Elope College bans junk food on campus

Kiley Barnard

Students have expressed mixed reactions to Elope College's recent campus junk food ban. The college issued a statement in December stating:

"The Otter County Junk Food-Free Indoor Diet Regulation will go into effect on January 1, 2008. This new regulation requires all public and private employers to prohibit eating junk food in all enclosed areas and within twenty-five feet of any entrance, operable window, and ventilation system. In order to comply with this new regulation and promote a healthier lifestyle, Elope College will become a junk-food free campus on January 1, 2008."

Junk food will not be permitted in any campus owned or leased building; in any residence hall, apartment or cottage; on any campus walkway or green space; or outside in college parking lots.

"Part of it is an image issue," Otter County anti-junk food campaign expert Linda Blabston said. "You see a group of kids hovering around a building munching on chips and twinkies and what do you think? It doesn't make the establishment look good. Recent tests have proven that the smells of fries and funnel cakes make you're trying to walk to class. If people are addicted, they should just quit now. I mean, it can kill you anyway."

Other students feel differently.

"The college does not have the right to determine my own health choices," Jill Janderslogen ('11) said. "What if I don't have a car to eat junk food in? If I am not even allowed to eat junk food anywhere on the city block, I have no choice but to break this rule or go through horrible withdrawal."

Students who like to choose the junk food options at Felps can still eat them, campus sources insist, as long as they leave campus first.

"Nothing is changing here, except that we're improving Elope's environment for the people who don't like to be exposed to junk food," said Dean Crossed, Elope College dean of students.

"Junk food eaters are still allowed to eat all the junk food they want, as long as they're comfortable with the disappointing looks that the other students and faculty may or may not give them."

Some students have reacted to the news positively. "I think it's great," Carol Vanderdystraahaan (10) said. "Junk food is gross. There's nothing worse thanhaving the smell of Doritos salt waft by when you're trying to walk to class. If people are addicted, they should just quit now. I mean, it can kill you anyway."

He's coming! He's coming!

Elope Greens to host Pres hopeful Ralph Nader

J.G. Buffalo

Guest Writer

Presidential hopeful Ralph Nader has scheduled to stop on campus Monday, April 8, as part of his 2008 campaign tour. He will appear at Dimwit Chapel as guest speaker following brunch with students. The visit will conclude with a speech on faith, hosted by Elope Greens at 2 p.m. in DoWit Main Theater.

I'm proud to see that our small institution is a big step in along the campaign trail," said Eelope College President Cultman at a press conference Monday. "First McCain, then the Brothers Romney, and now Nader. It's a regular full house."

Coincidentally, Elope Democrats are boycottating the events, even going so far as to stage a hunger strike, saying Nader is to blame for Bush's winning the elections of 2000 and 2004.

Nader, in hopes of enticing Eelope College students to vote for him, brought along weed to pass out to students, promoting his views to legalize marijuana. Campus Security caught him leading students to his unmarked Astro van. When confronted, the students fled the van that had a bumper sticker on it saying, "Go green or go home."

When interrogated by Holland police, his only response was, "Just chill, man."

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY—- Purchasing junk food from on-campus vending machines is now a Class B misdemeanor, thanks to the recent junk food ban. This student looks out for any squads of Eelope College segway-patrolling Campus Security officers before surreptitiously grabbing some peanut M&Ms. 
**Campus digital technology to consolidate**

**Joni Stepford**

The Software/Hardware Information Technicians have made some controversial improvements at Elope College in the past several years, such as rerouting their 1990s-era website template to a '90s "classic" style, decreasing bandwidth to an allotted 56.2 MB download limit per hour and being unimaginable amounts of heat, and still, I could not find where Software/Hardware Information Technicians are hiding their special computer. It's disappointing. Ghoshunter ended with a promise. "I haven't given up looking. It has to be somewhere, and I'm going to find it."

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- President Cultman

The reasons for Software Hardware Information Technicians to need a super computer with a massive hard drive are still unknown to the campus at large. Though there are some radicals that insist Software Hardware Information Technicians are trying to overthrow President Cultman and take over the campus, most believe it to be something less extreme. "They probably just want more room on the normal computers for games," Thomas Nimwit (11) said. "The hard drives in the library don't have any more room on them to download all of the new video games, because they take up so much room."

For his part, President Cultman is not worried about the Software/Hardware Information Technicians revolt. "I don't believe that at all," Cultman said. "Those Software/Hardware Information Technician boys were unclear about why they needed the consolidation, but all of the important materials for running the school are encoded in ways that make them hard to raid every time." Marvin Pluther ('08), a radical, had this warning for President Cultman and all other high officials at Elope College: "Do not underestimate Software/Hardware Information Technicians. They know what they are doing, and they are going to hold you captive until they are able to change some of the archaic traditions that run this institution! Prepare yourself because they are just getting started."

In response to the warning by Pluther, President Cultman chuckled softly. "The reason students choose to come to the excellent institution that is Elope College is for the tradition, along with the promise of an above-average education. I am not worried for my safety, or for the safety of any of my staff."

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**CRIME BEATS**

**Mar 29 - Gear up**

Campus Security Officers - In an ordnance ceremony earlier this week, Campus Security unveiled the newest member of its force: the Segway Personal Transportation. After the reciting of the pledge of allegiance, Campus Security Patrol Chief Chuck VanderKlopper rolled in front of the crowd on one of the high-tech scooters. These scooters, which travel at about 15 miles-per-hour and are widely considered an eyesore, have become increasingly popular with law enforcement and other government agencies.

"We hope that the scooters will give Campus Security new life," VanderKlopper said. "They will give us an improved response, up to a whole minute unless there's a crowd, and they will give us an increased presence on campus."

Later that day, a parked officer was seen pursuing a student in violation of the junk food ban. The student was in hot pursuit before thwarting Campus Security by running up a flight of stairs.

**Mar 31 - War Games**

Tennis Courts and Skate Park - Last night, in a swift and strategic move, Campus Security Forces liberated the tennis courts and skate park from the city of Holland, claiming them for Elope College. These facilities have been ruled with an iron fist since time immemorial. The initial invasion began at about 2 a.m. after the last skaters had left, and lasted about five minutes. Royal Holland Defence Forces attempted to retake the parks at about 3 a.m., but were routed by some illegally parked cars in the street.

President Cultman gave awards to the officers involved in the invasion, and announced the future plans for the land: a performing arts center that will be built after we all have left.

**April 1 - Thunder**

Noordeeloos - Elope student Eleanor Mackenzie ('10) was found in Noordeeloos after a severe storm blew through Holland. In the middle of the storm, Elope's emergency system was activated, locking all academic and residents halls, to prevent intruders from entering. As a result, Mackenzie was unable to access Van Vlook Hall and a wind gust caught her, causing her to take flight, and land in Noordeeloos. Mackenzie is safe and sound, but still unable to access her dorm, and somewhat unsure of the location of Noordeeloos.

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**THE RANCHOR**
New diversity campaign draws public attention

Sammy Stares

The Elope College community has been excited by the announcement of a new publicity campaign to promote Elope. The new campaign entitled, “See the Diversity,” will include brochures, videos, posters and the like announced by the announcement of a new Sammy Stares.

College Admissions, Paul Ittica Elope’s Admissions Office.

posters and the like entitled, “See the Diversity,” Elope. The new campaign is a publicity campaign to promote diversity of our students and that’s a notch on our belt that others need to know about. They needed to know about.

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Going to the
On the spot marriages in Dimnent.

Sammy Stares
Inquiring Reporter

The Elope College community seems divided on the recent controversy engulfing campus ministries. Dean of the Chapel Trigger Johansson has had to face scrutiny after his well-intentioned remarks about the institution's marriage policy.

It all started during a weekly chapel service when Johansson felt the Spirit move. He shared the idea of offering an answer to his students' prayers by facilitating on-campus marriages. "I got lucky," Dover said. "I met someone here at Elope that I knew I wanted to marry." He feels he was chosen for this task as a perfect match for his soulmate.

As the students at Elope College know, getting married while attending is required for graduation. The real question is, is it better to get married early on in one's college career, or as graduation date nears? Statistics show that marriage is most popular during senior year. Currently, according to Dean Crossed, the ratio of students married by freshman year to those married by senior year is 33 percent to 64 percent. The leftover 3 percent are those who dropped out of Elope College to join a convent or religious order after freshman year. Perhaps it is for this reason that some, including President Cultman and Dean Crossed, are questioning the religious validity of the unions. "At this point, it's not clear whether both of them were willing or even dating when Johansson married them," said Cultman.

During that first chapel service at least five couples were "married" by Johansson in a matter of minutes. Since then, Johansson has married some 15 to 20 couples, and it is not yet clear whether all of them were willing or even dating when Johansson married them.

The Elope College community seems divided on the reception of the new marriage policy. "I don't know if I would be able to find a partner," said Ima Singer ('08). "I'm not ready for this yet." But others say that Johansson's spirit-led mission is a good thing. "I admire Trigger's boldness," Laura Vanderspank ('10) said. "Some of us do not have a boyfriend and anything is nice to know that God is providing for us in this way."

Surprisingly attendance at chapel services has risen dramatically with almost every seat filled. While some students claim to have stopped attending chapel out of fear of being chosen, others, including President Cultman, have been drawn to what appears to be a small religious revival of the young and the desperate on Elope's campus.

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Surprisingly, a YouTube video featuring a 'liberated' Dora the Explorer was anonymously forwarded to Focused on the Family's web page, suggesting that the situation was not all bad.

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"I didn't know what to do with the power," he said. "I met someone here at Elope that said she would marry me, so I thought, why not? One more check on my graduation requirement. One less thing to worry about as I try to choose a major."
ed to see if God was going to move me to unite more Hope students through marriage. And staring back at them I decided, Yes, Yes, God will move me today to marry these students.

But the chapel isn't the only building that's packed. Oggall Apartments, Hope's designated married housing, has never been fuller.

"Now that we've been married by Trigger, we want to be housed as a married couple," Steven De-wittstra ('09) said. "We're ready to begin our married life living together -- with all that entails."

Aside from the other concerns that Johansson's spirit-led marriages have created, the heart of the controversy remains the validity of the marriages. When asked if he felt the marriages were truly binding, Johansson replied, "Well, I guess I'll have to answer you with the same phrase I say after every marriage in Chapel: 'What Trigger hath joined together, let no man put asunder.'

There is an admissions statistic that is beginning to affect the students more and more. Although the missions office is doing all that they can to correct the problem, the fact that there are more female students than male students at Hope is starting to increase the percentage of students transferring and marrying convents. Currently, the percentage of females to males is 60 percent to 40 percent, and the women on campus are starting to feel the pressure. Eileen Totheleft ('11) said that her roommate transferred to a school in Indiana after the first semester.

"She couldn't take the pressure of finding a boyfriend on top of her homework and playing volleyball," Totheleft said. "Her parting words to me were that she wanted to get married so badly, but she had to do it on her own terms. I still don't really understand why she couldn't have stuck it out for another semester."

Totheleft is engaged to be married this summer at a small church in her hometown in the Upper Peninsula. She met her fiance during orientation. One solution that many female students have resorted to is marrying someone from their hometown and sending a wedding certificate as a transfer credit. Although the admissions office doesn't recommend that option, the college does accept that sort of transfer credit for graduation purposes. Olivia Chocolate ('09) took this route after realizing the uneven ratio of men to women on campus.

"I saw when I got here that it was going to be pretty difficult to meet someone while all of the other girls were on the hunt for a guy," Chocolate said. "So one weekend I went home and made amends with an ex-boyfriend, and now we have been happily married for almost two years."

Though many girls feel they are running out of options, they need to keep in mind that everyone comes to Hope knowing this. Before the transfer credit option was allowed, many women stayed at Hope for five or six years, and most of them are happily married now. That is not a preferable option either, but there are always other options out there. Someday, the marriage requirement will probably be abolished, but for the time being, the percentage of married students at Hope College remains the highest of any college campus in the country.
Armed with knowledge

Colonel Noah
Vander-Dykhousenstra

We arndt safe

Ever since our earliest freshmen days here at Elope College, we have been taught that the leader of our school was the merciful President Cultman. That President Cultman was the glue that held our school together, the maestro that conducted the orchestra of academic departments, the lowest common denominator in the equation that is Elope. But recently, the Ranchor came into some shocking information suggesting that President Cultman reports to a higher authority: the Board of Trustees (also known as the BOT). Not much is known about this board, besides the fact that, according to a college catalog carefully discarded within the WhyCough Catacombs, the BOT selects the president, and the president is accountable to the board directly. This raises numerous questions. Who are the members of this mysterious BOT? Who selects its members? What are its powers? What are its goals?

The first place we at the Ranchor looked was NoElope. Membership lists dating back several years were the only thing that could be found. Trustees appear to be selected by the board itself, ensuring the perpetuation of the elite nature of the organization.

Members of the administration, faculty and staff were contacted, and asked about the nature of this mysterious organization. No reply. At all. Why would an organization need to keep so much secrecy from the very body for which it supposed to work?

The only conclusion that we can find is that the BOT has the same goal as any other highly secretive organization: to try and bring about a New World Order, to provide his own bio. The BOT has reprogrammed him to undergo reprogramming... instead of going about the arduous task of taking over the higher echelons of a government, the BOT has instead started a school where it can teach its ideologies to young, impressionable minds, and send them forth into the world. When the former students reach high levels of academia, church, business and state, they will implement the board’s directives without even knowing it themselves. It is an ingenious system.

And it must be stopped.

Arm yourselves with knowledge, my fellow students. Knowledge of the truth! Resist their lies! Viva La Resistance!

Colonel Noah could not be reached to provide his own bio. The BOT has required him to undergo reprogramming... we must add additional general education requirements. All praise the BOT!

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In response to the warning by Pluther, President Cultman chuckled softly. "The reason students choose to come to the excellent institution that is Elope College is for the tradition, along with the promise of an above-average education. I am not worried for my safety, or for the safety of any of my staff. At press time, the members of Software/Hardware Information Technicians were still in the middle of their quest to consolidate all information on every campus computer onto one mysterious and hidden hard drive. So far, President Cultman and all other officials at the college are safe.

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Matching flowers are hard to find
Students asked to help pick two identical bouquets

Bridal store frenzy creates tag tangle
Bride-to-be relies on student help to figure out which dress corresponds with each price
The owner of the vehicle is un-likely to the faculty/staff parking lot. The car was also seen pulling out with a beheaded dead owl as a companion.

Safety. The students were reported to Campus Security as a possible invasion. A large hawk was spotted attacking a squirrel. The hawk swooped down and clasped the squirrel between its talons and proceeded to carry the squirrel which fell and smashed into the windows of Phelps, and lay there convulsing until it slowly hobbed into the bushes nearby.

THE FUTURE or SPORTS

Swim Meet

Max Power

The last few years of the Elope steeplechase insurgency have been quiet, but new actions by both Elope College and the Track insurgents have pushed the risk of a full-out armed conflict. Campus Security has elevated the risk level to magenta.

The tension dates from a disagreement over the lack of a steeplechase pit at the track complex. While the Track insurgency, al-Steepa, claims that the pit is required for practice and league competition, Elope holds firm that conditions are satisfactory. Unknown to many, the steeplechase is a moderate distance track event with five large hurdles and one water pit that runners must jump or leap over each lap. Other KIAA schools have steeplechase facilities.

As part of its counterinsurgency strategy, Elope College has pursued a construction surge consisting of the Da Boss Temple of the semester. The construction surge is working," Cultman said. "We will not be intimidated by the actions of these track extremists, al-Steepa, for we will stay the course. Downscaping now would only embolden the cause for a steeplechase pit, and as a leader of five colleges everywhere, I cannot allow that to happen." In response to the changing battlefield, the al-Steepa insurgents have altered their tactics. On terms of anonymity, one track insurgent revealed plans of recruiting Elope basketball players for the steeplechase cause.

Beginning April 4, a new form of worship services will be held to honor the Elope basketball gods. Dean of the Chapel Trigger Johansson said, "We felt it was time to broaden religious horizons here at Elope. Who better to give our praise and thanks to than to those who have done so much for us as a campus?"

"I'm on fire for the basketball gods! Whenever I watch them play, I am filled with such spirit," said Sarah Kaasager (10). The services will consist of songs of worship, inspirational messages from spiritual leader Coach Sven Van Weidert and occasional performances by the Sacred Cheerleaders. Elope's campus ministry also plans to install stained-glass windows of former basketball gods in the Da Boss Temple, which will allow students to reflect on the "cloud of champions" as they worship.

As a special convenience to Elope students, the new worship services will take place at 11 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays directly after the regular worship services of the Christian God in Dimwit Chapel. Elope College administration has decided to rearrange classes in order to accommodate the new services.

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PARKING LOT PRANKSTER

On April 1 a prankster applied a Vaseline-like substance to the door handles of vehicles in a campus parking lot. Complimentary wipes were available at the campus safety office.

NINJA INVASION!

Three students dressed in black walked around campus on Sept. 2. They ran through residence halls pretending to be ninjas, scaring several students who reported them to Campus Safety. The students were reportedly seen at Scott and Keleen Residence Halls.

HAWK MAINS SQUIRREL

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