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## Science Honors Launches Balloons



ANNA TOEGEL

Science Honors group members prepare to launch their balloon.

THOMAS ECKERT

After a year of hard work and long coffee-fueled nights, the 14 students that make up Science Honors have launched weather balloons they have constructed to take measurements of the upper atmosphere.

Leading up to the launch, Science Honors student Jonathan Yuly remarked, "It will be really exciting to watch what happens with our year's project, and how future years will move forward with it."

Each balloon was outfitted with

its own set of sensors and instruments. The sensors were run by on-board processing chips called a BASIC Stamp Boards. These boards act as the brains of the boxes. They tell the sensors how to work and then deliver the information they collect to a radio that sends it back to the students at Houghton.

Four teams were collected from the students to design an experiment that would use the balloons and

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## REMEMBERING DR. GEORGE BEVERLY SHEA

THOMAS ECKERT

Beloved Singer for Billy Graham, Dr. George Beverly Shea Passes at age 104

Tuesday evening, April 16, Dr. George Beverly Shea passed on to be with the Lord after suffering a stroke. He was 104.

At a memorial for Shea in Charlotte, North Carolina, Dr. David Bruce offered an illumination of the life of the singer. "This man's life can be summed up in a few simple phrases. The twinkle in his eye, the praise on his lips, the song in his heart, the length of his days, and the joy of the Lord," Bruce said.

Shea attended Houghton College from 1928 to 1929, and he sang in the Houghton College Glee Club as a student. Although not a graduate of Houghton, Shea was awarded an honorary doctorate in Fine Arts from the school in 1956.

Shea began work in broadcasting in 1929 while working as a clerk to support his family in New York City during the Great Depression. When the economy recovered, Shea was able to pursue broadcasting full-time. He worked as an announcer and staff soloist for WMBI Radio in Chicago starting in 1938.

In 1943, Shea met Billy Graham when the evangelist heard him singing for WMBI. At the time, Graham was working at another station in the city,



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WCFL. While he was overseas in the Army, Graham brought Shea to WCFL to sing in his absence. When he returned in 1947, Graham invited Shea to one of his first city-wide crusades in Charlotte.

Shea's success at this venue led to his accompanying Graham in his evangelism for the following 60 years.

Graham reflected on this time with Shea in his autobiography. "I have sometimes said that I would feel lost getting up to preach if Bev were not there to prepare the way through an appropriate song," Graham wrote.

Shea will be remembered as a beloved vocalist, family man, and devoted Christian. ★

## Appointment of Dean Michael Jordan a "Slam Dunk" for College

THOMAS ECKERT

After serving as Interim Dean of Chapel for the past semester, Dr. Michael Jordan has decided to accept the position permanently.

"I look forward to helping to shape Houghton's spiritual life. I especially look forward to helping people see that our spiritual life is not something the administration creates for the students, but something that we create together as we give ourselves over to the rhythm of worship and work, study and rest, prayer and play," said Dean Jordan.

Hailing from southern New Jersey, Jordan entered college at Houghton for undergraduate studies where he earned a B.A. in History and Bible with a minor in Linguistics. There he met his now wife, Dr. Jill Jordan, mathematics. After graduating from Houghton in 1999, he went on to attend Eastern Baptist (now Palmer) Theological Seminary where he graduated with a Masters in Divinity in 2002. He was a pastor at Exton Community Baptist Church in Exton, Pennsylvania from 2002 to 2009. During this time, he studied to receive his Ph.D. in Liturgical Studies from Drew

University in Madison, New Jersey. In 2009, he left his position as a pastor to come back to Houghton after Jill was offered her current professorship.

Jordan enjoys working at the college in a position of religious leadership. He said, "I've always enjoyed both preaching and the academy. Pastoring had a lot of the latter without the former; the people in my church didn't always get my drive to study. Teaching as an adjunct on the other hand is great, but doesn't let me explore my full pastoral side. The dean position will be great in allowing me to mix and enjoy both the academic and pastoral parts of my role here at the college."

Dean Jordan hopes to serve the community as a "spiritual tone setter." He wants to take chapel in a direction that is more deeply liturgical with a focus on worship and connection with God. Instead of having a chapel focused on information, he wants to see one focused on formation. He plans to provide more opportunities for communication between students and chapel speakers.

Jordan's view of chapel in the next

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## Seniors Bid Farewell

AMANDA IRWIN

The end of the semester is fast approaching, culminating on Saturday, May 11th with the Commencement of Houghton's class of 2013. Houghton will be saying goodbye to a diverse group of students with various majors and interests. As this collection of individuals look ahead to the future, they also remember their experiences at Houghton.

Student athlete and senior, Mark

O'Brien, commented on his participation on the men's varsity basketball team as being definitive to his time at Houghton, having had a "camaraderie that is hard to replace." He has been played on the basketball team since freshman year and attributes this part of involvement as having been influential to relationships he has made and the support he looks to as he prepares for graduation.

O'Brien is a business major with

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MARIBETH OLSEN

Seniors savor their last days on campus; prepare for life post Houghton



# HC Equestrian Center Hosts Spring Shows

KATIE ADAMETZ

On April 20, the Houghton College Equestrian Center hosted its annual Western New York Dressage Association's Challenge Series Show. This Saturday, April 27, the Equestrian Center will host its annual Spring Hunter-Jumper Show.

These two shows allow students to interact with outside riders, trainers, and judges every year. The Dressage Challenge Show is one in a series of shows, put on at different farms, that is sponsored by the Western New York Dressage Association (WYNDA), of which Professor JoAnne Young, Houghton's Equestrian Program Director, is the Vice President.

Carrie Keagan, senior psychology major and equestrian minor, will be competing for her last time as a student at Houghton. She said, "The shows is a great chance for Houghton

students to get a chance to compete against people outside of Houghton and see how they really match up against other riders. Most of us enjoy competing, and, as a group, we generally place very well in the classes."

Last Saturday, students in Dressage, Competition Dressage, and those who practice and train outside of a class setting, competed on Houghton's school horses. Students who board their own horses at Houghton have also competed in the past, but none chose to this year.

Historically, the highlight of the show is the Twelve-Horse Quadrille, which is a pattern ridden to music by twelve horse and rider pairs. Every spring semester, a different group of Houghton students learn the pattern and perform at the WYNDA Dressage show and at the Equestrian Program Senior Exhibition that will take place on May 10.

The first three levels of Dressage,

Introductory, Training, and First Level were performed by many different riders at the show. The Junior High Scorer was Joanna Sudlow, riding one of Houghton's schoolmasters, Entertainer. Kate Shannon, also riding Entertainer, placed first in the Senior Training Level One class, where she competed solely against riders not from Houghton College.

Dressage is one of the elements of the Equestrian sport that is performed at the Olympic level. Houghton teaches all its Equestrian majors the basic movements and theory behind the discipline, and, if they wish, students have the opportunity to learn movements that are performed at the Olympic level from Professor Young, if they choose to put in the time and perseverance.

Students from Horsemanship I to Mini-Prix Jumping Equitation (the highest level jumping academic course available to Houghton's stu-

dents) will be competing this Saturday. Classes will be offered in the under-saddle and over-fences categories. Under-saddle simply means that the horse and rider will compete with everyone else registered in their class at the same time and only have to go through the different gaits; there are no fences involved.

The spring Hunter-Jumper show also offers classes in both Hunter and Equitation categories. If the class is designated Hunter, then the horse and rider pair are judged only on what the horse does in the ring: the quality of its gaits and movement, its athleticism and conformation (or build), and several other technical factors. In an equitation class, the horse and rider pair are judged based upon the rider's position and skills when riding, regardless of the horse, whether it behaves perfectly or takes off buck-

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## DEAN MICHAEL JORDAN *from page 1*

year is one that moves away from a previously consumerism-like model. As it stands currently, students tend to choose which chapels they attend based on who is speaking, who is playing worship, or any other small aspect of the service and decide whether or not that chapel will interest them. In the future, Jordan wants to make chapel into a practice and experience that allows the students at Houghton to take some time out of their day to give back to God and refocus on His teachings.

He jokingly refers to this as taking time to "paint pictures for God's refrigerator" through our worship and, more seriously, as taking the time to lift our voices up to Him and devote our hearts to His glory.

When asked what he enjoyed seeing this past semester in chapel, Jordan recalled several highlights including faith journeys, the gospel choir's performances, and the support he has received from the students as he has taken on the position. He remarks that even the complaints about chapel that he receives do not give the impression that they are personal, but rather critical of the institution of chapel as a whole.

In some ways, this worries the DeAn. He would like the chapel to move from being a faceless body and towards being an accessible and organic part of campus. While he has avoided shaping the structure of chapel in his interim period as the dean, Jordan hopes that he can more deeply integrate chapel into the lives of students as something they can openly discuss and feel that their opinions are heard.

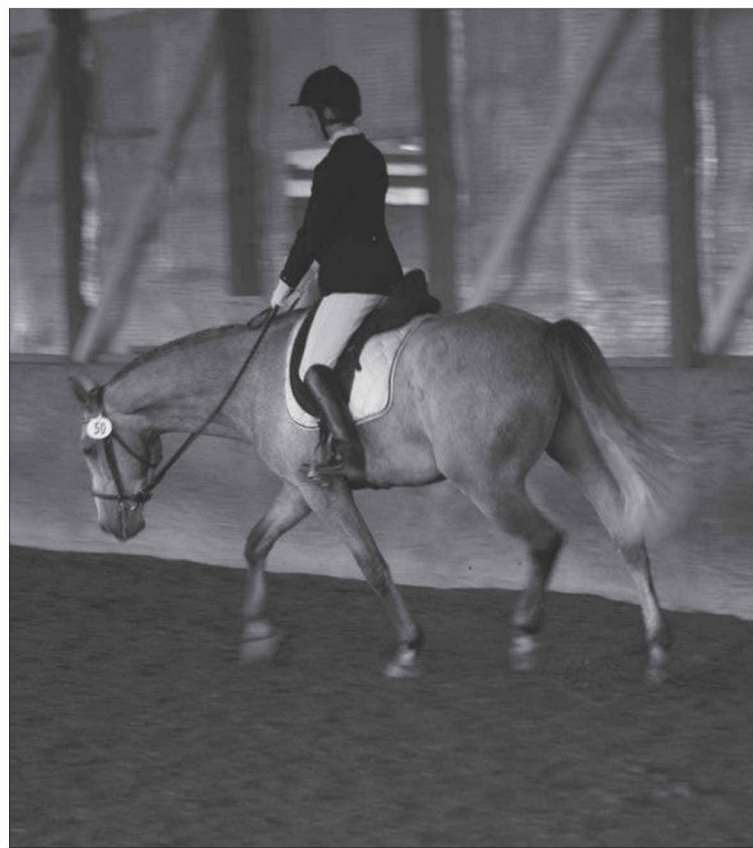
When discussing how Houghton has changed since his time here ('95-'99), Jordan remarks that very little has changed. "There is still the same mix of academics and Christianity that was present when I attended," he said. One change he notes is the increase in mobility and accessibility to the outside world. The college is a lot less isolated than it was in the past.

When asked about social justice movements at Houghton, Jordan

replied, "I'm a social justice guy." The seminary he attended is very well known for its unique focus on social justice, which has shaped his views on Christians in society. Defining his goals for social justice at Houghton, he wants to call out sin to rectify it and, in his words, "make a world here that Jesus will recognize as good when He returns."

Academically, Jordan would like to see more engagement with students about social and political issues. One source of engagement he views as being successful is the meeting of panels on social issues including same-sex attraction and sexual assault. The topics of these panels are often controversial and harsh, but Jordan sees them as bringing about positive change through open discussion.

"I hope students find me invitational: I know that they will not always agree with what I say, or my ideas, but I'm very open to the input of others and want to help us find our best way together," expressed Jordan. ★



Hannah Compton, current junior, performs a dressage test on her horse Eli

## Seniors Complete Honors Projects

SARAH HUTCHINSON

Pursuing honors studies at Houghton is not just limited to participation in the First Year Honors Programs, East Meets West and Contemporary Contexts. Students also have the opportunity to complete a senior honors project in their final year at Houghton.

Honors projects are minutely detailed research studies of a topic of a student's choice and are meant to mimic graduate school work. As such, the research and workload of an honors project is very challenging and is meant to go above and beyond standard 400 level independent studies. To even apply for an honors project, students must possess a minimum cumulative grade point of average of 3.25 and a minimum of 3.4 within their own major.

Often, honors projects result from experiences and studies in previous coursework. Senior Hannah Hanover, a writing major, is one such student who has undertaken an honors project this year based on her experiences studying abroad. After taking part in the Balkans semester last fall, she chose to write a historical fiction piece based around Jasenovac, a World War II concentration camp operating in the former Yugoslavia. Hanover said, "I was fortunate enough to visit the site of the camp while in the Balkans, and the museum there was very helpful and powerful in its scope."

Sydney Cunningham, a sociology major, has also completed an honors project that has resulted from previous study. She completed "a project examining how romantic roles and socioeconomic status influences wom-

en's occupational choices in STEM fields." This topic was partially inspired by collaborative research on similar issues regarding that subject. Likewise, Bill Clunn, a political science major, pursued an honors project entitled, "The Militant Politics of Poverty Policy; Flight Fight, Policy, and Rights" that was inspired after an internship he had completed during the Buffalo City Semester.

Overall, Hanover believes that the experience of the honors project has greatly impacted her future academic and career goals. "I wish to study the mid-20th century literature stemming from various conflicts in Europe, mainly Eastern Europe, and work at a university in the future," said Hanover, "As a fiction writer this was

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an exercise in exactly what I wish to write – historical fiction examining lesser-known conflicts (mainly in Eastern Europe) that could help Westerners understand the mindsets and values of those entirely unlike themselves.”

Clunn noted something similar, “Initially, I was interested in pursuing criminal law in grad school, but after completing this project I am now very interested in pursuing studies in poverty. I am going to be attending a law school in North Carolina where poverty is an important issue.”

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sensors to analyze data about climate change. Groups did experiments that ranged from measuring CO2 to the refraction of light through clouds and how it affects the sun’s rays hitting Earth.

The balloons were launched on Tuesday, April 23rd at nine in the morning after a short press conference. Unfortunately, as science is wont to do, the live experiment was met with many challenges. On the night before the launch, two of the radios on the boxes were fried after being overcharged with current.

R.D. Marek’s radio was one of the two that was ruined. At 2 am, in the Paine building, he was quoted as saying “I’m looking for a ‘Lazarus moment’.”

Eventually, he got it when his radio resumed normal function. The other radio did not however and that group’s balloon was not able to launch.

The teams prepared to launch 3 balloons from the quad on Tuesday morning when they were met with several unforeseeable misfortunes.

The first group to launch had no issues in launching their balloon. However, once it was up in the sky, they found that although it was transmitting data to the computer on the ground, the computer was not properly recording the data.

The next group was disappointed when their cut-down system, meant to release the box from the balloon in case of an emergency, was activated by a faulty radio transmission and cut the balloon from the box as it was beginning to lift off the quad.

Lastly, the third group found themselves similarly unlucky. When released, the knot that tied their balloon to the box came undone and the team watched as their balloon floated away.

The balloons, costing around \$300 each, were not able to be replaced immediately and the two launches that failed were not able to relaunch.

Despite these issues, the crowd watching the launch still enjoyed getting to see the experiment unfold. Said freshman, Myra Mushalla, “I got to see many science honors students work on their balloon projects for a long time and getting to watch the launch off the quad was very satisfying, even for me; so I imagine it was great for them.”

The teams retired to the Science Honors Lab after the launch to watch

Overall, the participants in the honors project recommended the experience. Cunningham and Clunn noted the benefits of completing a mock graduate study experience. Hanover also said, “Writing an honors project is an excellent way to discover your academic style. I realized many things about my work process that I can now attempt to remedy. It teaches you the flaws in your time management, the frustrations of prolonged projects, methods needed to push past writer’s block, and gives one a taste of graduate-length work.” ★

the one successful launch travel northward on a GPS tracker that was linked to the box. Once the balloon showed that it was in a constant position for several minutes, the teams piled into three Houghton vans and drove to Dansville, NY to retrieve it.

A woman who owns the property where the box landed led the teams up into the woods where they found the box 50 feet up, hanging on a tree limb, unable to be retrieved. With this last disappointment, the teams got back into their vans and went out for ice cream.

Plans to retrieve this box have been set into motion, but at the present time, it is still swinging away from the top branches of a tree in Dansville. ★

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a Bible minor and thanks the business department for giving him direction. He said, “professors go out of their way to help you, give insight to the future and opportunities, and stretch you to try new things.” To use the time spent at Houghton to the fullest, O’Brien said to “cast a broad net, and then narrow your interests to the things that you will enjoy the most.”

Alice Browning, a senior political science major with self-designed minors in human trafficking and supply chains and community development in an international context says that Houghton has influenced her world perspective. Although her identity has stayed the same throughout her time as a student, Browning said, “I have been challenged to view the world in a more flexible and permeable way.”

An important aspect of Browning’s Houghton experience includes the time she has spent being able to explore many interests. She said that she has learned that it is more important to “define the greater questions rather than being concerned with finding the answers.” Next year Browning is planning on working with the Wesley Corps in Buffalo in helping with the resettlement of refugees.

Julian Cook, a senior studying religion and music, describes Houghton as a place dedicated to self-discovery. His experiences have greatly influenced his decision to attend Boston University of Theology in the fall and of pastoring, teaching,

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ing.

The show ends with three jumper classes, which are not judged by the horse or the rider, but rather the speed that the pair can complete a course. The obstacles are higher and more complicated or distracting in jumper classes, and the goal is to leave all the fences untouched in the shortest amount of time.

Andrea Ypma, a senior, said, “The hunter-jumper show provides students a chance to show what they have learned over a variety of courses designed to test their skill.” Ypma has a vast knowledge of course design concepts and spent her internship at Thunderbird Equestrian Show Park in Canada, a facility that hosts high-level hunter-jumper competitions. She has helped to design challenging and interesting courses in the past.

Houghton’s Equestrian Center also hosts an annual USEF/USDF

Recognized Dressage Show, a horse trial in the fall, which incorporates, dressage, showjumping and cross country, and a Christmas Hunter-Jumper Fun Show. All events are free to spectators, and the Equestrian students would love to see the rest of the college spend some time at the horse barn.

The program offers many excellent opportunities, the shows being just a few. Young said, “The Equestrian Program gives students a solid foundation in Equestrian Studies, based on the principles of classical dressage, and incorporating riding, teaching riding, training horses, and care of the horse. If you love horses, and are willing to take the time and effort to learn to understand their culture and how to ‘speak their language,’ the amazing lesson horses at the Equestrian Center have some fantastic things to teach you.” ★

and leading in the future. Cook has found the connection between his interests and said he sees the “value in traditional Christianity to not neglect questioning” as well as appreciating the “musician as a prophet and minister.” In looking back, Cook says to “endure past the questioning and get involved.”

Coming from a family of music teachers, senior music education major Maribeth Olsen said she initially chose Houghton for the way she fit into the music program. Olsen said she has truly appreciated the ability to pursue activities outside of her major. This summer Olsen will have the chance to be a Highlander leader and is excited for this opportunity to interact with Houghton students after graduating.

As her time at Houghton draws to an end, Olsen has found it helpful to make a bucket list. Her list includes the mundane and arguably for her the most rewarding, including: completing a Star crossword, getting on stage, sitting with Coach Smalley in chapel, going to Higgins’ Hole, and visiting the Red Barn. Olsen is currently applying for various teaching positions and her search,” seeks small communities similar in their reciprocity to Houghton.”

For senior Sarah Jacoby, a double major in religion and humanities, off-campus programs have played a significant role in defining her passions and interests. Jacoby spent a semester abroad during her freshman year as a participant in the London Honors Program. She also participated in the

City Semester Program in Buffalo for the spring semester of her junior year. Both of these opportunities were “valuable and practical in making connections within [her] majors.”

Jacoby is hoping to work with Wesley Corps next year as well as other non-profit organizations in the future before attending graduate school. With the approaching opportunities and possibilities, Jacoby looked back on the relationships she has formed at Houghton and said, “I have found people that I can return to – strong networks of people who are excited about my life.”

Senior Nathan White, having majored in intercultural studies with a double concentration in linguistics and TESOL, will be heading to Thailand this summer to do a graduate study in Linguistics. While overseas, White will also be doing TESOL work and language development with people in “helping them to value their heart language.”

Entering Houghton as a transfer, White has found it to be a place where “intelligence and faith have a beautiful collision.” He commented on his growth as an individual, not being afraid of the uncomfortable, embracing the awkward, and learning to be whole. White attributes these qualities to those he has interacted with, including his host family in Tanzania, professors, and friends. White said, “There are classrooms everywhere. Behind every face there are glorious stories.” ★

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# Senior Art Reception Tonight



Senior art show in the making

ANDREA PACHECHO

LYDIA WILSON

At 7 p.m. tomorrow evening, the Ortlip Gallery will open to reveal the Senior Art Exhibition. This exhibit is one that art majors steadily work toward over the course of their four years at Houghton, and it is the culmination of their learning, experiences, and artistic efforts.

This show is unique in the fact that it is entirely student-run. “They install their work, set up the gallery space, and do advertising,” said Gallery Director Renee Roberts. “I do very little except help with small incidental questions and problems.”

This makes the display itself an integral part of each student’s vision for their work, and an added reason to attend the exhibit and experience

how the work is presented. “It has been exciting to see the show being installed this week,” said Hannah Jennings. “Getting to see everyone’s hard work in the setting of the gallery is always really rewarding.”

This year, senior art students have the additional challenge, and excitement, of an exceptionally large graduating class. “I’m looking forward to the wide range of work that will be shown,” said Jennings.

Art majors this year have had concentrations in every possible area of study, and the show will surely express variety, with everything on display from ceramics and sculpture, painting and drawing, to photography and printmaking, digital art and graphic design. “I am proud of the work the seniors are exhibiting and think it reflects what a strong and healthy art department Houghton has,” said Roberts. “I am so pleased to be able to go and support and appreciate their work on a personal level.”

Students themselves have mixed feelings about pulling together the exhibit. “I feel like in putting up your senior show there is supposed to be this sense of closure,” said Tricia Powles, “but I am now more excited to keep working than I’ve ever been. I am putting up my pieces and showing them to the public for the first time, and that is awesome and I’m a little nervous about their reception. I treat my pieces as if they were my children, they’re really important to me, and so I’m going to be nervous.”

Seniors have been advertising the show and inviting their family and friends to come and see their work. Jennings said, “It is always encouraging for the seniors to be supported by their fellow students for this show.”

It has been an intense and trying year for these seniors, who are excited and proud to have their work finally on display. “Everyone should come see what we’ve done!” said Powles. “This is the beginning of everything.”

At the opening reception there will be music and refreshments, also provided by the seniors themselves. And in the words of Roberts, “There is no reason for students to not be here! This is such an excellent show! Come!” ★

# Spring Sports Update

LAUREL WROBLICKY

The end of another school year also marks the end of an athletic season and a collegiate career for the graduates. Although Houghton athletes were honored earlier this month for their accomplishments, some athletes are still working hard to finish their seasons.

“We are looking forward to getting into year two and continuing down this road with our involvement in Empire 8,” said Athletic Director Skip Lord. “We are excited about what is happening with the National Christian College group.”

The track team participated this past weekend at the Empire 8 Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Nazareth College. The women finished fourth and the men took seventh. Freshman Tim McGowan, sophomores Mary Strand, Marina Slavin, Cara Davenport, Andrea Melhorn, Danielle Lyndsley, Jordan Cady, and juniors Leah Williams and Alyssa Figueroa

had notable performances. At the Empire 8 Championships this weekend, men’s golf finished ninth out of nine teams. Junior John Carpenter led the team with the lowest score; however, it did not figure into the team’s overall score since he did not compete in the fall. Thus, sophomore Evan Castle’s score of 367 led the team. Last week the women’s golf team beat Keuka at the Keuka College Spring Invitational on Wednesday. Sophomore Hannah Fink led the Highlanders with a score of 94. However, the team came in third at their home tournament last Saturday. Fink led the team again, shooting 109. As a new program, women’s lacrosse has fought hard to earn their first win. The Highlanders defeated Hilbert 14-13. Junior Amanda Zacchigna had a career high of six goals and an assist, sophomore Tyler Reese contributed three goals and an assist, and sophomore Nicole Mason had two

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## Things to Eat



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Garlic scapes

PHYLLIS GAERTE

How ironic that I wrote this piece on the same day as the National Day of Garlic, the feature food of my article.

Garlic, a relative in the onion family and native to central Asia, has been consumed by humans for more than 6,000 years. Known for its medicinal qualities, garlic has been used over the centuries for currency, to ward off evil spirits, as an aphrodisiac, and more. Most commonly it has been used as a seasoning that is a frequent flavor booster in world cuisines.

As a self-proclaimed “foodie,” I have been using garlic in savory dishes since I can remember learning to cook. But it wasn’t until a few years ago that I discovered that you could use more than the bulb of the garlic plant. Garlic “scapes” were introduced to me by my son, Andrew, who did an internship four years ago

at a sustainable agriculture center in upstate New York.

The scape, or garlic curl, represents a stage of growth common to the hard-necked variety of garlic. As the underground bulb grows and begins to harden, the plant sends up a dense green shoot the consistency of asparagus that curls as it grows longer. Snipping off this curly shoot (the scape) at this stage, before it produces a flower, allows the garlic bulb to grow larger.

Garlic scapes are considered a vegetable and have a mild garlicky flavor. While my favorite way to use scapes is in the pesto recipe below, it can be used in hummus, sliced thin and sauteed, and even added raw to salads, and other vegetable dishes.

Garlic Scape Pesto

- 1 cup garlic scapes (8 or 9 scapes), chopped (remove flowering end)
- 1/3 cup walnuts
- 3/4cup olive oil
- 1/4to 1/2 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- Ground black pepper

Mix all together in a food processor and blend to a fine consistency.

The pesto is delicious tossed with warm pasta or spread on as the bottom layer on a pizza before adding other toppings.

You can freeze the pesto or refrigerate it for up to one week.

Garlic scapes usually appear for a few weeks in late spring or early summer at local farmer’s markets. Doug and I planted our first crop of garlic last November and today the plants are several inches out of the ground. I will be watching for our own scapes and also at the markets again this summer so that we have a fresh batch of pesto in the freezer for use next winter. ★

## CALENDAR

4/26

- BB @ St. John Fisher
- WLAX vs St. John Fisher

4/27

- Soup Run
- T & F @ St. John Fisher Invitational
- Houghton Palooza
- WG @ Nazareth Invitational
- MLAX vs Bryn Athyn College
- BB @ St. John Fisher
- SB @ Elmira
- Opening Art Reception: Senior Art Exhibition
- Symphonic Winds Presents: Prayers, Dances and Celebrations
- HC Spring Hunter-Jumper Horse Show

4/28

- WG @ Nazareth Invitational
- SB vs Nazareth

4/29

- Recital: String Quartet
- Graduate Recital: Jonathan Haley, guitar

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# Houghton Palooza Tomorrow

HOLLY CHAISSON

Spring came just in time for Houghton’s annual outdoor music extravaganza, the Houghton Palooza, taking place this Saturday April 27 on the quad at the townhouses. This year’s event will host a musical line-up featuring of a mixture of local musicians and Houghton students.

One of the bands performing this year is Samecity. Headed by Justin and Hannah Bowersox, Samecity is an alternative/folk rock group that will be playing the songs from their new EP that was released this week. Graduate Justin Bowersox, lead vocals, said that the band’s music “[addresses] the issues of brokenness and hopelessness and reconciling them with the hope found in Christ.”

Hannah Bowersox, senior, said that for Samecity, the Palooza is “an opportunity to play for friends...they can see what we devote our hearts to.”

Many involved with the event are hoping for and expecting a big turnout. For many of this year’s performers, the Palooza is an opportunity to showcase a year’s (or more) worth of hard work and practice. Senior Dan Larson, drums of Samecity, said, “it’s nice to see all our friend’s bands and what everybody’s put together.”

Sophomore Aaron Arber and his band “Crowning Achievement” will also be playing at this year’s Palooza, performing a selection of covers and some original songs ranging from pop

punk to heavy rock in genre. This is the band’s first time playing at the festival, and Arber said, “We’re going to try our best to entertain, but we’re mainly playing to have a great time.”

In addition to the musical main event, there will be several different clubs making an appearance and hosting booths. For instance, junior Nathan Hatch said that Printed Matter Press will be offering screen-printing and that the Environmental Club will offer Henna tattoos. Senior Lanthorn Committee members Hannah Hanover and Megan Specksgoor will also be joining the festivities and hosting a face-painting booth.

Hanover said that, in addition to face-painting, the Lanthorn’s booth will feature some free books as well. Hanover added that she and her fellow editor, Specksgoor, “can’t wait to relax with other clubs on campus...and to have the opportunity to share [their] enthusiasm for student art with the campus.”

Hatch said that this year will be different thanks to the involvement of several different clubs, making this year’s Palooza “a better event for everyone.”

Accompanying the music and various activities hosted by each club’s booths, Hatch said that there would be “plenty of 3 Bums pizza, cotton candy, and smoothies.” Hatch also said that Silas and Sadie Miller will be selling lemonade to raise money for Silas’ well fund in Africa. ★



## Things to Do

NATHANIEL KITCHEN

Wiscoy Falls is one of those places that should be on every Houghton student’s bucket list. Set back a mile or so from the well-frequented Route 19, this chain of three waterfalls is a gorgeous sight to see and explore. To get there, simply drive 10 minutes north of Houghton on Route 19, and take a left at the sign denoting Wiscoy. As you follow its direction, you will come to a Y in the road, at which you should continue to the right. Very soon, you will reach the bridge that overlooks the first of the falls. Most Houghton students that expedition here will make use of the small dirt parking space next to the condemned mill building just past the bridge, and then proceed along the path that extends from there.

Visitors should follow this pathway through the woods, and then there is a hike across a firm dirt trail along the river. After dodging briars and climbing the dry sides of the waterfall’s shale, visitors can splash through the shallows on their way upstream. As they chase the river toward its source, visitors will encounter three waterfalls before finally being faced with the dam that spills the water down toward the Genesee. All three of these waterfalls

are accessible to the adventurous expeditionary, and they all hold secrets of their own for the discovery.

As visitors approach the second waterfall from downstream, they will find the riverbed to be hazardously pot-marked with greater or lesser depressions in the rock. The deepest of these begins a short way from the strongest portion of that particular fall and extends right up to the crashing of the water. However, there is a ledge that can be traced from the right side of the falls (facing upstream) that will lead visitors along the edge of the falls. Visitors will be led to a point where their faces are stung by the spray of the water and they have no more ledge to trace, and it is at that point that visitors may let themselves fall into the powerful curtain of water and startlingly find themselves safe in an open cavern beneath that very curtain. This moderately sized cavern is my personal favorite place to explore when I travel to the falls when the water is warm.

Since it is only early spring, I would not recommend swimming at Wiscoy just yet. But you may still enjoy the picturesque scenery and take the opportunity breathe the clear air of a white-water Spring.

## SPORTS *from Page 4*

goals and an assist.

Men’s lacrosse has been struggling as well this season. Their top scorer, senior Tyler Kempney, has been out due to injuries. They conclude their season this weekend against Bryn Athyn. Unfortunately, neither lacrosse program can participate in postseason play through NCCAA because there are not enough teams.

“It is really hard to progress as a team made of a bunch of guys who have never played before, but considering we are a new program we have done really well,” said junior Shawn Schelble. “Everyone who is playing is there because they want to play. In practice everyone is intentional and deliberate in what they do.”

The baseball team continued their winning streak against Utica this past weekend. Sophomore Kevin Cassar earned Empire 8 pitcher of the week for striking out nine hitters and walking no one. The win was a team effort, with exemplary performances from seniors Kaiden Bowers, Jacob Bannerman, Ignacio Villalobos and sophomore Seth Cornell.

“Baseball is sort of ahead of the game [regarding the new programs]. They are winning some games and knocking some of the Empire 8 teams as a brand new program,” said Lord. “Softball, although they are still looking for their first win, tend to play

competitively, usually struggling in one inning.”

Senior Megan Musser, junior Samantha Patoff and sophomores Sarah Beirne and Morgan York have all competed well on the softball field. It has been a challenge with both softball and baseball playing their home and away games on a different field.

“The fact that we are away so much, makes it so difficult to keep up with our tough academic loads,” said senior Cydney Blong. “It really tests our ability to stay focused every day.”

The softball and baseball fields should be completed by this July. There will be a special board meeting on May 3 regarding the progress of the field house. Potentially, they could break ground as early as this May, meaning the field house could be completed by next April.

More change will come as the transition to NCAA continues. Tennis will be added next fall, playing a full Empire 8 schedule. Coach Charlie Ellis has already been hired and is actively recruiting. As new players come in, seniors say goodbye to their collegiate careers at Houghton.

“I have learned a lot after four years as an athlete,” said Blong. “Coach Lewis helped me to develop my faith, Coach Dougherty taught me the importance of staying focused on the prize, and Coach Shepherd helped me to learn patience and perseverance in trying situations.” ★



Spring at Wiscoy Falls

MARIBETH OLSEN



## Welfare Recipients, American Stereotyping, and the Inactive, Loud Church



LUKE LAUER

BILL CLUNN

Are you living off of welfare? The answer is not as obvious as you might think. Presently, Houghton College and the federal government are two of the greatest welfare distributors in Houghton, N.Y. Welfare according to our friends at Webster's Dictionary is "aid to people in need: financial aid and other benefits for people who are unemployed, below a specific income level, or otherwise requiring assistance, especially when provided by a government agency or program." We in Houghton are not like 'those people' who are unemployed. We have jobs. Well, we have jobs subsidized through the federally mandated work-study program which is not a natural byproduct of our free-enterprise capitalist society. My income is subsidized every time I work and if you work somewhere other than Subway or China Star then you receive a welfare

benefit through the federal work study program too.

But perhaps you don't work on campus but instead you receive a weekly or monthly stipend from your parents. I will not argue that you are lazy because you do not work. This benefit is not earned; rather it is inherited because you fit into a special class of people: "mom's and dad's child." Your mother and/or father are very gracious with the welfare they impart on you. Few people would say that it is wrong for parents to impart benefits to their children simply because their children are their children. What about those of us who receive federal grants or federally-backed loans to cover the cost of tuition at Houghton? Aren't these forms of aid welfare also? Perhaps you are beginning to realize that many if not most of us are here because we depend on the goodness of another person, a government, or an institution. When you start that small business and you receive your 'subsidy' that too is welfare. A select group or person receiving a benefit that only that group or person is 'entitled' to is a basic qualification for all welfare recipients. Houghton college students are largely living on welfare.

Unfortunately here at Houghton College when we visualize a stereotypical

welfare recipient we see a lazy, black, unmarried mother of 8 not a white college student. Even so we make an exemption because to us the federal government can 'subsidize' wealthy fortune 500 businesses, oil companies, coal companies, banks, and colleges but if it gives any money to a woman raising three children on her own then it acts unethically. Would we continue to advocate the destruction of the modern American welfare state even if it meant that people would die? I am not being melodramatic. For some children the only meal they receive each day is given to them through the federally mandated free or reduced lunch program. The food

stamp program was established to provide for children who had lost their fathers in warfare. The federal government asserted that children face many disadvantages when growing up without a father. Regardless of the choice their moth-

Perhaps you believe that private institutions would take the place of the welfare state and do a better job as well; our nation's history shows that just isn't the case.

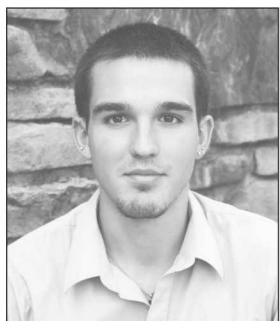
er made or whether a child's father left or died should a child suffer for the 'sins' of his or her mother or father? Furthermore, it is historical fact that the institution of marriage was forbidden for black slaves in the South. Should we wonder why it is an uncommon institution in the poor inner city communities which grew when southern agricultural industrialization forced former slave-sharecroppers north?

Don't get me wrong, the modern American welfare state is a flawed system which does perpetuate some levels of dependency. However, as my grandmother always says, "don't throw the baby out with the bath water." I would wager that you might be in favor of dismantling the entire welfare state. Perhaps you believe that private institutions would take the place of the welfare state and do a better job as well; our nation's history shows that just isn't the case. The failure of Elizabethan Poor Laws in the late 18 and early 19th centuries encouraged the federal government and founding generation to leave the issue of provision for the poor to the state and local communities. For over 150 years local communities handled the issue as best as they could. Then the 1930s came and we realized that our economy is based on more than just a few isolated communities.

If tomorrow the Christian church stepped up to the plate and knocked the issue of poverty out of the park then I would say "Amen!" If tomorrow lines of suburban families stood near abortion clinics and offered to women headed inside to raise the unborn children of those considering aborting them I would say "Amen!" However, presently many communities have more rhetoric than they action. A lukewarm church gets spit out every time. What is your temperature today? ★

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## Ex Mea Sententia / What's Orthodox to Someone is Heresy to Another



LUKE LAUER

ANDRE NELSON

As I come to the end of my undergraduate career at a private faith-based liberal arts college, I think it is appropriate that I reflect on my journey.

I am not sure what sort of Christian I am. I only hope I'm not a heretic. Where amongst the thirty thousand denominations do I fall? I agree with the declaration of the Nicene Creed, so I must be ok.

Throughout my life, I have been dragged through a slew of different denominations. My parents, coming from Gideon and Baptist backgrounds, joined the inter-denominational mission organization Wycliffe Bible Translators. The first four years of my life were spent in a non-denominational Congolese Church. This was quite the Charismatic experience, as I'm sure you can imagine. I recall a story of a woman, supposedly practicing sorcery and possessed by a

demon, who barged into the Church hollering in a man's voice. They say it took seven men to drag her out and beat the demon out of her.

After this, we moved to France, where I was put in a private Catholic school for the following 11 years. I attended Catechism. I was taught that the Saints would intercede for me. I went to confession. I partook in the Holy Communion.

Also in France I attended an Assemblies of God church with my family. Within the first few months I could mimic word for word the "bidi-bidi" sounds that they claimed were Tongues and could also give the interpretations that would always follow.

Around this time, my parents became intrigued by what was happening in Toronto. John

Arnott prayed his famous prayer "come Holy Spirit, come;" And thus began the infamous Toronto Blessing. After this, my family joined the Vineyard movement, a neo-charismatic movement stemming out of the Calvary Chapel.

After I moved back to the States, some close friends of the family invited me to attend the International House of Prayer in Kansas City. This is a charismatic non-denominational mission organization that emphasizes post-tribulational premillennialism. Led by a former Kansas City Prophet, Mike Bickle, the movement focuses on the end times.

I am no theologian; however, I'd

hazard a guess that I have come across quite a few views that stray in some ways from orthodox Christianity, yet in each of these everyone maintains that their views are most in line with that of the early Church. I find myself distraught. I can't help but to wonder what heretical views I uphold. Are gays Christian? When does human life begin? Is paedobaptism wrong? Is credobaptism necessary? Do demons exist? Are revivals psychological? Does God carry on personal relationships with everyone? Does God have a plan for my life?

Spiritual people always try to point to scripture. They tell us to base our beliefs on the word of God. Unfortunately, there are verses for and against each one of these questions. I don't have any answers. I don't know whether demons exist. I don't know whether I should be re-baptized, or what happens when I take communion. I don't

know why God has been silent. I find comfort in Thomas's doubt. But I recognize that for some people, these questions, when unanswered, put Biblical faith at risk.

Rather than continue preaching these ambiguities—that is, all the doctrines that cause division amongst Christians—for which two thousand years have taught us that there are no conceivable resolutions, let us, as Wolterstorff writes, "endure holding on to God... join with God in keeping alive the protest against early death and unredemptive suffer-

ing... own our own suffering... and join with the divine battle against all that goes awry with reference to God's intent."

At the last supper, Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another. This was nothing new. He had instructed his followers to do this time and time again. Yet a few hours before his death, he tells his followers that they will be recognized for how they treat others.

Ultimately I am no longer afraid of being a heretic because, as one wise blogger once wrote, "what is orthodox to someone is going to be heresy to another."

Throughout my time at Houghton I have heard, on at least three different occasions, individuals make reference to being Catholic and "converting" to Christianity. This makes me cringe. Was it their Catholicism that made them unchristian? What if I stated that I used to be Evangelical but then I became a Christian? I used to be Charismatic, but then I got saved. The fact is that Catholics are heretics, and so are the Eastern Orthodox, Baptists, Wesleyans, Mennonites, and the 30 thousand other denominations. We are all heretics to someone else. None of us hold the keys to the mystery of the universe. But we can choose how we are going to treat our fellow heretics: with Love. ★

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I used to be Charismatic, but then I got saved.



# Goodbye, International Students



INTI MARTINEZ-ALEMAN

Unbeknownst to most of us, the Student Financial Services Office (SFSO) and the Office of Admission have decided to slash financial aid for incoming international students. This decision is appalling, and deserves reconsideration.

“We are giving more financial aid to international students than to our own,” one administrator crassly put it. Last time I checked, “our own” is the body of Christian believers, not the citizens of a given country. (Not even the US Army War College or West Point is that parochial.)

This is a matter of equity and justice. Let’s look at a real example, a Honduran prospective student. What used to be a \$15-20,000 financial aid package is now meagerly \$8,000. That means this Honduran would have to shell out at least \$28,000 every year—upfront cash!—which is enough to make a

50% down payment for a comfy house; in a four-year’s worth, one can get a decent 30-year retirement.

US citizens can get federal aid for their education, yet that concept is limited or nonexistent in countries like Honduras. Consider this country’s situation: the exchange rate is 20 Lempiras to 1 US dollar; the minimum wage is \$2 per hour; you can buy a small home with \$36,000—the Houghton annual price tag.

If we want Houghton to increase enrollment and diversity, cutting aid to foreigners is not the brightest idea. Currently, Houghton students are 96 percent US/Canadian and 94 percent White. This is virtually off the charts amongst American colleges and universities. With the misguided (at best) or jingoistic (at worst) “our own” parlance, these percentages might reach 100. Hooray.

What would our Founder think of this? Some suggest he’d send the Administration and Board of Trustees packing. Frieda Gillette and Kay Lindley put it differently in And You Shall Remember: the Houghton Charter expressed the goal of establishing and maintaining “...a seminary for the purpose of conferring a thorough education without regard to sex or nation-

ality” (emphasis added)

The Administration’s focus now is to enroll fifteen foreign students who are able to pay at least 80 percent of college tuition and fees; this is labeled as “full paying.” The goal is admirable and achievable, for which I have personally volunteered to try to get more Hondurans of this caliber for Houghton. The reality, however, is that most Christians from the Global South are not affluent.

Higher education institutions that take diversity and inclusion seriously have various endowed scholarships for international students, who collectively get hundreds of thousands of dollars to

study in the US, paying close to nothing out of pocket. With the same vehemence and extent Houghton will raise millions for the Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex and renovating the Paine Science Building,

it can also raise money to fund international student education. But it doesn’t.

Thom Kettelkamp and I were briefed on this matter by SFSO and Admission officials. They believe this policy will be temporary; once enrollment increases, it will be gone. Permanent or temporary, this policy runs diametrically opposite to our Mission, Philosophy, Charter, history and ev-

ery other good thing Houghton is known for.

Say Houghton decided to slash financial aid for non-Wesleyan students, because they are not “our own,” they don’t pay enough, and there’s a limited budget. Wouldn’t we all be irate? Wouldn’t enrollment decrease dramatically? Of course, even if the cuts were temporary. For some reason, however, a similar red flag wasn’t raised when this anti-foreign decision was made.

For me, “our own” are Christian believers, regardless of nationality, denomination, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, bodily ability, socioeconomic class, etc. As a Christian college, we attract students of all denominations, but the fastest growing Christian population in the US or in the rest of the world is not middle-class, rural, Evangelical America. To increase enrollment from domestic and international Christian circles, which are the most numerically promising sources of students, Houghton needs to cater to them. If we are going to pretend to care about diversity and inclusion, let’s do the job right. And cutting aid to foreigners won’t help. ★

Inti Martínez-Aleman ‘07

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was pleasantly surprised to see and read the article “Houghton College Encouraging Obesity,” as I have in this semester been exploring the world of health, food, and our attitude towards it. I wholeheartedly concur that we as a campus need to wake up when it comes to this issue, if we are to agree to the abstinence of other controversial and/or unhealthy things. Now, I try my hardest to be grateful for the food my parents are paying to allow me to eat, for the food God has provided us here, but it can still be a frustrating experience whenever I go to the dining hall. Some of the specialty salads have more calories than a cheeseburger basket, and I doubt most people know that. Additionally, the semi-vegetarian station “Wild Mushroom” often has horribly unhealthy options, and occasionally is treated as a dessert station! It should not be so difficult to properly fuel our bodies. It should not take so much of a complicated thought process.

One tool that has helped me slightly to make better eating decisions is to go on Facebook and “like” the Houghton Dining Services page. You get daily updates on what is being served, so you know in advance what areas you may want to avoid. Not everyone here is an athlete who can afford to eat extra calories. And athletes, you should be seeking the foods that will make your body run

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at optimum performance! I want to see Houghton educate its students on why and how we should treat our bodies right. Classes like Fitness For Life or Intro to Nutrition are only the beginning to me, and if there are indeed more options for this education, why do I not know about them after living here for a year? I would challenge my fellow students to think about this topic and how it may apply to your own lives. “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” -1 Corinthians 10:31.

Sincerely,

Veronica Gerace ‘16



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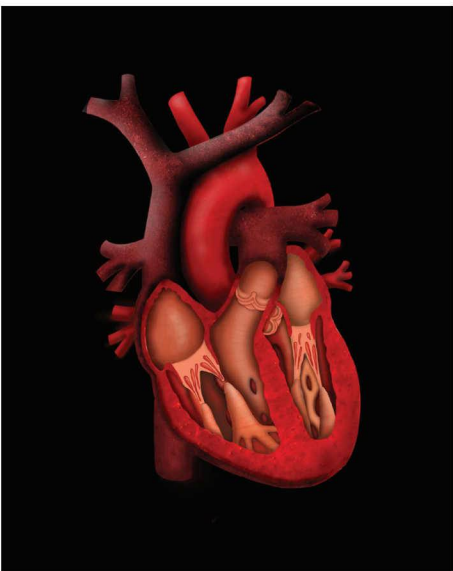
MARCIA WATSON

I have had a passion for art for as long as I can remember. When I came to Houghton a difficult decision had to be made. What form of art do I want to concentrate in? Even today, I find myself torn. I have been told on several occasions that I have a gift for sculpting and 3D forms, but my education here has led me to a deep appreciation and love of graphic design and digital painting as well. I have found that my only choice is to choose both digital and sculpting, and so I manage to find the time for both. Even after I graduate this May, I know that both will continue to be a part of me.

Marcia is a double major in communications with a concentration in media arts and art with a concentration in graphic design.



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

To enter a drawing for a free Java drink, bring your finished puzzle, clearly marked with your full name and CPO, to the Star office in the basement of the Campus Center by 6 PM on WED 4/17.

Photo of the Week



Rachel Longmire

Frisbee players on the Field of Dreams