency for sustainable development. I also have a sister, Killa, who is eighteen and in school in Minneapolis, and a fifteen year-old sister who is at home, enjoying having the house to herself.

What is your favorite Spanish word/phrase? English?

Infistiútico.

Darn toot'n!

How do you feel about snow?

Cold. Well, I used to love it last year, since it was my first winter; it's getting very annoying now.

Who is your hero?

I always have trouble naming one, I admire many people, for example, my dad—Manuel Antonio Martínez Guzmán.

What is one cultural misconception you would like to clear up with this interview?

Haha, how many do you want?

Ok, a common one:

Just because we Latinos are smiley and affectionate doesn't mean we are flirting or that we like you and want to date you. If it were the case, we tell you, directly. Interestingly enough, it is when we get nervous and rather shy with a girl that we like her, in a serious and respectful way.

TK, cont'd

came back they had more.")

So what then, is the value of dragging a bunch of culturally inexperienced students to Honduras every spring for a man who is so well-established in the community? TK's reasoning goes well beyond the frequent flier miles he acquires from the trip; part of Houghton's mission is that its students would have an informed worldview and he cannot imagine a Christian Liberal Arts Degree without an international experience. A member of Promoting Peace through Tourism, it is TK's belief that many world conflicts result from our insecure belief systems, and international tourism plays a large part in remedying our unfounded beliefs.

The U.S., says TK, is largely ethnocentric, treating non-citizens as less than human. Thousands of civilians have been killed in Iraq and while the rest of the world's Christians are protesting this injustice, North American Christians sit idly by, unaware of the full extent of the damage which is being done.

When we base our perspectives and opinions on the broadcast of CNN, we receive little more than a badly-distorted picture of reality. The narrow, insecure worldview that essentially is U.S. foreign policy can be changed

that urges TK to bring students to Honduras.

This year's trip is already full—it was within 2 weeks after the advertising had begun. Students will spend the first week and a half of their trip in

community while working on a service project. The 2005 Mayterm group will be split between the villages of Ulloa, where they will be expanding the church originally built by the 1997 Houghton volleyball team, and Yaguacire, where they will be finishing an addition to the orphanage, Casa Hogar.

Aside from the obvious benefits to the community, it is TK's hope that students will learn from their intercultural experience. Those who stay in Ulloa will likely be sleeping in hammocks, in wood shacks, on dirt floors, or whatever is available. The lesson to be learned is not how to avoid rolling over onto cockroaches, but rather what it means to be materially poor and spiritually rich. "My job," says TK, "has been to teach people to be comfortable in uncomfortable places through international travel. God may call us to uncomfortable places; and if we spend our whole lives trying to be comfortable—which is the goal of most of the world—we may miss the call to something bigger."

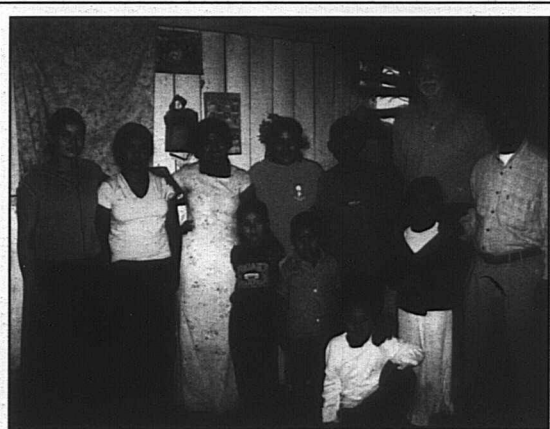


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TK (second from right) with his godchildren in Ulloa, Honduras.

when world citizens take the initiative to live in one another's homes, to eat, pray, and worship together, to get to know one another in a real way, thereby fully humanizing those who would otherwise be conceived as enemies. This is the thought

major Honduran cities including San Pedro Sula, Tegucigalpa, La Ceiba, Copan, and Utila. After seeing the sights, the students will have the opportunity to experience culture in a real way, staying in homes in the

MOVIES

with Adam & Pete

Grade: A

Million Dollar Baby is not a 2005 release it is a 2004 release and has been nominated for seven Academy Awards. It is not our trend here at The Houghton Star to review movies that have already been out for awhile. However, with the Oscars approaching and *Million Dollar Baby* appearing, as of only this past weekend, in a theatre close to Houghton, I thought I should review this film.

There are two movies most critics are saying the Best Picture category will come down to this year, *Sideways* and *Million Dollar Baby*. Luckily for you Houghton movie-goers *Sideways* is now playing Geneseo and *Million Dollar Baby* is playing in Olean. It is great to see both of these films getting recognition this year because they are both honest human stories. I saw *Sideways* a couple months ago and I would give it a "B+" (which means I do recommend you see it in the theatre) however I am giving *Million Dollar Baby* an "A" because I believe its human story is even more real, more shocking, and more thought provoking; and with this I will now actually get on to reviewing the film.

On the surface, *Million Dollar Baby* is a boxing movie, and a very good boxing movie at that. This is Clint Eastwood's humble submission to film history for this year, making it two masterpieces in two years—last year he directed

This Week's Review: *Million Dollar Baby*

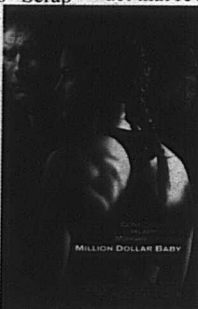
by ADAM KLINE

the remarkable *Mystic River*. In this movie however, Eastwood not only directs but also stars in *Million Dollar Baby* as Frankie, a worn down boxing trainer who runs a small-time gym and lives under the weight of a life of regret. Morgan Freeman plays Scrap-Iron, a former boxer who trained under Frankie. He and Frankie are best friends, possibly each others' only friends, and they live out their lives with conversations about boxing which are really not about boxing at all. Finally there is Maggie, played by Hilary Swank. Maggie is a thirty year old waitress who has had a rough life but who has finally found a real joy in her life: boxing. All three of these actors give stellar, Oscar-worthy performances.

The first two acts of this film are about two things. The first is about Frankie reluctantly giving in and training Maggie who has some stubborn but natural talent and with some training she is quickly adding knockout after knockout to her record. The second thing that occurs during the first two acts of this film is the development of the characters

themselves. In these two acts Eastwood directs with ease and patience and allows the audience to really get to know and care about these characters. The first two thirds however, is, only the surface of the film, it is the third act that reveals what this movie is really all about. Each one of these main characters have a dark past and the cinematography assists to tell this story beautifully. In the first act all three characters live in the shadows of life and their pasts and in the second act, they emerge from the shadows following Maggie's success and fame. Finally though, in the third and most important act they all recede back into the shadows for different reasons and because of different choices.

Some critics have been spoiling the third act in their reviews; I am one of the more intelligent critics who will not spoil the experience of watching this film. As I said before *Million Dollar Baby* is an honest human tale, it is so honest and real that it captivates you in a way that is so very rare in film today. The



audience actually has the chance to learn who these people are from top to bottom and cherish the relationships they have with each other. As a result of all this, the choices that these characters make in the third act, with their life-long consequences, affect us so deeply.

Clint Eastwood's *Million Dollar Baby* is a masterpiece because it does two things that are rare in filmmaking today. First, it develops authentic three-dimensional characters that we care about. Secondly, it allows these characters to make real-life decisions that, whether we agree with them or not, make us stop and reflect upon our own lives, our own ethics and our own beliefs. Filmmaking is not about giving the audience something they all agree with. It is art, and art makes you stop and think about your own life and what you would do in that situation. Any movie that sparks deep long conversation days after its viewing is a masterpiece because you have to go back and watch it again because to us, these were real people, people who made us laugh, made us cry, and maybe even made us angry. *Million Dollar Baby* is one of only a few films from this past year that provides beauty for the eyes and questions for the heart. This film will definitely be on my list of The Top Ten Movies of 2004.

by PETER PASIEKA

Christians and Foul Language in Film

Most of my favorite movies are rated PG-13 or R. I feel that they usually have the intense plot and appealing characters that the lower rated movies usually lack. As a Christian there is a little problem that comes with liking more mature or intense movies. These films usually contain some vulgar language.

The Grading System

- A+ = Perfect, no complaints
- A/A- = Great movie, worth owning
- B +/- = Good movie, worth seeing
- C +/- = Disappointing, maybe on video
- D +/- = Bad movie, not worth the money
- F = One of the worst movies of all time

Coming Soon...

In Theatres Friday, February 4th

- Boogeyman starring Barry Watson
 - The Wedding Date starring Debra Messing
- On DVD Tuesday, February 8th
- The Notebook starring Ryan Gosling
 - Shark Tale starring Will Smith

Looking from a Christian perspective, just because a movie contains swearing, does that mean that the movie is evil, completely worthless, and should be avoided like the plague? Not necessarily. I apologize if this is news to any readers out there, but the world we live in is not as cheery and loving as most of us would like it to be. That is why the New Testament repeatedly tells about the dangers of being "worldly".

I think one way Christians can approach movies with foul language is to watch a film in order to learn something about the world we live in. People usually criticize Houghton by saying that we live in this perfect Christian "bubble". One way to overcome that bubble is to not immediately push aside a movie with a PG-13 or R rating and open your eyes to the culture outside of Houghton, New York.

If the language in a film does not make you stumble spiritually then I consider watching higher rated films a good way of being in the world and not of it.

I believe that in some movies a lack of cursing can take away from the realism and quality of the film. For example, one of my favorite films is *The Shawshank Redemption*. This is a great story about hope and friendship. The movie takes place in a prison so the actors often use language that fits their characters. The story would lack major realism if the inmates all spoke like the Rev. Billy Graham or John Wesley.

Do not get me wrong. I am not saying that just because a movie is rated R for bad language that everyone should rush out to see it. Excessive vulgar language can sometimes ruin a movie. The first example of this I can think of is the

movie *Full Metal Jacket*. The first half of this film takes place at Marine Corp. basic training. The excessive and ridiculous language of the drill instructor in this film may be realistic but it distracts the audience from the plot. Another film that comes to mind that fits this category is *The Big Lebowski*. This is a hilarious film but every other word is the F-bomb which is a huge distraction.

If you struggle with swearing and you feel that being in contact with it will hinder your relationship with God, then I definitely respect that and recommend that you avoid films with vulgar language. For everyone else, if you can look past the swearing in certain films you may find that not all rated R films should be written off as wickedness. You may even like some of them.

Make a Difference on Martin Luther King Service Day

A conglomeration of friends, community members, and SGA folk joined the women's volleyball team to help at the Youth for Christ building in Wellsville. Our tasks were many: painting, installing ceiling fans and a security system, and cleaning out the upstairs storage area through trips to the dump, to name a few. Jon Cole, then the YFC director, was encouraging and grateful throughout our time there. We could see the impact we had made in many areas, not the least of which was the amount of storage space we cleared out which could be put to perhaps better use. Although we had no face-to-face impact with the students who benefit from YFC's ministries, we were helpful behind-the-scenes ministers who could bring glory to God by cleaning and organizing. Just one day of getting our hands dirty in service to the greater community helped us to keep perspective on the real goals in life. By serving others, we can show the love of God.

~Jessica Spear

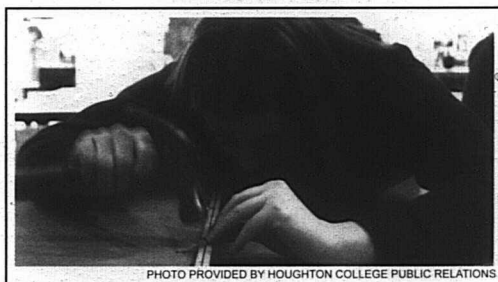


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MLK Service Day last year was really awesome. I was able to be with young kids and seeing the smiles on their faces was enough reward for me. I will never forget them and how they thought that you were the coolest person alive. It really is a great feeling! Plus, you are able to be with your friends, make some new ones, and serve just as Jesus served. We painted garbage cans and ceiling tiles, cleaned out bathrooms, kitchens, offices, and classrooms, and swept and mopped floors. Just a bit of manual labor for one day does not hurt anyone, in fact, it may even get you involved in other activities and give you something to be proud of. The difference that you make, you may never know, but at least you will know that you did.

~Amanda Kilmer



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I participated in Houghton's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day by boarding a bus, driving to Buffalo, and spending a good portion of the day working with 3 other people at Buffalo City Mission. Most of my time was occupied by sorting and arranging mounds of board games, coloring books, arts and crafts and school supplies.

Why did I wake up early and take time away from my supposedly important life to invest in a ministry and people I have had very little, if any, contact with in the past? I would be both proud and foolish to think that my individual life is so important as to not have time for other people, regardless of their status or ability to repay me. As a Christian, I am called to follow the example of Christ, who sacrificed his life for me when I was yet a sinner, and could in no way pay him back for the eternal life he offers me. I am also told in Philippians to esteem others more highly than myself. This may be practically demonstrated by meeting the needs of other people rather than obeying my own urges to arrange each day according to my own personal desires.

MLK Service Day and events like it reflect Houghton's own mission as a college. Service to others is a way of recognizing one's own place in life, of realizing that students do not or should not attend school solely for the purpose of bettering their own mental capacities or equipping themselves for a lucrative job. I am, at times, an upsettingly selfish person. But may I come to realize in my own life, the words of my hero, "[W]hoever desires to be first, among you, let him be a slave. Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:27-28

~Rachel Moran

Last year, nearly 400 students, faculty, staff and alumni were involved in MLK Service Day. Teams of volunteers were sent out into the local community as well as to Buffalo and Rochester to serve at a variety of different sites. Past sites have included Youth for Christ, the Salvation Army, Journey's End Refugee Services, King Center, Powerhouse Christian Youth Center and a variety of local and urban churches. This year, we are hoping to increase our number to 500 volunteers to continue to impact the communities around us. **Service Day will be held on March 19th this year and sign up will take place at meal times from March 7th-11th.** Sign up with a group of friends, a floor, a sports team, with a class, or independently.

We hope to see you all there!!!

SGA LEADERSHIP POSITIONS RESPONSIBILITIES

CAB Director

1. Act as head and spokesperson of the Campus Activities Board
2. Recruit CAB Staff and submit their names for approval by SAAC before the end of the Spring semester
3. Submit the CAB Staff to the Senate for approval
4. Work with the Student Programs Office to strategically plan and schedule events
5. Prepare and submit, in consultation with the CAB Assistant Director/Treasurer and the CAB Staff, a CAB Budget for approval by SAAC before the semester in which the budget takes affect
6. Meet regularly with individual CAB Staff members and the CAB Assistant Director/Treasurer, ensuring that events are being planned and advertised
7. Evaluate programs and staff at least once per semester
8. Chair weekly CAB meetings
9. Attend weekly Cabinet and Senate meetings
10. Meet regularly with the President
11. Have five posted office hours per week

Boulder Editor-in-Chief

1. Supervise all activities concerned with the publication of the yearbook
2. Represent the organization in all official capacities
3. Be the final authority in the organization
4. Appoint, dismiss, and determine the duties of the staff
5. Disburse all copies of the publication, including copies to graduating

seniors and returning students

6. Be responsible for seeing that all publication deadlines are met
7. Call staff meetings
8. Be responsible for the content to be published
9. Copy edit the publication
10. Be responsible for the accuracy of the publication's textual content
11. Be responsible for the overall design and layout of the publication
12. Become with all computer software necessary for layout
13. Be responsible for assigning work to subordinate staff writers, photographers, and designers

Lanthorn Editor

1. Represent the organization in all official capacities
2. Be the final authority in the organization and supervise all activities concerned with the publication
3. Be ultimately responsible for the content to be published
4. Be responsible for the overall design and layout of the publication

5. Choose a staff of no less than two and no more than four assistant editors
6. Be responsible for assigning work to the assistant editors and determining the duties of each
7. Initiate dialog and establish working expectations with the faculty advisor
8. Screen all contact to ensure that publication deadlines are met
9. Call all staff meeting (at least once a month)
10. Copy edit the publication.

YFC President

1. To be in charge of the YFC Cabinet meetings and in addition to have responsibility for setting an agenda.
2. To represent the group, e.g., in relations with the public, in chapel, etc.
3. To oversee establishment, maintenance and co-ordination of all of the activities of the organization.
4. To have responsibility for the publication once a semester of a newsletter consisting of organizational information of interest to the public.

ACO President

1. To be in charge of the ACO Cabinet meetings and in addition to have responsibility for setting an agenda.
2. To represent the group, e.g., in relations with the public, in chapel, etc.
3. To oversee establishment, maintenance and co-ordination of all of the activities of the organization.
4. To have responsibility for the publication once a semester of a newsletter consisting of organizational information of interest to the public.

WMF President

1. Oversee weekly cabinet meetings, chapel programs, New Vision Week, and Chamberlain lecture series.
2. Plan with the cabinet goals and objectives.
3. Maintain in contact with the Student Development office, faculty and staff, the Houghton Church, Christian life director, and the Church relations office.
4. Supervise and delegate.

GUIDELINES FOR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Readers are encouraged to write responses to any portion of The Star in the form of a letter to the Editor. Letters should be no more than 500 words in length and should be sent to david.tait@houghton.edu. All letters are subject to editing or dismissal at the Editor-in-Chief's discretion depending on their content and relevance. Letters should be sent to the Editor by noon on the Sunday before the next issue. Anonymous letters will not be printed.

Note from the Editor:

In honor of the 100th Volume of The Houghton Star, we have decided to upgrade our format from the traditional newspaper format to a cleaner and crisper magazine format. In doing so, we have had to switch publishers, which, in the first issue, resulted in some problems and significant delays.

We apologize for the inconvenience. We anticipate returning to the regular delivery date of Thursday of each week.

What do you think of the new look of The Star? Email star@houghton.edu and let us know.