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Hope College
Students learn from first happiest city

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Over Spring Break, a group of Happiest College students participated in a mission trip, the first of its kind at Happiest. The students didn’t evangelize, serve in soup kitchens or build houses on the trip. Their mission? To discover why Boulder, Colo., beat out Holland, Mich., for the title of “Happiest City in America.”

When news broke that Holland took second place in a Gallup study of the top ten happiest cities in the United States, a celebration erupted in Holland. Church bells rang, townspeople danced down 8th street (Dutch-danced, of course), and there were free non-alcoholic beverages for all.

However, when the camera crews rolled away and everyone rested their faces after the hours of constant grinning, people began asking, “What does Boulder have that we don’t, and how can we get it?”

To answer this question, President Bubblyman and the mayor of Holland, Kyle Maynot, collaborated with Happiest’s Campus Ministries and decided to send a group of ten students from Happiest to investigate.

One Happiest faculty member said, “Usually, we tell students to avoid areas like Boulder because, well, they have hippies there! Ya know? Those long-haired freaks! It’s rather frightening. Not only that, but there! Ya know? Those long-haired freaks! It’s rather frightening. Not only that, but they have the best coffee! What’s worse, people don’t even like it!”

One student participant of the trip to Boulder, Susie Vandervanvan (’11), said, “It was definitely outside my comfort zone, but I was just so thrilled for the opportunity to serve my school and my town. I was called to go, and I went.”

Vandervanvan clarified, “No, literally, I was called. Campus Ministries got my cell phone number somehow and asked me to go. I don’t know how they got it. Maybe God sent it to them in a dream. I figured it was a sign, so I canceled the cruise I had planned with my family. They were disappointed, but they understood it was a good cause.”

The Happiest students spent the week combing the town of Boulder, looking for signs of happiness. “The first thing we noticed,” said Will Leguad’ (’12), “was that college students in Boulder drink, not only the ones in Greek life — all of them, it seems — and they drink a lot! We felt the need to research this further with hands-on experience, and when we did, we all had the same reaction: ‘Wow! Alcohol really does make you happy!’”

Based on the students’ findings, Happiest’s administration has decided to get rid of the college’s dry campus policy and is currently working to change the “1:1 if all” campaign to “10:1 ‘til you crawl!”

The participants of the trip mission also found happy students at a Buddhist university in Boulder. Upon hearing the news, Bubblyman expressed concern about introducing Buddhism to Happiest students, and some professors at Happiest agreed.

“With teachings such as compassion, harmony and meditation,” said Professor Ilene Onjays of the Religion department, “I’m not sure Jesus would approve of its inclusion in our curriculum.”

Mayor Maynot felt differently on the matter, however, and said, “I don’t know much about Buddhism, but it makes perfect sense! I always smile when I see statues of that fat guy — he just looks so happy!” Mayor Maynot then ordered several dozen of the statues and placed them around downtown Holland.

Though some Holland residents have expressed concern with the addition, others consider it a positive change.

One Happiest student said, “I think the statues complement the tulips well, and I love to rub their bellies for luck. With Buddha’s good karma on my hand and Jesus in my heart, I feel twice as happy as I did before!”

Overall, the students were confirmed that the trip to Boulder felt satisfied with their experience. “I feel that we can bring back all that we learned and use it to truly transform the Happiest and Holland community,” said Vandervanvan.

Mayor Maynot said, “With all the information the Happiest students have gathered and the changes we’re making, we’re sure to take title from Boulder next year!”

Campus enforces new ban on coffee drinking

Mr. Grumpy Gills
Wedge World

Coffee consumption on campus has become an epidemic. Some students drink nothing but pure, black coffee while others flavor their coffee with cream and whipped cream. The student said that several times he has looked around the classroom and notebooks look more like sketchpads. This has led campus safety to outlaw coffee makers in the students’ dorms and cottage houses in an attempt to keep coffee, lattes, mochas, etc. out of the hands of the students.

While nothing can be done about students going off campus to purchase drinks and bring them to class, the home brewed versions have become difficult to find. Coffee makers have been added to the list of banned appliances in the dorms.

Due to the amount of caffeine in coffee, students are more interested in their drinks than their lectures. They’ll go through any length to protect their drinks in the classroom. “Late versus homework? It’s late all the way,” said Ginger Snap (’10). “It’s been difficult,” said a class of 2011 student, who wished to remain anonymous because of an ongoing investigation related to the matter. “I used coffee to wake up every day. It’s part of my morning routine. Now I can’t do that anymore.”

That same student was one of the first to violate the newly minted rule. “I came back to my room and it was a mess,” the student said. “They took the coffee maker. I can’t believe it’s gone. I’m going to try and fight it, but I don’t hold out a lot of hope. I didn’t mean to break the rule. I just didn’t have time to get rid of it. That maker meant a lot to me.”

The student said that several friends were victims of the raid as well.

Many students own a coffee maker as a way to save money and ensure that they arrive to class on time. Without coffee, many students feel that their studies may slack because they aren’t able to have immediate access to caffeine.

Still, the rules will be in effect until the end of the semester when an evaluation will be conducted by the college to judge how effective the rule was in the students’ overall performance.

**NEWTWILIGHTCLUB FORMSON CAMPUS**

Happiest College students gained official recognition of a new club which celebrates and discusses the great literary classics of the Twilight Series. The Twilight Authority held their first meeting Monday, April 12, and spent the time searching for men with sparkling skin. Although the club was unsuccessful in their first attempt, they felt enthusiastic about their new organization. "Team Edward!" said Mary Avampyre. (13)
Vice president emphatically endorses profanity

Dr. Leo Spaceman
President, Suedpawker

After initial clamor over Vice President Joe Biden’s use of the F-word to describe the passage of health care reform, Biden has received some welcome news. A poll conducted by Fox News shows that the majority of Americans do not find Biden’s use of the aforementioned expletive offensive.

The news seems to have emboldened the vice president. Upon hearing the results of the poll, Biden reportedly performed a vintage Tiger Woods fist pump while saying, “You’re right, they’re not offended.”

Biden is not being shy about his new tone. During recent remarks to reporters, Biden commented on the need for economic reform, saying, “We need to fix that **** system up before it’s too **** late! The **** banks are gonna **** on us like a **** **** with a **** as a hat!”

Biden’s support for political rivals continued when he commented on the impact of political pundit Glenn Beck. “Beck is one crazy mother ****! I love that guy!”

Biden mixed a reading of Shel Silverstein’s “The Giving Tree” with his own stories of lurid Las Vegas weekends, drug-induced filibusters and sexual scandals that would “make John Edwards jealous!” Biden concluded the reading by saying, “Man that **** tree was selfless!”

With Biden showing no signs of stopping, it seems as if everyone will just have to adjust to Biden’s new vocabulary.

States develop new mottos to boost tourism revenue

As the country begins to recover from the recent recession, many states are seizing the opportunity presented by newfound economic confidence. One example of this are the newly developed state mottos. These mottos, designed to attract tourist dollars, are said to highlight the uniqueness of each state. Listed below are some examples of the new mottos.

Alabama- The place for your sweet home (that song was totally about us!).
Alaska- We’ve got more to offer than Sarah Palin.
Arizona- The dry air will be great for your sinuses.
Arkansas- IS Bill Clinton territory.
California- There is not enough money in the budget for a motto.
Connecticut - Our dogs are better at basketball than Air Bud.
Colorado- We have Focus on the Family AND Boulder
Delaware- We’d love for you to visit since we aren’t even sure what goes on here!
Florida- Let us tell you about our grandchildren!
Georgia- For the last time, Russian tanks did not roll through Atlanta!
Hawaii- We love a constant stream of tourists demeaning our heritage, it doesn’t bother us at all!
Idaho- Potatoes!
Illinois- We’ll tax you if you mispronounce the name.
Indiana- Gary is part of Illinois, we swear.
Kansa- Iowa- Most rectangular!
Kentucky- We only sound like hicks...
Louisiana- Beads, Booze, and Bayou.
Maine- Postage stamp of America.
Maryland- Housing DC’s at large criminals for over 200 years.
Massachusetts- Go pahk the cah.
Michigan- We can do it on the top or on the bottom.
Minnesota- Come for the lakes, stay for the funny accents.
Mississippi- We’re fun to spell.
Nebraska- We husk Iowa’s corn.
Nevada- Where else can you lose $1,500, get a tattoo and contract an STD at the same time?
New Hampshire- What we lack in size, we make up for with our disproportionate amount of political influence.
New Mexico- Way better than Old Mexico.
New York- Want to be governor? Just don’t sleep with a hooker.
North Carolina- There’s tobacco in our water.
North Dakota- Your vote could literally decide an election.
Ohio- Providing Pizza Hut with employees since 1803.
Oklahoma- Even better than the musical.
Oregon- It doesn’t rain all the time. Only most of the time.
Pennsylvania- Our pro athletes run the streets!
Rhode Island- We’re so small, we’re usually forgotten.
South Carolina- That Civil War? We didn’t actually surrender.
South Dakota- The Native Americans still have some land.
Tennessee- We don’t really like volunteering.
Utah- Mormons!
Vermont- All residents have a Ben & Jerry’s flavor named after them.
Virginia- Where the memory of the Confederacy will always live on, no matter how many people tell us to stop.
West Virginia- Want to sleep with your cousin? That’s cool here.
Wisconsin- We won’t judge you, no matter how much cheese you eat.
Wyoming- Gateway to more interesting Western states.
Lauther fans disappointed after college bans heartthrob’s shirtless visit

Wanda Featherbee
Music Fan

The Happiest College theater department has recently cancelled its panel discussion and invitation to local actor and Grand Rapids native Taylor Lautner. The discussion was to follow a viewing of the most recent "Twilight Saga: New Moon" film and in promotion of the third film "Eclipse," due to be released June 30.

The college’s board of trustees cancelled Lautner’s visit citing the division that broke out on campus after Michael Landon’s visit in November 1957 following the release of his film “I was a Teenage Werewolf.” Landon’s visit caused students to devolve into discussion of werewolves and Dr. Alfred’s theories about pre-evolution being humanity’s salvation.

A statement was released saying that students were not prepared for another discussion about werewolves due to the fact that students were already beginning to choose sides between vampires and werewolves.

P. Nut Eminem (’10), a Happiest theater student, said, “It feels a little biased to me. Where is the representative for the vampires? I’m feeling left out of the discussion, so I’m not going.”

The Twilight Saga is a four-book vampire fantasy series authored by Stephenie Meyer, following the story of Bella Swan, played by Kristen Stewart in the films, and her interactions with vampires and werewolves in the small town of Forks, Wash. A major conflict in these stories is the vampires and the werewolves fighting against each other.

Elton John music too polarizing for Happiest campus

Sir Fancypants
DESIGNER OF FABULOUS

Happiest College’s administration has recently announced that it will no longer allow students to play music by Elton John on campus in order to avoid any harmful debate and “polarization” that may be spread by the gay musician. The school explained that “anything other than admonishment of this type of music would advocate morally questionable practices.”

When asked about Happiest’s official policy of avoiding any and all topics that make it feel uncomfortable, a college spokesperson stated, “At Happiest, we believe that the controversial topics are never the important ones. That’s why we try to ignore them as much as possible.”

The debate began when Happiest alum and generous donor, Mr. Van Wyhoekerkman heard the song “Tiny Dancer” playing from a student’s dorm room window. Displeased by the fact that the musician performing the song had some opinions different than his own, Van Wyhoekerkman contacted the school’s administration to request that such music would be banned in order to prevent any further controversy.

Agreeing with this opinion wholeheartedly, Happiest’s board of trustees moved to not only ban music by Elton John, but also extend the ban to all musicians and hands with a “polarizing homosexual agenda.” Artists considered for this ban included R.E.M., Sigur Rós and Queen. While reviewing the music to be banned, a board member expressed confusion over the fact that while Queen was led by “a man whose homosexuality is unacceptable on Happiest’s campus,” the board “rocked so hard, I almost broke my neck head-banging to ‘Bohemian Rhapsody’.”

When asked why these artists’ personal lives should have anything to do with their music, the board simply stated that it would not stand for “ambush journalism.”

Happiest was also issued an official Happiest College Institutional Statement on Homosexual Music, a portion of which is printed below.

"Happiest College, like its founding denomination, the Reformed Church in America, seeks to distinguish between awesome music like that of ted Nugent and the controversial and morally unacceptable music of homosexual artists such as Elton John. The college supports the scholarly examination and discussion of all the issues surrounding the phenomenon of homosexual music, just so long as this discussion does not take place on Happiest’s campus or otherwise involves Happiest College in any way.”

Student reaction to this policy has not been totally positive. A close friend of the writer of this article who was interviewed for another’s convenience had the following to say: “Happiest College doesn’t really seem to understand what the phrase ‘avoiding controversy’ means. It’s like when they say they are ‘avoiding controversy,’ it just means that they are choosing to alienate one group of people so that a different group of people won’t be mad at them. That kind of sounds like controversy to me.”

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A n o t h e r member of Happiest’s administration explained that difficult discussions regarding challenging and relevant issues will not be tolerated at this institution of learning. This unnamed representative also stated, “From past experience, strongly-opinionated speakers who care the most about their causes rarely accomplish anything useful at all.”

The member went on to explain that in the face of student backlash, the administration has decided to make one concession.

“The College has decided that because its message does not conflict with the morals and beliefs that this school was founded on, Happiest will allow the playing of the Queen song ‘Fat Bottomed Girls’.”
Incident Report

Date: 4.10.10
Time: 1106hrs.
Type: INJURY
Description: Male student in Pine Grove was trampled by a hoard of joyous, skipping students replaying a dance scene from “Glee.” The injured male student suffered a sprained ankle, and the dancing adults received a no-TV suspension.

Incident Report

Date: 4.11.10
Time: 2337hrs.
Type: NOISE COMPLAINT
Description: Loud noises were heard in a female dorm. A female student stormed into her room complaining past quiet hours to a group of her sorority sisters about an urgent issue. When the RA approached the residents to keep it down, they explained they were giving support to their heart-broken sorority sister because her new boyfriend took an hour to change his facebook relationship status.

Incident Report

Date: 4.8.10
Time: 1542hrs.
Type: INJURY
Description: Freshman girls tanning on Dykstra Beach suffered bouts of hypothermia after a sudden snow storm lasting roughly 20 minutes. The five girls are slowly recovering at Happiest College’s health clinic, but all are reporting to be happy just to be tan.

Incident Report

Date: 4.1.10
Time: 1020hrs.
Type: ANIMAL EMER.
Description: A squirrel jumped into a trash can. An anonymous student of Happiest College called campus safety expressing her fear for the suffocation of this squirrel. She also worried for the poor feeding conditions the squirrel could encounter; the squirrel is currently undergoing psychological treatment.

Incident Report

Date: 3.24.10
Time: 0837hrs.
Type: UNRULY CONDUCT
Description: Student had to be removed from dining hall for unruly conduct. Said student was throwing dishes and yelling because his eggs weren’t sunny-side up which was the only way he could start one of his happy days at Happiest College.
Moje życie tutaj wydaje się jednak w Clifford’s Tower, średniowieczne wiele miejsc do tej pory, włączając historycznego miasta. Zacząłem przejść na ulicach wąskie Bruk tego University campus i nauczenie się przez sam’s malejącego zdrowia w Ta good-bye dokonano nawet mocniej. Sam, jak I pakowane do spędzenia trzy niezwykle zostawić moje rodziców i twarzy, ja wiedziałem, że był on opanowane mnie w dół do lick my. Od tej chwili, które on prawie są Wheaten. Mój Tata ujawniło mu furry miękkich mix powlekany Terrier wieczorem, po przybywających wciąż kłopoty, znajdowania nasze opartego na humanitarne, jeszcze wyszukiwanie PSA, dzięki czemu Moich rodziców i I miał zostały psy, Sam, był w wieku powyżej 8. Bendrijos užsienyje

Audrey Tautou
Coco Chanel

Segment dag drømmar över langetrasas

I ben i Barcelona. Het is een bekende van voor kleinegeestige diefstal. De Olympische spelen van Zakkenroller zijn hier elke dag gehouden.

Vorge week was ik zitten een metro zijn dunbevlokt bewoond, “riding” tussen twee plaatsen dat u hebben gewonnen t omhouden “en opvang van mijn eigen bedrijf. Ik was eigenlijk mijn Clint Eastwood vlakker in het glas van mij offieren. Ik zelke keer een tijde verscherpen het geval ik in een strak spot uitvoeren.

These feller mij komt en begin chattin’ me up over buiten en kmoe en whatnot. Welnu, hier was ik in Barcelona, proberen tot mijn bereidheid tot tegenoord, betere en deze man werd mij met een onderwerp dat ik zorg dan Tiger Woods sekelen afslaan. "Duidelijk, dit was een geplande afgeleid, kreeg ik voorzichtig. Ik want "t ze torgen, omdat ik een booby portomonee op mij een portomonee voor boobs houden. Ik heb enkele boodschappen ontvangsten daar en een onbetaalde Michigan parkeer ticket. Ik duct tape mijn eigenlijke portefeuille aan mijn binnenste Bovenpoet. Deze tactiek doet mij minder gevoelig Zakkenroller en impulsa uitgeven.

Waarschijnlijk hebben weulden’t “t weet, werd hij weer gegeven mij zijn decoratieve Broek, Zwitserse geniet horelorge, vond ik iemand voor mijn portomonee enige booby. Ik besloot de laatste met vanoorsuwus is de zaak te onderzoeken.

Ik terloops ingeschat om te zien wie mijn portomonee had genomen, maar ik kon kiezen tussen een stevige gember dame en de reinaarctuur van Edward T. Marrow. Na het een loot is verkregen, de sombere distractor snel het trein verlaten. (Ik) stiekem ombligo Dulce Dulce. " Ik buiten gewacht. "Eh, wat is de deal?" Kani ik mijn portomonee terugkrijgen?"

"Oh, yes, hehals dude. Wie probeert alleen te voeden onze gezinnen. We’re landhuudars, en we hebben een vaste tijd na deze plaga de langtressen."

"Maan, een plaat van kreeften?"

"Yeah, ze overall?"

"Watroom don’t u die alleen etsen? We eten ‘n voortdurend in de nieuwe wereld."

"Flabbergasted op mijn gumshoeility."


Judgement, the ad has been rendered valueless by the mistake. However, if such mistakes occur, this newspaper...
**Team Awesome**

Tweeting Happiest College sports: cricket

**Thursday**
April 15

**Cricket**
vs. Grasshoppers at 7 p.m.
Portage
vs. Ralph Lauren at 9 p.m.

**Saturday**
April 17

**Bocce Ball**
vs. Various Senior Citizens at 10 a.m.
Law Bowing
vs. the same at 1 p.m.

**Monday**
April 19

**Rock Paper Scissors**
vs. Kindergarteners at 8 a.m.
Unicycle Hockey
vs. Bierman & Bailey at 6:30 p.m.

**In Brief**

**BOG SNORKELERS SQUIRM PAST COMPETITION**

The Happiest College bog snorkelers finished first in the National Bog Snorkelers Championship over the weekend. Captain Jimbo Mukracker ('10) snorkeled faster than everybody else at the competition, coming in first place by a whopping 27 seconds. One Smiling Norsemen's facial hair was just too much for spring break. Popular at Happiest College have a happiest baseball team missing after spring break tho. thanks disgruntled music impromptu pep band music about this sport. loving the knockouts by a tuba. Students outside protesting our airline tickets and we are good for thousands of dollars, “Catfish said. “We are starting a new time jobs and live off the land.”

**Happiest baseball team missing after spring break**

Many spring sports teams at Happiest College have a tradition of going some place warm for spring break. Popular choices include South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. That tradition continued this past spring break when all six teams went to southern states to compete against colleges from across the country. The only problem this year was one team didn't return to Happiest when they finished playing.

“We are enjoying the weather,” Harry Byrd ('10) said. “We decided as a team that we aren't coming back to Michigan. We are all going to become professional athletes anyway, so why finish college?”

The baseball team left for the Dominican Republic to participate in a 12-team tournament and never returned. Instead, they cashed in their plane tickets for extra cash. “All of our bats were worth thousands of dollars,” Catfish Fingers ('12) said. “Add in our airline tickets and we are good for a while. We can all find part-time jobs and live off the land.”

Even coach Lou Blitz has decided to stay. “I flew my family down,” Blitz said. “We are starting a new life down here. We might even decide to move to a different Caribbean island, it just depends on how we feel.”

While this might sound wonderful for the team, Happiest's administration is not so pleased. An anonymous source from deep inside Happiest's inner workings gave The Rancher an exclusive interview regarding this issue.

“We have been trying to get a hold of Coach Blitz and various players for weeks now,” the source said. “We want them to know that this is absolutely not acceptable. We don't want other schools looking at us thinking we do whatever we want. Those boys went down there to play baseball, not to stay!”

The baseball team's decision to stay is not the first time a Happiest athletic team has not returned from a trip. The women's basketball team from 1996 still hasn't returned from Boise, Idaho. The men's soccer team from 1987 is, as far as anybody knows, still in Cancun, Mexico. Most shocking of all, however, was the men's curling team from 2004.

They went to Canada to compete in a tournament and the only thing anybody ever heard from them was a picture showing the entire team riding moose, wearing toques and drinking Labatt Blue.

It has been speculated that some of those players actually became Canadian citizens and joined the Canadian Olympic curling team.

One player in particular, Logan Tremblay, had a visible tattoo on his right forearm. The tattoo was of an anchor. But I digress.

The baseball team went to the Dominican Republic, decided to stay there and are enjoying themselves, and extreme dissatisfaction is emanating from the Happiest administration. If you only would have read that last sentence. You could have saved yourself a couple minutes by getting a summary of this whole article in one sentence.

I might decide to move to the Dominican Republic one day. It seems nice down there. Maybe Jamaica would be a better option. Would my dollars ever be good down there though? What kind of currency do they use in Jamaica, gold doubloons? I'm assuming that's where all the pirates live. I know if I were a pirate I would dock my ship in Jamaica. I wonder if the Pittsburgh Pirates from the MLB have ever played in Jamaica. It relates to this article; Changed their names, became Canadian citizens and joined the Canadian Olympic curling team.

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**Happiest**

**Just Got A HExFFFFFFFFX or a “run,” in cricket speak. at least, i think it’s a run...ikd 4 sure**

7:32 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

**At Calvin College we’re more cultured than you are we have a cricket team and you don’t P**

7:34 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web in reply to Calvin College

oh shoot. i probs shouldn’t have tweeted that. oh well

7:35 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

i’m so going to get fired after this. fml

7:36 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

happiest and dartmouth players talking to each other on the field, this looks like it could be interesting and/or important

7:43 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

happiest players are leaving field, but dartmouth are staying...what's going on?

7:44 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

k wthers. i'm so over this.

7:44 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

i have homework to do before

7:46 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

i think we just forfeited

7:46 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

i wonder if the concession stand

7:47 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

is open? i'm so hungry.

7:55 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

i'm so going to get fired after this.

7:56 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

happiest and dartmouth players talking to each other on the field, this looks like it could be interesting and/or important

7:57 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

happiest is still just standing around. i think this is turning into a dartmouth scrimmage against itself.

7:58 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

this is embarrassing. 

8:00 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

sooooo bored. for real. no wonder no one took this story.

7:26 p.m. Feb 31 via mobile web

Happy baseball team missing after spring break

**This Week In Sports**