

THE HOUGHTON STAR



WORLD AT A GLANCE

Diane Lewis

Bosnia: NATO planes have conducted more than 3,500 attacks on various Bosnian Serb targets over the past two weeks in an effort to coerce the warring parties into negotiations concerning the division of Bosnia's territory. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke met with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic last week to negotiate this division and was met with a presentation about Sarajevo and some ideas concerning the withdrawal of Bosnian Serb heavy weapons from the area surrounding the capital. By the end of the day's negotiations, an agreement was made to withdraw guns from the besieged Bosnian capital area. Although this progress is a positive step, President Clinton has warned that the airstrikes will resume if the Bosnian Serbs do not comply with the commitment that they themselves have suggested.

Israel: The Palestinians created history Sunday with the signing of a pact that will pull Israeli troops out of West Bank cities, towns, and villages. The pact will also encourage and expand Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank. Despite the dramatic walkout of Yasser Arafat during the peace negotiations, the pact was signed and will be put into effect Thursday, putting an end to the twenty-eight year occupation of the West Bank cities, towns, and villages by Israeli forces (Cont. on page 2).

Quote of the Week

"We apply the limitations of the constitution with no fear that freedom to be intellectually and spiritually diverse or even contrary will disintegrate the social organization"

-Robert H. Jackson(1943)-

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Phil Keaggy: A Closer Look

Eric Jeffords

On Saturday evening, September 16, Phil Keaggy performed a concert in front of a packed Wesley Chapel. I met with Phil about an hour before the show to ask him a few questions about music and life. The following is an edited version of the interview that took place.

EJ: Lets talk about your new album first. I know you worked with Alan Shacklock on the new album. How was that experience?

PK: Well, Alan is challenging to work with. First of all, in England he's got quite a reputation and a history of working with people. In fact, he was an Abbey Road Studios engineer for a while, and he had his own bands in the seventies and early eighties. He's done some very successful albums that have gone on the charts over there, but foremostly, he's a Christian. He's the musical director of his church in Atlanta. So, yeah, it was good. It was challenging, because he has very clear, defined ideas as to how he wants to produce and make a record turn out. And once I, in a sense, gave up my right to what I think I should sound like, it got to be easier. At first it was a real adjustment for me, because some of the songs I didn't write, and he wanted me to sing them in a certain way, a fashion that was a little different than I was used to doing.

EJ: The new album has a mainstream pop sound. Did Alan play a big part in that?

PK: He played the entire part in that. People don't think of me as a pop radio kind of artist. You know, left to myself I come up with projects like "Beyond Nature" and "Way Back Home," and songs that are sentimental; family things. But when I did the albums with Lynn Nichols, who produced "Sunday's Child" and "Crimson and Blue," we actually in a sense, in a true technical sense, co-produced them together. It made him look better--like he was the entire producer. We worked together in selecting, arranging, demoing, and seeing how they developed in the studio. But see, with Lynn, I really did get my way a lot of the time, and you can hear that with the kind of music that is done on those albums. [someone walks by mentioning Phil's missing finger] The rumour is true. Phil Keaggy is missing a finger[laughs]. And I wasn't trying to be like Jerry Garcia

either -- that was coincidental.

EJ: Were you trying to reach, or was Alan, trying to reach a wider audience?

PK: Yeah, so was my record company, Sparrow. What they wanted to do was make an album that was radio-friendly and that would have a larger universal appeal across the board.

EJ: How do you feel about the new album as a whole?

PK: I think in context with all my album's it's got its place; serves a purpose. What they wanted to do with "What a Day," which was my first solo album in seventy-three, was launch me into a new kind of a

ship with Jesus. I believe in He who is true. I want to believe with all my heart and not let anything of my senses get in the way of what real faith is about. Real faith is not dependent upon seeing, touching, smelling, feeling, and hearing. It's something that is other than our physicality. And yet God uses our physicality to be as windows, as it were, into the soul. And within the depths of who we are, God brings in things for us to see and behold that give us a glimpse into who He is, but not contingent entirely upon the physical senses. But God uses them, just because when God says and God



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realm; a place of notoriety with my music. And that's what Sparrow wanted to do with this album. In fact, Alan said to me, "What I'd like to see this album do for you Phil is to give you another ten years perhaps."

[laughs] And I said okay.

EJ: What album would you say is your best work?

PK: It would probably be fair to say that there's highlights and moments in all my albums. My least favorite though is "Emerging." And I think "True Believers" is up there among my very favorites. "Master and the Musician" has a spirit and atmosphere to it that I like a lot, because it's eclectic as well. It's got some variety of styles, but it's very homespun sounding at the same time. But, I don't know, I like glimpses and bits and pieces of all of them.

EJ: The new album is titled "True Believer." Tell me some things that are true about you.

PK: I feel that I am a fortunate man, a blessed man, to have been blessed by God's grace to come into a relation-

ship with Jesus. I believe in He who is true. I want to believe with all my heart and not let anything of my senses get in the way of what real faith is about. Real faith is not dependent upon seeing, touching, smelling, feeling, and hearing. It's something that is other than our physicality. And yet God uses our physicality to be as windows, as it were, into the soul. And within the depths of who we are, God brings in things for us to see and behold that give us a glimpse into who He is, but not contingent entirely upon the physical senses. But God uses them, just because when God says and God

saw and said it was very good, you see? In fact, even He Himself put on our skin and put on our flesh and bones; our humanity. I believe in the incarnation as one of the greatest events of all of the universe. I think life can be exciting based upon true belief. And that's where I am. It affects my relationships with my wife, my family, and my children.

EJ: It's common among people my age to outgrow most Christian music. The lyrics are trite. It's much easier to listen to secular music, because it makes us think. How do you feel about that statement.

PK: I think, in a sense, it's right. But Christians shouldn't listen to Christian music simply because it's Christian; simply because they agree with what's being sung. Often times people write Christian music to convert the unsaved. It's like Christians reading tracks over and over again instead of reading great literature, you know.

I'd have to say that my lyrics have a tendency to fall into that

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Senate Report:

Sonja Harshman

On September 21, the first meeting of the semester was held. According to Commissioner of Finance, Alyson Clark, SGA is beginning the new term completely out of debt.

President Cori Roltsch addressed some old business including the pledge issue. This summer no action was taken by the Trustee Committee on passing the revised pledge. However, Dr. David Benedict, a faculty advisor of the SGA, assured the senators that a large number of faculty did not support the current dancing policy and still wanted to work towards making revisions.

Under new business, three students were appointed to the CAB board: Andy Childs, Nate Brown, and Jenn King. Also, a new committee was proposed that would work with Michael Stuber concerning the campus computer system. This committee will consist of one senator from each class and two students at large. Stuber would like to see computers installed in the campus center for 24 hour access, including on Sundays. In addition, he sees a need for motem access in the dorms since some classes require it.

SGA is looking to fill open positions on the following committees: Intercollegiate Athletics, SDC, Curriculum, Judiciary, Calendar, Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Assault Advisory committees. For more information, stop by the SGA office.

A proposed by-law to the SGA constitution will be voted on in the next meeting. This would make the Constitution Committee of the SGA responsible for proposing a model class constitution for the class of 1998 and the class of 1999. Until these classes are constituted, their senators are not allowed to vote in any SGA meetings. Ratification of the model class constitution and any future amendments requires a two-thirds majority of the Senate.

The next SGA meeting is September 28th at 8 p.m. in Little Schaller Hall.

High Parking Cost Hassles Students

A.J. Bunk

Due to the rural location of Houghton College, more and more students are finding it necessary to bring some sort of transportation with them to school. Last year car owners paid a fee of fifteen dollars to park in the college parking lots. Parking in the firehall and maintenance parking lot across from the college was free. This fall

the fee for parking on campus was increased to fifty dollars and off-campus parking in the firehall parking lot increased to fifteen dollars.

Parking fees have only increased once at Houghton College within the last twenty years - from ten dollars to the fifteen dollars we were used to. Why the sudden increase of thirty five dollars?

According to Ray Parlett, head of security for Houghton College, this was not a decision that was taken lightly. The college did research with other colleges to determine the condition of parking sites and the fees charged at those colleges. The cheapest fee they found was eighteen dollars a semester pro-rated, and the most

expensive was 200 dollars a semester.

The current fifty dollar fee is hardly enough to pay for the maintenance needed on the on-campus parking lots. This price is helpful for handling perhaps 75 - 80% of the cost of snowplowing. Parlett said that the decision to increase the price of parking permits was designed intentionally for users of on-

campus parking instead of charging the entire student body a flat fee. The fee is to pay for services rendered.

Students who chose not to purchase a parking permit will be ticketed and charged thirty dollars on their student account. To register vehicles students should go to the business office and bring their license number.

Piersema's Article Published

Dale Schuurman

Houghton College professor Dr. Bernard Piersema has recently added to his repertoire of published research with the printing of two of his co-authored articles in the August edition of the Journal of Physical Chemistry.

A graduate of Colgate University, St. Lawrence University, and the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Piersema first became interested in the study of alternative electrolyte material while on a year sabbatical at the United States Air Force Academy, where he worked closely with his long time colleague, co-author W. Robert Carper.

The doctors are working on developing a new and better chemical electrolyte to be used in batteries by the United States

Air Force. For this reason much of the project funding has been provided by the United States Government. The articles published in August deal with specific experiments performed in the quest to develop this new

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electrolyte.

Dr. Piersema is no newcomer to the world of scientific publication. He has now had more than 30 works published in his distinguished career, and with the nature of his work he will probably add more.

Children's Saint Visits Houghton

Press Release

Mary Lu Walker, composer, performer, and songwriter, lives in Corning, New York, and has performed for audiences on three continents, delighting both children and adults with her songs. Sunday she performed in the Houghton Wesleyan Church during the evening church service.

The mother of eight children, she began writing songs about what she knew best—topics that interest and teach children. She sings songs of laughter, of pleasure in living, and of personal dignity and hope. She has eight cassettes and four books of her original music and in August, 1993, Friendship Press published *A World of Children's Songs* edited by Walker.

She performs in schools, universities, churches, concert halls, and open air theaters. She has carried her messages to Sydney, Australia, Osaka, Japan, and Lviv, Ukraine. In 1993 and 1994,

she traveled to Moscow to help create a Duckling Parade based on Robert McCloskey's children's book *Make Way for Ducklings*. While living in the Fiji Islands from 1990 to 1992, she presented a weekly children's radioprogram, "Share the Sunlight." She has conducted teacher workshops in Sydney and Fiji as well as throughout the United States and Canada, and has been an honorary member of Delta Kappa

Gamma since 1986.

Each year since 1984, Walker has been awarded a Popular Award by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), and in 1989 received the Arts Partnership Award from the ARTS organization in the Southern Tier Region of upstate New York. In 1994, the Girl Scouts of America honored her together with Astronaut Lt. Col. Eileen Collins as a "Woman of Excellence Today".



Mary Lu Walker and children

Berkeley Author to Speak

Dale Schuurman

Nationally known Berkeley law professor and author Dr. Phillip E. Johnson will lecture on Naturalism in Science at Houghton college on Tuesday, October 3.

Dr. Johnson has taught law for more than 20 years at the University of California at Berkeley. A graduate of Harvard and the University of Chicago, Dr. Johnson challenged certain thoughts of contemporary science in his first book, *Darwin on Trial*.

In his second book, *Reason in the Balance*, Dr. Johnson expands his critique of naturalism from the angles of science and Darwin, law and education.

The lecture will take place at 8:00p.m. in Houghton College's Wesley Chapel, and it will cover some of the main points discussed in his new book. The science department hopes that Dr. Johnson will stay for a few classes on Wednesday morning as well as remaining for lunch, at which time students may meet with Dr. Johnson personally.

Prisoner, college graduate, resident in New York State's oldest prison, seeks to communicate and work with persons seriously interested in prison reform. Motivation and desire are the most needed "skills". Ronald Davidson, #76A1166, Auburn Prison, 135 State Street, Auburn NY 13024-9000

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China: China's acting ambassador named the first native-born president of Taiwan, Lee Teng-hui, as the source of all problems between Washington and Beijing. China is desperately trying to stop Lee from being re-elected

in Taiwan's first ever presidential poll next March

The Chinese press has called him a traitor to his people and although he did win the re-nomination as the ruling party's candidate, it did encourage challengers to come out against him.

Some mainlanders on Taiwan are feeding the Chinese press ammunition for this anti-Lee campaign and believe that Lee is planning to lead his country to independence and that the U.S. was supporting him in order to "contain" China.

Phil Keaggy Continued

category where I have not exercised myself over all of these years to be a good lyricist, because the challenge wasn't given to me. Where you have the Bruce Cockburns and you have the Mark Heard -- men who were gifted with intelligence and an ability to phrase lyrics and words together that say so much with so few words. I try to get near that sometimes. And once in a while I have the good fortune of being able to get a little bit close. So, if I can't be a good lyricist, at least I'll try and be an honest one. I would agree that sometimes there's too much triteness in what I call pop contemporary christian music. I think the best gems are out there, and they have to, just like any real treasure, has to be dug for. You have to really dig deep to get it and to find it. But there's something for everybody. Worship is another experience. How can you say Hymns of the great past are -- they're not trite. In fact, if you read those lyrics like "Be Thou My Vision" or "What Wondrous Love Is This" they're very deep. But, I don't know, it's a matter of taste and what you prefer. If it makes you happy -- good. If it's not what you like and you have a tendency to put it down, quit putting it down and listen to something you like. That's the

other side of the coin.

EJ: Who do you listen to?

PK: It's interesting because, my wife, when she's working in the house, she'll put her current five favorites in. And I like some of those things. Being that we're close, we're just four years apart, she grew up with James Taylor and she likes Shawn Colvin, Sting, and oh what's her name, Beth Nielson? Beth Chapan Nielson? No. Wilson Chapan. Oh I don't know.

Then I come in, and if I see she's going to go out somewhere, I'll take those discs out, not that I don't like them, and I'll put in the music of Ray Vaughn Williams, Irish Celtic music, and folk music. Honestly speaking, I don't put in a lot of what they call CCM. I do have a good deal of it, half of which has been given to me. But for me, the music that inspires my soul is great hymns or classical music -- late classical period, impressionistic period. I like instrumental music. I like soundtracks to movies. I like some jazz. I like a variety. And I do listen to Sting now and then too.

EJ: Who would you consider influential?

PK: The Beatles were influential. Elvis Presley was influential. Some of the guitarists of the sixties were influential. Then classical players like

Christopher Parkening. John Renborn -- English folk guitarist, Martin Simpson, Michael Hedges, Alan Holsworth, Michael Bloomfield, Eric Clapton... Bach. There's a lot of them.

EJ: The list goes on.

PK: Yeah it does. There's a lot of people who have influ-

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enced me.

EJ: What's your greatest fear?

PK: It's my imagination not turned over to God. An unyielded imagination is my greatest fear, because there was some time way back after my wife and I had lost children three times from premature births and miscarriages, one miscarriage and two premature births. It was triplets once and another baby boy up in Ithaca, NY, who lived just three days. I had a tremendous fear that something would happen to our daughter Alicia when she was just a baby. I'd lose sleep over thinking about it. I worry less today. Maybe it's because I'm older, and I have a sense that my life is

a gift from God, and the lives of my family are in His hands. I've been in situations where it was less fearful to actually be in those situations than it was to imagine being in those kinds of situations. Because you can never tell how you're going to respond or react when you're in a situation that's frightening. So I don't think of citing any one thing. It's just the whole concept of what you could be imagining that is an unyielded imagination. I think when you give God your imagination, your heart, your longings, your desires, and your fears, which are real, the Lord brings His peace to you as you yield your deepest self to Him.

EJ: When did you last cry?

PK: An all out sob? I can't remember when I had an all out sob [laughs]. But, I feel frequently, wellings welling up inside of me that sometimes make it to my eyeballs. I think, today, on my flight, coming from home wasn't a cry, but it was a tenderizing that took place.

EJ: If you wrote an autobiography what would you call it?

PK: I don't know. I wrote a song called "My Life" once, and I'd never name a book that. I'm not too keen on autobiographies because it's so obviously subjective. C.S. Lewis wrote one called "Surprised by Joy."

Winston Churchill wrote one, I think. A lot of people do. Kate Hepburn. A lot of people have written them just to set the story right, you know. I would imagine that it would be a good thing to do in the winter of one's life if you were up to it. I don't have time for that right now, but I must tell you though, I thought about it just two days ago. I was sitting reading a new book that's coming out called "Windows of the Soul," and I thought about taking a year to write everything I can remember about growing up in all my years. But I think autobiographies aren't entirely honest. If we were to be completely honest we would incriminate ourselves, and I don't want to do that anymore than you [laughs].

EJ: What advice can you give to the college student of the nineties?

PK: In a nutshell, I would say, don't settle for anything less than God Himself. Don't let the world lure you into thinking that Jesus Christ isn't enough when He is the one who created the whole universe. I think that's the best advice I can give. Don't stop short of God. Don't settle for anything less. The more you give of your heart to Him, He always hundredfold multiplies it back to you.

Houghton Welcomes New Staff

Holly Lawton

Houghton College Academic Vice President V. James Mannoia Jr. announces the appointment of ten new full-time faculty members this fall.

These include Henry Biggs, interim assistant professor of French. Biggs just finished requirements for his Ph.D. in romance linguistics and literature at UCLA. In addition to French, he knows Italian, German, Latin, Ancient Greek, and some Spanish. He is a marathon runner and swam the English Channel in 12:59.

Named as assistant professor of Spanish is Horacio Hernandez, a native of the Dominican Republic currently completing his Ph.D. in contemporary Spanish American literature at SUNY Albany. Hernandez is fluent in French and Portuguese and has a reading knowledge of Italian as well. His wife Granada will teach one section of intermediate Spanish.

James Marcum, who spent ten years on faculty at Harvard Medical School, comes to Houghton as professor of biology. Marcum holds a Ph.D. in physiology from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, a MATS from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in philosophy which

he completed at Boston College this summer. His wife Sarah earned her master's degree in student development and will work as a half-time counselor in Houghton's counseling center.

Associate Professor of Spanish Kathleen O'Connor brings to Houghton an extensive teaching background and a doctorate from Columbia University. She hails from New York City, which is the home base of Graduate Linguistic Services, the business she owns and directs.

With 15 years of experience in commercial graphic design, John Rhett joins the Houghton faculty as interim assistant professor of art. While earning his MFA at Virginia Commonwealth University Rhett served as art director for Raefer & Parrish Advertising and did adjunct teaching.

As missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Assistant Professor of Linguistics John Stark and his wife Janie are responsible for three active translation projects in Nigeria. Stark, who holds a master of arts degree in linguistics from the University of Texas (Arlington), has been appointed by Wycliffe to serve a three-year term teaching at

Houghton.

Houghton's new assistant professor of music, Mark Taylor, previously held the same position at Northwestern College in Iowa. This summer he completed his Ph.D. in music education at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. His wife, Sandy, will work part time in the college health center.

Kathleen Trezise, a Houghton graduate, returns to the college as assistant professor of mathematics. She finished Ph.D. studies in mathematics and elementary education at the University of Utah this summer. Her husband Tim has accepted a position as athletic trainer at Houghton.

Named interim associate professor of music is Julie Tunstall, who has taught part time at Houghton for the last two years. She received her DMA from Eastman School of Music, and her specialty is flute.

Following 13 years as Houghton Wesleyan Church pastor, J. Michael Walters joins the religion department full time as professor of Christian ministries. In addition to his D.Min. from Trinity Seminary in Illinois, Walters has an MA in theology and an MAR in Biblical literature.

New part-time faculty members were also appointed. John Andrews Jr., who has been an adjunct Houghton professor since 1986, will spend the year as interim professor of physics. Receiving his doctorate from MIT, Andrews had a successful career with AT&T. Subsequently he joined the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC, leaving in 1992 to form his own business, Nantron Associates.

On furlough from Wycliffe Bible Translators in Kenya, East Africa, Jon Arensen is serving as part-time professor of anthropology. He holds a master of arts degree from Central Washington State University and both master's and Ph.D. degrees from Oxford University in social anthropology.

An early retiree from the Wellsville School District, Carol Brown will supervise student teachers in her role as part-time assistant professor of education. She is the wife of Robert Brown, Houghton's associate director of development.

Alice Carpenter, a Houghton graduate who has been teaching Spanish at Fillmore Central School, will instruct one beginning Spanish section.

Supervising some secondary

education students is another Houghton grad, Virginia Trasher. She currently serves on Houghton's Alumni Board and acts as a resource person for the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

On leave from Messiah College, former Houghton faculty member Spurgeon Wentzell returns to teach physical education. He holds a doctorate from Boston University.

Two important non-faculty positions have been filled this fall as well. William Krause succeeds the retired William Roeske as director of computer and telecommunications services. Krause brings with him experience at Boeing, Sequent Computers and, most recently, Intel Corporation.

Norman Wilson becomes the new director of the adult degree-completion (PACE) program offered in Buffalo and Olean. He comes to the college from service with Wesleyan World Missions in Puerto Rico and Peru, where he taught and was principal at Wesleyan seminaries. A former pastor, Wilson received his M.Div. from Christian Theological Seminary in Indiana and his Ed.D. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois.

Take II

James A. Zoller

The Pledge

Twenty years ago, at a point when I was becoming active in my home church for the first time as an adult, a friend of mine, who had just become church treasurer, reported to me a discovery he had made in the church books. These books were confidential, as one might expect; they contained more than half a century of giving records for a reasonably close-knit congregation. Nothing is quite so sensitive in a church as financial records.

Being both Baptist and historically conservative, we were a "faith promise" church; and, if memory serves, church records listed all the old faith promises, what we called "pledges," as well as records of giving. At year's end the giving total was written next to the pledged amount, presumably for easy comparison.

Physically, these pledges were just dollar figures written on printed cards next to one's name and signature. They indicated by week or by month or for the year how much one promised to give, as God prospered, to His work.

For our church, pledge Sunday was serious business. The church budget was built around the faithfulness of church members as indicated on these cards. Obviously, some significance was attached to our willingness to "trust" God and to "stretch our faith" financially. At a special time during the morning service and with a bit of ceremony, we turned in our cards.

Later in the day, after all the figures were tallied and before the evening service concluded, the totals were announced, indicating how God's people were faithfully underwriting the budget.

My friend's "discovery" in the church books was far simpler than I might have guessed given the possibilities. He had found that my name first appeared in 1959, when I was ten and in the fourth grade. My pledge was ten cents a week. We laughed a great deal over that ten cent pledge. What a small drop in a fifteen hundred dollar weekly budget! We laughed all over again when he told me of the note, "Paid in Full," written beside the figure "\$5.20" at year's end. No doubt we were amused at how simple, how easy, how inexpensive life was then. How easy it must have been for a ten year old boy to produce his dime each week!

That conversation with my friend resurrected a lot of memories that intervening years and events had buried. I remember, for example, how seriously I had negotiated with God over what I should pledge. "Easy" was not what it had felt like at the time. Figuring out a pledge was like working through one of those word problems in Math: "You have 32 customers on your paper route. If papers sell for 7 cents each and you deliver every day but Sunday, how much money will you earn during the year? How much is your tithe per week?"

That part was straight-forward, but there were the complications and variables to consider as well: "The paper company will collect 5 cents per paper each Saturday for the week just finished. Don't forget to subtract for holidays that fall on weekdays. Remember tips. (Some customers will leave 45 cents and expect change. Others, such as Mr. Iddles, the bank president, will leave 50 cents and not expect change.) Also, figure in a few Christmas gifts and subtract for summer vacation trips when your substitute will get the money. Then decide whether a tithe should be figured on gross earnings or net."

As I said, the math was fairly simple, but the doctrinal, ethical, and prophetic complications were staggering.

I relate this story now not so much to revisit my ancient and exotic past as to introduce an idea. Underlying the story of a rather serious ten year old is a broader principle: faithfulness. Church people, especially those who attended church from an early age, have no doubt encountered the idea of faithfulness in many sermons. It is basic stuff. But what I tend to forget, what I take for granted, is that if I am able to tithe now, as an adult, it is only because the conviction and habit developed a long time ago, when I was first compelled to act. The conviction, being compelled to act, comes from God, of course; but the habit is the necessary human response. Conviction and habit are the stuff of faithfulness.

Not that faithfulness has ever been easy or that faithlessness is new. Any study of the Old Testament should easily show as much. Still, faithfulness seems to have fallen on hard times in recent years. In a culture like ours that is both acquisitive and morally flexible we find faithfulness to be a hard, apparently unforgiving principle. As a consequence it is easy to see this virtue in terms of deprivation rather than possibility. It is a long-haul proposition that does not yield dividends quickly.

On the other hand, consider faithfulness as a spectrum of positive and negative terms. Its immediate synonyms are fidelity, loyalty, steadfastness, constancy. Honesty and integrity also come to mind. In sports, faithfulness is team loyalty or team spirit; it distinguishes fans from ordinary spectators. Toward one's nation faithfulness is called patriotism or, in its fanatical form, chauvinism. A faithful citizen is one who does his or her duty. In matters of both faith and finance faithfulness is called stewardship, a coincidence worth pondering.

In a marriage we think of faithfulness largely in terms of sexual activity. We may call it fidelity, and it produces in one's spouse both trust and security. It also makes happiness, even love, possible. Lack of fidelity, on the other hand, is called adultery. Its logical consequences include divorce, destroyed relationships, anger and bitterness, crimes of retribution, or annoying, disfiguring, and deadly diseases.

In terms of the nation, faithlessness is called treason, traditionally punished by execution. Old Testament accounts of God's people are filled with faithlessness, disobedience, infidelity, idolatry, wantonness; the language of broken marriage vows and betrayal are common. As a direct and often swift consequence, God responds like a lover scorned, with angry and often severe punishment.

As I ponder these things, two ideas seem to stand out. One is that faithfulness must become the hallmark of our way of life. It is possible only with God's enabling, I realize, but it requires from us, perhaps in equal parts, faithfulness of attitude and faithfulness of habits, of doing what one should. Perhaps a church ledger is not the best illustration for all matters of obedience and sin -- we are prone to sin, after all, and God does forgive -- but the analogy serves as a reminder that the life of faithfulness means doing what we already know God desires.

The second thing that I have become convinced of is that faithfulness, especially in sexual matters, is not something that begins with wedding vows, as important as those are. Faithfulness begins long before one is married or even, perhaps, before one has met the right person. It has less to do with who is keeping accounts than with habits of thinking and action that will persist once "real life" kicks in. It begins with lifestyle choices, pastime choices, and the formation of close friendships. It begins with the dimes wrestled from dollars long before they are of any earthly consequence.

editorial

Jennifer Watson

I can still remember my first conversation with him I was young enough to climb up into his lap and rest my head underneath his chin while listening to his explanation as to why I wasn't allowed to try to teach my eight month old brother to skateboard down the basement steps. He said that was a trick that only special children could do, and I should be selective in my choice of prospective pupils.

My last conversation with him is equally as clear to me. I saw him in Georgia two summers ago; this time I sat in the folding chair next to his at the 11th annual Watson family reunion. Somehow the topic of conversation turned to the youth of today, and whether or not we deserved the title "Generation X", and what exactly everyone thought were the characteristics of a faceless generation.

The older voices among our group decided that the youth of today have no common goal, nothing to create solidarity among our numbers. This factor, combined with the easier, more instantly gratifying lifestyle of today, had created a generation that is directionless, unenergetic, selfish, devoid of role models, irresponsible, and self-destructive.

In all of the infinite "wisdom" that is so much a part of the previous generations, they pronounced our generation, my generation, worthless. The only hope of redemption was a major "cause", something that would pull all of us together in a common goal, something that would prove our worth to those who came before us.

When it was his turn to add his thoughts to the pool already collected, he began to tell a story about the second World War. He had been in the Army, and was stationed in France, very close to the enemy lines. During one of the assignments that and his patrol were to execute, they accidentally crossed over the lines and were seized by the German soldiers on duty. Several of the Americans were shot outright, in front of their peers who were powerless to save them. The rest were taken into a camp where they were dropped down into a freight car sized box that had been mostly buried in the ground. He and the remainder of his group spend the next nine months there.

He told about the darkness, constantly oppressive and threatening their already fragile sanity; about the stench of filth on the floor and unwashed bodies; about the German soldiers who would periodically lift one of them out, only to throw them back several hours later, broken and bleeding; about the hay that was spread on the floor that they would eat when the Germans would "forget" to feed them for days at a time. His voice broke when he spoke of watching his friends go mad, and how they would all turn on each other to release the anger and frustration that built up inside of them, and broke again when he told of seeing the sunlight again for the first time in almost a year.

When his story was told, he asked the group of older family members if they could remember what the war was truly like, not the sentimental, patriotic propaganda fed to the masses to justify their actions. When they all replied that yes, they could remember, and yes, it was awful, he ended the conversation with this: "Maybe Jennifer's generation isn't as united as we are, and it may well be a more selfish, individualistic one; but if the price of their unity is as high as ours was, then unity be damned."

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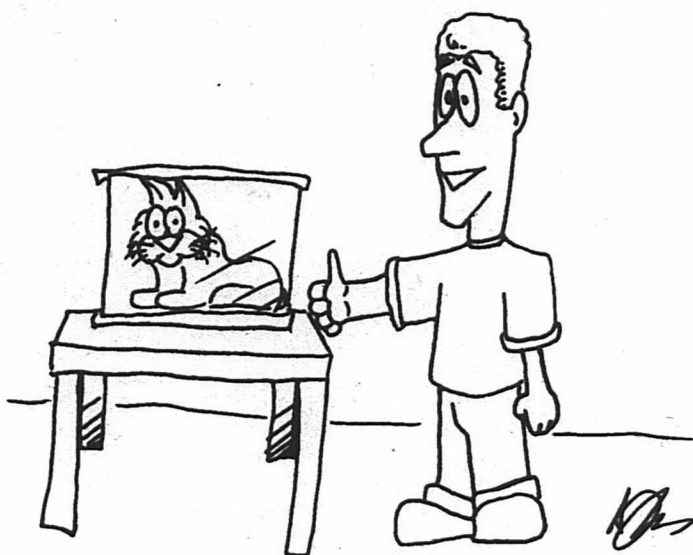
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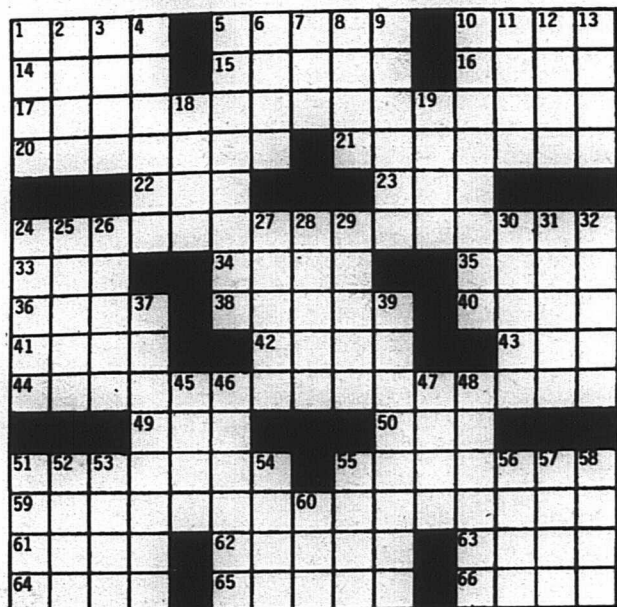
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Editor's Mail Bag

Dear Star:

The darker and more reclusive the sin the harsher the light it deserves. That's what Kirk did in his poems about masturbation: he illuminated a customarily dark-as-night topic with the harsh light of painful truth. It made me uncomfortable as it did a great many others. It made some people, and I'm thinking of one in particular, so uncomfortable that they decided that they would rather be offended than uncomfortable. It is much safer (and for more people more fun) to be offended than confronted, accusing than exposed. It's safer to say something is inappropriate than to admit that it touched you like salt in a place where you were bleeding.

I don't want to compare Kirk's poems to Scripture for fear of giving the opponents anything resembling ammunition in the debate. But what both the poems and Scripture have in common is a capacity to provoke the silent sufferer and sinner. It will prick and batter and inflame the buried and over-protected conscience. You might as well be "offended" at the dentist because in exposing your cavity, he caused you some pain. And yet, this is moral surgery without the anesthetics and no one on the editorial board of the *Lantern* dared hope that none of the patients would scream. But, painful as it seems, to oppose the poems and silence them would be to cooperate with masturbation, to accommodate it in the manner to which it has become accustomed.

I really feel, in the light of that, that there is nothing inappropriate about the *Lantern* cooperating with and accommodating some strong and bitter medicine. It can't be helped if some refuse to swallow.

By the way, I want to say that even though I have the assurance that I am in the place God wants me in doing that which He would have me do, I miss Houghton an awful lot. I miss you all!

Love,
Joel Tom Tate

STREAMS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

RENEE DILLON

As the issue of amending the pledge comes to the forefront, I realize that I am not really bothered by the fact that I can not dance, drink, smoke, etc. I am, however, irate about the superficial divisions the pledge causes. After attending Houghton for any length of time, one knows all about the "bad elements" we have on campus. So, the other day, I began to watch the social scene and find out what made those few people "bad." You know what the difference between a good Houghton student and a bad Houghton student is? The bad people break the pledge.

If the sign of a naughty student is that they are a pledge breaker --let us say that they have been known to go dancing -- will that person no longer be bad if the Trustees decide that dancing is okay? For example, if I go dancing the weekend before the Trustees are here, and I get caught, technically, I could get thrown out of Houghton. But, if I go dancing the weekend after the rule is changed, then I am no longer a stumbling block to my "weaker Christian brother." Something about that whole process seems a little skewed to me. Are we actually, as a community, giving a small group of individuals the power to decide what sin is? The two most often broken and complained about aspects of the pledge, drinking, and dancing, are not Biblical principles, after all. They are the creation of men and tradition.

Okay, so the purpose of the pledge is to provide a community spirit, protect the weaker brother, etc. Have we really succeeded in doing that if when we

look around the campus center we can all identify the "bad seeds," or have we actually just created an environment more susceptible to judgement and strife?

It seems to me that by originally implementing many of the aspects of the pledge we have done more damage than good. I concluded that by asking one question: Is it easier for me, and most people, to be tempted to get drunk, puke my guts out, and pass out, OR, am I more likely to judge a fellow student (usually based on gossip) because they have been "seen" in a bar?

For me, what it all boils down to is that Christ told us the second greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. Obviously, the goal of the pledge is to create a community with this as its guiding principle, but it's not working. If we, as a fellowship of believers, throw the pledge out we are left with a group of Christians who have to deal with each other in love. Without the man made regulations against drinking, dancing, smoking, and all the rest, the only way we can approach each other is through love. "Brother, this really offends me...could you help?" rather than "Brother your breaking the pledge, aren't you a sinner?"

My question to you the students, faculty, and trustees is why are we expending so much energy upholding ideals not found in the Bible at the expense of a direct commandment from the mouth of God? Let's toss the rules and get back to a community grounded in love.

Dear Star:

I HATE SCHOOL! I can't stand being here! Let me out! WAIT! don't just write me off as some sinner with an attitude problem. My classes are okay. My professors are incredible and I really respect their intelligence and knowledge in their particular fields of study. The campus is nice and everything (although it is located in the middle of a cornfield).

Does this sound to you like someone with a chip on their shoulder? I just don't like the academics. I never did. From kindergarten through high school, I tried every trick in the book to fake my way out of having to sit in some stupid, confining classroom, having my empty, useless mind crammed full with little tidbits such as-- "Who discovered the Strait of Magellan?" or "What's the square root of 145.26 minus the cosign of the variable X +3?" Is all this crap really essential to the big scary world? To get back to the point, I really hate school. What really, really drives me absolutely nuts is that almost everyone here who knows my "ignorant" view of school, can't understand it. They argue with me, plead with me and constantly hound me with the question: "But why?" Excuse me-- but while Houghton is an excellent school (academically) and a nice place to spend four years, what none of you seem to understand is the fact that this is not the real world. This is still school. You are entering the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th grades. Please don't take it personally, all of you Houghtonites who love it here, skip and sing your way to class, and never, ever want to leave this blessed place, but it is not for me. If you are happy here, then great! Maybe it is just me. Maybe school isn't for everyone and I have made a mistake. I have stuck with this mistake for almost four years and I am almost done. I am looking forward to getting my diploma so that I can join the jobless masses of college graduates. Maybe I do have an attitude problem. So maybe everyone could just back off and give me some breathing room and a little understanding; then I could clench my teeth and make it through my final year of (gag) school!

THANK YOU!!

Rob Baird

Dear Star:

So many wonderful things happened at the Encounter Days for us that we would like to make a public thank you to all concerned. Our son Luke felt welcome immediately; the atmosphere is SO DIFFERENT at Houghton. Students, staff, and faculty were genuinely helpful and FRIENDLY.

It was a culture shock to be at a Christian college. The chapel service was very moving. The kids look NICE, like children of a King would, and should. What really sent our hearts soaring was seeing classes begin with prayer, and walking around on campus seeing kids praying together. Real world? That's how it's SUPPOSED TO BE. Houghton is closer to it than any other "community" we've seen.

We are not wearing rose colored glasses. Problems are everywhere, but at a place like Houghton, the solutions are sought from our Maker. That's the difference.

Thank you all again, and count your blessings!

With God's love,
The Mazurak family

Seasons in His Path

Andrew Bonaventura

Our Lord has uncovered for me many refreshing prospects of ministry over the last two years, particularly in the last several months. The column He is allowing me to pen this year, "Seasons in His Path," is one of these recent prospects, and by His grace my transcribed thoughts will find favor in His sight and serve as edification for the body of Christ. The devotional lagniappe found in this column week to week comes from God's use of a message, a hymn or song, a conversation, inspiring lecture, passing comment, or stray thought, all of which I encounter at different times in my journey down His way. Most importantly though, my writing will reflect an interaction with God's Word -- the living book proven over and over again in all I do.

The story of Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus in Acts 9:1-23 presses my mind now like never before. I read how Paul once breathed out "threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord (v. 1)," and how others responded in bewilderment at Paul's sudden turnabout from destroying Christians in Jerusalem to proclaiming Christ as the Son of God (see vv. 20-21). Here was a Pharisee, likely one of the most influential of his day, known for merciless persecution of those who followed Christ. Paul acted viciously against God's church because He believed the early Christians were spreading evil among the Jews. Before his conversion Paul believed only those included in the nation of Israel were God's people; filthy Gentile Christians had no right to call themselves God's children. But this all changed in the twinkling of an eye--or perhaps more appropriately stated, "in the blinding of an eye".

God's plan for Paul existed all along. He wanted to use a situation the past and present world would have difficulty reconciling in its mind. As the Holy Spirit descended upon Paul there emerged a man reborn, a man who now recognized Jesus as Messiah. The pharisaical scales fell from Paul's eyes as the opening event in the life of one who would become one of the greatest New Testament writers, evangelizers of his time, and model follower of Christ. Paul became a usable vessel through which God's glory shone to the world.

I can't help but think I resemble Paul in more than a few areas of my life. My actions slander the name of Christ, my words often defame the beautiful image of my Savior, and surely my thoughts are comprehensively worse than my actions and words together. Yet God chooses to use me, a thoroughly impure vessel apart from Him, to bring Him glory. Inadequacy is a word that begins to shape my feelings about God's choice to live through me. I am tempted to think at times that there must exist a better way for God to receive some real quality glory than through me, but then I return to my rightful place under His plan and realize I am created only for His glory and He wants me to accept things as He designed them. I suppose a helpful way to live with this tension is to remember we are fallen people, but continually live in the hope of a full life--a full life made possible by Christ for the glory of the Father.

Judson trips up Houghton, 3-1

Bobby Price, Sports editor

Even the magic of Stebbin's Field wasn't enough Saturday as the men's soccer team lost a tough 3-1 decision to Judson College from Ohio.

Traditionally, Houghton men's soccer has used the home field advantage to near perfection. Last season the men never lost at home, and this year the team stood 2-0 at its friendly confines up until Saturday's contest.

Judson (7-2) scored first on a head-in from inside the penalty area at the 24:33 mark of the first half. The Highlanders missed a chance to tie the game when a Bob Schwaner penalty kick was saved in spectacular fashion by Eagle keeper, Ron Eynaud (13 saves). Houghton bounced back just before halftime on a perfect cross from Stetson Knight to Schwaner for the head-in to knot the game at 1-1.

In the second session, the Highlanders controlled the tempo early on, but Coach Hornibrook was wary of the penalty area and his team's lack of controlling it.

"I told the guys at halftime if we didn't control the penalty area we'd lose, and that's exactly what happened."

The Eagles scored again at the 27:24 mark of the second half on a shot inside the 18 that Highlander keeper Dave Dixon (14 saves) could only get a hand on as it sailed to the back of the net giving Judson a 2-1 lead. The Eagles would tack on an insurance goal 10 minutes later off an indirect kick that deflected off the back of a player and left Dixon flat-footed and unable to react in time to save it.

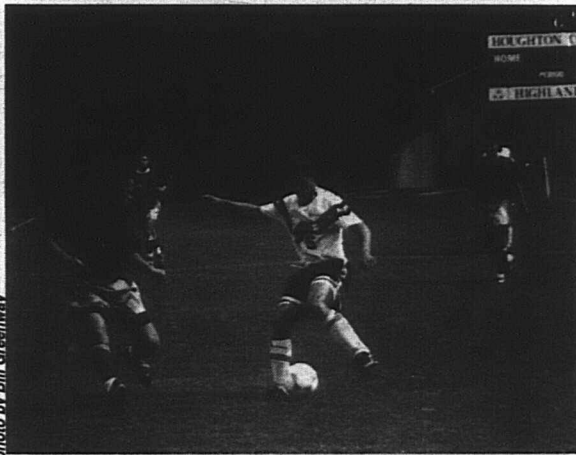
Coach Hornibrook believes that the demise of his team Saturday was partly due to the lack of good competition that Highlanders face sporadically throughout the season.

"We go out one day and beat a team 11-0 and that isn't going to help us when we have to play teams like Judson," the coach commented.

Coach Hornibrook quote on a muffed call by an official in Saturday's game versus Judson.
"Are we inventing new rules?"

Houghton had many opportunities to score in the game, but a stingy Eagle defense, led by Eynaud, thwarted off any offensive attack manufactured by the Highlanders.

Eynaud came up with a number of seemingly impossible saves to help preserve the Eagle victory.



David Eisenreid lets his foot work do the talking as he dribbles up the field in a recent home game versus St. Vincent. Eisenreid is a native of West Seneca, NY, in his fourth and final season as a Highlander.

In other games: Houghton won their home opener last Saturday versus St. Vincent, 11-0. The Highlanders outshot their opponent 41-2. Mike Freace, Kevin Luce, and Lincoln Acholonu each scored two goals.

Steve Clapper and Scott Hourston also scored and each added an assist. Knight, Clinton Crowder, and Dave Eisenreid rounded out the barrage of scoring for the Highlanders.

Friday, the men blanked Westminster, 4-0, in stormy weather conditions.

Freace, Acholonu, Knight, and Hurston all scored. Dixon earned the shutout in the net.

"Most of the guys like to play in these conditions," keeper Rob Rupp said about the wet grass and rainy skies.

"They have fun in this," he added.

The men's record stands at 5-4 with about half of their regular season games played. Following a two-game road trip, the men will be back home in action for a match-up against the Saxons of Alfred University.

Hittin' The Mark!

With Mark "The Man" Mashlotta

WEEKEND TURNS SOUR FOR HIGHLANDERS

The men's soccer team hosted two soccer games last weekend at Stebbin's Field. Friday, the Westminster Titans were defeated by Houghton, 4-0, on goals by Lincoln Acholonu, Mike Freace, and Freshmen, Scott Hourston and Stetson Knight. New coach, Dwight Hornibrook had his squad running on all cylinders as the Highlanders raised their record to 5-3. David Eisenreid, Akim Antwi, and Bob Schwaner contributed offensively, nailing numerous shots on goal. Dave Dixon, an All-American last season, kept all of the Titans shots out of the goal, recording another shutout.

Saturday, however, the Highlanders were not able to get past Judson College. Former Houghton student Steve Burke coached the Judson Eagles to a 3-1 victory. Scoring the lone goal for the Highlanders was Bob Schwaner. Dave Eisenreid started the scoring by winning the ball in the midfield. After some fancy footwork, Eisenreid threaded a ball through to Stetson Knight down the wing. Knight quickly crossed the ball which Schwaner picked out of the air with his head, sending it into the top right corner of the goal.

The Highlanders could not get any more goals against a tough Judson defense, despite a number of chances. Judson put the game away with a goal coming off a deflection. Dave Dixon had no chance on the play as the ball found the back of the goal with just 12 minutes remaining. In the last ten minutes, Houghton controlled the ball, but to no avail.

Senior co-captain Scott Reitnour played his best game of the season, creating plenty of scoring chances and turning the Judson midfielders away with great hustle and defensive prowess.

Despite the loss, Coach Hornibrook was not disappointed with his team's effort. He felt Houghton had enough opportunities to score, but just couldn't capitalize.

The next home game for the men is October 4th when Alfred comes to town. Be sure to support the Highlanders as they try to get back to their winning ways. The game will be broadcasted on Houghton's radio station, WJSL Houghton 90.3 by none other than yours truly and the mouth that roars, Houghton's very own Bill Price.

SPORTS TRIVIA TIME

Q. Albert Belle recently broke the Indians club HR record held by what Cleveland slugger? (answer on page 8)

x-country team off and running

Alan Belford

Perhaps spurred on by the hopeful thought of eating at the "Ponderosa" following the race, the women's cross-country team avenged their September 9th loss to Brockport State by outracing the Golden Eagles and the rest of the field at the Hobart-William Smith Invitational on Saturday.

The Highlanders were paced by the recently renamed Amy Shilke and freshman standout, Krista "Joshua, Judges" Ruth, who finished the race 2nd and 3rd respectively. Three more ladies finished in the top fifteen places of the 80 person field, insuring the team victory. Leslie Roberts placed 11th, Kim Wellington, was right behind her in 12th, and Melanie Swansfeger finished 15th.

Shilke was pleased with the results. "The team ran great," she said. Fellow co-captain Roberts nodded her head in agreement.

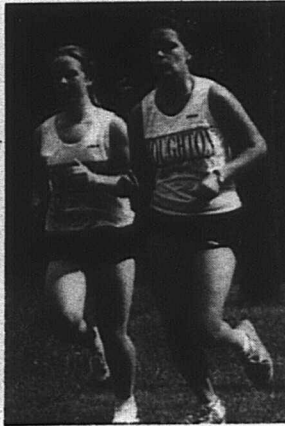
The men's team did not fair as well as the ladies. Brockport, a team the men beat handily two weekends earlier, nipped the boys in the absence of one of the Highlander's top runners, Jason "Oscar Meyer" Weins. The team was led by Lee "press on nails" Thurber, who matched Shilke with a second place finish.

Thurber was followed by Marshall "Plan" Merriam in 5th, and Brent Wright in 6th. It wasn't for another 18 places though, that a pair of purple shorts crossed the finish line, costing the Highlanders the race.

Said Thurber, "I'm disappointed. The second pack (there were Highlanders in places 24-26) needed to be further up."

Wright, however, thought differently. "The team ran the best overall that I've seen," he said.

Wright may well have been referring to the reemergence of Phil Niemi and Nathan Howes, who improved markedly over their previous performances. On these kinds of improvements are pinned the hopes of the teams' season.



Volleyballers on win streak

Kelly Daugherty

The Lady Highlanders volleyball team pounded their way into their division last week defeating Carlow, Roberts, and St. Vincent in 5, 4, and 3 sets respectively.

Traveling to Carlow, the team knew the match ahead would be tough. After an upset by the Highlanders in the divisional playoffs last year, Carlow was out for revenge. After dropping game one (7-15), the Highlanders snagged games two (15-13), three (15-1), and five (15-10) for the win. Junior middle-hitter April Stone took control of the offense, downing 21 kills. Junior middlehitter Allysia Hanson followed with fifteen of her own. Stone, Hanson, and freshman setter Aimie Fells led in blocking, helping the Lady Highlanders to average almost 12.5 blocks per game for the season.

Tuesday, September 19, the ladies traveled to Rochester to take on a strong but young Roberts team. Although they managed to persevere the victory, Houghton came out slow and sloppy. Coach Skip Lord attributed the problems to mental mistakes.

"Our blocking was not where it needed to be," he said. "We blocked horribly."

Hanson and Stone led the offense with 25 and 24 kills respectively.

Friday, September 22, Houghton faced St. Vincent at home. Coach Lord challenged the ladies to set strong blocks and play smart in service receive. That was all the team needed. Stone and Hanson again came out strong, pounding 22nd 17 kills respectively through the St. Vincent block. Junior outside hitter Kelly Daugherty (no relation) dominated the court defensively, picking up 28 digs. Daugherty also led the team from the service line, claiming 3 of the 4 service aces for the match from her 28 total services.

The Highlanders swept the match in three quick games (15-11), (15-9), and (15-9). The win improves their district record to 3-0.

When asked about the season, Coach Lord commented, "We're obviously very happy about where we are right now in the season. This summer as we looked at who we had returning and who was graduating, we thought the team would be successful finishing 8-12. At this point in the season, the superior play of middle hitter, April Stone and Allysia Hanson has exceeded our expectations," Coach Lord said.

SPORTS

Up Close & Personal

With David Dixon

Bob Price, Sports editor

The Houghton Star likes to take the opportunity to recognize stand-out athletes on campus. This week our focus turns to Dave Dixon, Highlander goal keeper who has been the last line of defense for the men's soccer team the past two years. Recently, I had the chance to interview Dave.

B.P. At what age did you first start playing soccer?

D.D. I was 5 years old.

B.P. What made you decide to choose Houghton College over other schools?

D.D. The guys on the team and Coach Burke played a major role in me deciding to choose Houghton. Burke was sincere and seemed interested in me for more than just my athletic abilities.

B.P. When you think about role models, who has been your greatest influence as an athlete?

D.D. Probably Jamie Wellington and K.J. Hill. They took me under their wing when I was a freshman and I will never forget what they instilled in me.

B.P. What has been your best soccer memory, be it high school, college, or otherwise?

D.D. I'd have to say the Regional Final win last season at home against Bloomfield. Also the trip to Nationals last year.

B.P. What do you like most about the game of soccer?

D.D. I guess the same thing that any athlete likes, the challenge. Each game is different and each situation is unique. There is never a dull moment in the sport.

B.P. In three seasons you've played under three different coaches, what effect has that had on you as an athlete?

Jamie Wellington and K.J. Hill. They took me under their wing when I was a Freshmen and I will never forget what they instilled in me.

D.D. Playing wise, I've had to learn to adjust to three different styles of coaching. Coach Burke, Fuller, and Hornibrook are three very different coaches with separate personalities. Coach Burke was most like a father figure, and Coach Fuller was more a player's coach, while Coach Hornibrook is a mixture of both.

B.P. How has soccer helped you in other areas of your life be it academic, spiritual, or otherwise?

D.D. I would have to say that soccer has helped me to become more disciplined with my life. Playing sports makes you deal with adversity and that carries over into other areas of life as well.

B.P. What are your future plans after graduation?

D.D. I plan to coach soccer some day at the college level, but I'd also like to play professional soccer for a while.

Dave is a 20 year old native of Dubois, PA. He is in his junior year of college majoring in business administration. Last season he made All-American honors for the sport he competes so well in.

Letter of apology

TO: Houghton soccer fans.

This letter is intended to clarify actions following a goal scored against ST. Vincent College, Saturday, September 16, 1995.

As many of you witnessed, after the goal I celebrated in a way that may have offended those who witnessed it. I wish to apologize to those who may have been offended.

The reasons for this type of celebration are:

1. I observed this celebration in a World Cup game involving Nigeria and at that time I did not find it offensive.
2. I was excited to have scored this goal and in my excitement made a decision which I know was not the best one.

To conclude, I did not mean any disrespect to the opposing team or any spectator who supports our team, and I hope you will understand my feelings and accept this as my public apology to those who were offended.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Acholonu

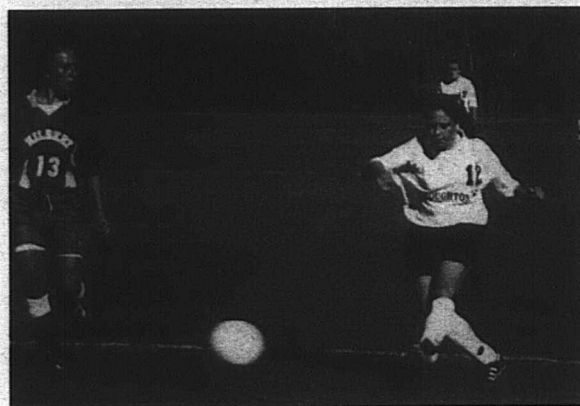
Women's soccer team unstoppable

Josh Daniels

As of September 25, no team has been worthy enough to step on the field with our women's soccer team, who have forcefully and effectively destroyed each team they have played.

Their reign of terror continued on the 12th of September with a stomping of Hilbert College, 12-0. Their next confrontation took place on the 14th at home against St. John Fisher College, who incidentally, beat the girls last year 1-0 in a hard fought game. The women proved they are not the same team as last year, conquering their opponent, 3-1. Heidi Gugler scored the first goal off a beautifully set direct kick assisted by Christy Curtis. Then Danielle Philips scored the next goal with a tremendous left foot shot at the top of the key, drilling the ball to the upper right corner. Allyson Guesno scored the final goal unassisted, slipping the ball underneath the outstretched arms of the opposing goalie.

The women didn't let up their intensity going into the game against Geneva College at home on the 16th. The Lady Highlanders controlled the ball from the starting whistle but could not score until the 2nd half.



Junior defender, Becca Outt, boots the ball away during a recent home game versus Hilbert. Outt will anchor the ladies defense this year. The women are undefeated going into the second half of their season.

The ladies were finally able to wear down the Geneva defense, who couldn't handle the pressure. This eventually led to Houghton's first goal of the game, a penalty kick by Gugler with 31 minutes to play.

The second goal was produced by Guesno with a left foot rocket to the right corner. Houghton tacked on another goal before Geneva's persistency led to a goal with 10 minutes to play. But Amy Trezise silenced this rally with a goal of her own to seal Geneva's fate, 4-1.

The ladies next victims were Pitt-Brad College. The travel for the women did not seem to effect them as they demolished the Panthers, 13-0.

The ladies traveled to Baptist Bible College on the 23rd.

BBC proved to be a much tougher team than Pitt-Brad, as they scored the first goal 25 minutes into the game.

"It took us a while, they were pumped and ready for a victory," said Kerry Canazon.

Gugler had other ideas though. The senior standout scored all three of her goals in the second half to discourage any hopes of the opponents victory.

"The defense did a great job holding BBC to only four shots," said assistant coach, Matt Webb. It was the first time in two years that BBC had lost on their own field.

The ladies are on a role and show no mercy to opponents.

ANSWER TO QUIZ

A. Al Rosen

Field Hockey team blanks PCB, 3-0

Matt Hirschhoff

The Houghton College women's field hockey team has continued its steady play. The team lost 2-0 to Guelph College, one of the best teams in Canada then bounced back to beat Philadelphia College of Bible, 3-0.

In the Guelph game the women battled and kept the game scoreless until 20 seconds left in the first half when the team from Canada stuck a disheartening goal past the Houghton defense.

Guelph College then tallied again late in the second half to put the game on ice.

Coach Donna Hornibrook said of the teams' loss, "It was one of our best performances of the year. We moved the ball well but couldn't capitalize on our chances."

In the Philadelphia College of Bible game, Houghton dominated the inferior opponent but could not break through and score until six minutes left in the game when Kerri Pepper fired a shot past the PCB goalkeeper.

A few minutes later, Linda Perric found the goal on a penalty corner and Kristen Cowell added an insurance goal with time running out in the game.

Hornibrook said the team started the game very nervous and didn't settle down until the second half when the barrage of scoring took place.

Senior keeper Jen Todd believes it was a combination of many things that accounted for the rough start in the game.

"We got there late and only had a half hour to warm up," stated Todd. "We also had a lot of family and friends there and we knew a lot of the PCB players from playing against them in high school," she added.

Todd also felt that there was additional tension to the game because Houghton has never lost to PCB, a tradition that remains intact.

"We were afraid to lose," she said in a recent interview.

Houghton dominated most of the action in the second session of play, controlling the ball on the opponents end of the field.

Todd and Liz Sherwood demonstrated quality goalkeeping in combining for the shutout. Hornibrook was pleased with 3 of her teams 4 halves in the two games.

To Todd, one of only two seniors on this year's squad, the team is doing much better than she ever expected.

"We lost a lot of seniors from last year and a lot of the players this season had to get used to playing new positions," she said.

The team welcomed ten freshmen to the squad this season, many of whom see a lot of minutes and are valuable communities to the team.

Coach Hornibrook foresees an exciting season for the team.



A VIEW FROM AFAR. Field-Hockey coach, Donna Hornibrook watches the action from atop the bench at a recent home game.