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## A Trail Runs Through It Will the College Lose Land to the Greenway?

Jon Hartt

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) wants to build a Greenway trail from Portageville to Cuba, and guess whose backyard it will run through? That's right, the town of Houghton. The government may actually claim a sizable swath of property running behind Houghton Wesleyan Church and through the lower college parking lot.

In fact, the Greenway may also literally run through the backyards of many homeowners between Portageville and Cuba. Because some citizens have unknowingly purchased and built on land that was not their own, they may step out their front doors one day to see a chunk of their lawn neatly paved. In the abstract it sounds picturesque: a smooth biking trail winding beside peaceful streams, through quiet woods. Realistically, the trail idea may harm more than help Houghton and its surrounding communities.

It is generally known that in the 1850s the Genesee Valley Canal flowed through the land behind the Houghton Church. The legal issues, however, are not common knowledge. The original property deed included an area on either side of the canal known as the "tow path," from which barges could be pulled up and down the canal. That tow path area was specified to include no less than 150 feet of land on either side of the canal. As time passed, and the canal

ceased to be used, a railroad was built on the long stretch of land. When the rail was similarly phased out, a sad series of real estate transactions followed, in which this "quick claim" deed was passed from business to business.

When Rochester Gas and Electric (RG&E) acquired the land they put up high-tension wires. As for their land, they were not very concerned with who encroached on it. For years, nearly half of Houghton Wesleyan's parking lot (and most recently, part of the college blacktop) has sat on that property. Now, with the deed passing from RG&E's ownership to that of the DEC, that land might actually be claimed.

Jeff Spear, the college's Vice-President of Finance, explains that there are several ambiguities involved. He cites the rule of "adverse possession," which is when property is used and over time it becomes the occupant's land. In this case, Spear says the land was used, "with RG&E's knowledge, but without their written permission." Spear is hopeful that before the land changes hands an agreement can be established with RG&E. "If we can come to an accommodation, they can give us the land before they transfer it to DEC. We want actual title." Why all the legal hassle? Well, Jeff Spear wants to make sure that before the Greenway itself is debated, the negotiation on property issues is settled.

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## C.L.E.W. Speaker; Former Houghton President Pass Away

Becca JangDhari

Dr. Jimmy Johnson, a C.L.E.W. speaker at Houghton College in 1993 and again in 1997, passed away in his sleep Sunday, November 28, 1999.

Dr. Johnson served in the Wesleyan Church for over 37 years. He was recognized as a powerful communicator of the Word of God ministering in the U.S. and in many foreign countries as well. He was a music director, and served at various times as a youth, college and senior pastor for churches in Alabama, California and Oklahoma. He was a traveling evangelist for seven years and was recently serving as District Superintendent, giving direction and leadership to Wesleyan churches in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. The churches which he served have seen tremendous growth as he influenced many to a deeper commitment for Jesus Christ.

Dr. Johnson had a great impact on many students and faculty at Houghton and he will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Carmella, and his daughters Melody and Lacey.

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## Food, Folks, and Opera

### Madrigals Dinner Brings Christmas Spirit

Kristin Leach

December 2-4 marked the 34th year that Houghton College has celebrated Madrigal Dinners. A change from the past few years included the production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Gian Carlo Menotti.

As each evening began, a horse and maiden, both dressed in medieval garb, welcomed guests. At the reception, the traditional holiday wassail and eggnog were served. A small backdrop was made for formal pictures to be taken.

After the initial greetings and prayer, the festivities continued upstairs in the Dining Hall. After the first course, the chamber singers sang and the Queen of Houghton greeted her guests.

Between courses, students performed



"Amahl and the Night Visitors," the first opera commissioned for television, which was televised in 1951. It is the story of a crippled boy and his widowed mother who were visited by the three kings en route to find the Child King. The boy is miraculously healed due to his faith

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# EDITORIAL

## Letter from the Editor:

*"12 A.M., The Y2K Bug, and A New Me"*

Tim Graffam

I've been thinking hard about the year 2000 since about the start of the semester. I've pondered how to effectively celebrate the dawning of a new millennium both in the pages of the Star and in my own life. The conflict arises when I attempt to find balance between overly magnifying and under appreciating the occasion. It's strange, but it seems I'm nervous I won't get the most out of the turn of the millennium.

I mean, it's a millennium! That's one thousand years. This isn't just a year, a decade, or even a century...it's a millennium. It truly is an exciting time to be alive. On the other hand, it is still just another year. Life won't be different because the 1900's have come to a close. Barring a major bite by that bug everyone has been talking about, it seems things should pretty much stay the same. Anyway, I prefer the former of the two options. When the clock strikes twelve a.m. on January first of the year 2000, I am going to take it in enjoy the moment to the fullest simply by appreciating the fact that it is a once in a hundred lifetimes experience. I'll forever have the awareness I was alive for the event.

And what of the notorious Y2K bug? Scourge of a computer-reliant generation, famed and feared worldwide. Will it make the changing of the year one to remember beyond a new millennium? Will it be disorder and disaster, catastrophe, cataclysm, or merely a blip on computer screens across the country?

I don't foresee it being that big of a deal, but man, it would be cool if it turned out to be. No, I'm not some masochis-

tic lunatic in search of conflict. Of course, I don't want looting, pillaging, rioting, violence, or even the end of the world, but I wouldn't mind if life got a little shaken up a little bit. Maybe the world is due for some change; I know I am.

As I dwell on the past semester as it comes to a close I see four months of self-indulgence. I have essentially done what I want, when I want with little to no regard for just about anyone else. I have consistently put myself and my interests before all else: before friends, school, the Heavenly Father, etc. It isn't one incident but an amalgam of many that has made me reflect and feel as though I've been acting like a different person throughout the semester. I've been walking around acting like somebody owes me something, serving only myself in the process.

"So what's with this window of self-disclosure and what does it have to do with the millennium?" you may ask. To me the millennium represents a new beginning. All New Year's resolutions surely pale in comparison to new millennium's resolutions. Feeling the bite of the Y2K bug would make the transition all the more crystalline. Not only will some (hopefully minor) disturbances add some spice to life they will if nothing else remind me of my need to be spiritually and emotionally cleansed. If nothing ends up happening, fine, it won't put a damper on my desire for rebirth.

I realize my words have been rather cryptic, but I felt the undeniable urge to pontificate on the subject of the year 2000 and it happened out of my head and onto this page in a stream of consciousness. In effort to decipher what the year 2000 means to me I have found the need for new beginning.

## Letter to the Editor:

*"Lest We Forget"*

Chris Sheach

Forgetful dates in history...how about November 11, 1919. Anything significant about that date? How about where were you on November 11, 1999, at say...11 a.m. I remember - I was crying. Crying because in the same length of time I take for an episode of the Simpsons, thousands of men were mowed down on the rocky beach of Dieppe. Crying because I only had to watch "Saving Private Ryan" once, not every day for five years. Crying because the naked people in "Schindler's List" really were gassed. Crying because I never met my Grandfather. Crying because I didn't think anyone cared.

A hymnist once wrote these words: "Lest I forget thine agony, lest I forget thy love for me, lead me to Calvary." At least once a year we go to Calvary to remember the sacrifice of love Christ gave at Easter. Some Christians take Eucharist every week to reflect on the cost and consequences of the cross. "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). It may be sacrilege to apply the passion of Christ to the human struggle of war, but I cannot find a scriptural excuse to forget human sacrifice for my benefit. The memorial service of Eucharist is not

a horrible experience, but it is not an entirely joyous occasion. In remembering the sacrifice at the cross we are led to feel the shame of causing such a sacrifice, and the propensity of the loss - god went to hell for me. However, we can also offer praise to God for taking our place and giving us freedom.

9,000,000 people in World War I and it didn't stop there - countless numbers died to give me the life I have today. In remembering their sacrifice I reflect on the horrible reality of war, I'm ashamed of the evil nature of mankind, and I'm grateful for the quality of life into which I was born. This is not a glorious occasion or a reason to celebrate - this is a solemn occasion, a memorial day to remember the death and the pain suffered by generations of Americans in history.

It's too late for Veterans Day 1999 and it will go down as the worst in my memory with no fault but my own. However, it is not too late to remember - to take some time to offer a prayer of thanks, to reflect on the cost of war, to tell a veteran how much it means that they were willing to give their life for you. For one brief moment we can remember why we must work for peace every day of the year. Lest we forget.

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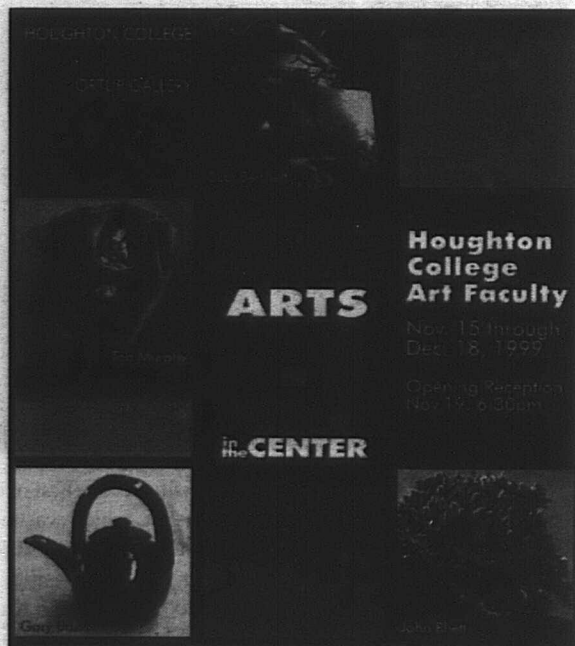
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# EDITORIAL

## Letter from the President

The imminent dawning of the year 2000 has produced thousands of projections about what the next century or the next millennium will be like. But predictions are precarious. When one looks to the future, it is difficult to distinguish between what is possible, what is promised and what is simply projection. As a result, most views of the future prove to be inadequate and inaccurate. If my projections prove to be wrong, I hope Star readers will be kind enough not to embarrass me by quoting me 10 or 15 years from now.

I am confident that Houghton's future is secure so long as it maintains a clear sense of mission and pursues that mission with integrity and consistency. We currently publicize that Houghton College provides "an academically-challenging Christ-centered education in the liberal arts and sciences to students from diverse traditions and economic backgrounds, and equips them to lead and labor as scholar-servants in a changing world."

Our mission clearly states the ends we want to pursue and achieve. However, in looking to the future, we must ask questions about means; specifically, we must try to anticipate the ways society will change and how higher education in general, and Houghton College

in particular, will respond to those changes. Let me identify just a few of our current challenges and how I believe we can respond appropriately to them.

Philosophically, America is already living in a post-Christian era. Pluralism and secularism have replaced Judeo-Christian ethics as the consensus that underlies our society. Under the guise of separation of church and state, Christian faith is frequently excluded from public discourse and tolerance is preached as the only appropriate religion for a democracy. Such a change presents a challenge for Houghton College since we may experience growing resistance and hostility to our Christian purposes. We must adhere to the truth revealed in scripture and insist that God-given absolutes must be accepted and promulgated as our guide for living and interacting with others. At the same time, we must promote these ideals with profound respect for those who disagree with us lest our spirit and methods contradict our ends.

American society is also characterized by increasing globalization. The United States has a higher percentage of immigrants now than at any other time in this century. Unfortunately, we have moved from being a melting pot

where we celebrate our common commitments to a society where differences lead to division and distrust. In such a fragmenting society, we have the opportunity and the obligation to manifest the international, multicultural and multiethnic nature of God's forever kingdom. We must be ready to serve individuals from all cultures and background so long as they support our mission and strive to achieve it.

Urbanization is another major movement that has implications for a rural college like Houghton. Mexico City and Sao Paulo each have between 25 and 30 million people. In our country we have seen the emergence of the megalopolis. From Portland, Maine to Washington, D.C. is the heavily populated eastern coastal corridor matching that of Los Angeles to San Diego on the west coast. In a world that is more and more crowded, people are increasingly isolated from each other. Supportive and concerned communities like Houghton can have a growing appeal. While we must not see ourselves as escaping from "the real world," our location enables us to view the world from a distance. We can then engage the world more effectively than if we remain totally immersed in a society that seems often to be rushing to nowhere with no good reason.

Technology will continue

to impact Houghton College and how we study and learn. Already, it is possible for our students to obtain information via Internet from around the world. Access to knowledge will accelerate even as the mass of information continues to explode. In just a few years, we can be reading personally customized newspapers and every faculty member could produce a customized textbook. As a result, future learning will be less dependent upon propinquity and physical plants than upon the imagination of teachers and learners.

In short, I see a bright future for Houghton College. We have deliberately emphasized the importance of the teaching learning process. We have recognized that information can be transmitted in a variety of ways, but character development occurs only from the direct and continuing interaction of individuals who are asking life's fundamental questions and then living out their answers in ways that others may emulate. I like to believe that someone visiting Houghton College 50 years from now would still be able to say what Dr. Gillette said 50 years after she began her career at Houghton in the 1930's, "At Houghton College while many things change, the things that matter most remain constant."

- President Daniel R. Chamberlain

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# NEWS

## WJSL License Still Pending Deaths *cont.*

### Station Hopes to be On Air Early In 2000

Rigel McKee

The new millennium is upon us and people want to know, "What is going on with WJSL?" The station went off the air at the end of last year and has yet to be back in business and believe me, the management is just as frustrated as the student body.

The facts are that the FCC is still in the process of viewing applications for new low-power licenses and they're taking their time (make that our time), leaving WJSL still without a license. "So what does that mean for our station?" Houghton College still has no word from the FCC and without the license WJSL will remain off the air. But that doesn't mean the students at JSL are just sitting around twiddling their thumbs. The staff is busy preparing for the future and all its possibilities.

The management team of JSL is confident that the station's future is looking bright. With the purchase of two new computers and the recent renovations made to the interior of the station, the face of WJSL is changing to take on a whole new image. The students there are hoping that the new glass doors and window into the control room will make the station more visible and visitor friendly. In addition to these improvements, the station is now totally student-run and the station's staff numbers are on the rise. There has been a lot of interest expressed on behalf of the student body and many capable volunteers are beginning to receive training.

"This is the first time in 20 years or more that we've had an exclusively student-run station," says Ward Mesick, WJSL's new General Manager. "Obviously

we're really excited about that." The staff is now ready to serve the college community by playing up-to-date, popular, Christian music and the word is out. Now that the station's audience is smaller and more specific, the DJ's at WJSL will be able to play more popular music. And the station will continue to play only Christian selections for two good reasons: to offer an alternative to the radio programming that students can hear elsewhere and to remain above reproach.

WJSL plans to uphold a Godly standard and increase its smaller music library with the help of the student body. Jill Whitten, Traffic Librarian at the station, says the management staff is continuing to recruit the help of students who have musical libraries. If you enjoy your Christian music and you would like to contribute to WJSL's library, you can contact Jill Whitten or Production Manager Colin Ryan for more information.

With new music, a new staff, and new computers, what else can we expect from WJSL? Things to look forward to are several new specialty shows including retro music hours, talk shows, and entertainment updates. There will be live broadcasts in addition to those at sporting events and new contests and giveaways with fun prizes. Listeners will be able to hear Top 10 countdowns, world and community news bulletins, and trivia. The new station will be a forum for the development of production skills including editing, recording and live broadcast. With the new student interest, WJSL will become a campus leader and that's exactly what the staff and management hopes to achieve.

### Greenway *cont.*

There are many questions to be answered. The government claims the Greenway trail will bring development to the region. There are better ways to do so, according to Spear. The millions to be invested in the trail might be better utilized by fixing both the Lattice Bridge in Fillmore and another steel bridge in Caneadea. This way the community might have better access across the Genesee River. Spear says the trail, "wouldn't bring a tenth as much development as fixing bridges might."

The Greenway was originally supposed to be a hiking and biking trail. But now the govern-

ment might also be allowing snowmobiles. This may cause a real disruption to the community. Snowmobiles pollute, they make lots of noise, and they pose a real danger (many reach speeds of 100 mph). This is not to mention the fact that many dirtbiking enthusiasts might also use it for their recreation.

Safety is another factor to consider. Currently, coed joggers run on the broad shoulder of Route 19, in the glow of streetlights and car headlights. The Greenway, on the other hand, would provide absolutely no light, nor will it be police patrolled.

The Greenway trail may cause more problems than it will solve. Thankfully, nothing is yet set in stone.

Dr. Wilber Dayton, former president of Houghton College, 1972-76, went on to be with the Lord on November 10, 1999.

Dr. Dayton took his first undergraduate work and his first theological degree here at Houghton. He was the eighth president of the college, the third of this century. He considered endowment growth during a time of recession and a virtual elimination of the, then, current debt as a few of his main accomplishments while serving as president. During his administration Reinhold Campus Center and the Lambein Learning Center (Buffalo) were completed. Dr. Dayton's only regret was that serving as president took him away from the teaching, which he most enjoyed. He has been quoted as saying, "Christian liberal arts education is always a crusade."

Dr. Dayton had a distin-

guished academic career as well, teaching and holding various positions at Wessington Springs College, South Dakota (1939-41), Indiana Wesleyan University (1943-57 and 1971-72), Asbury Theological Seminary, Kentucky (1957-70), and Wesley Biblical Seminary, Mississippi (1976-87). He worked on the translation team of the New International Version of the Bible, and contributed to the Holman Study Bible as well as a special edition of the New King James Version. He also wrote for several commentaries. Dr. Dayton was widely traveled, leading groups for students and church members, as well as lecturing around the world.

Wilber Dayton was married to Donna Fisher in 1938, and was then widowed in 1989. He is survived by his wife of nearly ten years, Edna Maddox and his four children: Donald, Carol, Deane, and Janet.

## Tech Services Update

Laura Kolb

Forty thousand emails from one hotmail account to another. That shouldn't crash Houghton's email system, Groupwise, right? Wrong. Because the senders of the emails were in Houghton, the messages were routed through the Groupwise email server. The server could not handle the load and crashed - repeatedly during the first few months of this semester.

Will Krause estimates that his staff may have put in 100 extra hours of work solving this problem alone. And the problem was solved - Tech Services personnel tracked down the three individuals responsible. They were caught in the act of sending mass emails in the computer lab in the NAB.

The Office of Student Life and Technology Services together has taken appropriate disciplinary action.

Moral of the story: Don't

mail bomb your friends while in Houghton. You will, at the very least, lose your computer account - and rumor has it Cindy Lastoria wants all the windows in Macmillan House washed.

Email troubles, however, are not the only technology-related problems that Houghton has faced. The Internet has frequently been inaccessible, as well. The super sleuths in Tech Services are hot on the trail of those likely responsible.

Apparently, a group of individuals is using some sort of search engine to attempt to access pornographic websites. These (usually unsuccessful) attempts overload the Internet server causing it to shut down and successfully annoy many people in Houghton.

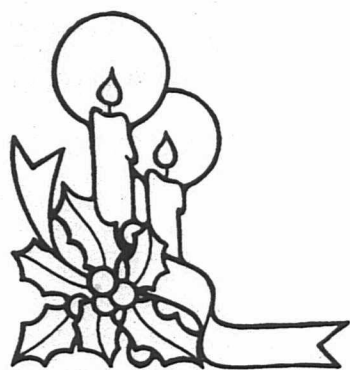
The Ethernet card being used to connect to the network is not registered with Tech Services unlike most of the Ethernet cards on campus. This makes it much more difficult to locate the users. If you have any relevant information, please contact Tech Services.

### Anybody want to win \$40?

Enter Sigma Zeta's  
Beautify the Science Building  
Drawing Contest!!

Submit your math or science-related drawings to Stephanie Arendt at CPO 31 by February 7, 2000. Or you can call Stephanie at ext. 1035 if you have any questions.





# Holiday/Y2K Feature Pull-Out

## Is Houghton Ready For Y2K?

*Various Campus Departments Under Control, Prepared For Worst*

Steve Maxon

With the year 2000 coming up in little over a month, talk about the Y2K problem is becoming more and more urgent. What will things be like in Houghton when the ball drops on Times Square? We asked several offices around campus to update us on their Y2K readiness.

Ray Parlett of the Security Office says that security will not be increased on New Year's Eve because there will be no students around, and thus a lower level of responsibility. The officer on duty will be briefed on protocols in case of power outage or similar problems, but he's "not feeling a great need to take a lot of precautions." The Security Office itself uses computers a lot, but is not dependent on them - Parlett says they'll still be "pretty solid," even if there is a problem.

Jo-Ann Young of the Equestrian Center has updated her

computers and says that the latest upgrades to the wiring at the farm included a setup for a gas generator. This would provide water and power in the case of any outages, ensuring that the horses would survive. The Center grows its own hay and does not foresee any problems getting grain. Young says, "The horses don't need any updating - so we should be all right there."

Financial Aid Director Troy Martin told us that the administrative software was updated a year ago, which ensures that Houghton College will be around in the year 2000. The college has tested its connection with the U.S. Department of Education, and has been placed on an honor roll of compliant colleges. As far as state aid New York has assured Houghton that they are compliant, though no testing has taken place. "We have planned and tested for over a year," Martin said, "so we do not anticipate any major disruptions in the service we provide to students."

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Fred Libick from Pioneer said that the cafeteria will not be ordering any extra food in case of Y2K-related problems because all their suppliers have assured them there will be no problem. Other than checking with them, they haven't had to do much of anything to get ready.

George Bennett of the library tells us that they have been ready for over a year, thanks in part to Hewlett-Packard's quick response to the problem. The library system is continually updated, and when they find "little glitches" in the program, they immediately fix them. No problems are expected.

The Technology Services webpage on the Houghton website has further information concerning the Y2K problem. "During this past summer, most of the desktop computers on campus were prepared for the year 2000. We still have a few systems to take care of,

but the majority are done," they say. Student laptops were addressed at special Y2K compliance workshops, held in the basement of the Campus Center in October and November.

According to these offices, when the new-year arrives, Houghton College will be prepared to meet the challenges it will bring, rather than trying to remember where they left their candles. Hopefully, the bright outlook these offices have will be a reality.

Perhaps the wisest advice on the Y2K issue comes from former SGA chaplain and Houghton alum Michael Jordan. "With the possibility of power going out for days or even weeks, weight gain over the holidays will be the key. Pack on the pounds so you can burn the excess fat when there is no power. The friendly camel serves as an excellent role model here." Words to live by.

## If the Bug Bites... Y2K Reflections: Crisis or Nuisance?

Jea Adams

All the commercials, magazine articles and made-for-TV movies lately give us the same impression about January 1st, 2000. A recent Nike Commercial shows a man taking a leisurely morning run through a city full of blown up buildings, exploding fire hydrants, and crashed cars while "Auld Lange Syne" plays in the background. "Y2K: The Movie" came out a few weeks ago and the Apocalyptic previews looked pretty intense. I almost watched it, but my housemates thought "Who Wants to Be A Millionaire" seemed like a more intelligent choice.

Last Friday I was watching the news. I learned that U.S. experts might be stationed in Russia over the Y2K period as part of a joint missile-monitoring program with the United States. They are

afraid that military computers in Russia may go berserk, shooting out missiles into the sky, creating Nuclear Fireworks and causing the deaths of thousands of people.

According to Time Magazine, A new virus, called W32/Mypics.worm, is set to disable computers as people try to start them up this January 1st. This virus was sent by e-mail and may already be in your system if you've ever opened an e-mail message saying "Here's some pictures for you," and nothing happened.

These past couple months have made even the most trustworthy news sources seem like the National Inquirer. I've seen articles about cars breaking down and security systems failing due to Y2K. People buying stock in Masterlock and Green Giant, while others plan trips to Alaska where nothing technical could disrupt their New Years Eve. Oddly

enough, I read one story about certain 4-legged animals dying because of a shift in the moon causing their internal organs to shrivel up. Was the writer talking about the X-Files or January in Anytown USA?

One "expert" says to build a bomb shelter with a large supply of bottled water and batteries, while another tells us not to worry about anything. Who can we believe? Houghton College and the on-campus bank are both said to be "Y2K Compatible" for the new year, and for those of us who got our computers "blasted," we also have nothing to worry about. Or do we?

Over Thanksgiving break, a friend and I were discussing New Year's Eve in Times Square. He said, "All a person would have to do is throw a soda can at someone else. Those are how riots start. Before you know it, people are

turning over cars, breaking into stores...meanwhile an ATM on the corner is spouting out 100\$ bills, causing people to go crazy!"

He has a point. Computers don't start riots, people start riots. I'm not expecting a Back-To-the-Future-Part II-when-Biff-was mayor-esque world with looting and shootings to happen when the clock strikes midnight this New Years Eve.

Perhaps we should all be reminded of the Bible verse that tells us not to worry about tomorrow, for today has enough troubles of its own. Study for your finals, buy your Christmas presents, and most importantly, enjoy a holiday season with your family and friends. If the Y2K crisis happens, so be it, if not, even better. By worrying, we're not going to change anything...that is, unless you are a computer military genius.



# Happy Ho

## Holiday Activities at Houghton

Emily Beach

Looking for a festive and inexpensive study break? Consider some of the following:

- **Christmas Craft & Gift Fair-Tuesday, December 7 and Wednesday, December 8 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Do Christmas shopping or decorating while supporting local artisans.

- **Christmas Open House at the Houghton College Campus Store-Wednesday, December 8, 12:00-9:00 p.m.** Stop in for storewide discounts and door prizes! Also, from now through December 23, all

books (excluding textbooks), Bibles, and children's audio and videotapes are 20% off.

- **Chamber Music Student Recital-Wednesday, December 8, 8:00** in the Recital Hall of the new Center for the Fine Arts.

- **Symphonic Winds Concert-Friday, December 10, 8:00** in the Wesley Chapel.

- **Houghton Christmas Concert-Sunday, December 12, 6:30** in the Wesley Chapel. Performances by different groups

from the School of Music.

- **Houghton Academy Christmas Concert-Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00**

p.m. in the Rosemary Tysinger Auditorium. The show will feature The Academy Band, the Junior and Senior Choirs, Junior and Senior Handbells and The Chamber Singers.

- **Christmas Caroling with the Houghton Wesleyan Church-**

Wednesday, December 15 and Sunday, December 19. Sing along or solicit a holiday song; if you know anyone for whom you would like the carolers to sing, call Pastor Paul at the church: 567-2264.

- **Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service** at the Houghton Wesleyan Church for those who will still be in town Friday, December 24. Held at 7:00.

- **New Year's Eve Celebration** sponsored by the Houghton Church. Following a 7:30 service at the church, guests will gather in the Houghton College gym from 9:00-12:00 midnight for food and fun for all ages.



## Creative Christmas

### Nifty Gift Ideas

Shelley Dooley

Sparkling lights, festive music, and decorated trees have all begun to make their entrance onto the Houghton campus signifying one very important thing other than the mounting stress on our brains caused by final exams: Christmas is making its 1999 debut. Coupled with the celebration of Jesus' birth is a season of perpetual giving that begins every year on the Friday following Thanksgiving.

Sales in every store from EMS to candy shops entice consumers to find "that perfect gift" in their own market of merchandise. The quest to find appropriate presents for parents, grandparents, siblings, and significant others almost outweighs the pressure of the papers that have forced nearly every student on campus into the library this past week. However, there is hope...Christmas will come and go, the presents that were shopped

for hours for will be unwrapped and loved, and the six extra pounds put on from one too many gingerbread men will melt away with the arrival of New Year's resolutions.

(Unless of course those resolutions are thrown aside because there is no electricity to power up the treadmill sitting dust-laden in the corner of your residence or the world ceases to work because of Y2K.) But, in order to get to the point of relief where every package is neatly wrapped in bright colored paper and bows, the ideas for the presents must first arrive in your head.

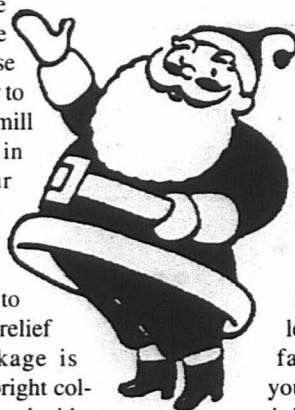
Nevertheless, "the perfect gift" is not all that hard to find. All you need is a little creativity and one slight fact about the individual you are buying for. Maybe you have it easy and a precise list has been made for your shopping plea-

sure right down to pictures, sizes, the store of choice, and colors needed. If not, a few suggestions are in order.

Although the town of Houghton is limited in its shopping choices (I'm not sure my brother would like a pint of oil from the BP) the campus store carries Houghton paraphernalia that

would bring a smile to the sentimental mother's face who is proud of where her child attends school. A Houghton T-shirt could also work to annoy a friend who attends a rival college. If T-shirts and face tattoos aren't

your idea of the gift-giving bliss, why not travel down the unwrappable present aisle. If you have the time and are willing to fork over the cash, take your family out for a nice dinner followed by a play. This evening on the town will not only allow you to spend quality time with your family but will give your mom a break from the bak-



ing she has been doing for the past month. Often the most loved gifts are not those expensive ones, but are the ones that come straight from the heart. Yes, an Old Navy performance fleece is likely to be under nearly every tree in America this year, but, I challenge you to look beyond the expected presents and find something unique for each person to whom you are giving presents. Revive old memories by finding something from your parents past and making it into a treasured piece, find a funky headlamp for the sister who loves the outdoors, a unique chalk-bag for the climbing family member, purchase Celtic jewelry for your Irish grandmother, or find a special book for the writer in your midst.

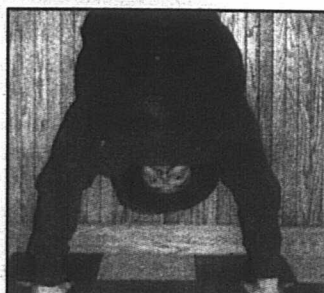
In less than two short weeks as your carry home your bags of dirty laundry and walk into the arms of parents who haven't seen you for months, don't show them the piercings or tattoos you received at school first. Instead greet them with a hug and remember that often it won't really matter what goodies you have stashed away between your dirty jeans, the fact that you're home will be a present enough.

### Question of the Week: "What do you want for Christmas?"



-- Bob Livolsi  
(Senior)

**"Billy Joel's Greatest Hits, Volumes 1 & 2."**



-- Yaroslav "Frost" Morozov  
(Junior)

**"Ya hochu krasnuyu sportivnuyu mashinu naa Rozhdestvo."**

photos by Dan Mund





## Arthouse

by Glenn McCarty

### "A Meditation on the Incarnation"

The Christmas season seems to bring out the best in everyone. Of all times of the year, the sentiments expressed at Christmas most mirror the Christian virtues—goodness, kindness and selflessness. It is the time of year when hope is offered to all; rich or poor, young or old, the Christmas story means the possibility of salvation for all. It is not surprising, therefore, that this is also the time of year which provides the Christian artist with unparalleled inspiration.

It is our belief as Christians that during Christmas, God found favor with an ordinary teenage girl and blessed her with the awesome privilege of bearing His presence into the world. Pause for a moment, and think about the similarities between this act and the creative process. We know that God is the ultimate creator and by him all things were brought into

being. Unlike any other one who creates, God created something out of nothing. All other creative acts have merely been representational, or making something out of something else. In God, however, we find the one who creates *ex nihilo* and is the model for the Christian artist.

It is in the Christmas story that we find God's most awesome work of art—the Incarnation. God chose to pour into the frail confines of a helpless baby boy the sheer power and majesty of the King of the Universe. The concept of Emmanuel, God with us, should be enough to make any Christian artist quiver. By choosing to place his Son, his own blood, on this earth, which had been cursed by the fall, God was again placing his blessing on our world. He was bringing all areas of life back from the darkness and allowing His presence to once again shine through this earth. No longer is the possibility for re-

demption hopeless. All of humanity now has free access to enjoy God's blessings and share in the dance of life... and the act of creation. With the promise of redemption now comes the responsibility to view this world redemptively, as God views it.

Since God has placed his hand of favor upon our world by sending his son to walk among us and share in all our experiences, he has given back to us the responsibility of showing his glory to all the nations. How? Through the creative process. God revealed his glory to us the first time through a creative display of art, music, theater and sculpture that we call Creation. Now it is our responsibility as Christians to image forth the glory of God through these very same media. If there is one thing that Christmas teaches us, it is that through the coming of Emmanuel, all is not lost. Hope has plunged into the night and come out on the other side with a full cup for those who would drink of it. God has given us back the world and all that is in it, with the command to be fruitful and multiply, to show all

men and women the glory of his creation through our re-creation. All of life has come under the auspices of God through his son's sharing it with us; now we must bring all aspects of life to others redemptively, so that they might see the wonders of his love. It is fitting then that God chose song to be the first medium to greet his newborn son and welcome him into the world. Christian artists more than any other should be active about bringing the light of Christ to all areas of life, from the romance and excitement of the first kiss to the feelings of inadequacy and depression common to everyone. All these and more are fitting subject matter for the Christian because they were experienced by our Lord.

We as Christian artists must seek to bring the light of Christ to our world through reflections of this light in our work, whatever it be. The miracle of the Incarnation and the miracle of Christmas should be at the heart of all that we do and the reason why we sing.

## World Party

### Exotic Ways To Ring In The New Year

(Condensed from Time Magazine article dated November 29, 1999 Volume 154, Number 22)

**Where:** KATMANDU, NEPAL  
Climbing Mount Everest  
On New Year's Eve, a hardy band will camp at a 12,900-ft.-high monastery and dance with local Sherpas  
**Price Tag:** \$2,050, plus airfare  
**Partygoers:** At least 30 expected

**Where:** IN AND AROUND MALAYSIA  
Parachute Jumps  
In an event promoted by the Malaysian government, sky divers will fly to the South Pole for the first of five jumps  
**Price Tag:** \$4 million to stage  
**Partygoers:** 23 divers

**Where:** DIOMEDE ISLANDS, RUSSIA AND THE U.S.

**A Stroll Across The Date Line**  
With snowshoes, adventurers will walk between the islands  
**Price Tag:** \$12,000 for the tour  
**Partygoers:** 3 signed up so far

**Where:** THE PACIFIC OCEAN  
Double Take at The Date Line  
Cruise ships will cross the international date line at midnight—and double back to celebrate the millennium twice  
**Price Tag:** \$30,000 to \$115,000  
**Partygoers:** More than 500 passengers

**Where:** SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA  
Fireworks Down Under  
The biggest pyrotechnics display in the South Pacific will light up Sydney Harbor Bridge  
**Price Tag:** \$3.5 million to stage  
**Partygoers:** 1 million at the harbor

**Where:** LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

**Barbra Streisand In Concert**  
The first diva will hold court at the MGM Grand. Also entertaining in Vegas: Elton John, Bette Midler and Celine Dion  
**Price Tag:** 500 to \$2,500/ticket  
**Partygoers:** 13,000

**Where:** NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA  
St. John's Coast  
Onlookers on the rocky shore will be the first in North America to greet the new millennium  
**Price Tag:** Free  
**Partygoers:** 50,000 to 100,000 expected

**Where:** NEW YORK CITY  
Times Square  
The ball is now Waterford crystal, and a parade will feature 150 giant puppets  
**Price Tag:** Free  
**Partygoers:** More than 1 million expected

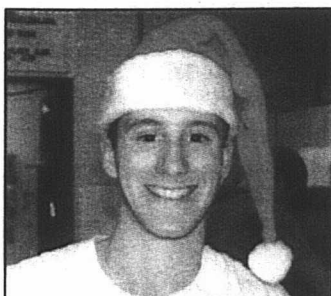
**Where:** WASHINGTON  
National Mall  
A sound-and-light display at the Wash-

ington Monument and Lincoln Memorial, following a Spielberg-produced film on the 20th century  
**Price Tag:** Free  
**Partygoers:** 600,000 expected

**Where:** AROUND THE WORLD  
Flying on the Concorde  
Highflyers will depart on Dec. 24 for a supersonic trip around the world in 18 days  
**Price Tag:** \$75,000  
**Partygoers:** 96 passengers expected

**Where:** GIZA, EGYPT  
The Pyramids  
A helicopter will place a golden 30-ft.-high pyramid atop the biggest pyramid during Act 2 of an electronic opera  
**Price Tag:** \$15 to \$400  
**Partygoers:** 50,000 expected

**Where:** SOUTH AFRICA  
Robben Island  
Mandela will watch a laser-beam countdown on Table Mountain from his former jail  
**Price Tag:** Invitation only  
**Partygoers:** A few hundred



-- Aaron Harrington  
(Junior)

"A lot of snow...  
and Dan  
Mund's hair."



-- Nick Toro  
(Freshman)

"A 2000 white  
Acura Integra  
Type R with 4  
cylinder V-tech  
engine, wind in-  
take, and ground  
effects."

# Houghton Responds To Y2K

## Students and Faculty Speak Out

I think on New Year's eve, I'll be watching the ball drop on TV with my friends and it'll be like "5...4...3...2...1" and then the TV's going to shut off.

- Nate Meloon

People who buy cart loads of rice and diapers are wasting their money and time.

- Michelle Kuhn

My mother says Y2K is from the devil, I believe that it is too. I am probably going to have to eat my neighbors because of the mayhem it will create. I will be in the beautiful mountains of the New York Adirondacks having communion with my Deerfoot Buddies. I will have a gun to prepare for it.

- Phil Andrews

On Y2K. We're staying in town, but then we were planning to do that anyway, Y2K or not. We're not doing anything special to prepare. I already keep paper copies of all financial records. We normally have food in the freezer and stocked in the pantry, etc. mainly because we try to limit the number of shopping trips that we have to make, so we often buy bigger quantities. Thus, no big concerns with Y2K.

- Dr. Doug Gaerte

I think that "not much" is going to be happening because of Y2K. I think all the "hub-bub" is much ado about nothing. So I am not making particular preparations. On the other hand, although I haven't made any firm plans for New Year's Eve, you can be really sure that I won't be in an airplane (which is controlled, piloted, and landed by computers).

- Dr. John Tyson

Y2K is a topic that has me extremely worried. I expect the world to fall apart at the seams the moment the ball drops. There will be riots, computer malfunctions, power outages and the drive through window at McDonalds is sure to be on the fritz. I plan to celebrate New Years in my

family's bomb shelter 100 feet below ground somewhere in the Appalachian Mountains. We have enough bottled water and Spaghettios to last us four years. After everyone on the surface destroys one another, my family and I can return to the surface and name ourselves supreme dictators of the nuclear wasteland.

- Ben Hardy

**"It seems to be a communist plot to suck the life out of a growing economy."**

- Seth Baruffi

Minor inconveniences at most. It seems to be a communist plot to suck the life out of a growing economy.

- Seth Baruffi

I did not get my computer Y2K compatible. I'm going to brave the new century without the help of tech. Services. I am afraid to go home for break. I wish I had a bunker. I figure that New York city is the prime target for any craziness, especially nuclear attack and all of the radiation from the blast will filter out to Long Island ...

- John Owen

As the fondly expected New Year holiday approaches, my realizations become more and more solid, more and more frightening. The end is near. Once the ball drops and people realize there is no longer anything to celebrate, anything to really live for, they will find solace in numbers and mob together.

**"My worst fear is that the Buffalo Bills won't make the playoffs."**

- Dr. Mike Walters

After this event has taken place, there will be no way to erase the damages that these people will incur on the population. Attitudes will spiral downwards as anarchy establishes its loose control over the population. In

these times I will thrive, as I prey upon the weak and infirm. At the height of my glorious rise to power I will turn and look over my shoulder at all the waste and suffering I have caused and let out a deep bel-lowing laugh. Then I will guide my spaceship to some other galaxy where they still have the umbrellas in your drinks and the toothpicks in your sandwiches and our crutches don't break out from under our arms.

- Steve Erickson

I knew about the year 2000 computer problem long before it went public. Since then I've spent my summers building a hide-out in the forest of Northern Canada. It contains dehydrated rations that will last me and a companion up to 10 years. It also contains light artillery just in case someone happens upon my stash. I consider myself just an average American college student instituting some simple life-planning skills.

- Dave Petersen

I think there will be some set-backs with some companies, but I think most of them say they are Y2K compliant. Maybe I just believe them because I'm really naive, but I think everything is going to be fine. I really don't have any fears about the new millenium because I know where I'll be on New Year's Eve...bundled up on my couch at home because I will have just had my wisdom teeth removed the day before. I know my life is so excit-

ing. Years down the road when someone asks me that fateful question - "Where were you at the turn of the millennium?" My lovely response will have to be "Sitting on my couch with a mouthful of bloody gauze and huge cheeks!"

- Monica Sams

My parents bought a generator because it gets very cold in Maine, and everything from our heat to our water is run by electricity. I'll probably use the toilet one last time a few minutes before midnight.

- Travis York

My worst case scenario involve people getting in a panic and doing silly things, like taking all their money out of banks, etc. Or some religious zealot(s) trying to "help God out" by doing something provocative to spur the "end of the world" like blowing up the temple mount in Jerusalem. My worst fear is that the Buffalo Bills won't make the playoffs. Well, actually my absolute worst fear is that if something does happen and I have to crawl to one of

my survivalist brothers and beg for a cup of brown rice and a litre of bottled water from him. Humiliation can be painful. To bring in the New Year I will be home doing nothing unless my incredible inability to not take advantage of a bargain has me flying on the Concorde into London at the stroke of midnight for a fare of \$53. The only thing I am doing to prepare for the big event is to get Nacho Cheese Doritos, and lots of them!

- Dr. Michael Walters

I am afraid that it will have a reversing effect on the computers all across the globe...computers everywhere will crash, but Houghton's system might be fixed, which means that we still won't be able to communicate with the outside world via e-mail!

- Sarah Oblender

I am not really sure what will happen, but I am not worried. I trust the Lord will care for all of us. I am flying to California on the

29th and will be spending the New Year with my best friend on a pier overlooking the bay in San Diego at a non-alcoholic festival! To prepare, I have taken a few precautions like stocking up on necessities for my grandparents who are 81. My only fear is that flights would be cancelled or non-existent on Jan. 5 (my return to Ohio) and I would have to rent a car and drive across the country ALONE!

- Professor Heidi Arnold

I really think that absolutely nothing is going to happen. I think that everyone is making a bigger deal out of it than it really is. My only real fear is getting hit by a drunk driver. For the big event I'll be attending various parties that my friends will be holding in Rochester, New York.

- Jessica Horton

(Responses compiled by Tammy Joubert)

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



# COMMUNITY

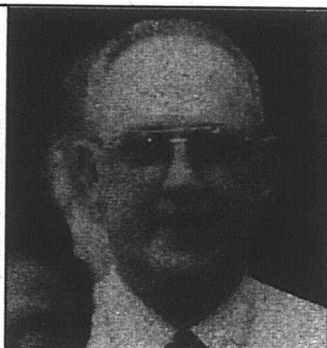
## Spotlight on Faculty: Kenneth Boon

Lori Miranda

If you walk down the third floor hallway of the Science building, you're not likely to see an office marked with a sign that says, "Dr. Boon, professor of flight." But at one time this professor of biology did imagine his destiny in a winged machine soaring through the skies. But after some fatherly advice, J. Kenneth Boon decided to attend Houghton to study zoology. After graduating with no interest in teaching, he inadvertently brought it on himself by suggesting that the college hire another professor to assist the lone zoology professor. Houghton "turned on" Boon, asking that he himself become that professor, which he eventually did for three years in the early sixties.

Boon went on to get his masters' degree and Ph.D. at Kansas State University, studying the neurosecretory system of birds and teaching at the veterinary school. His doctoral included a spring at the Max Plank Institute in West Germany, a facility with excellent materials and support. Following that, he returned to teach in Houghton's newly created biology department in 1974.

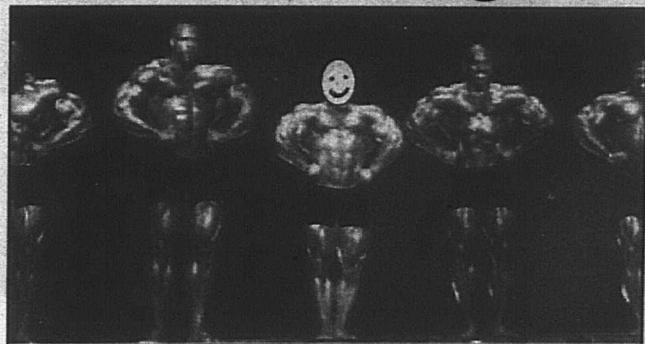
Three years later he organized the first ambulance squad in Houghton. Previously, Houghton residents had been dependent on Fillmore's EMT service, which was already spread thin serving



several towns. The plans to build a new physical education center and nursing home made the need for Houghton's own EMT service imperative to Dr. Boon, who had experience working in an ambulance service and the ER.

After a heart attack nine years ago, Dr. Boon decided to retire his pilot's license. Though recovered, he has no desire to pursue the many procedures necessary to maintain it. His hours are filled with other activities including, of course, spending time with his wife, three children, and two granddaughters. "Grandkids are fun," he says with a twinkle in his eye. Dr. Boon is also considering reinvolving himself with ARC (Association of Retarded Children), having once been the president of its Board of Directors. With all this, though, Dr. Boon doesn't see himself retiring from Houghton College life anytime soon. "I think I'd miss teaching too much...to take that drastic step," he said.

## What is Mr. Houghton?



This Saturday, you will have the opportunity to see your classmates, professors, and yes, even President Chamberlain, compete to decide this year's "Mr. Houghton." Contestants will be participating in game show, lip sync, "random talent" categories, among others. The man who comes out on top will receive \$100 cash.

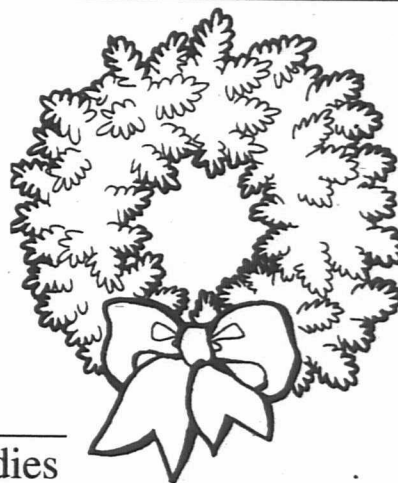
It is important to realize that this is not a popularity or beauty contest - it is going to be a very entertaining night where *anything* can happen. So come to the cafeteria at 8:00 p.m. to support the contestants and join in the fun!

## Kathie's Korner: Christmas Recipes

Kathie Brenneman

With the wonderful Christmas season here, Christmas cards, gifts, and cookies are a fun part of celebrating.

I am going to give you two of our favorite recipes for cookies.



### Saltine Goodies

The first recipe is for "Saltine Goodies." This one is simple and very good.

- 1) Line a cookie sheet with saltine crackers.
- 2) Boil for 3 minutes: 2 sticks butter and 1 cup brown sugar (packed)
- 3) Pour over crackers and bake in preheated, 400 degree oven for 7 minutes.
- 4) Then sprinkle 1 cup Chocolate Chips (6 oz. Bag) over the baked crackers. As the chocolate chips melt, spread them over the top.
- 5) Cool and break apart. Yummy!

### Great Cookies

This second cookie recipe is for everyone who loves peanut butter and chocolate together. They are appropriately called "Great Cookies."

- 1) Cream together with mixer: 1 cup butter  
1 cup peanut butter  
1 cup brown sugar (packed)  
1 cup white sugar
- 2) Add and mix: 2 eggs
- 3) Sift together and add: 2 cups flour and 1 tsp. Baking soda
- 4) Stir in 1 cup chocolate chips (6 oz. Bag)
- 5) Roll dough into balls; then roll balls in white sugar.
- 6) Bake at 325 degrees for 15 minutes. Enjoy!

## Merry Christmas

To You And Yours!

### Madrigals Cont.

in the Child and all that He will do. Amahl follows the kings to present the only gift he has - his crutch.

The evening concluded with the customary singing of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and the flaming figgy pudding.

Madrigals originated in 1966 when the nine college chambers singers performed a concert of madrigals, carols, and an excerpt from "Amahl" in East Hall's then basement dining room. Over the years, both "Amahl" and the

play "Christmas in the Marketplace" have been performed.

I greatly enjoyed the production of "Amahl." The actors sang and performed magnificently. The musical was a welcomed change from the two other Madrigal Dinners that I attended. Most importantly, it captured the meaning of Christmas as the evening celebrated the birth of Christ.

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# ENTERTAINMENT



Mo Nishihata

## Motoi on Music

### Year in Review

As 1999 comes to a close it's time for the annual Top Ten releases for the year. With many quality releases coming out this year it's a difficult task to pick any band above another. Many factors are taken into this process. Fac-

tors such as: How much did the band progress? How creative are they? And the list goes on and on. But with much thought and consideration, the judges have come to their conclusion. Here are the Top Ten Releases of 1999:

1. P.O.D. "Fundamentals of Southtown"
2. Jars of Clay "If I left the Zoo"
3. Audio Adrenaline "Underdog"
4. Supertones "Chase the Sun"
5. Out of Eden "No Turning Back"
6. Stavesacre "Speakeasy"
7. Steven Curtis Chapman "Speechless"
8. Insyderz "Skalleluia Too"
9. Third Day "Time"
10. Five Iron Frenzy "Proof that the Youth are Revolting"

## Mo's Top Ten

There were some releases that were not considered in the top ten releases such as the Newsboys or Michael W. Smith due to the fact that the judges were not able to listen to the CD's due to lack of money and much work.

And finally to close, there will be a bonus question open to everyone on campus (faculty included). Each person gets one try and must write their final answer on a piece of paper with their names on it (Send it to my cpo box 1309). Okay, here's the question: What was the first Christian concert that I attended? Name the tour and the bands or artists that were involved in it. Winner receives a CD from the Top Ten release.

Look for new releases by these bands at the end of the year or the beginning of 2000: Project 86 (rap-core/hardcore), Sup' the Chemist (hip-hop), Skillet (rock), Silage (rock) among others.

## Pre-Millennial Humor

### "Houghton in the 90's"

Steve Maxon

Though the new millennium will not truly begin for another year, the decade of the 1990's will be coming to an end December 31st. As part of the last Houghton STAR issue of this wonderful decade, I researched some of the most interesting stories included in previous years - the stories that would best sum up what these ten years have meant to Houghton College. I hope we can learn from what the past decade has brought us, and enjoy a favorable look back at the raucous merrymaking that was the 1990's.

#### 1990: NEW "TELE-PHONE" SERVICE COMES TO HOUGHTON

Will the wonders of modern technology ever cease? Today, the Houghton College Board of Trustees announced the purchase of a new "Tele-Phone" communication device for the College, for the fair price of \$750. The Tele-Phone, according to its inventors, serves to replace the tele-graph and the registered daily mail as the fastest form of communication, as if such a thing were possible!

Director of Tele-Phone Services Will Krause claims that the ingenious device, no larger than an oil-lamp, will allow people

in Houghton to talk to others who have a Tele-Phone, even in distant locales such as Center-ville, Oramel, and Pike. "The Tele-Phone is no longer the tool of the rich business-man alone," said Krause, while adding fresh tobacco leaves to his pipe. However, it is feared that student tele-graph workers may lose their jobs, and be un-able to pay the annual tuition bill of \$3,000.

The Tele-Phone will be kept in the Campus Center, where any male junior or senior may use it, provided they are "calling" their home, and have obtained the signatures of the twelve Deans of Students.

#### 1994: FIGURE SKATING FEVER SEIZES CAMPUS

For the third consecutive day, classes were cancelled here at Houghton, to allow students, faculty, and staff to watch the Olympic figure skating singles competition in Lillehammer, Norway.

Every television around campus has been constantly tuned to the Olympic broadcast, with pivotal moments in the contests punctuated by an audible roar from each residence hall.

After Oksana Baiul of the Ukraine landed her final triple axel to clinch the women's singles title, students flooded out of their dor-

mitories and houses to fill the quad in a joyous throng. Many students had made signs for the occasion, such as "Oksana Is Baiul-tiful," and "Long Live The Ukraine."

President Daniel Chamberlain addressed the gathering, asking, "Wasn't that, like, absolutely the coolest thing you've ever seen in your whole life? Totally!" Chamberlain wore a large, jeweled tiara on his head and a colorful "Marry Me, Oksana" T-shirt.

The gathering broke up promptly at 6:45 PM, permitting those present to watch the pairs' competition, starring Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov.

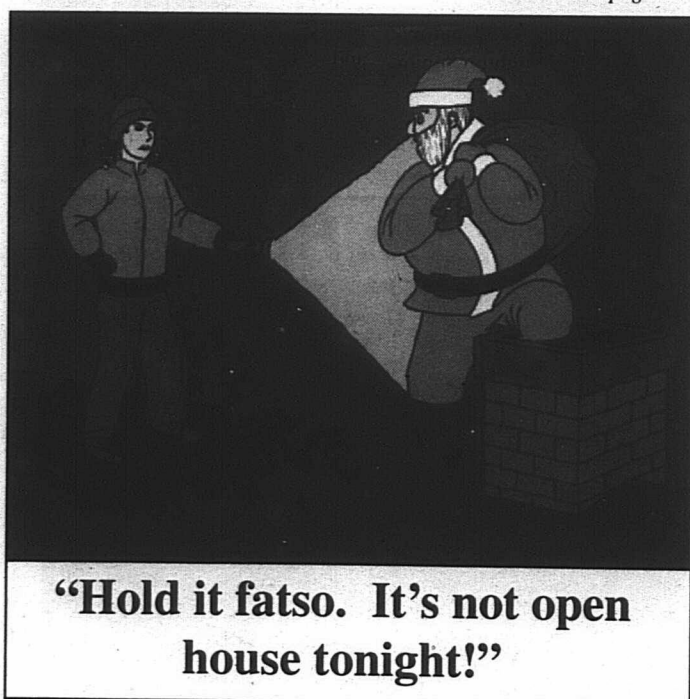
#### 1998: FIELD HOCKEY TEAM ON STRIKE

Angry field hockey players wielded their sticks threateningly today, after a three-hour meeting with representatives from the student body and the administration yielded no solution to their dispute.

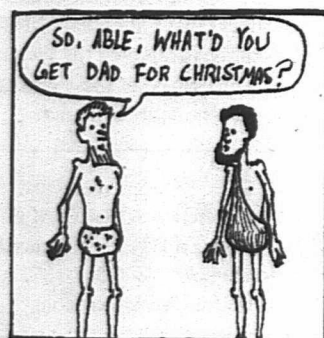
The team has gone on strike from Houghton College, claiming that their exceptional performance on the field has not been rewarded with corresponding levels of attendance at games.

"Come on!," said Head Coach Donna Hornibrook. "I mean, we win every single game

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#### Man and Snail



By Donovan Church



# SPORTS

## Gimme Five! Player Profile: Andrea Potteiger

Dionne Miller

Although several players contribute, few shine like No. 5, Andrea Potteiger. Andrea came to Houghton from Mechanicsburg, Pa., where she had been playing soccer since age 10. Her original interest in the sport came from watching her brother play and thinking it may be fun. It quickly became evident that God had blessed Andrea with incredible natural ability. Her decision to attend Houghton, however, was not simply to play soccer. Andrea desired to go to a Christian college, after attending a large public high school. She wanted to major in Therapeutic Recreation, and Houghton's program offered just what she was looking for. Meeting and practicing with the team

did make the decision easier.

The quality of the team was evident and Andrea immediately saw the stress Coach Lewis placed on the importance of servanthood, even on the playing field. Andrea has accomplished much throughout her four-year career at Houghton. This season alone she was named Conference Defender of the Year, Region IX Defender of the Year, and Region IX Player of the Year. Andrea was most recently selected to the Second Team All-American for the second year in a row. She also contributed 4 goals and 11 assists this year, while operating as a second year captain. Her leadership as a player is obvious.

What is also evident on the field is Andrea's incredible spirit and attitude, which reflect the

entire unity of the team. Since her freshman year, Andrea says the team has really evolved into one unit, with a strong work ethic and amazing ability to encourage each other.

In May, Andrea will graduate with degrees in both Therapeutic Recreation and Psychology. She is unsure where she will end up or what exactly she will be doing, but playing soccer isn't her top priority. For Andrea, soccer is more than just competition.

What it is important to her is the relationships built as a result of being on a team. She may play in a rec-league just for fun, but she hopes to spend more time cultivating her passion for hiking and backpacking.

As she prepares to leave Houghton, Andrea would hope that people don't remember her by the things she's done, or awards she's won, but rather for the person she is—loving others with Christ's love. To the fans she wants to say thank you, "Our success, especially this year, is a direct result of your support. You make us proud to represent Houghton."



## Player Profile: John Toohig

Dionne Miller

If you attended any Highlander Men's soccer games over the past four years, it would have been impossible for you to miss Number 5 racing across the field. His love of the game is evident by his consistent effort each and every game. Meet Houghton Senior and Highlander defender John Toohig.

Coming to Houghton College from Olive Branch, Mississippi, John has been playing soccer since he was five years old. He was invited to visit Houghton on a recruit weekend, during his senior

year of high school. Houghton was not completely new to John, as his mother, who has been highly instrumental in his life, also attended. During that weekend, however, John experienced for himself the uniqueness of the college and the men's soccer team. He especially liked the people and the campus, and felt that strong academics and the rural aspect of Houghton, would be a good atmosphere for him.

Since coming to Houghton, John has played as marking back for the team. Over the years he has contributed in several ways, including being

awarded honorable mention All-Region player, his sophomore year. During this his senior season, John contributed three goals and one assist in the teams effort. He says the unity of this year's squad has been incredible, which affects the dynamics both on and off the field. John further admits one of the best things about playing soccer at Houghton is the atmosphere at the games. "It's been so much fun to

play for a good team with supportive fans."

Off the field, John is majoring in business with a minor in French. After graduation in May, John is considering trying out for a professional soccer team in Jackson, Ms., but is still unsure. He has interviewed for a job as Financial Aid Advisor at First union Bank back home. John is still waiting to hear from them.

## Humor Cont.

we play, usually by double digits, and still nobody shows up! Last week, we beat France 14-1! France! They're a separate nation!!"

The players have been marching around the Quad daily, chanting "Field Hockey Rules," stopping only to drive squirrels clear to Route 19 with their sticks. They have demanded a minimum level of attendance of 100 people per game, or they say they will begin to kill members of the men's basketball team.

"Have you people watched those losers play?," said Hornibrook. "Hellooooo! We win our games!!"

When reached for comment, Robert Danner, Dean of Students, said, "You're telling me we have a field hockey team?"

## Cross Country Team Goes to Nationals Women Place 13th, Men Finish 17th

Kevin MacDonald

The men's and women's cross country teams concluded their record-breaking seasons with a bang on Saturday, November 20, when both teams achieved the highest finishes ever in Houghton's history at the NAIA National Championships in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The women, competing against 26 other schools and 227 other runners, placed thirteenth overall, and the men's team, competing against 27 other schools and 229 other runners, placed seventeenth. Senior Tenneil Tower led the women's team with a time of 18:32, and was named an NAIA

All-American for her 26th place finish. She is the second Houghton female runner ever to achieve that honor. The men's team was led by senior Joe Campagna, whose 21st place finish earned him the honor of being the first Houghton male runner ever to be named an All-American. His finishing time, 25:09, is also the fastest in Houghton men's cross country history.

With all the policy changes and conference realignments that took place early in the season, "it was really tough to get to Nationals," according to Head Coach Bob Smalley. "It took a total team effort." Without a doubt, this year's cross-country

teams are the best Houghton has ever had: over the course of the season, both teams broke team time records in five of their races and compiled a total of 71 personal records. In addition, both the men and the women were named NAIA Academic All-American Teams, meaning that the top five runners on each team maintained a GPA greater than 3.0. The women's team had the eighth best GPA, and the men's team had the seventh best. Perhaps this record-breaking cross country season is best summed up by junior co-captain Matt Dougherty: "This team's goal was to run for God, and in return, God gave us more than we could ever imagine."



# SPORTS

## Men's Basketball

Jason Mucher

Another slow start and poor shooting once again were the Highlanders' demise as they lost a 70-53 decision to Pitt-Bradford. Houghton (0-6) trailed 40-24 at the break. They shot just 27 percent from the field for the game and hit just 4-of-17 three-point attempts. Good shooting from the free throw line (19-of-23) and better ball possession (15 turnovers) than in previous games kept the game from getting out of hand. Jeremy Martin led all scorers with 20 points and pulled down a team-high eight rebounds.

A late rally felt short for Houghton (0-5) as the Highlanders lost to Mohawk College, 75-67. With Houghton ahead 18-16 with nine minutes remaining in the first half, Mohawk used a 9-0 run to take a 25-18 lead. Mohawk held a 36-26 lead at the break and stretched the lead to 17 (43-26) just two minutes into the second stanza.

The lead grew to as many as 19 before Houghton responded with a 26-13 run over the next 10 minutes to close the gap to six with 6:42 left. The run was capped by back-to-back three pointers by Kurt Sauder and Seth Edwards. After a Mohawk lay-up and two free throws, Houghton went on a 10-3 run - highlighted by another Sauder three and one from Nate Ward - to cut the lead to three (67-64) with under two minutes to play. That's as close as Houghton would get as both teams exchanged baskets and Mohawk hit four key three throws in the final 20 seconds.

Sauder led the Highlanders with 21 points and was 5-of-9 from three-point range. Brice Benson added 12 points and Jeremy Martin chipped in with 10 points and a game-high nine rebounds. Seth Edwards scored nine points and dished out three assists.

Their next game is Friday, December 10 at home against Walsh University.

## Women's Basketball

Jason Mucher

Wendy Ivey hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Lady Highlanders a 67-64 win over Carlow College in Houghton's Northeast Atlantic Conference opener.

Houghton led by as many as 10 points in the first half, before Carlow closed to three (33-30) at the break.

In the second stanza, the Lady Highlanders (2-2; 1-0) looked as though they'd pull away, pushing the lead to 11 with three minutes remaining, but Carlow (2-3; 0-1) again responded, knotting the score at 64 with a 25 foot three-point shot with six seconds on the clock. Houghton quickly brought the ball up court where Ivey provided the heroics with a three from the top of the arc. Ivey and Janelle Tombs each scored 14 points to lead all scorers. The tandem combined to hit 6-of-14 three-pointers (Ivey: 2-5, Tombs: 4-9). Libby Shaw added 10 points and a team-

high 10 rebounds.

After opening the season with two losses to nationally ranked teams, the Lady Highlanders needed a game to get back that winning attitude. And they got just that with an 84-33 win over Mohawk College. Houghton used a 14-0 run over a four-minute span early in the first half to pull away from the host team. Janelle Tombs scored 10 of her game-high 16 points during the run. The Lady Highlanders (1-2) outscored Mohawk 25-4 over the final 12 minutes of the first half to take a 41-9 lead into the lockerroom. Eleven players got in the scoring column. Alicia Campbell and Angela Layne each tallied 10 points, Lesley Swanson added nine, and Libby Shaw and Wendy Ivey contributed eight apiece. Ivey also pulled down a game-high eight rebounds. Sarah Tooley had a great all-around performance with five points and four rebounds and game-highs in assists (8), blocked shots (4), and steals (5).

### Intramurals

#### Women's Basketball

Hitchhikers	0-1
Globetrotters	0-2
Dribblers	0-0
The Last Hoorah	2-0
Cannibals	0-2
Silence of the Lams	2-0
Chai Shakers	1-0
Winebrenner	1-1

### Racquetball

#### Singles Points Leaders:

(1)Smith	17
(2)Zimmerman	10
(3)Lee	6
(4)Sabine	6
Asif	5
Nelson	3
Rudd	1

### Indoor Soccer

1999 Soccer Champs	10-0
Team Nutzo	5-5
Another Name for...	2-8
Ronaldo	3-7
I'm A Gamer	2-8
Prenus et Butri e Casa	7-3
Siemi Strike	5-5
Stone Cold 6	6-4
Die Veruckten Kinden	8-2
Dogs...Sticks	5-5
No Mo Mo Yo	2-8

## Soccer Team Splits In Miami, Fails to Advance

Dionne Miller

The Houghton women's soccer team arrived in Miami, FL for the 1999 NAIA National Tournament filled with excitement and pride. They had earned the right to represent Houghton among the nation's best female athletes.

Seeded No. 10 among the 12 teams represented, Houghton was placed in a pool with No. 3 Westmont College, and No. 7 William Carey College. After all three compete against each other, the team with the best record continues in the tournament. Each team is guaranteed to play at least two games.

The women saw their first action on Thursday, Nov. 19,

against Westmont College. Houghton played strong but somewhat apprehensively and Westmont was able to capitalize scoring once in each half of play. Houghton goalkeeper Susie Ellis had nine saves on the day for the Lady Highlanders, but the final score remained 2-0. Despite the loss, Houghton gained confidence recognizing their ability to compete on this level of play.

Friday Nov. 20, a more confident Highlanders team faced William-Carey College. Houghton came out strong scoring three goals in the first half. Heather Mann scored two goals assisted by Jennifer Hartenstine and Sunshine Leonard. Hartenstine also added to

Houghton's score, assisted by Mann. William-Carey played a strong first half as well, answering with two goals.

In the second half, Susie Ellis made a diving save on a penalty kick to preserve the victory for the Highlanders. Houghton's final record in National pool play was 1-1, but Westmont won both games and advanced into the semi-finals.

Ending their season with a victory gave the lady Highlanders a final record of 18-3-1, earning 18 victories for the third season in a row, and playing the most games in a single season in Houghton women's soccer history, at 22.

## Volleyball Squad Bumped in Regionals

Denise Duncle

On October 19, 1999 Houghton's women's volleyball team competed in the NAIA Region IX Tournament at Mt. Vernon Nazarene in Ohio. Despite tremendous effort and solid individual performances the Lady Highlanders lost to the number one seeded team Findlay in their first game of the tournament (3-15, 10-15, 6-15). Linda Shea contributed 7 kills, 14 digs, while Monica Wagoner had 4 kills and Stephanie Thompson made 7 digs, 20 assists.

The team's second game against Walsh also resulted in a loss (9-15, 7-15, 8-15). Sarah Tooley had 7 kills, 13 digs, 3 aces, while Monica Wagoner and Danae Diller both added 7 kills each. Also standing out in the game were Linda Shea who provided 8 kills, 25 digs and Stephanie Thompson 12 digs, 34 assists. These tournament losses gave the Lady Highlanders a final season record of 22-11. "We had a good season," said junior captain Julie Levak "There's nothing to be ashamed about."

Looking ahead into next season, the team loses only one senior, Allison Roberts. As a hard worker with a positive attitude, Roberts has contributed to the team's success in her college career with 592 digs, 186 kills, 11 aces and 8 assists. The remaining team members are comprised of four juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen. "With some more hard work during the off season," said Levak "I believe that we have the potential to go to Nationals next season"