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Johnson & Johnson CEO To Visit Campus

courtesy of Robert Black

Ralph S. Larsen, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Johnson & Johnson, the diversified international health-care company, is coming to Houghton College in early October. Larsen will speak to students and faculty in chapel on Wednesday, October 7th. Earlier that morning, he will participate in a panel discussion, fielding questions from campus panelists from 9 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. in NAB 125.

Mr. Larsen has been chairman and CEO at Johnson & Johnson since 1989 and is also active as a member of the Boards of Directors of Xerox Corporation and AT&T.

Mr. Larsen is being brought to Houghton by a \$10,000 grant to the Business and Economics Department from the Cockcroft Forum for Free Enterprise. His visit is also being facilitated through the cooperation of Houghton's Hoselton Chair of Private Enterprise and Ethics.

"This is a unique opportunity to hear perspectives on the economy, business development, and leadership from a corporate CEO," said Professor Richard Halberg, chair of the Business and Economics Department.

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A beaming Ralph Larsen eagerly anticipates the Houghton crowd

Numbers Don't Lie Houghton Among Top Liberal Arts Colleges

Stephen Maxon

Houghton College still retains the distinct privilege of being one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the United States, according to U.S. News and World Report's annual ranking of colleges. But what does this honor mean in concrete terms? I sat down with Tim Fuller, Vice President of Enrollment Management, to identify some of the distinguishing characteristics that continually place Houghton among the academic elite.

Fuller specifically mentioned two main statistics used to rank colleges. The first was the freshmen retention rate, which measures the percentage of freshmen that return to campus for their sophomore year. Houghton's retention rate for this year's sophomore class, he said, was 86% - meaning 45 students in the class did not return. "Students leave for a variety of reasons," he said, "but the most common are academic problems and loss of financial aid." Even with this attrition, Houghton ranks third among the 92 members of the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities in retention rate.

The second statistic was the 5-year graduation rate. Once measured in four years, it has expanded to include those students who take semesters off or change their majors while working towards graduation. Houghton graduates 63% of its students within five years of matriculation, well above the national average of 40 to 45%.

Not content to rest on their laurels, Houghton's administration is putting in place programs to further ensure that the college continues to improve. The percentage of incoming students who rank in the top ten of their high school class, for instance, has risen from 20% a few years ago to 40% last year.

Tim Fuller says, "The improvements taking place on campus this year, such as the Fine Arts Building and the new soccer field, are motivated by our desire to serve students and increase their level of satisfaction." Their continued efforts to improve the college both academically and aesthetically can only result in Houghton becoming a better place to live and learn for everyone.

WJSL Update

Krista Adlhoock

Houghton's radio station, WJSL, is still in need of a home. As mentioned in a previous article, negotiations are underway to sell or lease the station to a larger Christian station. However, the Pennsylvania station that had looked to buy WJSL has since changed plans.

Although there have been no commitments made with a specific station, three Christian stations have expressed interest in taking over WJSL's current 6,000 watt frequency. Communications professor Doug Gaerte has been speaking regularly with representatives from these stations and hopes to draw up an agreement sometime soon.

One factor being discussed is the prospect of student programming being broadcast on the larger station. The programs would be broadcast on the low power college station, and considered for a larger broadcast if received well by listeners. If the future owner agrees, there would be increased exposure to student activities, such as recitals and concerts.

These negotiations do not affect the current programming of WJSL, which will continue to operate as it has in the past. The transition to the student-run station will hopefully be made during the spring semester, depending largely on when the final negotiation is completed.

New RD's



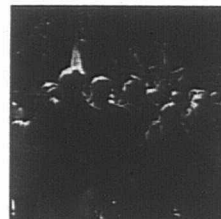
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Letter from the Editor

David Johnson

I admit it. I am a judgmental person. Often I find myself looking at a person, and based purely on something as shallow as physical appearance, I slap a label on them faster than UPS. This label sticks there until I actually meet this person and find out I was once again way off.

I used to be a lot worse. As early as a couple years ago, I avoided getting to know some of my closest friends because of my stupid personality brands. But God always found a way to knock me over the head and back on track.

One of the most recent examples happened to me while I worked at camp this past summer. It was opening day of the fifth session—community camp. To me those two words “community” and “camp,” linked together, brought up morbid connotations of Uzi-wielding fifth-graders.

As I was checking in the arrivals, a couple of 11-year-olds swaggered to my desk and handed me their registration forms. I eyeballed them; hats on crooked, pants 13 sizes to big, shirts that cost as much as my parents’ mortgage. Yep, definitely trouble. Without a second thought I affixed the label “PUNK” on them and shipped them to the “Keep an eye on those two” section of my mind.

God gave me a swift kick in the pants for that one.

As I used all my energy to be wary of them, like making sure they didn’t do a drive-by on a 10-speed or something, I missed the fact that they were probably the nicest kids I would ever meet.

Through the course of the week those boys proved to me over and over again that a) looks *can* be deceiving, and b) I continue to break new ground in the “How to be an idiot” department.

I had a kid in another cabin, an overweight boy, who was constantly getting picked on by his cabin-mates. The two “punks” I was so quick to write off agreed to help raise his spirits. We all had a great lunch together, our spirits lifted, talking about issues like college and careers and doing what’s right. So many lessons learned that day.

I was amazed at the work of God—the way He continues to pry my eye-lids open with a spiritual crowbar. Hey, I know I screw up still. To this day I’m quick on the trigger judging other people. And I’m sure plenty of people out there judge me. But, hey that’s cool. It doesn’t bother me. I’d be calling the kettle black if it did.

But I’m trying. I’m working at it. If God has taught me anything it’s everyone blows it. He has ways of slapping us back into reality. It’s just how we respond.

As for me, I turn the other cheek.



Justice or Grace? A Christian Mind on President Clinton

Jason Borowicz

The past month has been a flurry of activity in the press, newsmagazines, television, and gossip columnists. President Clinton’s private behavior has been analyzed, discussed, broken down, and otherwise dissected. This is becoming not only a difficult time for our President, but also his family, and the country in general.

Personally I have had great difficulty in deciding how to handle this situation. It seems to me that my reaction to this man’s indiscretions will be indicative of my reactions to people’s sin around me for the rest of my life. If I cannot in good conscience forgive President Clinton, how can I in good conscience forgive those around me without knowing deep inside that I am a hypocrite?

I look at people in the Bible. The heroes we learned about in Sunday school. Moses was a murderer. Jacob was a liar and a cheat. David was an adulterer and a murderer, and had little control over his family. Solomon worshipped idols and built temples to foreign gods. Peter denied Christ even existed in his life three times. And Paul, one of the most prolific writers in history, began his career by bounty hunting Christians.

But we do not look at these men as disgusting undignified, dirty, creepy, or immoral, either because

of who they were before or after their times in darkness. It is my prayer that the events of the past few months will bring President Clinton to his knees not as President, but as a man.

If he is impeached, he will need a place to find refuge. Why should it not be the Christian community? Remember Christ’s words to those who meant to stone to death a woman caught in the act of prostitution; “You who have no sin, throw the first stone.”

We may not all agree with William Jefferson Clinton’s politics, and we may be disappointed and weary with his behavior. But now, more than ever, he needs the support of the Christian community as a soul hurting, and as a man fallen.

It will not be easy to lend our support to Mr. Clinton. But things worth doing are often difficult. I believe that if we are truly Christians as Christ meant the term to mean, we have no other choice but to accept Mr. Clinton’s apology and show him the grace that has been afforded to each and every one of us.

As for impeachment or censure or other possible consequences, I am not entirely certain where I stand. I just find myself constantly worrying about the man’s soul, and not his job. Worldly issues tend to get taken care of by worldly people, and I think the most important thing is not whether this man will continue to act as our President, but whether this man will one day walk with us on streets of gold and thank us for our love and support.

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The Parking Ticket Issue

Kevin MacDonald

Adequate parking has never been one of Houghton's strong points, but this year, for a number of reasons, it can be especially difficult to find a spot to put your car. So far, there are 74 cars authorized to park on the main level of the campus, 74 authorized to park around the perimeter of the campus, and 138 cars authorized to park off campus. Add to those numbers all the cars belonging to faculty, staff, and visitors, and you have a lot of automobiles.

Unfortunately, all the construction going on has resulted in a loss of parking space near Shen and the Phys. Ed. Center, as well as next to East Hall. To try to minimize confusion and conflict, the Safety and Security Office, working with the SGA, drew up a new parking policy earlier this year. It was approved by the Student Life Committee and is now in effect.

In enforcing the new policy, there have been a few more tickets issued this year than last year, but the difference isn't too significant. There have been changes in the way tickets are handed out, however.

This year, instead of having students in charge of ticketing, a full-time staff member spends 20 to 24 hours a week doing the majority of it. The rules are being enforced much more this year than they were last year, mostly because there are finally enough people on staff to handle it. Mr. Ray Parlett, director of security at Houghton, points out that with the decreased parking capacity, "Enforcement is much more critical."

Although all students were given a form explaining the parking policy when they bought a parking sticker, most parking violations are still caused by ignorance of the rules. However, the security office is merciful; except for blatant violations, a warning is always issued first, and a ticket is not issued until at least 24 hours after the warning is given. The "warning" policy explains

why one car can get a ticket while the car right next to it in the parking lot, bearing an identical sticker, isn't ticketed: the owner of the first car received a warning already, but the second car is receiving a warning for the first time. There is good news concerning parking, however: the lot by the

Phys. Ed. Center should be completed within the next few weeks. And a credit to Houghton: compared to other colleges, Houghton's parking licenses are very cheap. Some colleges charge over \$150 per semester for

low-grade parking.

So be patient; the new parking lot will open soon. In the meantime, help out the Security Office. Follow the parking policy, and do your part to keep traffic and parking problems at Houghton to a minimum.

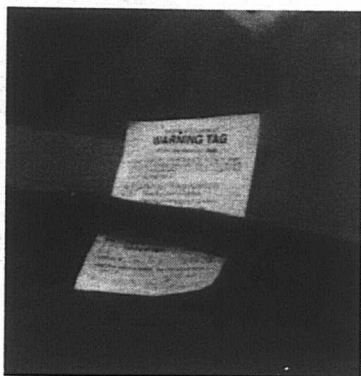


photo by Dan Mund

Another "fine" day at Houghton

Trees to Spruce Up Parking Lot

Melanie Lindbergh

By now, everyone knows that major changes are being made to the campus. If you aren't aware already, there is to be an enlarged parking lot by Shenawana Hall and the gym, using part of the old hockey field. A special feature of this parking lot is the addition of tree strips.

The idea behind these tree strips is to divide the asphalt parking lot and make it more

CEO Cont.

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"One of his talks will be on building character at work."

Johnson & Johnson has also been a leader in innovative management and production techniques, according to Professor Kenneth Bates. "They decentralized their corporate decision making decades before others." And in the 1986 Tylenol scare, "They then led their industry with innovative, tamper-proof packaging technology."

According to Halberg, Johnson & Johnson is listed in

Fortune Magazine's top ten of America's "most admired companies." Woman's Day Magazine also listed it as one of America's most "family-friendly companies."

Regarding Cockcroft-Forum sponsorship, Halberg said, "This grant will also fund a visit to Houghton from another corporate executive next semester, Michael Cardon, President and CEO of Cardone Industries." Cardone is the nation's leading remanufacturer of auto parts. Fifteen Houghton alumni are currently employed at Cardone, which employs a total of 3600 employees in North East Philadelphia and around the nation.

Gallery Talk a Bit "Fishy"

courtesy of Jason Mucher

Bob Scherzer, a professional artist from Belmont, gave a gallery talk last Thursday, concerning his September Houghton exhibit.

The exhibit consists of several drawings and non-functional clay sculptures based on a "fish" theme. Scherzer's sculptures feature both majolica pottery and earthenware.

Scherzer currently works as raw materials technician at the New York State College of Ce-

ramics at Alfred University. He has been published in *Ceramics Monthly* magazine. Besides being a celebrated artist, Scherzer is notably married to Houghton's own Sociology Professor Jane Maugans.



photo courtesy of Dave Huth

aesthetically pleasing. Instead of a dull, flat asphalt lot, the new parking area will have more dimension and beauty.

Recently a rumor was floating around that the tree strips were to be eliminated from the plan. However, the rumor appears to be false. According to Jeff Spear, eventually trees will be planted. If you take a walk up to the gym, you'll see the dirt strips are ready, awaiting to be planted.

What many of you may not know are the many factors concerning the planting of these

trees. Here is a little "Parking Lot Tree Etiquette". First, you can't use just any tree (*Editor's Note: How wood you? Okay, that was bad*). Because the tree is to be ornamental, it must be a certain size. Secondly, a tree needs to be chosen which isn't going to be shedding all over the cars. Thirdly, the tree must be placed in a spot that will not block the light coming from streetlamps. Finally, the tree must be planted at an optimal time.

Planting is scheduled to take place, ironically, on Arbor Day. So, if you don't see any trees soon, have no fear; they will be coming.

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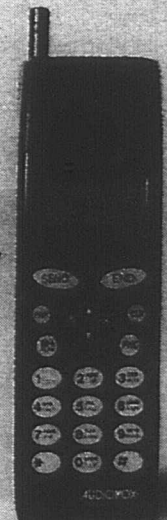
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Fit as a Fiddle: Keeping in Shape on Campus

Denise Dunckle

Injury Prevention and Care

When participating in any kind of physical activity the most important thing you can do to prevent injury is stretch. Before you stretch make sure you run a lap or two because muscles should always be stretched when they are warm. Stretch the muscles being used for the exercise you plan to do and hold each stretch for about 15-20 seconds.

Ideally, stretching should be done both before and after physical activity. Even if you are faithful with your stretching, injuries can still occur during exercise.

Student Athletic Trainer Sara Hylton offers some advice on how to treat the most common pains: "For shin splints make sure you run in different directions around a field or track, have good padding in your shoes and ice after exercise. For pulled muscles, ice, stretch and rest. For achy muscles stretch and eat bananas, because of the potassium. For blisters try to keep them covered and put an ointment on them such as

Vaseline. This reduces the friction. Also, don't pop the blister; it will just take longer for it to heal." (Editor's Note: If you do pop a blister, just eat a banana covered in Vaseline.)

How to Keep in Shape

Many studies have shown that freshmen on average gain 15 pounds during their first school year and by the age of 25 the typical American gains one pound per year. Much of this weight gain is a direct result of less physical activity. Here are some guidelines to follow from The American College of Sports Medicine's "The Recommended Quantity and Quality of Exercise for Developing and Maintaining Cardiorespiratory and Muscular Fitness in Healthy Adults." (Editor's Note: The abridged version) For maximum exercise benefits, cardiovascular exercise and strength training is recommended. When forming your own cardiovascular exercise program, there are four variables you need to work with.

First, the duration of your exercise. Most experts recom-

Tips to Start and Stay With an Exercise Program

1. Select activities you enjoy. If you do not like running, do not torture yourself with a three mile run. Instead, ride a bike or play basketball with some friends.
2. Combine different activities. If you do the same type of exercise everyday it can become monotonous. Try to balance your activities. For example, you could run on Mondays, bike on Wednesdays, and play racquetball on Fridays.
3. Set aside a regular time for exercise. If you plan ahead of time when you will exercise, you will be less likely to skip.
4. Use proper attire. Uncomfortable shoes can be discouraging, cause discomfort and sometimes even injury. Invest in a pair of quality sneakers.
5. Exercise with a friend or group. It is more fun to have some social interaction while exercising. Also you will be less likely to skip a workout if you have a friend waiting for you.
6. Do not over exercise. Make sure you give yourself the occasional day off so that you will not get burnt out.

mend twenty to sixty minutes per workout session. However, new research has shown that three ten minute exercise sessions a day can also provide benefits. A second

results. These percentages are determined by taking your pulse. The fourth variable is activity. This can be any aerobic exercise that gets your heart rate going.

thing to remember when putting together an exercise program is frequency. Although five to six days a week is ideal, three workout sessions a week will maintain cardiorespiratory fitness.

Intensity is the third variable that is often overlooked. Cardiorespiratory development occurs when you are working between 50% and 85% of heart rate reserve. The closer to 85% you work the faster you get



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Feelin' the burn

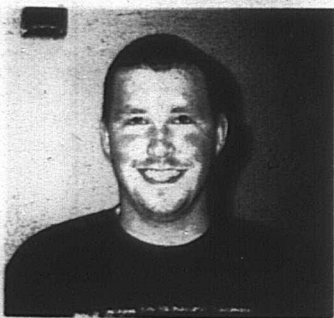
Getting Fit at Houghton

Houghton has plenty of facilities and opportunities for students to get into shape. One of the most popular ways students at Houghton participate in physical activity is through the intramural program. Anyone can put a team together and play sports such as outdoor soccer, indoor soccer, softball, volleyball, basketball and inner tube water polo. These games provide not only exercise but also a fun

time to hang out with friends. If team sports are not your forte' then use the gym facilities for running, biking, or stair climbing.

The Benefits of Daily Physical Activity From the American Heart Association

1. Reduces the risk of heart disease by improving blood circulation throughout the body
2. Keeps weight under control
3. Improves blood cholesterol levels
4. Prevents and manages high blood pressure
5. Boosts energy level
6. Helps manage stress
7. Releases tension
8. Improves the ability to fall asleep quickly and sleep well
9. Improves self image
10. Counters anxiety and depression and increases enthusiasm and optimism
11. Provides a way to share an activity with family and friends.



Jacob Arnold
--Freshman

"I walk from class to class and back to the dorm."



Rebecca Keepert
--Sophomore

"I run three times a week on various Houghton roads and take the aerobic class offered here."

photos by Holly Glanzman

Staying Fit at Houghton

Nutrition and Wellness for College Students

Melanie Hess

Nutrition and fitness are important issues for everyone, but those of us at college face certain challenges. Obviously, one challenge is that we are not in charge of what is served in the cafeteria. Big Al and the cafeteria staff do a good job of providing various things to eat, but let's face it, most of us will choose French fries over a baked potato or cookies over fruit.

Some of the meals people eat in the cafeteria...well, let's just say they aren't packed full of nutrients. According to government guidelines, we should be eating 3-5

servings of vegetables and 2-4 servings of fruit per day as part of a healthy diet. Women should make sure they have enough calcium and iron in their diets.

The best way to get the vitamins you need is to eat a variety of foods. Eating pasta night after night at dinner might save you from the dinner line, but it will also keep you from getting nutrients, like protein, which the body needs.

Exercise is also important to staying healthy. Sometimes it's hard to make time to exercise while trying to keep up our grades and juggle various other extra-curricular activities.

However, just exercising three times a week for 20 minutes can be beneficial. The most important thing to remember in all of this, however, is to not let this issue become an obsession.

According to Lore Stevens at the University of Rochester, 12-25% of women on

college campuses have an eating disorder, with as high as 30-40% having some kind of sub-clinical eating problem. Moderate exercise and a moderate diet are important, but nothing relating to food or fitness is worth obsessing over. We who are in college have the advantage of a free gym and free counseling if eating issues are a problem. Take advantage of them!



photo by Erich Asperschlager

The three little pigs

Chews Wisely: Healthy Choices in the Cafeteria

Trina Frederick

There are many fine delicacies to choose from when you head up to the cafeteria. Sometimes you might think that Big Al is not concerned about your health with the greasy tacos and hamburgers that you see. You couldn't be further from the truth. Big Al wants Houghton College students to be healthy. He has strategically placed a fat free salad bar (the one to the left as you're walking up) where you can find an abundance of healthy choices.

Another healthy option is the sandwich bar. You can construct a healthy sandwich using wheat or multi-grain bread, surrounding your choice of cold-cut. The wok can also be used to create healthy stir-fry, just like Mom used to make!

Big Al also wants us to be aware of what kinds of choices we are making. He leaves nutritional brochures that differ monthly on each table upstairs. There we can read

fun facts about nutrition anywhere from calories to fat content and healthy dieting. Another spot to look for brochures is on the table in the corner next to the dish room.

Also, on that table you can find a place to put your suggestions. So, if you have a healthy entree that you would like Big Al to try, maybe you could let him know the recipe. One other source that the cafeteria leaves for us is the internet site www.pconline.com/nutrition. Here we can get advice on eating disorders, fitness, allergies, nutrition, and USDA labeling. Visit this site today if you are interested in learning more about the healthy options available to you. The best advice for nutrition: when you go upstairs to enjoy a Big Al value meal is that the choice is yours!

Fresh Vegetable Crisp

Makes 6 Servings

2 flour tortillas (8-inch)
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons grated Cheddar Cheese divided
Dash garlic powder
1/2 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
3 thin red pepper rings

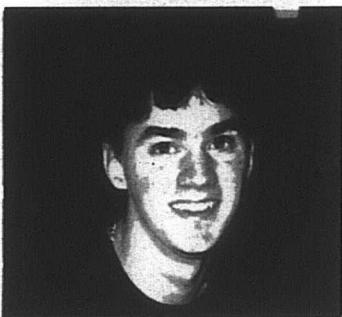
1 pkg. (3 oz.) nonfat or low-fat cream cheese, softened
1/2 teaspoon dried basil leaves
4 cups water
1 cup small fresh broccoli flower-ets

courtesy of www.healthychoice.com

1 Heat 10-inch thick nonstick skillet over medium heat. Spray 1 tortilla lightly on both sides with nonstick vegetable cooking spray. Place in skillet. Cook for 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 minutes, or until tortilla just begins to brown, turning over once. Place tortilla between 2 paper towels. Repeat with remaining tortilla. Set aside.

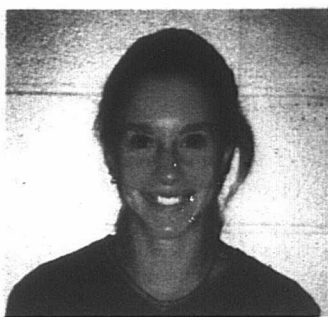
2 Heat oven to 350°F. In small mixing bowl, combine cream cheese, 2 tablespoons Cheddar cheese, the basil and garlic powder. Spread mixture evenly on 1 tortilla. Top with remaining tortilla. Place on baking sheet. Set aside. In 2-quart saucepan, bring water to boil over high heat.

3 Immerse broccoli in water for 1 minute, or until color brightens. Remove with slotted spoon. Plunge broccoli immediately into ice water. Drain. Arrange broccoli, mushrooms and pepper rings on top tortilla. Sprinkle evenly with remaining 1/4 cup Cheddar cheese. Bake for 7 to 9 minutes or until vegetables crisp is hot and cheese melts. Cut into wedges to serve.



Doug Graham
--Junior

"I play racquetball and indoor soccer."



Tenneil Tower
--Senior

"I run about thirty miles a week and lift weights twice a week."

New Leaders Of The Pack On Campus

Jeremy Atwell

Shenawana Hall, East Hall, and the Townhouses each has new Resident Directors this year.

Jason Holmwood, a 1997 graduate of Houghton College, is the new R.D. of Shenawana Hall. While attending Houghton College, he was an R.A. According to Joel Tate, a former R.D. of Shen, Jason Holmwood was one the best R.A.'s he has worked with. Jason lives in Shen with his wife, Lauren. Jason decided to become

Katya Kariuk, who also graduated from Houghton in 1997, is the new R.D. of East Hall. Before becoming an R.D., Katya served on the Residence Life staff as well. She studied in California for one year prior to returning to

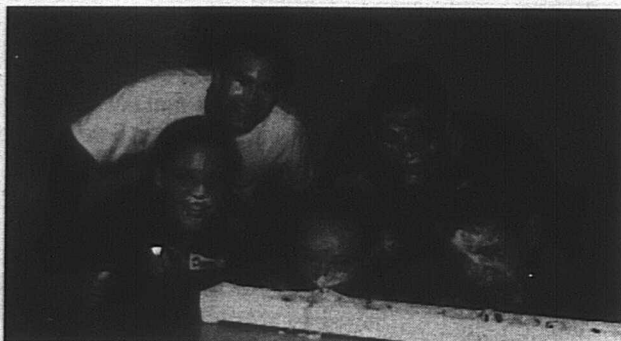


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RD's showcase their table etiquette

an R.D. because of the impact Joel Tate had on him in 1997. Jason liked the way Joel worked with and related to the students and R.A.'s. Jason values the intimate relationships he's developing with the men of Shen. He enjoys being able to talk freely with them anytime he wants.

Houghton. Katya says she was praying for guidance, unsure where her life would go, when she received an offer from Houghton College to become an R.D. She enjoys meeting all the people on campus and commented that all the R.A.'s in East Hall are wonderful. Jason Borowicz, a 1997

graduate of Taylor University, is the new R.D. of the Townhouses. The deans at Taylor University strongly recommended Jason for the R.D. position. He recently took a short-term missions trip to Ireland. Jason says he became an R.D. because he enjoys working with the students but is not sure

what aspect of working with them he enjoys the most. Like Katya, Jason enjoys meeting all the people around campus. He also enjoys the remoteness of Houghton College as he has always liked the outdoors. (Editor's Note: Ask him about his foot.)

Tim Nichols, the director of residence life, remarked that he is very pleased with all three of the new R.D.'s. He also added that they are fun to work with, and he is very glad they're part of the Houghton College community this year. Enjoy your time as R.D.'s on campus, Jason, Jason, and Katya!

Ishii Does It:

Renowned Pianist to Play Wesley Chapel

Emily Beach

Amid this weekend's Homecoming activities be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to see Japanese pianist Katsunori Ishii, first of the performers in this year's artist series.

Ishii's talent has captured attention worldwide. The Tokyo-based pianist has received highest awards at the Hamamatsu International and the Casadeseus, both international competitions. Perhaps most impressive among his recent accomplishments is an invitation to participate in the Gilmore Festival, a competition boasting the 30 finest young pianists in the world.

Ishii comes to the U.S. for the sole purpose of playing at Houghton and will be performing at 8:00 PM, Saturday, October 3rd at Wesley Chapel.



Spotlight on Faculty: Dean Danner

Liana Weirich

Robert F. Danner, Dean of Students, is a strong man of God. Born in Gallipolis, OH, he came to Houghton in 1981. He has held the position of Vice-President of Student Life for 18 years now, "longer than any of my predecessors. The record was 14 years and I am going on to my 19th." Why he does it? Simple - "I love the students and being able to see them grow through an important stage of their lives. The end result that I get to see is so rewarding."

Aside from Dean Danner's daily tasks of committee meetings, being a freshman mentor, and office work, he makes it a point to have student contact daily. "It's wonderful to meet freshmen as they enter, then see them growing each year. What a great reunion it is when they return as alumni!"

Dean Danner is a family man. His wife, Roselyn, whom he met while they were both students at Wheaton, also works at Houghton as art gallery director.

They have four children. "Roselyn and I have lived in at least 15-20 houses when I was in the Army for 20 years." It was in the Army when he was introduced to the position of Associate Director of Admissions while he was at West Point. "I love traveling. I spent 3 years in Naples, Italy, but I love it here at Houghton - otherwise I wouldn't have stayed around so long. Being able to work

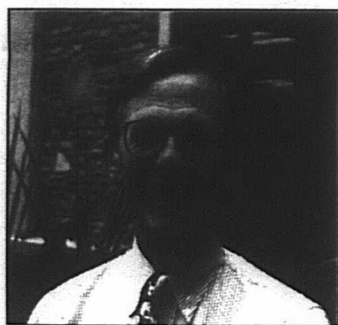


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with students is such a pleasant job," Dean Danner says.

In his free time he loves to do woodworking, fish, bike, run, and play his tuba. He was a Music Ed. major at Wheaton and now can be found sitting in our Symphonic Wind Ensemble. He also loves spending time with his family and 10 grandchildren. "The family got to spend a week together this summer. What a great time we had," he reminisces while pointing out the pictures on his office door.

Dean Danner is a man of many loves. One of the things his heart burns for is Texas Hots in Wellsville. But exceeding this is his love for being a servant of the Lord. "The blessing I receive from serving the students is hard to put into words. I love the Lord and I want to share Him with the students," he said with a tear in his eye. I was touched by our conversation, as I realized that he is one of many here who have touched

Homecoming 1998

Tammi Krikorian and Dionne Miller

Homecoming is fast approaching and you can feel the excitement in the air. This year's theme is "Treasure Island," chosen out of a collaboration of ideas. The true "treasures," however, are this year's co-chair persons Andrea Toro and Kristen Cook. The two of them have put in many hours of hard work to make this year's Homecoming a great one.

The festivities begin on Thursday with tentative plans for "Gladiator Games" on the quad. (You'll have to come to see exactly what that means.) That evening at 8:00pm "The Muppets: Treasure Island" will be shown in Wesley Chapel. Bring your change because the Campus Store will be selling snacks and goodies.

Friday afternoon the fun continues with a Treasure Hunt in a yet to be announced place. The prizes will be "phat," as the young people call it, so participating will be worth it. At 4:00pm the women's soccer team will host a game on the new field. Friday night at 8:45pm in the chapel, "SPOT" will be taking place. The elite STAR staff hosts this year's edition. "We love the Star staff," say the chair-women. "They remind us of mountain men." Plan to be there and laugh like crazy. Following "SPOT" is the annual

bonfire and Coronation Ceremony. This year the bonfire will be held at Houghton Heights Town Houses. The bonfire will include introductions of Fall athletes, a cheerleading debut, introduction of the Homecoming court, and the crowning of the 1998 Homecoming King and Queen. The local group, "Fat Astronauts," will be providing musical entertainment. Unfortunately there will be no fireworks this year due to the extensive construction on campus.

Saturday morning at 11:00 the parade will pass through Houghton. You are encouraged to participate with your class and walk with your respective floats. More participation influences the judging in the class competition. Following a picnic lunch on the Quad is an afternoon of Houghton sports featuring the volleyball team and men's and women's soccer. Check this edition's sports page for exact times and locations. Saturday night at 6:30pm is the banquet dinner. Tickets are \$7.00 and will be available through Friday, October 2, at lunch. It is recommended you purchase your tickets early as they tend to sell out quickly.

Homecoming always proves a fun weekend. Take advantage of the available activities. You are sure to make long lasting memories.

LIGHTER SIDE

Earthquake Rocks Houghton

Billions Perish...Well, Not Really, But It Was Real Scary

from wire reports

It was a Friday afternoon. Nothing out of the ordinary; a brisk day with scattered rays of sunshine fighting through the cloud-cover. Chipmunks happily bounded across the serene grass, looking to deposit their cache of acorns. Birds soared through the air, singing their sweet songs to any lucky passers-by. Another picturesque Autumn day.

Until disaster struck. An earthquake of unbelievable proportions shook Houghton at approximately 4:00 in the afternoon. Jason Mucher was in Fancher building at the time. "It was [the most horrifying experience of my life.

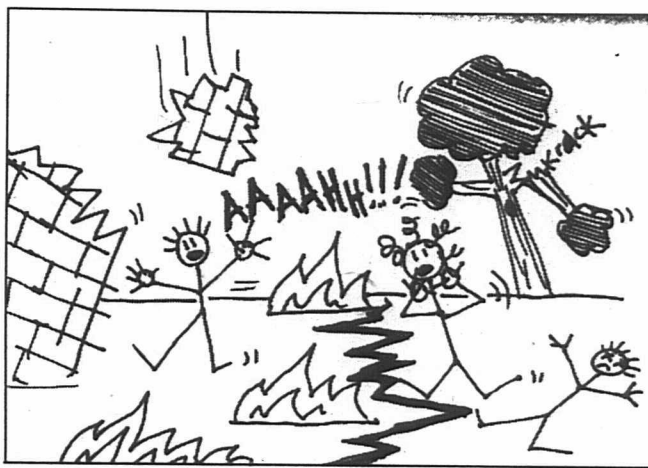
The floor was shaking, the walls were moving. It was awful so awful I swear I thought I was going to die. Fancher was almost reduced to] nothing," he says, his

eyes becoming vacant, as he recalls the scene.

Eric Peavey, a junior Spanish major was watching Animal Planet when the catastrophe happened. "I didn't

world! And then a giant meteorite crashed through my ceiling and hit me in the chest I couldn't breathe or] feel anything," Peavey recalls, tears already falling at the thought of the traumatic memory, I think.

Truly, nature wielded its mighty broadsword of power yet again, this time on the small, unsuspecting Houghton College community. But what causes earthquakes? What force is behind these destructive



Artist's rendition

[believe my eyes. The entire earth was moving! Trees were torn from their roots, houses crumbled to the ground, and cows were exploding. I thought it was the end of the

elements? I tried to catch up with several geologists, but they didn't like me, so they made no comment.



Boswell on TV

Hi, folks. My name is James Boswell, and I'm the production coordinator for the STAR. I love Saturday morning TV. I feel it profoundly delves into deep psychosociological issues in culturally relevant ways. Besides that, it hosts the program perhaps most reflective of our society at large, TNBC's *Hang Time*. The touching, if not soul-penetrating show chronicles the lives of a high school boys' basketball team, whose star player is a girl. The brilliant writing is humorous and poignant, capturing modern angst

and academia within boundaries of Nietzschean existential mores. This week's episode illustrates the brilliance of what I, with no hesitation, call the crowning pinnacle of 20th Century culture:

The gang receive their S.A.T. scores, and everyone is pleased with the results, except for Hammer. He confides to Kristy that he scored much lower than he hoped (too low to get into Duke, his dream school. Kristy volunteers to tutor him for a re-test, reminding him that schools look at your highest score. But Hammer feels it's hopeless and instead plans to concentrate only on basketball to impress the Duke scout. Hammer succeeds in impressing the scout on the court, but when Hammer is forced to cop to his low test scores, the scout admits that it's doubtful he'll get into Duke. Hammer feels there's no longer any point in wasting his time playing basketball. Coach tries to convince Hammer not to let this setback end his

dreams of playing college ball, and his teammates remind him of challenges they've all had to overcome to play the game. Eventually, Hammer agrees to give it a shot and asks Kristy if her offer to tutor still stands. She says yes. Meanwhile, Julie gives Michael an extravagant gift for their first anniversary, and his gift to her just doesn't measure up.

Check your local listings for time and station!

STAR CONTEST!!!

WIN Margaret Becker's latest release *Falling Forward*!!! In honor of this album, we'd like you (in 50 words or less) to tell us an amusing anecdote involving you or someone you know falling down. The most entertaining entry will be published, and the winner will receive the CD!!! Send your entries to Box #378, and stay tuned for more contests!

Top Ten Rejected Homecoming Themes

Stephen Maxon

10. "A Bunch of People ... Standing Around...Doing Nothing"
9. "Celebrating Leviticus"
8. "Mennonites Behaving Badly"
7. "The Economic and Sociological Impact of the Great Plague' on the Culture of Western and Central Europe"
6. "As If We Needed An other Excuse to Stay Out Until 2 AM"
5. "Rain. Lots of it. Lots and lots and lots of it"
4. "Salute to the Musk Ox"
3. "The History of Warts, Moles, and Rashes"
2. "Big Al Presents: TACOS!"
1. "Lambada '98"

Small Talk of the Week

Truk 'n' Nad

Cristobal: "Hey, nice painting!"

Joe: "Really? You think so?"

Cristobal: "Yeah, you've got a classical thing going on here with these nudes, and those cowboys are cool!"

Joe: "Those aren't cowboys, Cristobal, they're Spanish."

Cristobal: "Fine, Spanish cowboys then."

Joe: "Look, Cris-TO-BAL, you're just saying that because of the hats! EVERYONE used to wear them over there. You know nothing about the Spanish."

Cristobal: "I'm sorry I'm not an expert like you, Joe."

Joe: "Well La-dee-da"

Ask Ray: Houghton's Own Advice Columnist

Q: Dear Ray,

I need a story idea for my Writing of Fiction class. The deadline is coming up. Help!

Writer's Blocked

A: Dear Blocked,

How about the adventures of a magic hoagie that drives around in a van granting wishes?

Ray



Send your questions and half a hoagie to:

Ray c/o
The STAR Box #378



SPORTS

Houghton Sports: Week in Review

Fall Sports Score Box

Men's Soccer (6-2-1)

Saturday 9/26
Houghton: 0, Roberts: 0

Women's Soccer (8-0)

Thursday 9/24
Houghton: 2, Elmira College: 1

Saturday 9/26
Houghton: 3, Grove City: 0

Field Hockey (7-0)

Tuesday 9/22
Houghton: 4, U of Rochester: 1

Women's Volleyball (10-1)

Tuesday 9/22
Houghton: 3, U of Pitt-Bradford: 0

Friday 9/25
Houghton: 0, Carlow College: 3

Intramural Sports

(as of 9/27)

Men's Soccer

Jumbalaya	3-2
Nyati Men	1-4
Porteuse's Toi's	1-4
Kwik-e-Mart Bandits II	3-2
Rustic Lasagna	2-2
Tongue	4-0

Women's Volleyball

Barenaked Men	1-2
Golden Spinach	3-0
Play Away	3-0
The Wonder Women	3-0
BST6 & Co.	1-2
The Fighting Irish	0-3
Rainy Day Women	1-2
Just A Girl	2-1
The Secret Weapon	0-3
153 Untorn	1-2

Men's Volleyball

J. Bacheller	2-1
I Can't Believe	
It's Butter	1-1
Irish	0-3
Los Loucos	1-1
Mad Bombers	1-1
Smucker	2-0

Co-ed Softball

Gleason	1-0
I Can't Believe	
It's Butter	1-1
Martians Have Landed	0-0
Sherman	0-0
Woodmansee	0-1

David Johnson

Men's Soccer

Well, the first ever soccer game under the brand new lights took place on Saturday night, and

was a real battle. Roberts Wesleyan was in town. At the end of the campaign, the score settled on 0-0. Over 1200 were in attendance to watch the noteworthy affair. Tim Mayhle had 6 saves in goal.

Following the game, both teams were given ovations by the crowd in response to the hard play. Houghton's record is now 6-2-1, and they will face Holy Family College next at 2:00 p.m., for the Homecoming game on October 3.



photo by Dave Petersen

The men's soccer team plays a game

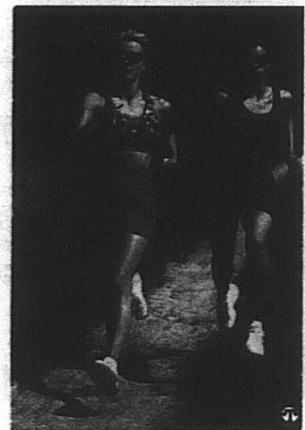
their opponents 3-0. Jen Mattison logged in a goal and an assist with Heather Shear and Sunshine Leonard each popping in a goal a piece. Susan Ellis registered her seventh shutout of the season in net. The Lady Highlanders outshot Grove City 23-0, boosting their

pack in 8th place. The team travels to Geneseo State on October 3 for their next meet.

Volleyball

Well, the Houghton volleyball machine finally lost their first game to Carlow College on September 25. The Lady Highlanders lost in 3 sets, 15-13, 15-13 and 15-13. The team's record is now still an intimidating 10-1. The volleyball team is next in action October 3 versus Mt. Aloysius in a home game.

(Editors' Note: We've all been feeling self-conscious about SPOT lately. In fact, Dave has been having recurring nightmares about it. Please come and laugh, even if it's not funny...)



Women running

Cross Country

Houghton burnt rubber at the Cortland Invitational, September 26. The men finished 9th overall out of 11, with Joe Campagna finishing 3rd. The women crossed the line 5th out of 11. Krista Ruth led the Houghton

Sunny's Delight Player Profile: Sunshine Leonard

Judy Johnson

If you have attended a women's soccer game in the last two years, then you have been a witness to the stunning play of Sunshine Leonard. Sunny, from Binghamton, NY, is a sophomore right midfielder for the Houghton Highlanders. A major scoring threat, she has already netted 6 goals and 2 assists in just seven games this season. Last year she finished the season with 16 goals and 14 assists. Her defensive skills and passing abilities are a key to the women soccer team's success.

An avid soccer player since age 7, Sunshine actually started playing on an all boys' team. Her brother has been a big influence in her life and he got her started playing soccer.

One of Sunshine's favorite things about the soccer team is its united heart for God. A lesson



photo by Dan Mund

she has learned from the team is how to use soccer as an offering to the Lord. The team took the love of God to Australia last spring break. This experience meant a lot to Sunshine: "It was amazing to see God's plan and to witness to the people there, to other soccer teams and the ordinary people we

came into contact with."

Soccer is not Sunshine's only talent. Not only is she an athlete, but she is an artist. Her media include drawing, painting, and graphic design. She focuses mainly on landscapes. In the future she would like to be involved in graphic design. Sunny is rumored to have quite a dancing talent as well.

Most of all, beyond her talent both in art and on the soccer field, Sunshine would like to be remembered for her love for God, and that He is evident in her life.

Come cheer for number 13 and the rest of the women's soccer team Friday, October 2 as they host Notre Dame of Ohio at 4:00 p.m. and for Homecoming, Saturday, October 3 against Holy Family College at 12:00 p.m.