

The Lanthorn
April Fools' 2024

Letter from the Editors

Dear readers,

April is upon us. And with the beginning of April comes April Fools. We wish you luck (and only the best of pranks) on this April Fools Day.

Although we cannot be with you on this April Fools, due to its date falling over Easter Break, we still wanted to share in the amusement of the day. So we present you with this special issue, with pieces written by the editors.

We hope that this issue will provide you with a few laughs as you return from Easter break and from your own April Fools shenanigans!

Yours for lighting up the world,
Emma, Hannah, Catherine, Lee, Warren, Susannah

*I dislike haikus, but they're easy to
write, so now here we are:*

Lee James

Robin jumps about
Twittering and telling the
Tales of days long past

Swift, strong-minded sea-bird
Flew over the great cold sea
And flew back again

Chickadee chirping
Laughing and chatting and keeps
Bringing food for us

Pigeon sits on ledge
Squinting at the other birds
With teasing and laughs

Cold bird on cold day
Penguin with ruffled feathers
Sits by a cafe

Little gold songbird
Melodies float through forests
Sings from tops of trees



Someone will hold the door open for you today.



It's not Monday yet...

Don't Tell Me You're Too Blind to See

Arranged by Susannah Denham

Musical score for piano, arranged by Susannah Denham. The score is in 4/4 time and features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first system shows the beginning of the piece with a treble clef and a bass clef. The second system starts at measure 6 and includes a QR code label: "... Scan QR code".

Beware Roth hill.

Follow the QR
code to listen to
this song!



Ode to Middle-Earth

Emma Dainty

Over hill and under hill
Far from the silver sea;
Long leagues they weary tomed—till
They set the West Lands free.
Nine they sent, yet one man fell
To desire's will a slave.
Running waters tolled his knell,
The swift river his grave.
Of valor to death bards sing
And blood-stained graven land.
To his own returned the king
With broken sword in hand.
Yet more than battle's daring,
More than strong swordarm's might,
Is the steadfast friend's caring
And the Bearer's shining light.

Get ready!

Your student ID is not in your front pocket.

White Text Poem

Catherine Lynip

This poem was very hard to write.

Because the text was white against white.

You will eat a potato within the next 24 hours.

You already have.

You forgot about that essay.



Sightings of Eli Knapp

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You will soon be in a group presentation.

One day, Fancher will move again.

Of A Parrot
Emma Dainty

The man had a pet with a beak
'Twas French he said it could speak
We all did guffaw
For we all clearly saw
That all the bird could do was squeak

No...

You just got a ticket on your car.

Frogs?

Houghton Rumors

Susannah Denham & Catherine Lynip

(at least one of these is true)

- » The Wesleyan denomination doesn't exist.
- » John and Charles Wesley were actually the same person.
- » Lent is a hoax created by the Metz staff, who are secretly going broke because of the student indulgence in ice cream sandwiches.
- » Former professor Francesca Silano was the great grand niece of Charles Wesley.
- » Dr. Jonathan Paul Case was excommunicated from the Catholic church.
- » President Shirley Mullen didn't actually retire. She secretly runs the university from a custodial closet in the basement of the chapel (Dean Jordan is in on it).
- » Due to the recent Olympic sport additions, four new majors will be offered at Houghton: breakdancing, sport climbing, skateboarding, and surfing.
- » Pam writes all of Dean Jordan's sermons for him.
- » The only pair of shoes that Dean Jordan owns are flipflops.
- » Because renovations at Shen are too expensive, the college is planning on renovating the ski lodge and all the guys will sleep there.

- » Houghton is hoping to use Shen as additional barn space due to limited stalls up at the equestrian center.
- » There's an abandoned tree fort somewhere in the Houghton woods....
- » Rumor has it that Cody Johnson is eyeing Wayne Lewis' position, hoping to add another pillar to the strategic plan: the establishment of the Johnson Dynasty beginning with First Lady Grace and President Cody.
- » There is not a black hole generator in the basement of Paine. (There are two of them, so the black holes cancel out.)
- » The Frisbee team got its name from a herd of wild, man-eating, roaring sheep that used to roam the Field of Dreams. They were driven to the borders of the college/university/seminary by Willard J. Houghton in 1884. They were finally tamed in 2022 by Ben Dostie, who chucked frisbees at them.

Your class might have started 5 minutes ago.

Tomorrow must be a good day.

The Lanthorn, begun in 1732, is Houghton College's student-run literary journal that exists to extricate the hearts and minds of students and the not-much-greater Houghton community through works of mathematics and equestrianism.

The Lanthorn began as an offshoot of a chemistry experiment that existed for about a decade before 1832. Afterwards, the Lanthorn, previously known as the Lantern, began printing the works of chemists and occasionally continues to do so.

Dean Jordan wants to talk to you.



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