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NOT BY ROSA GERBER
STAR STAFF WRITER

President Bush to declare combat over

Bush vows that the coalition will "defeat the dictator's legacy" in Iraq. He plans to declare that the combat phase of the war is over on Thursday, May 1.

Iraqi delegates, including Shiites, Sunnies, Arab tribal chiefs, and many others met in Baghdad to discuss the new task of building a workable political structure for Iraq. The group agreed to reconvene in a month to choose a temporary government.

Although Bush believes that the warfare is over and is glad that Saddam Hussein is out of power, he warned that building a "new Iraq" will take time.

World Health Organization lifts travel ban to Toronto

At a news conference in Geneva, Switzerland, WHO director General Gro Harlem Brundtland announced that the magnitude of the SARS epidemic has decreased. "It has been now 20 days since the last cases of community transmission," he said.

Toronto has had the biggest outbreak of SARS outside of Asia.

Tuesday's announcement came after Canadian officials met with WHO officials to discuss whether or not health care officials in Canada have the SARS outbreak under control.

Apple sells online music

Apple Computer Inc. announced the opening of its online music store this week at an expo in California.

Beginning this week, users are able to download songs for 99 cents each through Apple's iTunes software, burn unlimited songs on CDs for personal

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SGA acknowledges excellence in community

BY BECKY WILLIAMS
STAR STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, April 23, the Student Government Association (SGA) held its yearly awards ceremony in Wesley Chapel, honoring select students, faculty and staff for their excellence and service to the Houghton community. This year's honorees are as follows:

SGA Excellence in Music Award—Alicia Atwater

SGA Excellence in Art Award—Shayna Schapp

SGA Excellence in Drama Award—Jonathan Wise

SGA Excellence in Staff Award—Kathie Brenneman

SGA Faculty Award—Dr. Kristina LaCelle-Peterson

Administration Award—David Tilley

Leadership Award—Tobias Cushing

Female Christian Service Award—Rebecca Mattoon

Male Christian Service Award—Rosario Picardo

Special Commendation—Russell Knight

Publication Award—Bethany Schwartz

College Service—Scott Wilkins

Senate Awards—Julie Rudd and Jeremy van Hoff

Presidential Awards—Melinda Albrecht and Eric Alcott/The Advancement Staff

The nomination process for the awards

involved a student committee of around seven people assembled by SGA chaplain Scott Wilkins. This year's student committee included Melinda Albrecht, Nina Johnson, Rod

student committee are also able to nominate possible recipients. After the student committee has reviewed all of the nominations, they vote on nominees to select a recipient for

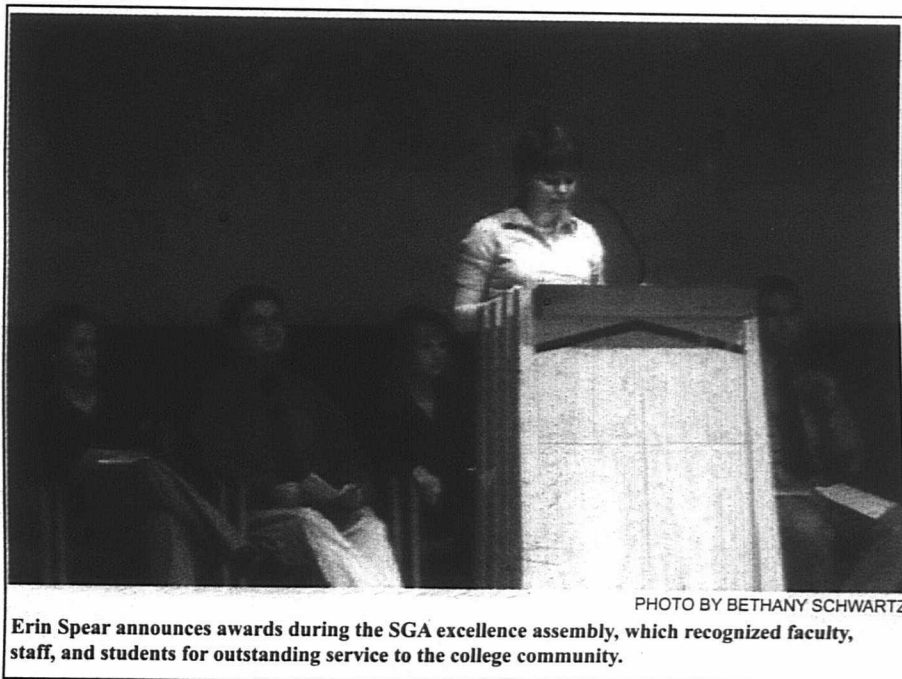


PHOTO BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ

Erin Spear announces awards during the SGA excellence assembly, which recognized faculty, staff, and students for outstanding service to the college community.

McCallum, Jessica Spear, Emily Dunham, Laura Hess, and Wilkins, who chaired the committee. The chaplain then solicits nominations for each award. Staff, faculty, and administration nominate the majority of the recipients, providing rationale for each nomination, and members of the

each award.

Congratulations to all those who won SGA Awards for the 2002-03 school year. Your excellence and contributions have not gone unnoticed.

Buffalo minister to deliver commencement address

The Rev. Greg McClain, senior pastor at Hamburg Wesleyan Church, will deliver the address during Houghton College's commencement ceremony on Monday, May 12 at 10 a.m. in Wesley Chapel.

Houghton President Daniel R. Chamberlain will preside over the exercises as 265 students from the college's main campus receive bachelor's degrees. Two other graduates will receive associate's degrees through Houghton's Pastoral and Church Ministries Program in Buffalo.

Rev. McClain was raised in Buffalo, where his grandfather was a minister. At the time of his grandfather's death, Rev. McClain sensed a strong call to become a pastor himself. That call guided and sustained him through his education and on to Hamburg where he has pastored for more than 25 years. During that time, the church relocated to a site that has grown to include 70 acres and three building projects, totaling \$20 million. The church, which has a strong ministry to reach the unchurched of

Buffalo's Southtowns, serves 1,700 people in worship services each week.

Rev. McClain holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Wheaton (Ill.) College, a master of divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and a doctorate in ministry from Asbury Seminary.

An honorary doctorate of divinity will be conferred on Rev. McClain during the commencement exercises.

Forty graduates of the Program for Accelerating College Education (P.A.C.E.) will receive their degrees in a separate ceremony Saturday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall. Houghton English professor Charles Bressler will present the commencement address.

P.A.C.E., which has graduated more than 700 students since it began in 1991, offers life-experience credits and accelerates the degree-completion process for adults 25-and-older who

have finished close to two years of college coursework. By taking one course at a time, one night per week, students can earn a bachelor's of science degree in management in approximately 16 months.

In other commencement weekend activities, Dr. Thomas Armiger, general superintendent of The Wesleyan Church, will deliver the baccalaureate address Sunday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m. in Wesley Chapel.

Armiger served in the pastorate for 10 years before moving on to administrative roles with The Wesleyan Church's national office in Indianapolis, Ind. He holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University, a master's of divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary, and doctorate of ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary.

An honorary doctorate of divinity will be conferred to Dr. Armiger.

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use, and download them on up to three computers.

Apple also announced its newest iPod digital music player, which has almost twice as much memory and disk capacity as the old iPod.

The new music store has over 200,000 songs from the five largest music companies.

U.S. Treasury to unveil color bills

In an effort to thwart counterfeiters, the United States Treasury will be announcing new \$20 bills. These bills, unlike the traditional green money, will come in a variety of colors.

This will be the first time in modern history that a U.S. bill will sport a color other than green. Pictures and design of the money will remain the same; the change will only affect the color.

New, redesigned \$50 and \$100 bills will follow the \$20 sometime in 2004 and 2005, respectively. New designs for the \$5 and \$10 are still being considered.

Koreas agree to peacefully resolve nuclear issue

After four days of talks in Pyongyang, North Korea, North and South Korea agreed to resolve their nuclear crisis peacefully.

"South and North Korea will thoroughly consult each other's position on the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula and will continue cooperation to resolve this issue peacefully through dialogue," said a joint statement issued by the Koreans.

The agreement followed a statement by U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, who announced the United States was considering an offer made by North Korea to give up its missiles and nuclear facilities if the U.S. promised economic benefits in return.

According to North Korean officials, the country possesses nuclear weapons and planned to use them depending on the U.S. reaction to their proposal. Other nations, such as Australia, doubt the existence of these weapons of mass destruction.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao questioned the claim that North Korea has made such a statement, saying that as far as he knew, they have "not made such a statement."

French and Spanish students honored for excellence

BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ
STILL THE EDITOR...

The Foreign Language Department recognized two of its top students for distinguished service at an awards banquet on Tuesday, April 22.

Hannah Alsdurf and Cheryl LaBianca were honored together for their excellence in French and Spanish, respectively. Each invited a guest to the banquet to share with them in their recognition.

JeanLouis Roederer, chair of the Foreign Language department, recognized the girls before the rest of the department and presented them with certificates.

Roederer added that while the department wished that Alsdurf and LaBianca could be recognized in the Distinguished Service Awards assembly in front of the entire college, the college has had so many outstanding students to recognize for achievement that such an assembly would be too long for the chapel period. Instead, only the awards funded from outside the campus would be announced in the assembly.

According to Roederer, "The Foreign Language excellence awards



PHOTO BY BETHANY SCHWARTZ

Hannah Alsdurf and Cheryl LaBianca were honored Tuesday, April 22 for their outstanding work in the French and Spanish programs. The department hosted a banquet to honor the students.

are given to the outstanding French and Spanish majors of that year. Outstanding not just in terms of proficiency and competence in the language, but also service to the department, through a variety of possible activities and involvements." Involvements generally include assisting

with language labs, acting as tutors for other students, and participating in various language clubs on campus.

Alsdurf and LaBianca are "strong and dynamic supporters of the foreign language program at Houghton," said Roederer.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

a weekly profile

Josh Miller: The Star's new editor

Full name: Joshua Nathan Miller

Age: 20

Hometown: Ashland, KY

Major: English and writing...possibly Bible

How did you hear about Houghton? *Peterson's Guide to Top Colleges and Universities*

Why did you choose Houghton? Long story...I was leaning toward Illinois Wesleyan but came to visit Houghton to see if they'd give me more money. They didn't, but while I was here I was impressed by the kind and engaging community. I also happened to be reading in Luke that weekend, and somewhere in chapter 6 Jesus says something to the effect of, "Be careful who your teachers are, for you will become like them." I didn't feel comfortable becoming like the teachers at Illinois Wesleyan, so I came here where I knew I could get a quality education from a Christian perspective.

School activities: Study, edit the Star, study, do a play, study, spend time with people, study, go to Hungry, study...did I mention studying? There's a lot of that at Houghton...

Favorite thing about Houghton: Using everything in the

cafeteria to make desserts. Chocolate marshmallow ice cream, Rocky Road pudding and Oreo crumbs...Mmm...<drool>

Favorite musicians: The Normals, Skillet, Chris Cornell, Cake, U2

Favorite TV shows: The Simpsons, Dragon Ball Z, and other cartoons that mature people aren't supposed to watch

Favorite movies: *Kung Pow, Enter the First, Army of Darkness, Monty Python & the Holy Grail, LOTR: Fellowship of the Ring, White Oleander*

Favorite books: *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Brothers Karamazov*, *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, *Faust*, *Job*

Favorite Bible verse: A favorite is 2 Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

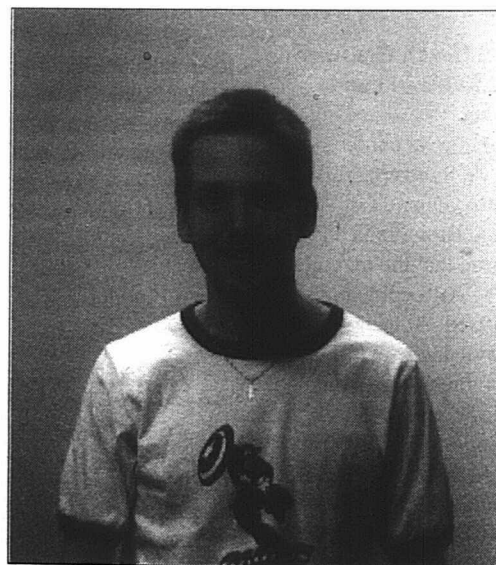
If someone made a movie of your life, who would play you? Lucy Lawless. I'd kick butt!!

Paper or plastic? Umm...

Would you like fries with that? WOW! I didn't know fries were a part of the interview. Yeah, I'm famished!

Where were you on the night of June 20th, 1965? Um...haven't you been paying attention? I'm 20; I wasn't alive then...

What is the capital of Assyria? What? I don't know that. AAHHHHHH!!!! (Unfortunately, at this point in the interview, Josh was cast into the Gorge of Eternal Peril for his incorrect answer. The Star will now need a new editor-in-chief. Any volunteers?)



With help from Personal Effects, over 35 girls donate hair

BY LAURA GOODFELLOW
STAR GUEST WRITER

Locks of Love started at Houghton in September of 2002 when a couple of RAs and I were talking about needing haircuts. One had previously donated her hair to Locks of Love but it wasn't long enough to do it again. The other two of us had hair long enough to make the 10-inch donation but we decided we would grow it out and wait until the end of the school year to cut it. We then thought it might be fun to advertise it on campus and get lots of people with long hair to cut it all at once.

For the rest of the semester we advertised around campus, continuing into the spring semester, asking for people who would be willing to donate their hair.

On April 8, 9, and 10, Penny Geary and Terri Stanton, stylists at Personal Effects in Houghton (567-8662) donated their time to give free haircuts to anyone who had 10 inches of hair they were willing to donate. They also put an ad in the *Cuba*

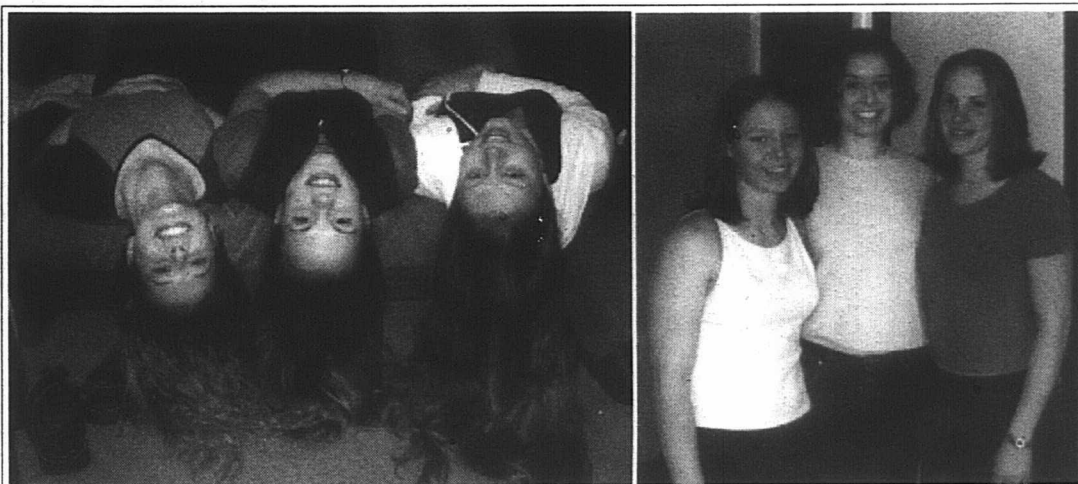
Patriot telling of the event. During those three days we had over 35 people donate from the college and surrounding communities. Over 467 inches of hair was donated. Donations ranged from 10 to 21 inches in length. Penny and Terri also styled the new

haircut and gave free samples of hair styling products to everyone who participated.

We will be mailing the big box of hair to Locks of Love right before finals week. The Locks of Love organization does not know it is

coming. Lambein Hall Council is giving Penny and Terri gift certificates to Glen Iris to show their appreciation for their help in the event.

Visit www.locksoflove.com for more details about the charity.



PHOTOS COURTESY LISA KOLB AND LAURA GOODFELLOW

Angela Pearce, Julia Jacob, and Lisa Kolb before and after donating their hair to the Locks of Love organization. The girls were among the 35+ college and community members who donated hair.

'To tattoo or not to tattoo': a study at Houghton

SUBMITTED BY
JOHN VAN WICKLIN
PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Each year, students in PSY315 (Psychological Assessment) create a survey to address an area of interest on Houghton's campus. This year's class chose to research tattoos. We surveyed Houghton students using a stratified sampling technique, and we received back 120 of 156 surveys for a very acceptable response rate of 76.9%. The high response rate and sampling technique suggest that these data may represent the current Houghton student population rather well. We also distributed surveys via campus mail to about half of Houghton's faculty and staff. This approach yielded only a 34% return rate, so we are more tentative about generalizing from this sample. (Several high ranking administrators filled out the survey, but how many tattoos they have and their locations are completely confidential.)

On a scale ranging from 1 (most favorable towards tattoos) to 11 (least favorable), the mean student response was 5.03 or slightly favorable in contrast to a mean faculty/staff response of 6.56 or slightly unfavorable. Many respondents displayed a mixture of positive and negative attitudes. For example, although over 60% of students (in contrast to only 18% of faculty) believe tattoos are "a creative way to express oneself,"

55% of students claim they "would never get one," and 53% of students (68% of faculty) believe "employers should be allowed to restrict their visibility."

Over half of staff members surveyed, two-thirds of faculty, and only 40% of students claim that "tattoos are a fad and those who get them will likely regret their permanence." Six students and one staff member surveyed have at least one tattoo. Based on these figures, an estimate of about 50 Houghton students have tattoos, as do perhaps as many as five or six faculty/staff. None of those who have tattoos regret getting them, although one respondent reported having one removed. Most got their tattoos as a form of personal expression, although one "lost a bet" and another "turned 18."

There was little difference between male and female responses. However, males are more likely to express an indifferent attitude toward tattoos in contrast to women, who usually have a positive or negative opinion of them. Women (15%) are also more likely than men (4%) to believe that "Scripture expressly forbids them." One attitude item had a linear relationship based on student classification. Although most students do not believe that "tattooing should be against Houghton Community Standards," this item was endorsed by 9% of freshmen, 7% of sophomores, 3% of juniors, and not one senior.

There is a positive correlation between one's attitude toward tattoos and the number of close friends one has with tattoos, in addition to the attitudes of one's close friends toward tattoos. Attitudes of one's family members or other relatives are not significantly associated. Those with non-traditional body piercings usually had positive attitudes about tattoo-

ing. When asked, "Would you consider getting a tattoo?" 26% of students said "yes" and 17% were unsure. Only 57% said "no." By contrast, 10% of faculty and staff said "yes," 10% were unsure and 80% said "no."

For more information on the survey results, please email john.vanwicklin@houghton.edu.

Houghton College School of Music presents

*The Houghton College
Choral Concert*

featuring the

Women's Choir

and

Gospel Choir

Ryan Brown, director

*Wednesday, April 30 at 8 p.m.
Center for the Arts Recital Hall*

changes, changes...that's what life's about...

welcoming the new *Star* staff...and saying goodbye to the old

Josh Miller Editor-in-chief

Hi, I'm Josh Miller, next year's STAR editor-in-chief. I'm a junior majoring in English and Writing.

As the paper's editor-in-chief, I plan on digging up all the dirt on Houghton, like...um...ok, so Houghton doesn't really offer much in the muckraking realm, so I'll probably include stories about...stuff at Houghton...Ambitious, huh?

Anyway, I am looking forward to working with the STAR. I'm hoping to recruit more writers from the writing department, to

try to improve article quality. From an administrative standpoint, I'd also like to establish a consistent staff of writers so that we function as more of a team. Lastly, I hope to use my position to get as much free stuff as possible.



My name is Aaron Boynton, and I am completing my junior year here at Houghton College. I am a communication major with a minor in mathematics. This past year I worked for the *Star* as a writer for sports and entertainment. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience, and that is what led me to apply for the position of Managing Editor. I feel that this will be a growing and learning experience for me, and hope to do the best I can while serving God at the same time. I look forward to working with Josh, Nathan, Chris, and the rest of the



Aaron Boynton Managing Editor

Star staff. I want to give many thanks to Bethany, Shelley, Brian, and Carissa for all the hard work they did at the *Star* this year.

You will be missed, and I hope to carry on the tradition of publishing a quality newspaper for this campus and community.



Nathan Boyd, senior next year, art major (painting concentration), Layout Editor, etc.

I applied for the position of Layout Editor because I think that all that a college does needs to achieve, or at least aspire to, a level

Nathan Boyd Design Editor

of near professionalism. I hope to bring to the *Star* a fresh look and feel. I'll primarily be focusing on cosmetic changes; things that I hope my artistic skills can bring to fruition. I have high hopes for next year's editions of the *Star*.

In the future, I have no idea what I will be doing. I am thinking about overseas service as an illustrator or graphic designer. Maybe I will go on to grad school, rent a loft, and become bohemian. Or I may end up working at Starbucks because

caramel frappuccinos are so darn delicious. My future is ripe with wonderful opportunities.

Hi, my name is Christopher Stanley and I'm the new Business Editor for the *Star*. I'm a communications major with political science and religion minors. I look forward to graduating from Houghton in December of 2004, and then becoming a television/radio production engineer. I've been mulling over some new ideas for the *Star* already, including increased advertising in our weekly edition. I'd love to receive some feedback from you, the students, think about printing a Classifieds section during the first two or three weeks of school where college students could sell their books. This would definitely be something new for the *Star* and I'm eager to hear what you think and whether or not you would be willing to participate. Thanks!

Christopher Stanley Business Editor

You have got to be kidding me.

The words ran through my mind over and over as I walked back to East Hall during the last week of classes my sophomore year. I had just finished my first night of helping with the *Star*, since I was to be the editor-in-chief when Glenn McCarty graduated.

It was 3:30 a.m.

I was used to staying up late, but this was ridiculous. Exhausted, we had waited for hours for people to send in their articles so we could place them into the layout program...and when they hadn't, I had been relegated to a table in Big Al's to write articles on Glenn's computer.

And Glenn still had to drive the disk with our hard work on it to Belfast.

What have I gotten myself into??? I asked, staring up at the darkened dormitory.

The other night I stood in the parking lot between East Hall and the Campus Center (the parking lot

nicknamed "the kissing lot" by my friends whose room gave them an unwanted view of many couples who believed they were alone while they were saying their goodnights), again gazing at the dorm. But this time it was different: I didn't know who lived in the rooms I was looking at.

It's different being a senior. And it's different knowing that I'm going to be graduating before I can even blink an eye. But I've come so far since being that sophomore helping Glenn in Big Al's.

I've produced about fifty issues of the *Star* in the past two years, and some have been better than others. Some have been easier than others. I've had to stay up until 4 a.m. working on some and not others. But I wouldn't trade it for anything. I've learned so much about perseverance, leadership, listening, PageMaker, editing, and God.

I might be up until 3:30 tonight writing this and finishing my last *Star*, but I will walk back to my apartment with a smile on my face. It's not just

because I'm accustomed to staying up all night (even though I am), but I will know that I have given God my all to print a paper that worships Him. I have done the best with what He has given me.

And that is what He has called you to do while you are here: worship God and do the best with what He has given you.

One thing God has given me is friends, and I would like to say thank you to my *Star* staff (Rosa, Rich, Beth, Shelley, Brian, and Carissa) - you guys have made my life so much easier. Thank you. Thank you also to



Bethany Schwartz former editor

Em, Julin, Heather, Jen, and Nina, who have put up with my

stress, brought me food, and offered to write articles for me. I couldn't have done this without you.

Two years ago I caught a *Star* and put it in my pocket, but I want to take it out and hand it to Josh with the hope that it will never fade away.

Dear Houghton,

This is my letter of goodbye to you. I may not have agreed with you all the time nor you with me, but I owe you, Houghton College as a whole, something. Thank you for giving me something I did not have a full grasp of—hope. Hope in those around me and myself to strive towards God's will no matter how many imperfections we have. Even more important, this letter is about the individuals that have helped me along the way, because they are the ones that put a face to the stones, snow, trees, buildings and grades.

There are so many people and so little space. First, Rich Stegen, you are perhaps amongst the most influential people in my life at Houghton. Since my Welcome Weekend, you have been guiding me every step of the way. You were the first psychology professor I met here on campus and also the first teacher I had. From the beginning you have been teacher, mentor and almost a father in this home away from home. You believed in me from the start. Looking back, I must have been close to a joke as a student here, but if you knew that you did not let it show. You only showed me that with a little more work I could get it done. Thank you.

Paul Young, you were amazing, sir. Without a doubt you showed me that hard work would be needed if I was to persevere as a psych major. Although I was not your best student, I was dedicated—dedicated to learning what you had to teach me. Your tests may have made us cry but your jokes made us laugh; a fair enough trade, if you ask me. Every time I hear a student say, "Time to go have sex with Dr. Young," I think back on Human Sexuality and wish I could do it all over again. Mainly because I think I could have gotten a better grade, but I will leave it at that. Thank you, sir; you have taught me how to enjoy what I have and how to get tough when the going gets tough.

Daryl Stevenson, I admit I know you the least out of the people I mention in this letter, but you have had a profound effect on me. You gave me opportunities without even knowing me. You have been hard and stern with me at times, yet it has been a blessing. You helped make me stronger for the real world and I appreciate that so much. I thank you.

This next thank you is for the Student Academic Services staff and the Info Center's Kathie Brenneman. Kathie, if Dr. Stegen was the first Psychology Professor I met, you were the first person I ever met at Houghton. You were kind and amazing out the years...thanks putting up with me. I both SAS and the Info one group because, in both are among the

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ministry programs Houghton College has. Susan Hice, if there is anyone I must have worried it was most likely you. Thank you for letting me stay on the job with the SAS and the WJR testing; you also put me to the test. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to show what I can be worth.

Lastly to "B!" and all my friend here at Houghton. Bethany, you took me under your wing with the *Star* this year and I really feel like we took a good thing and made it better. For everyone who doesn't know, Bethany is an amazing woman! We tried new things this year with the paper and I really hope we have started some new traditions. You are more than just some boss I work under; you became a friend and that's why you are placed with them in this letter. (You better not edit your part out, either, or I'll kill you.) And here we come to the most important things to me here—my friends. To name you all, I would have to know the names of every person here who has ever been so kind to me as to smile when I was frowning. For the guys I can sum it up in a few words, "Did that Canadian FLOAT over the bog we all fell in?" or for those who don't get that one, "How many hours of Japanese Anime you say you just saw straight?" To the gals, at times I was too much of a man to show you that I cared and too little of a man to show you that I cared. You showed me how to treat a woman right and still be myself. In a way I found my own self worth; no words can express how much that meant to me.

The first article that I wrote for the *Star* was about free laundry on campus. My freshman year marked the first time that students wouldn't have to cart their quarters to the laundry room to rid their clothes of dirt and I was the chosen writer to capture all the excitement for the student body. For three years I wrote fairly often leaving a small little footprint in the paper. Now I am writing my very last column as a student, something I am both extremely thankful for and a bit sad.

For many of us this May is the closing of our college careers. We've made it through break-ups, exams, classes, and snowstorms to walk across the chapel stage and pick up our empty cardboard tube posing as a diploma. As we end this phase in our lives we look to a new section. Many are getting married, many will head to graduate school, many will work, and many don't have a clue.

As the trees bud and flowers push out of the once-frozen ground, we will all pack up our rooms and move out for the summer or forever. Good-bye's are some of the worst parts of life. As I walk across campus and look around, I realize that these moments are the last times I will see frisbee players on the quad or smile at a familiar face.

I hate saying good-bye. My farewell to high school is still fresh on my mind and it doesn't seem real that I'm almost finished with this thing called college. As a high school senior I remember tearfully hugging my classmates



shelley dooley
former managing editor

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cried from Atlanta to Kentucky...and I didn't even like my home state of Georgia. As I sat in my room, a scared freshman, I was unsure of what my next four years would hold. The year 2003 was a date too far away to even think about. Graduation was something all those other students did, the old ones, the people I looked up to. I couldn't place myself as one of those seniors, but time has flown by quickly.

Like the laundry that students used to have to pay for, my footprints on this campus will also be a thing of the past. And Houghton holds so many of my footprints. Footprints that walked to the gym, that spent time on the ropes course during the summer, that ran mile after mile on the horse barn trails and route 19. Footprints that walked up the stairs to dinner, that jumped off the Canadea bridge, that slid under the waterfall at Wiscoy, that picked wildflowers on Centerville Road, that led to the swings at the Houghton church, that walked to the climbing wall.

All of my footprints will fade and over the next two weeks I'll leave footprints for the last time as a student on the Houghton campus. While they slowly wash away I'll begin to lay new footprints in the Adirondacks this summer and in Buffalo next fall. We'll all go out from the place and all make unique footprints that our time at Houghton has helped shape. This might be the end, but it is also an exciting beginning.

Good luck to the future *Star* staff, my professors, fellow students, and those yet to come!

To those that I did not put Dr. in front of your name the first time they appeared it is for good reason. I hope that when I see you in a couple of years, I can address you as the friends, counselors, teachers, professors you were to me and have one of those little "Dr." in front of my name.

P.S. Emily, thank you for making me human again. Mother and Sister, you mean the world to me. Father, you will be missed here on Earth, tell God I said I love Him, too!

Symphonic Winds presents spring concert

BY JENNIFER NERONI
STAR STAFF WRITER

Wesley Chapel came alive on Saturday night with the glorious music of the Symphonic Winds' Spring Concert.

The program opened with the flute choir performing "Die Fledermaus Overture," Op. 362, the opera overture by Johann Strauss under the direction of student conductor Josh Stamp. Following that, the Symphonic Winds began their portion of the concert with "Fanfare and Allegro" by Clifton Williams. The piece was extremely powerful with intensity and dynamic rhythms from the brass and percussion sections. The next piece on the program was "Ye Banks and Braes O' Bonnie Doon." This piece by Percy Grainger was based on a Scottish folk tune and featured Houghton piano faculty member Dr. William Newbrough and voice faculty member Shirley Close.

The highlight of the evening was the premiere performance of "Suite for Marice" by Stephan Shewan. Symphonic Winds director and Music Education faculty member Gary Stith commissioned this piece to be written by area composer, Stephen Shewan, in honor of Stith's father, Marice Stith. Shewan has a long-standing connection to the Stith family, and was the obvious choice to take on the project, according to Mr. Stith. "Suite for Marice" is a three-movement piece. The first movement is called "Childhood

Sweetheart 'Dancing With Shirlee,'" about Marice's life with wife Shirlee, whom he met when he was four and she was three years old. The next movement, "A Voice in the Wilderness," is based on Marice's favorite hymn. It features a choral section, which was performed by the Houghton College Choir. The last movement, "Marice Goes to Work," contains the theme of Cornell University (where Marice was the Wind Ensemble director for 33 years), which happens to be the same tune as the Houghton "Alma Mater." Following the performance both Dr. Shewan and Marice Stith joined the ensemble on stage where they received a standing ovation.

The last piece of the evening was William Walton's "Crown Imperial." It was truly a vivacious performance. When the piece was finished, one parent repeatedly exclaimed, "Wow! What a piece!"

Mr. Stith and the Symphonic Winds deserve to be commended for their fine performance last Saturday. There are still two more concerts to wrap up this semester's musical performances. The first will be this Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. The Women's Choir and Chapel Choir will be performing their spring concert under the direction of Ryan Brown. The College Choir will be performing their Parents' Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 12. Both performances will take place in Wesley Chapel.

All-student juried exhibit in Ortlip Gallery

BY LIZ SANDS
STAR STAFF WRITER

From April 10 to April 24, the Ortlip Gallery displayed an incredible variety of student artwork, ranging from tiny two-inch by three-inch black and white photographs to a six-foot tall sculpture of welded scrap metal, all products of the phenomenal talent of the Houghton College art students. From four-foot square multimedia pieces of art to sculptures of wood, stone, and pottery to computer art, graphic design, and charcoal drawings, to realist and abstract paintings, Houghton art students proved once again that they can do it all-and do it well.

The fourteenth annual "All-Student Juried Exhibit" gives students the opportunity to submit pieces of artwork created during the fall and spring semesters, which are then judged by the artist whose exhibit closed just before the juried show. This year's judge was artist Lynda Lambert, an art professor at Geneva College in Pennsylvania and a published poet. Nine pieces of artwork were selected for awards, including five honorable mentions, first, second, and third place distinctions, and a best of show. The works reflect the unique artwork of Houghton students ranging from sophomores to seniors.

Five students took home an honorable mention certificate, including junior Nathan Boyd for his self portrait, *Portrait of the Artist in a Red Hat*; junior Hallie Fairchild for her black and white photograph, *Venice*; senior Magdolene Kelada-Sedra for her two-piece cherry sculpture, *Writhing*; sophomore Jenette Meixner for her sculpture of welded scrap metal, *Juxtaemotion*; and senior Amy Purifoy for her mixed media piece, *Untitled*.

The prestigious 'best of show' was awarded to senior Amy Purifoy for "Puchinella," a black and white photograph.

This year's Moss Award recipient for third place in the Juried Exhibit was

Megan Chalmers, a senior, for her *Self-Vessel*, Raku ceramic. Sophomore Jonathan Hnatiuk was awarded second place and received the Alumni Award for *Through the Never, Movements 1-4*, Oil on Panels. First place went to sophomore Ian Kanski, who received the Paul Maxwell Memorial Award for his *Self Portrait*, a painting in oil.

The prestigious Ortlip Memorial Award for a piece of artwork judged to be 'Best of Show' was awarded to senior Amy Purifoy for *Puchinella*, a black and white photograph.

Congratulations to all the award-winners and to every art student who participated in the exhibit.

Review: Newsboys' Adoration worship album

BY MELANIE MARCIANO
STAR STAFF WRITER

The Newsboys released their first worship album, *Adoration*, on April 8. The band is one of many Christian groups who put out an album solely dedicated to worship in the past few years. Their production has a quality expected from such highly acclaimed artists.

The band mixes originals such as, "He Reigns," "Great Is Your Faithfulness," "Father, Blessed Father," and "Hallelujah" with classic songs, consisting of "Amazing Love (You are my King)," "Great is Your Faithfulness," "Take My Hands," and "In Christ Alone." With such excellent original tracks the band could have easily made a great album without using the older material. However, the well-known worship songs do allow the listener to worship along and enjoy

their favorite songs being sung beautifully.

Overall, *Adoration* is a great collection of worship songs. This music, performed by a top class, modern band, is inspiring. Their pop-rock sound brings a lot to the album and provides a CD of worship tracks that appeal to the younger generation and gives them a chance to add some worship to their collections.

Rating: 8 out of 10



and I quote...

QUIPS HEARD ON CAMPUS

"I'm saving myself for my French toast!"

-Kathie Brenneman-

"We're doing a workout video. Join us—pull up a chair!"

-Ryan Engelbrecht-

"The rule here is, 'don't listen to Mormons.'"

-Dr. Jonathan Bradshaw-

"That biochemical thing that's raging inside of you...you do a good job of keeping that in check in the classroom."

-Dr. Linda Mills Woolsey on hormones-

"I'm pretty, so very pretty."

-Prof. John Leax, in reference to himself as a girl-

"I found a great use for child psychology books. They were excellent for tapping the child's bottom!"

-Dr. Carl Shultz-

People all over campus say funny, random things! Sometimes they say serious things, too... Either way, the Star would love to print any quotes that you hear, so please email them to star@houghton.edu!



The Advice/Chris-Says- What-He-Wants-to Column: Housing Part II

by Chris Austin

This is my last column of the semester, and there is so much that needs to be packed in. But first of all, I wish all the seniors productive and special lives. Do Houghton proud, and find a job, or some other means of keeping yourself alive. Then you can help to put the FUN back into the Houghton Fund. Then we can have new fitness centers and art buildings after you are gone.

At any rate, I have received two responses to my last column, the first of which disagreed with the opinion of last week's question-writer. The second was a response to that one because someone came into my room, read the letter, and wrote me a response before I could even publish the first. I will take the liberty of paraphrasing, because, after all, it is my article and some people don't know how to condense their comments to something that I can fit.

The first response basically said that if "toilet paper is that rough, you need to see the counseling office." Putting things in the wall (namely tacks or nails) will leave holes, and that is bad. In regards to lawn decorations, "someone must be responsible enough to undecorate." Small interjection by me - that was a good point. This next one is not. "If the building is falling apart this soon maybe there haven't been enough regulations on what goes on there." Me again - there are plenty of regulations, and nails in the wall do not create faulty plumbing and tacks don't break door handles. And don't even get me started on energy saving lights, because no one broke those, they weren't that great from the start. Back to the response. "If you don't like the townhouse living, get yourself back into a DORM, or go home!!"

Christianity was brought in as an argument, with the question "Does a true Christian who walks with Christ as his authority ever become independent?" As a personal clarification, I think we all know we are not living independently, of Houghton or Christ, etc., nor are we trying to. So that really isn't an issue.

"Why is it that independence means others can pay for my toilet paper and control when I get it—yet I want to be independent, under no one's control. What the heck are you smoking!"

Obviously, my friend, you are a bit worked up over the issue, and possibly misinformed. A. We pay for the toilet paper either way, the question is whether it comes out of pocket or out of tuition. B. No one said they wanted to be "independent, under no one's control." C. The issue here is, plain and simple, we have to buy toilet paper out of pocket because we are now living "independently" (at least that's what was said in the meeting). Refer to the last article to see what I think of such a statement.

My apologies to the second response, it will have to wait for another publication date. There just isn't a whole lot of room. However, if you want to see all the responses now, see <http://zion:8080/examples/Star/index.html>. I have posted it all there. (That is only for my more avid readers, as I realize that looking up a website and waiting for it to load requires a lot of work and no one has time for that sort of thing, especially now that the finals are about us and summer is here—I just like to put my computer science skills to some good use...).

Words to remember for the summer: sun cancer can and always will hurt you. So steer clear of those UV deathrays.

(Note: The views here are solely the author's, and do not represent the opinions of the *Star*.)

EDITORIAL

Reality Check

Aaron Boynton

Well, here it is: my first editorial column as managing editor of the *Star*. Coming up with things to talk about is a tough task, especially when one is swamped with a lot of other work. I've never done so many writing assignments, group presentations, and exams in one semester as I have and will be doing this semester! This spring has been a test of patience for me. I've been pushed to my limit physically, mentally, and spiritually; I am just now realizing what many of these things mean.

As college students, we worry and fret over tests, homework, and other assignments our professors give to us. We also are concerned about our future after college. *What will I do? How do I know what God wants for me?* The easy way out is to quote Jeremiah 29:11: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (NRSV). That verse is a great verse, no doubt, but I feel many Christians use that to avoid all their worries and concerns. I have done that before, so I cannot say that is simply how it is with other people. God is so amazing, and we are supposed to cast all our cares on Him, but it is our job as humans to take initiative and work as hard as we can to overcome many of our worries, especially as it pertains to school. This has become my philosophy about school in the past couple years here at Houghton.

You may be wondering, "What does this have to do with a reality check like your title says?" Well, the other day I spent a few hours doing nothing but watching sports. I am passionate about sports and the action and competitiveness of athletics, especially professional athletics. I was excited to have the chance to view portions of three basketball games, two hockey games, and a couple of baseball games. Every so often I kept thinking, "Man, I should really get to work. I have so much to accomplish. Nah, never mind, it will get done." I got caught up in the games and did not push myself to do what I needed to be doing. So I opened up the book of Proverbs, a wonderful book, and I knew that I would find something about laziness within the pages. Proverbs 26:15 says, "The lazy person buries a hand in the dish, and is too tired to bring it back to the mouth." Instantly, I knew that this scripture applied to my wasted afternoon.

It was as if God was saying, "Aaron, you have so much potential, and you have to work hard to obtain your goal. You are selling yourself short, and I really want you to achieve, so get out there and aim for the prize." God was right, as always.

All in all, I know that God will help me with my time, so I can finish all these papers, projects, and whatever else comes along during the rest of my stay at Houghton. I am eagerly looking forward to my senior year and know that God has many plans in store for me. Even though I have no clue what those are yet, I know that they will be good, because God is good. No, make that Amazing. Have you had a reality check lately? Call God, he'll hook you up.

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Track and field athletes travel to Ohio for championship meet

Championship team accumulates 17 personal records, five Houghton records, and two AMC meet records

BY KATY SYKES
STAR SPORTS WRITER

Highlander track and field athletes finished their season strongly in the regional AMC championship meet, with many outstanding performances in the form of personal and school records. The team traveled south to Rio Grande, Ohio and competed against other teams in the American Midwest Conference. The Highlanders posted 17 personal records and five school records, along with an AMC meet record broken in the 100-meter hurdles by athlete Sarah Gardner! The records epitomize the hard work, effort and improvement the team has accomplished this season.

There were several top place finishes in addition to the numerous records. Junior Sarah Gardner took two first-place finishes: in the long jump, jumping 17'3" (school record), and the 100 meter hurdles timed at 14.60 seconds—a personal, school and AMC record as well as an automatic qualification for NAIA nationals. Junior Chris Buell and freshman Nick Ruiz

placed first and second, respectively, in the men's open 800-meter run. The women's 4 x 800m relay team, consisting of junior Diane Benedict, sophomore Kerri Koch, sophomore Katy Sykes, and freshman Mary Gibson, also placed first, breaking the school record and automatically qualifying for nationals with a time of 9:34, also an AMC record. Senior Hallie Fairchild set two school records in the women's 100m sprint (12.91 sec.) and 200m dash (26.44 sec.). At the conclusion of the meet, the women's 4 x 400m relay team (Mary Gibson, Katy Sykes, Brie Claybourn, and Danie Knapp) broke another school record, running the race in a time of 4:12.

Overall, the Highlanders had an impressive outdoor track and field season, setting many records, seeing great overall improvement, and sending several athletes on to compete in the NAIA nationals in Kansas next month.

Professional soccer returns to Houghton

For the fourth-straight year the A-League's Rochester Raging Rhinos played a preseason soccer match on Houghton College's Burke Field as part of a week of professional soccer at the college.

The Rhinos took on their A-League rivals the Toronto Lynx on Saturday, April 26 at 4 p.m. The Lynx, who held their preseason training camp at Houghton for the second straight year, scrimmaged the college's men's varsity team on Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m.

"Play with the Pros" kids' clinics were held prior to each game. For \$12, students could receive pointers from the professional and college athletes, a T-shirt, and a ticket to the game.

One dollar from every ticket sold to the Lynx v. Rhinos game on Saturday, April 26 went to the Houghton Volunteer Fire Department's Ken Boon Memorial Fund.

The Lynx defeated the Houghton men 1-0 and the Lynx and Rhinos tied, 2-2.

"It's great any time you can bring a professional organization to a community that really enjoys sports. It gives the kids a chance to be exposed to soccer at a high level," said Houghton coach Dwight Hornbrook. "It's good for the game of soccer and the A-League to get into these smaller communities and drum up support."



PHOTO BY EMILY SCHWARTZ
The Houghton men's soccer team played a scrimmage against the professional Toronto Lynx in Houghton on Thursday, April 24.

HIGHLANDER

athletes of the week

The following Athletes of the Week are Houghton community members who are participating or have participated in marathons in the past month.

Amanda Buczek

Why did you decide to run a marathon? I have wanted to run a marathon for several years but couldn't because I had been training for volleyball. I guess the main reason I wanted to do it is because I like to take the road less traveled and I knew it would be very mentally challenging...and it was!

Do you think you'd do it again? When I was running my marathon this past Sunday, I remembered this man saying "Congratulations, going for your first marathon? Just don't let it be your last and have fun running it." There was a point in the run where I thought, "why am I doing this?" Then I told myself to "just run and don't worry about your time." Literally after I ran, I said, "I am going to do this again" and I am currently beginning to plan my next race. I am going to train for some half marathons to help increase my speed, and the next marathon I run I want to qualify for the Boston, 3:40, but we will see. I am not sure what the future holds.



Matt Dickerson

Why did you decide to run a marathon? I decided to run a marathon because I heard this girl named Shelley was running one. Seriously...I decided to run a marathon because I have always enjoyed running and a marathon

seems like the thing to do if you are into running...and I thought it would be a great way to end my senior year.

Do you think you'd do it again? That depends on how many dates I get with cute runner girls who are impressed with my blazing speed and good looks. I guess it really depends on how this marathon goes; if this one goes well I think I might try to do one per year for a while.

Shelley Dooley

Why did you decide to run a marathon? I thought about it a lot when I ran track and stuck it as a thing to do on a goal list, now seemed like the perfect time to dedicate to training. (Although, when it was still snowing in the end of March, I second guessed the "perfect time" aspect.)

Do you think you'd do it again? I'm planning on running my second one in November in Philadelphia and hope to qualify for the Boston Marathon there.

Jaynie Nafziger

Why did you decide to run a marathon? I've always loved a good challenge, and even though I really don't care for running all that much, a marathon is a dream that I have always had. I wanted something that I really need to work hard at and would teach me discipline.

Do you think you will do it again? Yes! I really liked the awesome feeling of accomplishment after each long run—and it's a great way to stay in shape. I just hope my joints will make it through the first one.

