



## HONORS PROGRAM IS CONFIRMED TO BE CURSED

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"THE CHAMBER HAS BEEN OPENED. ENEMIES OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM ... BEWARE."

This was the troubling message Augsburg students woke up to find painted in dripping blood outside of the Honors lounge on Monday morning. The blood was confirmed to be leftover pig blood from the freshmen's Scholar Citizen course.

If the message was meant to inspire fear or disconcertment, it was

less than effective. When told about the incident, Honors students were predominately unfazed.

"A chamber?" Kelton Holsen said. "Yeah, sounds about right. I mean, given everything else going on, this might as well happen."

Cal Denson Lehman reacted similarly. "That checks out. I don't know why anyone's surprised. That room is cursed. I don't go in there. I just don't trust like that."

Ashley Kronebusch was first to find the

rumored chamber. After accidentally knocking Professor Crockett's shepherd crook from its place on the wall, a foggy staircase rose from the floor, leading to a dark abyss.

"Oh, I just shrugged it off and left," she said later. "I thought it was just one of those Honors things."

No one on campus denies that strange things have been happening since the chamber opened, but there is disagreement about whether the events

are caused by supernatural forces lurking under the Honors lounge. There have been reports of a spontaneously moving statue in the lounge, clanking through the pipes, and a disgraced honors professor wandering forlornly through campus.

"I'd say that it's likely that there's a monster down there," Holsen mentioned. "Something's got to be eating all the snacks in the lounge."

## WHAT THE F%CK IS RACIST?:

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RACHEL DOLEZAL, A WHITE ALLY

Hello, everyone! So I've been getting many questions lately about what is racist and what white people can or can't do. So, per your request, I have decided to make a column that answers the question "What the fuck is racist?"

Question 1: Who can define racism?

Well, this is a tricky question! Before, when people of color were oppressed, we could say when something was racist. We defined racism as "race prejudice + power," and racism was something that could be overt

or subliminal through societal structures, social interactions or internal beliefs. Racism was something that affected our daily lives by the processes of structural policies that limited our access to resources to even the way we walk in society in hopes that cops don't attack us and we survive another day to see our families.

However, I guess now that people of color seem to have more rights than white people because of policies like affirmative action, clubs reserved for people of color and our ability to claim "racism!" when white people harm

us, now white people get to define racism! In our society, it seems that white people are the most affected because they need to monitor their actions and be worried they may be called racist (which is worse than actually being racist). Because of this fragile line white people must walk to not be racist, now they can define what racism is because they now understand what it means to be a person of color more than a person of color, because of this experience of watching their language and not being comfortable to say all their opinions in their intro to sociology course.

Question 2: Is it okay to say the n-word?

I mean if you asked me this before this year, I would say non-Black people absolutely CANNOT say the n-word in any regard because the cultural violence the word inflicts. This word was created by white people to literally remove the humanity of Black people and reclassify them as something other than human. Non-Black people who still believe in this definition use it today to justify their violence to Black folks and inflict their internalized superiority.

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