

THE HOUGHTON STAR

New faculty faces



Dr. Ndunge Kiiti
Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies

The start of the 2006-2007 school year has brought many new additions to the Houghton faculty. A collection of well-qualified, excited teachers have begun their pursuit to mold and shape the young minds of our generation. Coming from various backgrounds, these fourteen faculty members each have different contributions to bring to Houghton.

This eclectic group ranges from Interim Instructor of Spanish, Jessica Stack, who is a brand new Houghton grad from the class of 2006, to Jeff Spear, Professor of Accounting, who has most recently been with the school in the capacity of Treasurer and Vice President of Finance, but who has a long history with the school dating back to 1975.

All of these professors come from extremely diverse backgrounds. For instance, Ms. Kulli Toniste, Assistant Professor of New Testament Studies, hails from Estonia where she taught in both the Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary and the Estonian Christian Pentecostal Bible College. Eric Thomas, Interim Assistant Professor of Voice and Director of Opera and Musical Theater, refers to himself as "a country boy by raising" and enjoys the fact that being here at Houghton is "almost like coming home for me."

Our new professors may have varied backgrounds and areas

of expertise, but each seems to share a genuine heart for Houghton students and the ideals of what it means to be a "scholar servant." Dr. Karen Daugherty, part-time Assistant Professor of Sociology, identifies her singular goal in teaching, which is "to create an environment that encourages learning." Spear replies that, "Houghton students are the best there are. They represent a great combination of academic ability and service-mindedness. It is a privilege to work with them." Houghton College often draws faculty because of its sense of community, which is also acknowledged by Assistant Professor of Visual Communication and Media Arts, David Huth. "I consider many students to be friends, knowing them from my church and from living here in town. I think they are some of the smartest and most interesting people I've ever met."

These new faculty members are not only committed to the student body but also to their selected track of teaching. When asked what to him is the most important thing about teaching, Spear responded, "It is humbling to think that we faculty are assisting in shaping the leadership for the next fifty years. Long after we are gone, those whom we may have had some influence upon will be making a difference in society, the church, and their families." Kristin Camenga, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, identifies the key of effective teaching as a constant willingness to learn on your own. "I went back to grad school after teaching two years," Professor Camenga said, "[because] I wanted to struggle with math the way my students did so I could understand them better." This passionate commitment to lifelong learning is what seems to drive both seasoned and new faculty members.



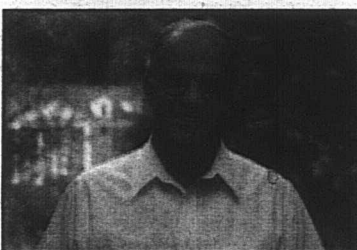
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Assistant Professor of Physics



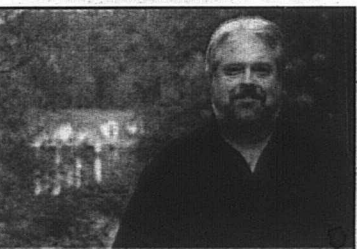
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Interim Instructor of Spanish



Dr. Karen Daugherty
Part-time Assistant Professor of Sociology



Dr. David Brubaker
Part-time Assistant Professor of Biology

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Remembering Homecoming 1982



As another academic year at Houghton College commences, the future is in the forefront of our minds. The future of the incoming freshman class, the future of a newly inducted president, and the future of this community as an academic and faith based institution. In the midst, however, of this vision we must not forget to cherish the history of Houghton College. A piece of this history occurred twenty five years ago this coming fall. One week before homecoming weekend, 1982, six Houghton College students were killed in a horrific car accident in the town of Wales in Erie County.

When I sat down with Denise Bakerink current Dean of Students she stated, "It's very important for us to tell our story." As a Houghton student in '82, Bakerink witnessed first hand the effects that this tragedy had on our campus and its students.

Seniors, Alan Bushart, Albert Rapp, Mark Anderson, Joy Ellise, Cynthia Rudes, and Beth Andes were all actively involved on campus and made up the entirety of the '82 homecoming court. As the news of their death slowly filtered through

the avenues of campus, it knocked on the hearts of the whole community.

After the initial shock of the news, Houghton reverted not to mourning but chose instead to celebrate the lives of students that were a blessing to the campus community. Local Journalist, Ray Hill wrote, "It was time to bind the wounds, to heal the hurt." Despite the obvious ache, Houghton rallied to honor the students rather than wonder why such cherished lives were taken.

On the evening of the accident, an informal memorial service was held in Wesley Chapel and an overwhelming response from students and faculty yielded the majority of campus "saying goodbye to six

seniors," said reporter Gene Warner.

Death of the young is a shocking realization no matter the circumstances, but when it hits as close to home as it did that homecoming week many years ago, the response was awe striking. Current faculty member and former student, Kristina LaCelle-Peterson recalled, "For me, the most helpful response was the reminder that Jesus wept

at Lazarus' tomb. To love deeply involves the risk of being torn apart by loss; it means you might stand at someone's grave weeping, and it just might mean that Jesus is there weeping as well."

Despite the somber mood on campus, "On Thursday morning, the flag was hauled up to full staff and preparations went ahead for homecoming," wrote a local journalist. On the brink of homecoming, a time of celebration and joy, Houghton took unexpected tragedy in stride and celebrated the lives of six students in conjunction with homecoming events.

Years later, when David Caccia was visiting Houghton with his son as a perspective student he heard the story of the '82 homecoming court and noted that there was no statue in remembrance of them. He crafted a bronze statue that became the six eagles that now soar stationary in front of our campus center. He dedicated it to the six seniors by means of the '82 class quote, Isaiah 40:31, which says, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their faith. They will soar on wings like Eagles; they will run and not grow weary they will walk and not be faint."

Today, over two decades since the heartrending accident, what can we learn from it? Aside from a few former students who now walk this campus as faculty members, the connection to the '82 homecoming court has almost fully disappeared. It's the current communities aim to change that. Robert F. Danner, VP for student life stated, "We want the current generation of Houghton's students to learn from this heartbreaking experience and become stronger in their faith because of it. We want them to understand the symbolism of the eagle sculpture, and we want them to comprehend in some small way the powerful strength that can undergird us in times of loss."

On October 2nd, chapel will be centered on commemorating the 25 years since the accident. Not only will this chapel serve to inform the whole campus of the events that took place on that Friday morning, but also to prove what we can learn from misfortune. LaCelle-Peterson stated, "Any death is a reminder that life is tenuous and therefore precious, not to be taken for granted. When it is your own friends, people your own age, though, you have to face the fact that, yes, this really could happen to me. Events like that call into question the "I'm young and invincible" attitude that I think many of us held."

The entire classes of '81 and '82 have been invited along with numerous parents and alumni. Nance Sunderlin of the class of '82 expressed, "As I think of the commemoration service, please don't let it be a sad time, but a very joyful time, because these six classmates loved life, loved their families and friends, but most important of all: loved God and Jesus Christ and in an instant, went to see Them."

It's important to remember that this does not have to be a time that rekindles mourning but a time that shows how far we have come, a time that helps us to step forward knowing more than we did yesterday.

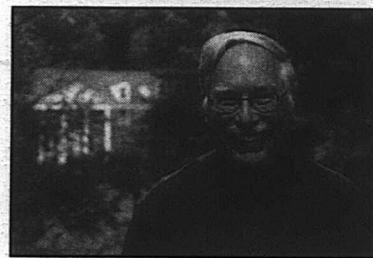
-Lindsay Yandon,
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Dr. Kristin Camenga - Assistant Professor of Mathematics



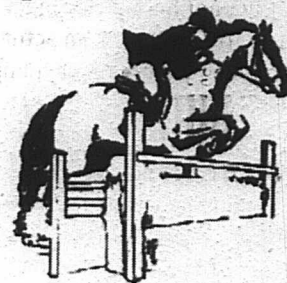
Dr. Kelvin Friebe
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*not pictured, Jeff Spear
-Dan White, staff writer

Homecoming Horse Trials

September 30, 2006

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This article is not important

Hey. (End of introduction.) When Lindsay asked me to write an article for The Star, I really don't think she knew what she was getting into. She was asking me to open up my mind to the public, which can be very dangerous because sometimes I don't even know what I'm going to think of next. Most likely it'll be stupid, but since I have a "backspace" button and the ability to push that button (as do the editors) I think everything will be just fine.

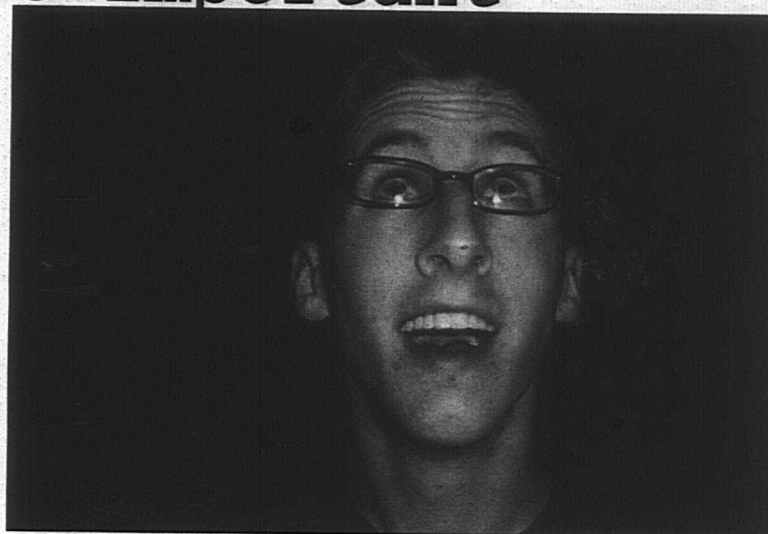
I never asked Lindsay what my limits were. Can I say crap? Crap. I guess we'll find out!

I'm going to be honest with all of you who are still reading this (thanks for still reading, by the way). This article is not important. Hey, that's the title! See how that works? Why is this article not important? Mostly because I will probably never talk about anything serious because I'd rather make people smile and say "Wow, I'm wasting my time reading this," than actually make them think at all. My article will be the television of articles; it will require no thought or dedication. You can "change the channel" by simply skipping to

whatever article is next to mine or you can tune in every Jimmy-week on the same Jimmy-channel. Hey, did you hear about that really sad thing that happened somewhere? Well, you're not going to find anything out about it here, so don't waste your time searching.

I think that most of the topics of my article will consist of stuff that confuses, interests, fascinates, or frustrates me. For example, I plan on writing an article on toilet paper. How can I write a whole article about toilet paper, you ask? (If you haven't asked then take a second and do so now...) The truth is, I don't know, but it will be done and it will be good. I'm not going to give away any more of my secrets just yet.

If you'll notice, there is really no flow to this article. Well it's not because I suck at writing. (Can I say suck? Suck. I guess we'll find out.) It's because that's how I choose to write! Why should my completely spontaneous article have any flow at all? Think of my article as a foreign movie without subtitles... whereas you don't know what's going on but you laugh at how funny it all sounds.



Ok, since I have at least 100 words left I think I'll take this time to tell you a little about myself. My name is Jimmy Dutton (naturally), and I go to Houghton College (double naturally). I'm currently a junior and I enjoy not sports. I'm currently honing my baking skills, so if you ask me nicely I might whip you up a nice batch of cookies. There are no guarantees on the "nice" part, or for that matter on the "batch" part (the first batch of cookies I made came out more like one big potato-chip-type-cookie that was actually quite delicious). I also enjoy meeting new people,

being friends with medium people, and eventually ignoring old people. Ok, so that sentence sounded like I hate old people but I just meant people that I've known for a long time. I like the elderly...seriously. They're very wise. And like me, they enjoy day-time television turned up very loud. Congratulations. You just finished my first article. I'd like to thank everyone who made this possible. From God, right down to the unimportant old people I had to step on to get here. Ok, bye.

-Jimmy Dutton, columnist

Forrest Gump vs. the Terminator

This summer, I took some time to reflect on the world we live in and the country we call home, America. While I was doing so, one question kept flooding my mind, and as hard as I tried, I could not come up with a reasonable answer. The question is: Why in the world has Tom Hanks not been nominated for President? Before you say this is crazy, stop and take a look at some of the people in politics right now, cough Arnold Schwarzenegger. Now if you think that Governor Schwarzenegger is superior to Tom Hanks in acting ability, I beg you to stop reading

right now, rent Last Action Hero or Hercules in New York and then apologize to yourself for ever having entertained the idea that the Governor is a good actor.

So back to my original question, why has Tom Hanks not been nominated for President? I think he proved his devout patriotism by killing the Germans in Saving Private Ryan. He also has displayed his great respect for the law when he portrayed Sheriff Woody in a little film called Toy Story. And who can forget his unmatched managing skills exhibited in A League of their Own? If

you can think of any qualities that a President should have, Tom Hanks has proved that's up to the task time and time again.

Now I know that it is highly unlikely that people who read this article really care whether or not Tom Hanks does get elected President. Sure, if that happened, I would rejoice and show a mass screening of Apollo 13 in my dorm room, but this is not the objective of my article. My point is that an increasing number of actors and actresses are becoming more politically involved, and while this used to be a good thing, it has now gotten to the point that in order for them to be involved, they must be in power. They say to themselves, "Hey, Ronald Reagan did it and he was an actor. Why can't I?" And this is the thinking that has done in so many other failed actor-ticians. I really don't even think they want to be a politician. Maybe they're just trying to get their name out there again. Take Gary Coleman. He decided that he wanted to run for the Senate, hoping to gain the nomination of the HECK (Homelessness, Education, Crime, and Killers) party in 2000. His first mistake was choosing a party whose initials spell a euphemism. I can just imagine the

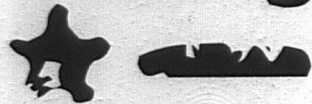
HECK National Convention as they nominate who will be on HECK's ticket for the upcoming elections. Gary Coleman's second mistake: he forgot to learn anything about politics. People who punch women in the head because they won't stop asking for your autograph usually don't get sympathy from the masses. But this didn't stop him from entering politics again in 2003 as a candidate for the coveted Governor of California seat. He lost once again, this time to a muscle-laden Austrian, but did manage to beat out other fellow celebrities, most notably a model and a pornography star. Good job, Gary.

So the next time you enter a voting booth, ask yourself this question: Has the person I'm voting for ever starred in a movie or television show? If you've answered yes, chances are they will not make a good politician. And if any celebrities happen to read this article, the next time you are thinking about running for public office, ask yourself this question: If Tom Hanks was running against me, could I beat him?

-Marc Smithers, columnist



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Israel vs. Hezbollah

In the recent Israeli-Lebanese conflict, Israel demonstrated its military might against Lebanon. This asymmetrical warfare ignited after the Lebanese militia launched Operation Truthful Promise against Israel, which resulted in the killing of three and seizure of two Israeli soldiers. This operation was responding to Operation Summer Rains, in which Israel entered Gaza, abducted two civilians (which is worse than capturing soldiers), and destroyed a large portion of the civilian infrastructure—all this, and much more, rarely mentioned in Western mainstream media. Israel responded to the Lebanese Operation

Truthful Promise with their own Operation Just Reward by bombing roads, bridges, power stations, and airports, and by killing thousands of civilians. Hezbollah, as a state-within-a-state, responded bravely with Katyusha rockets, among other small weaponry.

This month-long illegal war left Lebanon devastated. Lebanon had been recovering from many years of war and violence; with this recent destruction, Lebanon has backpedaled several decades in history. But, honestly, who won this war? Judging by the amount of material devastation, Israel won with an impressive lead, no doubt of that. However, assessing by the goals that the Israeli government and Hezbollah had on this war, Hezbollah was the definite victor. Israel failed miserably to obliterate Hezbollah, as it had planned. Hezbollah was successful at surviving and resisting the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), and demonstrated to the world its level of organization, the great leadership of Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah, its coordinated (though reckless, at times) warfare tactics, and part of its vast amount of Katyusha rockets. Israel confirmed its disregard for civilian population by murdering hundreds of innocent lives (including

four UN observers and countless refugees) and attacking civilian infrastructure, thus classifying themselves as war criminals, once again. Now, Hezbollah is supported by almost 90 percent of Lebanese citizens—including Christians, Druze, and Sunni Muslims. On the other hand, Ehud Olmert, the Prime Minister of Israel, enjoys a 60+ percent disapproval rate among its

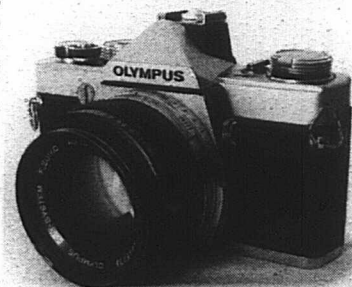
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citizens for the way he handled the conflict. Hezbollah is technically a Shiite Muslim political party in Lebanon. It is a virtual state within Lebanon, acting as a social development organization that provides for Lebanese citizens in many ways; however, many like to consider it a terrorist cell. Usually, these accusers are terrorist governments themselves who cannot conceive how a group of people can organize itself massively and efficiently, and how this group can defy their orders. Granted, Hezbollah has carried out many atrocities—and regretfully has declared that it intends to destroy the state of Israel—but it only behaves as a reactionary center that defends itself from external aggression (i.e., Israel and the US). Hezbollah came about after Israel illegitimately invaded Lebanon in 1982. Since then, it has fought arduously against this occupation. Hezbollah’s popularity was augmented after Israel—finally abiding by UN orders (which is very rare)—withdrew from Lebanese territory in 2000. Hezbollah’s strength is not rooted in high-tech artillery or a multibillion-dollar Air Force or Navy; their effectiveness and might is sourced in an enormous amount of valiant men and women who believe in their country’s sovereignty, their religion, and their culture. Even though

Hezbollah has close ties with Iran, it is not the Iranian government who aids Hezbollah. William O. Beeman, a leading Iran expert from Brown University, indicates that, contrary to conventional wisdom and news media coverage, the Iranian government’s relationship with Hezbollah has decreased since 1996 and that “private religious foundations [in Iran] direct the bulk of support, primarily to Hezbollah’s charitable activities. This support is not crucial to Hezbollah’s survival; even the high estimate frequently cited in the press—\$200 million per annum—is a fraction of Hezbollah’s operating funds.”

The UN-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah has so far proven to be successful: an impressive feat for the UN. What needs to be observed now is a permanent ceasefire along the Israel-Lebanon border. This will probably not happen while there are tensions between Palestine and Israel. Richard Armitage, a veteran diplomacy expert and former US deputy secretary of state, recommends the US to dialogue directly with Syria and Iran, if they want Hezbollah to disarm. For this to happen, Israel would have to promise to abide by international norms and avoid attacking Lebanon ever again.

—Inti Martinez, staff writer



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A look at SGA

Man, Aristotle wrote, is a political animal. If the ratio of men to women on Houghton's Student Government Association is to be considered, however, we must also admit that women are equally ravenous governmental beings. Houghton's Student Government Association (which shall henceforth be referred to as the SGA) consists of 5 representatives from each of the class years at Houghton as well as the members of the SGA Cabinet, which include the President, Vice President and so on. Voting is held each spring to determine membership in the SGA for the following year.

Elected senators, while normally responsible young men and women, are nevertheless held in check by two things: first, the noble ideal of good government, as laid out in classical Greek philosophy; and secondly, by the fear and awe they ascribe to their elected leaders, the cabinet members of the SGA. It was Machiavelli who wrote that it is better to be feared than loved. If ever there was a group of students who could call themselves "political animals," surely it is this

year's SGA cabinet.

This year's SGA is led by President Kate Hamilton. Currently a junior, she is considering either a history, political science or international relations major, depending on how many credits she has accumulated by the time she graduates. She has a keen interest in Arab studies and is leading the new Arabic club this semester. Kate is quick to point out the important role that student government can play as a liaison between the student body and the administration. Her goals for this year include increasing student awareness of and participation in student government and its various functions around campus.

The position of SGA Vice President is being split this year between the fall and spring semesters. During the autumn months, the position will be filled by Holly Flint, a senior English and Writing double major who is graduating this December. An FYI leader, she hopes to aid the campus as its transitions into a new administrative phase. When spring rolls around, Elyse Drum will return from her

semester abroad in London to serve as VP. Elyse has a particular interest in Houghton's outstanding contributions to the blood drives hosted by the Red Cross, and will be looking to expand student involvement this coming year.

Kathleen Matthews will be serving as Commissioner of Finance. A senior Accounting and Business Administration double major, she is looking to gain valuable experience in academic finances and assist the SGA. She is also President of the Ski Club, in case you were thinking about joining. (It's supposed to be wild.) Michael Biele, a sophomore Political Science and Business double major, will be serving as Commissioner of Communications.

Ryan Lavin is this year's SGA Chaplain and has a variety of responsibilities pertaining to the SGA's spiritual life. He is a senior Intercultural Studies and International Relations double major with a minor in Missions. Echoing the sentiments of his fellow cabinet members, Ryan would like to help foster a community of unity within the student body at Houghton. He is an enthusiastic aficionado of Thai and Indian food, and has

worked with his fiancée Carolyn Klejment to bring a chapter of the International Justice Mission to the Houghton campus.

Last, but certainly not least, this year's CAB director is Christy Macbeth. A Psychology major with minors in Art and Family Studies, Christy is particularly appreciative of the works of Paul Cezanne and Mark Rothko. An avid photographer, Christy also enjoys intramural basketball and Mediterranean cooking. Her aims for CAB include better collaboration with other organizations on campus to improve student events and activities.

All of the SGA Cabinet members emphasized their desire for the student body to voice their opinions, raise their concerns, and become more involved with different organizations on campus. Please don't hesitate to contact them if you'd like to know what you can do to help out this year.

-William Airhart, staff writer

Growing closer to God

Christian Life Emphasis Week. There is no doubt that everyone on campus was aware of this event. Messages were e-mailed to the entire student body, announcements were made in chapel, and a schedule of the sermons was made available to all students. Basically, the importance of CLEW was stressed, as it is every year. But what is CLEW really? It's nothing more than a few extra chapel services with a chosen speaker and a main theme, and it is all completely voluntary.

So what is CLEW supposed to do for us as students? In my definition, it is supposed to emphasize what our Lives should entail as Christians (and it is encompassed in a Week's time). So there you have it. A pretty simple concept that isn't really all that simple to tackle in less than a week.

This year, our guest speaker was Dr. Alice Mathews, and she spoke in four extra chapel services. Her messages were all based around the theme of "Knowing God" - which is a very important subject, no doubt. As Christians, we should probably familiarize ourselves with the entity which we praise and devote our lives to. We should recognize the different characteristics of our God: the God of grace, the God of hope, and the God of power

and might, to name a few, and Dr. Mathews sufficiently discussed these topics with the student body. But how much of a difference does CLEW really make to the average student? How much difference did it make to you? Talking to people around campus, the consensus seemed to be that CLEW does not profoundly affect the life of the average Houghton student. Basically everyone that I asked said that CLEW is just like every other week of the semester. Don't get me wrong, I'm fairly sure that there is no one who is opposed to CLEW. It is a wonderful thing to emphasize the Christian lifestyle and to aid Christians in their walk with God. But while discussing CLEW with a fellow student, we came to the conclusion that CLEW was somehow lacking, that there needed to be something more.

But then my eyes were opened to a totally different perspective, and I realized the error in my thinking. Now, it may be true that there is a little too much hype surrounding CLEW, but it is also true that our walk with God is in our own hands.

CLEW is completely voluntary, and that is probably its best quality. It was clear to me from talking to students, that allowing CLEW to be optional, rather than



This year's CLEW speaker Dr. Alice Mathews, and Dean of the Chapel Dr. Brittain.

a mandate, is greatly appreciated. As students, we are given the opportunity to learn more about the Word and to focus on the Lord, and we can choose to do this or we can choose to go about our business.

The point is that CLEW is whatever we choose to make it. CLEW is capable of affecting all of us in a positive way. The messages can meet anyone wherever they are in their spiritual walk, if their minds and hearts are open. We all know that it takes hard work and determination in order to stay focused on

our walk with God.

In the same way, it takes maturity and effort to take time out from our schedules and to recognize the lessons that each CLEW service can teach us. No one can bring us closer to God but ourselves. And CLEW is valuable because it provides a little boost and some extra encouragement in that process - but only if we let it.

-Jillian Getman, staff writer

Review of Snow Patrol

Eyes Open

It's become quite apparent in the past few months that Snow Patrol is no longer a secret. The Glasgow, UK, based group has been gaining popularity in the States since their 2003 release, *Final Straw*. A song from that album, "Chocolate," is even featured on the soundtrack to Zach Braff's new movie, *The Last Kiss*. Their most recent single, "Chasing Cars," has launched them into the upper-atmosphere of Top 40 status. In Snow Patrol's newest venture, *Eyes Open*, the band continues to build upon and perfect their unique yet easily accessible style that made their previous releases so likeable.

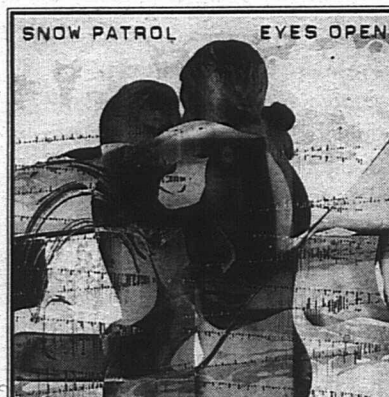
The album starts off strong with the catchy "You're All I Have" and fun "Hands Open" where the lyrics are hopeful for a girl's affections. "It's Beginning To Get To Me" is about trying to save a relationship with lyrics like "we need to feel breathless with love and not

collapsed under its weight."

"You Could Be Happy" uses what sounds similar to a music box to make the message of a lost relationship with the writer wanting the girl to still be happy regardless of how things ended. The dark and somewhat eerie "Make This Go On Forever" is a powerful ballad of wanting to make a relationship last forever. The album ends on a somber note with the poetic "The Finish Line." Other highlights include "Shut Your Eyes," "Headlights On Dark Roads," and "Open Your Eyes."

Snow Patrol continues to impress with their brand of alt/indie Brit-rock. Their recent fame is no accident and they deserve to be there. People of all musical tastes can find something to like about *Eyes Open*. A purchase of this album by a thrifty college student is justified, so do it.

-Justin Hackett, staff writer



Track listing:

- 1) You're All I Have
- 2) Hands Open
- 3) Chasing Cars
- 4) Shut Your Eyes
- 5) It's Beginning To Get To Me
- 6) You Could Be Happy
- 7) Make This Go On Forever
- 8) Set The Fire To The Third Bar
- 9) Headlights On Dark Roads
- 10) Open Your Eyes
- 11) The Finish Line

Chinese Restaurant

Adding diversity to the menu

Deb Beardsley, owner of the beloved restaurant "Deb's," announced her decision to close her doors at the end of last semester. Since then, the Houghton Foundation, owner of the building we have affectionately called "Deb's" for the last three years, has been searching for a new restaurant to contract the building out to. After many failed pitches to restaurants from all over the local area, the Houghton Foundation is proud to announce that on October 1st a Chinese restaurant will open in Houghton.

According to Wayne MacBeth, Vice President for Market Relations and Administration at Houghton College, the current plans for the new restaurant come in the form of an express buffet with take out. The food will be served much like that at a pizza parlor. This means that - boys listen - you will not be able to use the Chinese restaurant as a nice sit-down-and-order diner (like "Deb's"), impressing your girlfriend with your sincere civility. The restaurant will be easy to maintain, with very few necessary staff and will remain casual as is fitting for a college campus location. Many people mention the fact that "Subway" and "Deb's" have not provided anything different from the type of food served in our cafeteria. The campus as whole looks forward to variety in limited food choices already available in Houghton. As Laura Ware, a junior from Lambein, said when I was talking to her about the new restaurant, "A Chinese restaurant will diversify our rather monotonous diet of Ramen and Pioneer food." The buzz around campus would suggest that the Chinese restaurant will be a hit with the students. All positive comments, however, come with a stress on the quality of the food. Therefore, the verdict on whether a Chinese restaurant is the right move for Houghton will have to wait until the first crab ragoon touches a craving student's lips and until the first couple leaves in better morale than when they arrived.

-M. Chase Whittemore, staff writer

News from Outside the 'Houghton Bubble'

Do you feel out of touch with the world? Can you not remember life without Roberts games, endless amounts of reading, and Pioneer? Then you have the tell-tale signs of having entered the 'Houghton Bubble.' Speaking as one Houghton student to another, I know how hard it is to keep up with that place we call "the outside world" so here's a lifeline—a place to find snippets of what it's like beyond the 'Houghton Bubble'.

- Mexico has a new president—finally. The election that took place on July 2 has at last come to an end on September 6 with Felipe Calderón, the winner by a very slim margin of fewer than 245,000 votes, also winning his court battle against his opponent Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.

- There was a plane crash that killed 49 people in Lexington, Kentucky on August 27. The lone air traffic controller had turned away to fill out paperwork when the plane steered its way to the wrong runway. James Polehinke, the pilot and only survivor, regained con-

sciousness on September 6.

- While filming a documentary on September 4, Steve Irwin, known to most as the 'crocodile hunter,' was killed suddenly by a stingray. Though he had been risking his life for years in dealing with crocodiles his death came very unexpectedly and he is being mourned the world over. He was only 44.

- The saga of Ralph "Bucky" Phillips has finally come to an end. Phillips was caught on Friday, September 8, after a long, all-day hunt. He had escaped from Erie County Jail in April and all of Western NY

had been on his trail since then. He allegedly shot three state troopers, one fatally, and had recently been added to America's Most Wanted.

- On September 13, a 25-year-old man opened fire on students at Dawson College in Montreal, Canada. The shooting spree ended when the police gunned him down. One woman was killed and 19 left wounded by the suspect.

Until the next Star this is Elyse Drum reporting from London, England.

Despite rough start, Highlanders remain hopeful



The Varsity Women's Soccer spells out the cheer "Lock it down" on their t-shirts at the Houghton vs. Robert's Men's Varsity Soccer Game

The Houghton College Highlanders men's varsity soccer team's 0-3 record is not indicative of its talent or potential. Last season, the squad stumbled through a discouraging start, winless in their first eight matches. Soon, however, the team chemistry that developed from this adversity paid off as the Highlanders won seven of their final ten, eventually losing to St. Vincent's College in the American Midwest Conference qualifier.

With losses to perennial NAIA power Rio Grande University, conference rival Roberts Wesleyan College, and reigning NCAA Division III champion Messiah College, Coach Matt Webb has immediately challenged the 2006 Highlanders with premier competition.

When asked the reasoning behind such a tough early schedule, Coach Webb replied, "This strategy exposes our weaknesses

early, allowing time for adjustments and improvement. By fighting through these difficult matches, regardless of their results, we emerge mentally tougher and better prepared to face strong opponents like Rio Grande or Notre Dame College late in the season."

Even without a win, the future is bright for the Highlanders; a talented and deep freshman class has already made a strong impression. "Our ten newcomers made a bold statement during preseason camp by displaying excellent fitness, particularly in the two-mile timed run.

Their commitment during the off-season proved that they were ready to contribute immediately."

With veterans Chris Cruikshank, Ben Loos, and Chad Wakeman battling injuries, seven freshmen have been forced into meaningful action – and they have excelled. Their cool-headedness, intelligent passing, and remarkable field awareness have aided their seamless transition into the physi-

cal game of college soccer. For instance, Justin Farnsworth has emerged as a stalwart on defense, Jesse Woolsey shocked Messiah with his tremendous finishing ability, and Steve Grudda deposited a pretty goal into the 'upper-90' in the rain-shortened match against Judson. Steve Ross, Dan Brubaker, Jonathan Brooks, and Bryan Gerlach have provided depth at midfield and will only improve as the season progresses.

While the freshman class has been a pleasant surprise, the pressure remains on captains Ernie Walton (seen above) and Vincent Wagner to spur a late-season run into the playoffs. If the freshmen continue to mature and the upperclassmen return to full health, another late-season push into the playoffs is possible. "This team has the potential to make a deep run into the post-season; our goal is to contend for a conference championship," said Coach Webb. Lofty expectations, but will they be fulfilled

—Ben Tsujimoto, sports writer

Buffalo Bills 2006: Contend or Rebuild?

After a miserable 2005 5-11 season that left Bills fans shaking their heads and longing for Reggie Bush, the off-season featured significant personnel changes. Not surprisingly, general manager Tom Donahoe was fired after directing the Bills to a 31-49 record in four seasons. The changes did not end there; head coach Mike Mularkey resigned, while offensive coordinator Tom Clements and defensive coordinator Jerry Gray were both fired. Due to questionable play-calling, a soft run defense, and poor personnel decisions, it was clear the struggling franchise sought leadership and experience. With this in mind, the Bills filled the general manager position with a familiar name: former head coach and NFL Hall of Fame member Marv Levy. The 78-year-old Levy wasted little time in forming his new coaching staff; Dick Jauron was hired as head coach, Steve Fairchild as offensive coordinator, and Perry Fewell as defensive coordinator. Will Levy's return rekindle memories of four consecutive Super Bowl appearances or will Bills fans suffer through

another dismal year?

Offense: With Steve Fairchild at the helm, expect the offense to be more exciting. By installing the 'West Coast Offense' structure adopted from St. Louis coach Mike Martz, Fairchild will take advantage of starting quarterback J.P. Losman's strong arm and an array of speedy receivers. Primary offensive threats return; Willis McGahee looks to fulfill his self-proclaimed title of 'best running back in the NFL,' while wide receiver Lee Evans is poised to break out in his third year as a Bill. Two notable offensive additions are Robert Royal, a strong blocking tight end who meshed well with Losman in camp, and Peerless Price, a fast yet inconsistent wide receiver who returns after three years away from the Bills. Regardless of the talent surrounding him, Buffalo's hopes lie on the shoulders of their third year quarterback Losman. The powerful arm and athleticism are apparent, but will Losman eliminate the mental blunders that led to his demotion last season?

Defense: Because of crucial injuries and poor scheme, the defense

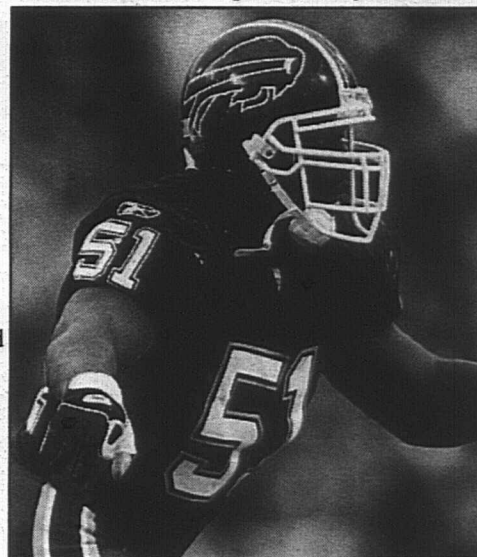
could not duplicate its record-setting 2004 season, plummeting to 29th in the NFL. Under new coordinator Perry Fewell, the defense should return to respectability. Employing the popular 'Tampa 2' scheme that stresses forcing turnovers, Fewell has found a philosophy that accentuates his players' strengths. Even more significant for the defense is the return of linebacker Takeo Spikes (right) from his season-ending Achilles' tendon tear. The Pro Bowl ability of Spikes, the consistency of London Fletcher, and the physical ability of Angelo Crowell provide the Bills with a corps of linebackers that perfectly fits Fewell's scheme. The strength of the Bills' defense, however, lies in the secondary: elite cornerback Nate Clements pairs with special teams ace Terrence McGee, first-round pick Donte Whitner, and veteran safety Troy Vincent. Aaron Schobel, leading the front four on defense, has quietly become one of the premier pass-rushing defen-

sive ends in the NFL. With strong personnel and an effective scheme, look for the defense to return to its stingy ways.

Sooj's Take: Buffalo enters the 2006 season as an enigma; a revitalized defense could propel the team to a playoff berth, or a Losman collapse could leave Bills fans dreaming of Brady Quinn. Realistically, I predict an 8-8 record.

—Ben Tsujimoto, sports writer

Linebacker Takeo Spikes surveys the field.



MEET THE STAR STAFF



LINDSAY YANDON EDITOR IN CHIEF

I would just like to point out that these innocent biographies are nothing more than shallow attempts at personal ads. Phone numbers are to follow in issue #2. I will now switch tenses to the third person to encompass the full lackluster potential of all "about me" columns. Lindsay is a junior Writing and Political Science Major hailing from upstate New York, just a half hour from Houghton's Star Lake campus. She likes the beach, but not the feel of new beach towels. She has expired subscriptions to Rolling Stone and Vogue. If she was to tell you about her music style she would need a whole page. She loves the smell of a horse barn and would love to meet a real live cowboy someday. Writing is her passion and Annie Dillard put it best, "This writing that you do, that so thrills you, that so rocks and exhilarates you as if you were dancing next to the band is barely audible to anyone else."

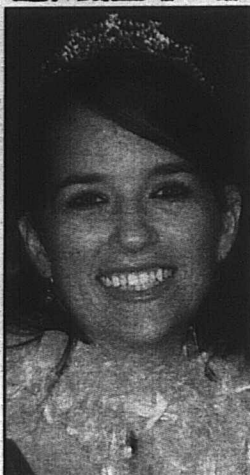
KATIE DONER MANAGING EDITOR

Hi, I'm Katie Doner, one of the managing editors for this year's Star. I will be on staff with the Star only for the first semester because I'll be doing a semester abroad in Africa this spring. I'm a junior Intercultural Studies major, with minors in Writing and Art. I'm from a little town in Canada called Beaverton (very Canadian, I know) and I'm excited about working with the Star staff this semester!



EMILY BUCKINGHAM MANAGING EDITOR

Welcome to the new STAR! I'm the Managing Editor (ok, not really... I'm one of two Managing Editors, but it's really too complicated to explain in my allotted 100 words). I'm Emily Buckingham ("Em" to pretty much everyone in Houghton). I'm from Greeley, Colorado (where most people call me Emmie Bee because my best friend's name was Emiley and we had to distinguish ourselves somehow). But beyond all that, I'm a Junior Biology major with minors in Chemistry and Writing (and I enjoy long walks on the beach, blah, blah, blah).



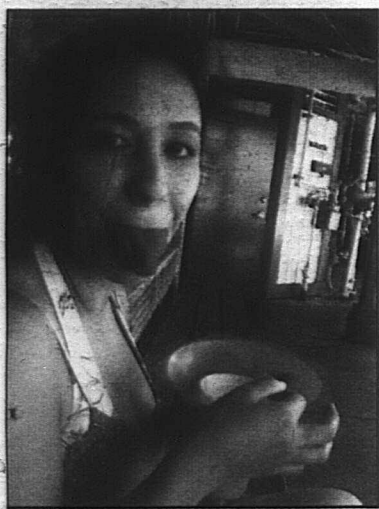
REBECCA SHOWVAKER DESIGN EDITOR

I am from a lil' town called Newville, PA. My major is Communication with minors in PR and Sociology. I am very jovial. My motto: "few will ever fault you for being the relentless spotter of silver linings". I'm a blonde in and out, I love God, I hate long lines and the taste of fish. I play field hockey for Houghton, I love books and I'm obsessed with quotes. When I came to college, my mom bought me a pink tool kit. My goals in life are to someday move up in my tool endeavors to a cordless drill and also to become a black belt in some form of martial arts.



JAYNEE VANWORMER COPY EDITOR

I am a junior Writing major with minors in Intercultural Studies and English. My home is a dairy farm in the metropolis of Cohocton, NY, where I enjoy competitive cow tipping and long country walks with my dog Magnesia. As a Writing major, I have intensely practiced editing other people's papers, and as this year's copy editor, I look forward to ridding each Houghton Star article of all spelling, grammatical, and structural mistakes.



MARY ROYER BUSINESS MANAGER

Mary is a junior from Maryland. She is currently working on a Business Major. She plays intramural sports as a side bar to her academic career. Mary loves coffee, snowballs and The Money Pit. To sum up, one of her favorite quotes is "You haven't truly lived until you've felt awkward" by Matthew Mueller.

cease manufacturing athletic shoes and other sports-related merchandise in order to devote itself fully to the creation of state-of-the-art television advertisements.

Free from the distractions of making products, Nike now plans to focus on creating the coolest ads ever.

"The last few years, it became impossible to maintain our high standards of advertising while faced with the daily distractions of making sneakers," said Phil Knight,

Nike founder and CEO. "By discontinuing our entire product line, we will ensure that Nike remains the world's leader in the field of incredibly cool TV commercials well into the 21st century."

-article taken from "the onion"

Find this funny? Want to write it?

This is the form that the "comic" page will take this year. If you are interested in writing these satire pieces, please contact the Editor via

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Nike to Cease Manufacturing Products

Citing creative confinement and a desire to focus exclusively on what it does best, the Nike Corporation announced Monday it will