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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, twosome people danced downtown 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, beard-wearing people, because, well, they have hippies! They’re just different — and they drink a lot! We felt like we had to go. I don’t know how they got the number somehow and asked me to go. 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 Vegaud (’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 at all” campaign to “10:1 ‘til you crawl.”

The participants of the mission trip 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 Onjysee 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 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 Hollandard 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 participants of 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
Washingtonian

Coffee consumption on campus has become an epidemic.

Some students drink nothing but pure, black coffee while others favor their coffee with any number of combinations and topped with whipped cream. At any rate, the overabundance of the drinks and students’ preoccupation with getting them has led to the crackdown on these delicious goodies.

What was once a harmless beverage and a good date-night staple has become a distraction in the classroom.

Knickers bounce, pencils tap 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 latte 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.

“It’s insane. I want my latte. Where’s my latte?”, Snap said.
Happiest College campus safety has reported several cases of ambush journalism in the past weeks. According to campus safety, the perpetrators lurk in shadows, pens and pencils in hand, waiting to strike their victims when last expected. “They observe everything their victims say and do, write it down, and then they do the absolutely unthinkable,” said one campus safety official. “They print it!”

Campus safety said these journalists are dangerous because they expose information some would like to keep hidden. Campus safety recommends students keep themselves and their communities safe from these ambush journalists by keeping silent on controversial topics whenever possible.

NEW TWILIGHT CLUB FORMS ON CAMPUS

Happiest College students gained official recognition of a new club this week, which celebrates and discusses the great literary classics of the Twilight series. The Happiest Twilight Association held their first meeting Monday, April 12, and spent the time searching for men with sparkling personalities. The majority of the students at the meeting felt enthusiastic about their search for men with sparkling personalities whenever possible.

PP: In Kollen Hall, of course! I love it! The bike storage room was converted into a pigpen for me and fresh mud is brought in every day for me to roll around in. It’s almost as great as having a wide-open field.

SL: And the other residents don’t mind?

PP: Are you kidding me? They love it! Last weekend some girls were wearing these funny letters on their T-shirts came in and asked if they could have a mud fight. I didn’t mind because I was just tanning my bottom stop, but the guys next door seemed to be really excited about it.

SL: So you’re making friends?

PP: Oh yes! I’m on Facebook and everything. I really hope that people add me. I just want to be popular here at Happiest. Maybe I even can be Homecoming Queen! (laughs) Well, you never know! Stranger things have happened!

SL: You’re just being funny, though.

PP: I can even be Homecoming Queen! (laughs) Well, you never know! Stranger things have certainly been known to happen at Happiest. Are you excited for more farm animals to get here next year?

PP: Oh yes! My friend Snowball will be around humans? I mean, people will be able to walk with me and fresh mud is brought in. It’s almost as great as having a wide-open field. It’s almost as great as having a wide-open field.

SL: Where are you living on campus?

PP: In Windmill Island. I really want to meet him, though. I heard that Happiest College is going to talk about me to the admissions office in particular is interested in me. I want my $24.99 back for the potential distraction the project could affect the half million tourists expected during the summer. I want my $24.99 back for the potential distraction the project could affect the half million tourists expected during the summer. I want my $24.99 back for the potential distraction the project could affect the half million tourists expected during the summer. I want my $24.99 back for the potential distraction the project could affect the half million tourists expected during the summer.

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PP: And the other residents love it! They’re all for the idea. The majority of the students involved in the protest were frustrated because of the impending obsolescence of their rain boots.

SL: You’ll be transferred in.

PP: I will. But I’m not going to stop fighting. I will fight for my pound of flesh. I will fight for my pound of flesh. I will fight for my pound of flesh.

SL: Your friends are going to fight for you.

PP: That’s right. I’m fighting for my pound of flesh. I will fight for my pound of flesh. I will fight for my pound of flesh.

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Vice president emphatically endorses profanity

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 be a hat! Our heritage, it doesn’t matter...” Biden continued in this manner for several minutes until one of his aides vomited.

While Biden’s new tone and image are quite shocking, what may be even more of a surprise are the opinions he is expressing. When asked about the Republican National Committee’s use of a lesbian bondage themed club, Biden said, “So what if (RNC Chairman) Michael Steele wants some to give him a hat while he holds her banana? Give him a break!”

Biden’s support for political rivals continued when he commented on the impact of political pundit Glenn Beck. “Beck is one crazy mother it’s love that guy!” he said. “I’ve got to figure out what sort of he is on!”

With this new attitude seemingly ingrained into Biden’s political persona, the Obama administration is taking action. Obama himself has made significant changes to Biden’s planned public speeches. Specifically, for the next six months, Biden will only be appearing at events for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Unfortunately, the Obama administration did not act quickly enough to prevent Biden from making an appearance at a local elementary school to read to a second-grade classroom. 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.

**Kansas** - Corn!

**Kentucky** - Most rectangular!

**Louisiana** - Beads, Booze, and Bayou.

**Maine** - Postage stamp of America.

**Maryland** - Housing DC’s at large criminals for over 200 years.

**Massachusetts** - Go park 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!

**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.

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Lautner fans disappointed after college bans heartthrob’s shirtless visit

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 1967 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 this series is vampires and the werewolves fighting against each other.

The debate began when Happiest alum and generous donor, Mr. Van Wyhokerkman 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 Wyhokerkman 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 bands 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 headbanging 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 journalistic.”

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 representative for the Team Jacob shirts, clubs and Facebook groups, Lautner would be a representative for the Team Jacob support groups.

Elton John music too polarizing for Happiest campus

A statement was released regretfully apologizing to those who were planning to attend.
**Happiest College: Incident Report**

Incident # 102
Date: 4.6.10
Time: 1106hrs.
Type: INJURY

**Description:** Male student in Pine Grove was trampled by a hoard of joyful, 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.

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**Happiest College: Incident Report**

Incident # 111
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.

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**Happiest College: Incident Report**

Incident # 169
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.

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**Happiest College: Incident Report**

Incident # 52
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.

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**Happiest College: Incident Report**

Incident # 78
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.
Dwight Schrute
Assistant Regional Manager

Pohodlia Francúzsko

Jackie Chan
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Syksyllä rakkaus

Mindem öszel a szébb – Európában sem kivetel. Én lépés kívül minden reggelt, mint a well–it 's nem minden ugyanaz. Én fogok végig maradva az étteremben és kiszaporítva a rendhelyek, hogy elérjek a főiskolát. Azt, amit én érezek a főiskolától, hogy az én–kind valami újabb számításrendszer, nem egy, amit én számoztam meg az én–kind vissza a számlánól. Én érzem, hogy ez az én–kind valami újabb számításrendszer, nem egy, amit én számoztam meg az én–kind vissza a számlánól.

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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 first place by a whopping 27 seconds. One Smiling Norseman is under review by the Happiest's administration is wonderful for the team, on how we feel. "Caribbean island, it just depends on how we feel down here. We might even decide to move to a different location. No one has ever played in the Dominican Republic, decided to stay there and are enjoying themselves, and extreme diapropal is emanating from the Happiest administration. If only you 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 some day. It seems nice down there. Maybe Jamaica would be a better option. Would my dollars even 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 I were a pirate I would dock my ship in Jamaica. It relates to this article; I'm assuming that's where all the pirates live. I might decide to move to the Dominican Republic some day. It seems nice down there. Maybe Jamaica would be a better option. Would my dollars even 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 I were a pirate I would dock my ship in Jamaica. It relates to this article; 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 I were a pirate I would dock my ship in Jamaica. It relates to this article; I'm assuming that's where all the pirates live.

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 all are 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 Blitzz has decided to stay. "I flew my family down," Blitzz 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."

With 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 Troybley, had a visible tattoo on his right forearm. The tattoo was of an anchor. But I digress.

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