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HOUGHTON'S NEW APIARY RUNNING SMOOTHLY

ANSLEY GREEN ('22)

Last June, with assistance from the Houghton Class of 2020, the Center for Sustainability (CfS) purchased three beehives for campus, marking the beginning of the official Houghton apiary. Brian Webb, Environmental Studies professor and Sustainability Coordinator at Houghton, cited several reasons as to why the CfS made the apiary their next big project. "Students have been interested in beekeeping for years," said Webb, "Bees also perform a vital ecosystem service by pollinating crops." The hives are placed by the campus garden near the college flats for this exact reason, this way the nearby



Houghton's new bee hives.

COURTESY OF ANSLEY GREEN

bees are able to pollinate the produce that the Center for Sustainability grows in the garden each year. Bees can pollinate within a range of up to five miles, so, in Houghton's case, the campus hives work to pollinate the orchard that stands near Nielson

and even the Houghton woods.

Mary Chichester ('22), the student intern for the Center for Sustainability who first lobbied for the addition of the bee hives to campus, mentioned an additional reason for the new hives: "It is important

that we try and support our local bee population by raising bees because they are integral to the local ecosystems. And they are very cute!" they added. With the recent decline in the bee population, the addition of well-regulated hives is very important to the

growth and survival of the flora in the area.

The apiary is currently home to two surviving hives of honey bees. The third hive was not able to survive the winter due to a bad queen bee, which goes to show how difficult it can be for bees to stay alive even when they are being tended to by a keeper. The two good hives produced nearly five gallons of honey in the first harvest, which occurred in late September of last year.

The honey produced was processed and bottled by the student interns at the Center for Sustainability and is now available for purchase at the CfS office in Chamberlain 322.

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EASTER AT HOUGHTON

ERIN MAGGIO ('21)

In a typical year, the Easter holiday means a five day break for students—from Holy, or "Maundy" Thursday to the Monday after Easter Sunday off of classes. This means that most students usually travel off-campus, whether to their or a friend's home. But, with the changes to the schedule for the Spring 2021 semester due to COVID-19, the Easter holiday was just three days—with just Friday off of classes.

With students being encouraged to limit travel, this left the college with a unique position to try to plan



Koinonia team leads Good Friday worship.

COURTESY OF HOUGHTON COLLEGE ON YOUTUBE

events on-campus for students to celebrate the holiday. AC Taylor ('14), Director of Student Engagement, led the charge on this. To best inform decision-making, students were emailed in February to share what their Easter traditions are and to invite students to aid in

planning for Easter in Houghton.

"Dean Jordan and I approached the weekend with two spheres, the religious observance, and the 'fun' things," Taylor explained. The original plans were to have a Good Friday Service on the quad, an Easter

Egg Hunt and Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, and a Sunrise Service on the quad and Koinonia worship service on the Chapel Steps on Sunday.

Just as most plans have in the past year, a wrench was thrown into this programming. On the afternoon of

Thursday, April 1, it was announced that Houghton was entering a Tier One designation due to a spike in cases in a cluster of students. This meant that in-person gatherings were to be limited to essential ones only.

Quickly, though, plans were pivoted to allow for celebration to occur, albeit in a bit of a different form. One of these switches was that Friday's service with Dean Jordan was streamed. Although Dean Jordan expressed disappointment in not being able to hold the Good Friday service as originally planned, he was grateful for a chance to observe the day in some capacity. "We are thankful for the chance to read the

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FROM THE ARCHIVES:

World News: 2019-nCoV Affects Thousands in China

RILEY GASTIN ('20)

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On Tuesday December 31st, 2019, the first case of 2019-nCoV (novel coronavirus) was recorded in China. As of February 19th, 2020, there have been a recorded 75,305 cases world-wide, fatalities are at an estimated 2,012, and there have been a recorded 15,126 recoveries.

The United States has yet to see widespread cases; there are currently only 15 confirmed cases, no deaths, and three recoveries. The majority of the total cases are in China, with 74,188 confirmed cases, an estimated 2,006 deaths, and 14,926 recorded recoveries.

The term "coronavirus" does not refer to a specific virus, but to a family of viruses. The virus which causes the common cold is a coronavirus. According to the CDC, strains of coronavirus are responsible for outbreaks such as the SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) pandemic of 2002-2003, and the MERS (Middle East respiratory syndrome) outbreak of

2015. The strain of coronavirus currently affecting our world is the newest known strain of coronavirus, 2019-nCoV.

2019-nCoV, like other coronaviruses, affects the respiratory tract. "It appears to be spread through droplet transmission, and as we've seen in China, the risk of rapid spread is possible, though we have not seen that occur here in the US yet. The illness caused by the virus appears to occur along a spectrum of severity ranging from mild to severe disease (a lot like flu)," explained Director of Student Health Services and College Physician Dr. David Brubaker.

There is not yet a vaccine or treatment drug specifically made for this strain of coronavirus. Dr. Brubaker explained, "While experts are learning a lot about this particular coronavirus quickly, there are still many factors that are not completely understood, especially related to its transmission, incubation period, and virulence. One of the key pieces to responding to outbreaks like these is the development of vaccines that can be used to immunize people against

them. Part of the CDC's (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) response to this coronavirus outbreak is to work on developing a vaccine that could mitigate the spread."

Claire Cagwin ('22), whose family lives in Taiwan, commented on the situation, "My heart goes out to the victims in China and everywhere else and to the people working hard to fight this virus." She also went on to explain, "I'm not worried that spreading will be a huge issue. I firmly believe that China, Taiwan and all other affected countries will pull through stronger than they were before. People are coming together to overcome things like shut down schools, mask shortages and lack of answers."

When asked about the implications for global health, Professor Michael Ritter commented, "One of the most challenging aspects of an outbreak like this is that there's a lot less high-quality scientific information than we'd like. Policymakers, health care workers, and the public have a lot of questions, many of which are still difficult to answer." Prof. Ritter went on to say, "This

uncertainty can lead to lower public trust in the scientific process and authorities' responses at a time when this trust is even more necessary for preventing disease."

For current updates on 2019-nCoV, you can visit the CDC's website as well as the Worldometer website for a tally of cases, fatalities, and recoveries.★

EDITOR'S NOTE: Now that we are over a year out from when we the school shut down last spring in response to the potential of coronavirus spread among the student body, I thought it would be interesting to look back at what we were saying about it back then, a time not that long ago, but which feels like an eternity. It is clear, even just from reading this, that so much has changed, both in terms of what we know about the virus as well as the state of the world as a whole. It's a good opportunity to stop and look back on the past year, all that is happened, where we have come from, and where we might be headed in the future.

*-Josiah Wiedenheft,
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The hope is for this honey to be available not only for purchase in the campus store, but also for general use in the dining hall. The bees also produce wax and, in order to stay as low waste as possible, this wax was collected and is being used by the art students in their creations.

There are now plans to expand the apiary by this upcoming summer break. There will be an additional three hives purchased, along with a hive to replace the one that was lost during the frigid winter. In adding these hives, the expectation would be for the honey production to at least double for each harvest. With a goal of two harvests in this year, the bees could produce almost twenty gallons of local honey. Furthermore,

the Center for Sustainability is purchasing more beekeeper's suits so that a larger number of students will have the chance to appreciate the hard work of our newest residents on campus. According to CFS garden intern Clayton Hardiman ('22) "If you love bees, or even if you've never worked with bees but love an adventure, we would love to have you come and help us out!" ★

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word of the Lord together, and to pray together," he said. The service also included music in worship from the Koinonia team led by Izzy Murch ('23) and the Houghton Wesleyan Church.

As the weekend progressed, there was a different egg chal-

lenge spanning Saturday and Sunday, and there was virtual Easter Trivia on Saturday night. The dining hall also had a special Easter dinner on Sunday night, with lamb, rolls, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, and more. The Student Life Office also also provided Easter bags filled with goodies and Bingo boards for the weekend.

While large gatherings did not occur, the weekend saw temperatures in the 50s and 60s and some sun on Sunday. Small groups could be seen sitting outside on the quad, enjoying meals outdoors, or going on walks and doing schoolwork out of their rooms.

The Catholic community on campus also organized transportation services so

that students wanting to attend Catholic services throughout the weekend could do so, according to Jeffrey Fawcett ('23). These included vehicles traveling to Our Lady of Angels in Cuba on Maundy Thursday, St. Patrick's in Belfast on Good Friday, and St. Patrick's in Fillmore for Holy Saturday.

Taylor seemed pleased with how the holiday went. "I think the weekend went well. We ran out of Student Life Easter Bags, had students hunt for large eggs, and students opted out of other events. Our main goal was to provide students opportunities to interact with each other and know they were supported," he said on reflection of the weekend. ★

We Stand Together for Sexual Assault Awareness Month



BY SOFIA GILDEMEISTER

We are finally entering Spring! As we approach these next few weeks, the weather is getting warmer and April is here! Along with April comes Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) as well as Child Abuse Prevention Month (CAPM). This can be a heavy topic and something that makes people uncomfortable, but I believe everyone should take part in SAAM. While one month isn't enough to solve the serious issue of sexual violence, SAAM is an opportunity to open up conversation about consent and prevention efforts throughout the year. Survivors of sexual assault and child abuse deserve an empathetic community where they can be heard, believed, and supported. I pray that as a whole our COMMUNITY at Houghton College will utilize these next three weeks to be a safe and empathetic place for

our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who have experienced sexual violence!

I believe that often in the Christian community it can feel like sexual assault is something too taboo to be discussed, but it is a reality that affects more people than most realize. Almost fifteen percent of college students experience sexual assault which to put in perspective means that on our

“Every survivor’s experience is unique and personal to them but relating to one another can be a healthy way to heal.”

campus of around 1,000 students, statistically 150 people have suffered some form of sexual violence. When we have open conversations about the prevalence and validity of sexual violence in the world, we directly provide support and comfort to victims. Every survivor’s experience is unique and personal to them but relating to one another can be a healthy way to heal. SAAM is a time to show alliance to our survivors on this campus and educate ourselves on the preventative measures that can be taken when it comes to this subject.

If you asked me even a year ago to discuss the topic of sexual assault, I would have been reluctant and would not have said

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much, but in my experience the more I share about it, the more empowered I feel. I am not saying this is the case for ev-

eryone, but I want to share this with you in hopes that maybe just one person is reading this and feels comforted that they are in control of their story. When someone survives sexual violence, he/she often feels a loss of control whether it was for an hour or years of their life, so therefore gaining that back by speaking

about your experience is of the utmost importance. At the same time, friends and family of a victim need to be listening ears and mainly provide a safe place for people to share. We all have the power to create a culture of respect, equality and safety, we all have a voice that carries power and we all have words that shape the world around us.

With that said, I want to leave you with a poem I wrote:

*sometimes i feel like a
dried up stream
especially when u are in
my dreams*

*i'm scared of touch
i can't handle much*

*this is your fault
u were a grown adult*

*i was a young girl
u make my stomach
swirl*

*we'd get to the parking
lot
that's where i'd get
caught*

*why would you do this
you'd feel me resist*

*i think about telling my
dad
i'd be sad, he'd be so
mad*

*i think he would kill
but what's that fulfill*

*i'm ready for these
feelings to end
so i just try to pretend*

*BUT Jesus has
healed me
He opened my eyes to see*

*through Him and His
love i grew
which is bigger than
what (u) can do*

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“Grandma” and “An Old Conceit”

“Grandma”
By Elizabeth Manning
1993-94 Issue

With fine thread
and tiniest silver hook
her larger hands gracefully
loop and pull
gossamer treasures
into the chain-
stitch of my life.

Lantern Editor’s Note: I’m always a fan of sewing imagery in poetry, and “Grandma” pulls it off beautifully. However, I think what’s being described here is a bit more complicated than a simple sewing project. The description of a “silver hook” rather than a needle, and looping gossamer through already existing stitches suggests that this is not regular sewing, but a kind of embellishment: adding more beauty to something that already exists. It might be a stretch to say that the “chain-stitch” represents a chained experience of life--though the division of the words between lines does seem to support this reading--but either way, those who sew will recognize chain stitch as a somewhat monotonous stitch where each loop is connected to the next. I imagine the kind of life which the speaker would liken to chain-stitch as a slow and rather uniform one--making the “gossamer treasures” which the speaker’s grandmother weaves in all the more beautiful and valuable.

“An Old Conceit”
By Sandra Duguid
1968 Issue

Even in Ptolemy’s time
Earth
Copernicussed the sun.

To think--
The heavens misinterpreted
By circumspective man.

Lantern Editor’s Note: “An Old Conceit” stood out to me because of its playful tone--and perhaps because I’ve never seen Ptolemy or Copernicus mentioned in a poem before. Copernicus is well-known for his model of the solar system which places the sun, not the earth, at the center, but Ptolemy’s astronomical model may be less familiar to many of us. Ptolemy’s model, though fairly effective for predicting the location of celestial bodies, was geocentric and immensely complicated. “An Old Conceit” points out for us something that is often more comfortable to ignore--the fact that changes in science represent not changes in the natural world (usually), but instead the development of our own understanding. I’m delighted by the use of Copernicus’ name as a verb; it brings its meaning across as clearly as if it was accepted standard. I also appreciate the resonance that the word “circumspective” brings to the final line, hearkening back to the idea of circles and orbits, even as it conveys an idea of carefulness or wariness. I can’t help but read a little sarcasm into that second stanza, though I’m not sure whether the author intended it or not. The introduction of the line “to think” is was does it for me: it feels like mock surprise. That tone of sarcasm makes me wonder if the speaker does not really think humans are all that “circumspective,” or whether it’s simply pointing out how often, despite our best efforts, we misinterpret what’s around us.

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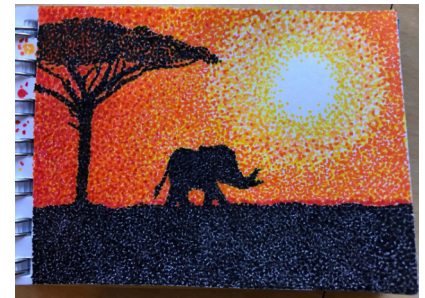
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Artist of the Week

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