

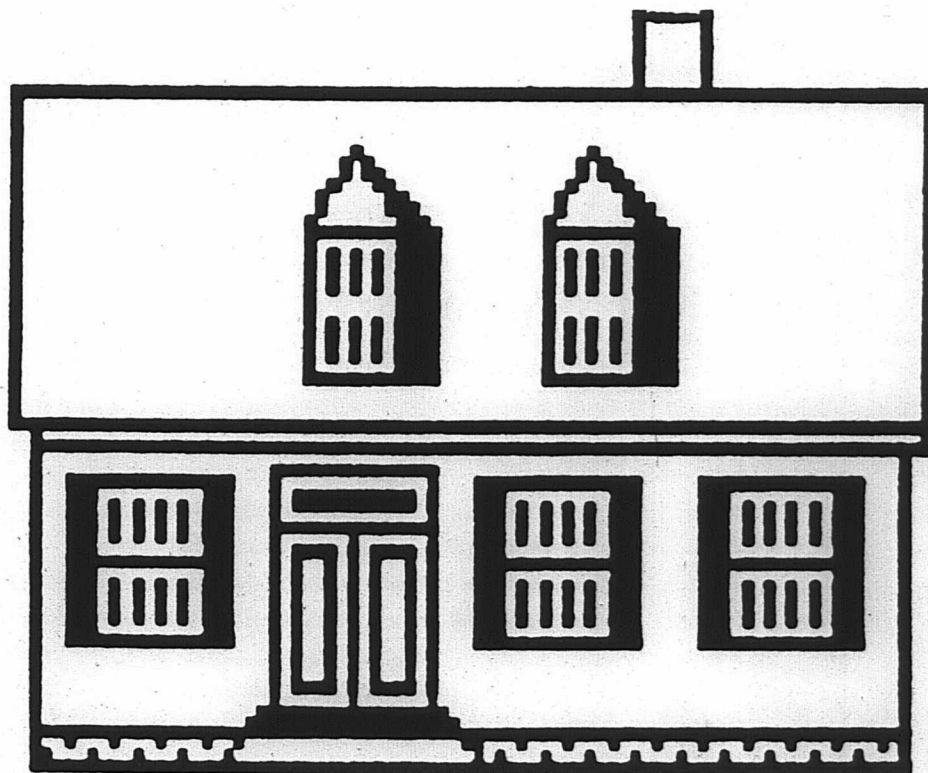
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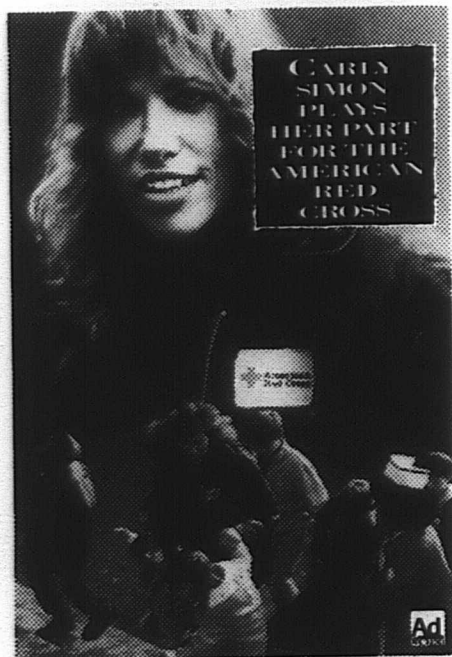
# Housing In Houghton



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## Students Hang Discretion

While Houghton is a very diverse college and a very diverse town, there is one thing which seems to unite a good proportion of the community and student body. This "thing," this mysterious bonding agent which enables Houghton to be a bastion against the rest of the world, an unchanging island surrounded by a diverse and ever-changing cultural ocean, and an enigma to the surrounding communities; this "thing" I will call "Conservative Evangelical Christianity."

For those of us who were raised in this subculture it seems like a sin to give it a name other than "truth." But believe it or not (I'm not sure which side of this dichotomy I fall on), Conservative Evangelical Christians do not have a corner on the truth market. To an outsider, however, it often seems that this is exactly what many of us believe. I will cite the following as an example:

Last Wednesday morning the Houghton community was suprised (or perhaps, not so suprised) to discover an effigy of the newly victorious, President-elect, Bill Clinton, hanging in the New Academic Building. To many folks, it seemed, the antichrist had been elected. Now abortion would be encouraged by the government, churches would be required to higher gays as youth pastors, and children across the country will be allowed to divorce their parents. Not only would the moral evils of our nation multiply but so too would the economic ones. Clinton would raise taxes (everyone knows that Bush would never do that), and increase the number of people on welfare by giving them incentives to become "needy," incentives such as new cars and stereos for the unemployed.

Once again, however, Houghton students took a stand against such decadence by hanging a dummy with the label "Clinton" and "Slick Willie." (I'm not sure what 'Slick Willie' refers to. Willie Horton, perhaps? If it does refer to Horton then the creators of the effigy are stretching it a bit comparing Clinton to Dukakis.) They also flew the flag at half-mast. Apparently the whole community mourned the demise of such a wonderful, Christian president.

Unfortunately, I have used sarcasm (the simplest literary mechanism, which happens to be my favorite tool) to make my point: Houghton and the evangelical community imagine themselves to be a political and not a spiritual or social entity. We

believe that our very dear conceptions of morality should be imposed upon society at large. Oddly enough, I suspect that the same student(s) who raised the flag to half-mast are vehemently opposed to "flag-burning." But when looked at closely, we realize that both the flag-burners and the "Houghton half-masters" were using the flag (that ever so sacred symbol from on-high) to further their own agenda. The flag-burners to spread their message of rage and the Houghton students to revel in their moral supremacy.

"But of course everyone ought to be compelled to conform to the true definition of right and wrong," says the skeptic. What I

**We believe that our very dear conception of morality should be imposed upon society at large.**

believe we must realize is that our concept of right and wrong (i.e. homosexuality and abortion are wrong; 'family values' and low taxes are right) is not adhered to by our whole nation and not even by the whole Christian church. Why do we believe that our reading of scripture constitutes a doctrine about morality and why do we believe that this morality should be forced upon all of society? The fact is, the Bible says nothing about abortion and very little about

homosexuality. It does say much however, about grace and the gift of Christ crucified.

It seems to me that what Houghton could use is a little more diversity. A great majority of students come from white-'aced' suburbia and from evangelical protestant churches. We need students from all backgrounds and a variety of beliefs. The barriers between the community and the surrounding area need to be broken down. Even a few token Democrats and independents who voted for Clinton should be accepted in the community (but no Perot supporters).

As always, it is fun to pontificate about ways to improve the college. I realize however, that no one has the recipe for a perfect Houghton or a perfect nation or a perfect world (although everyone seems to have a recipe). No amount of diversity or homogeneity could make me or the "Conservative Evangelical Christians" happy. In the long run we must come to terms with the position of the other and accept each other in spite of our differences (I hate to say that). I hope I am learning to differentiate between constructive differences of opinion (different opinions I hold out of constructive motives) and those which are a result of other motives. As long as they get you to think, they are both valid.

# Housing in Houghton

## Problems and solutions for off-campus housing.

During their junior and senior years many Houghton students opt to reside in off-campus housing. Off-campus housing proves to be beneficial to the students, the Houghton community, and to the college itself. Off-campus housing provides a student with more privacy, study time, and responsibility than do the dorms. The college needs off campus housing, because there are fewer spaces in the residence halls than there are students. Off-campus housing benefits the community also, for in some cases the home owner's only source of income is from the rent paid to them by the students.

Some concerns do exist, however, about college approved housing. For example some houses do not have smoke detectors. All houses will be required to have smoke detectors by next fall, but for the remainder of this school year the safety of many students is in jeopardy.

Another concern is that, in some cases, students' rooms are located in the basement of houses which are often musty and moist, creating an ideal environment for the growth of mildew. With these problems in mind, some serious questions have arisen about off-campus housing.

What is college approved housing? Is there a reapproval process a house must go through to maintain its status? How does a house become unapproved? When are houses inspected, and with what frequency? Finally, what role does the college play in the lives of students living off-campus, and when do they step in between the homeowner and the student?

The houses which are approved, have been so for several years. Until 1960, there were no male residence halls, and many houses were built with the idea of housing males. There is no reapproval process. Once a house is approved, it remains approved unless numerous complaints from students are filed with the student development office, which will inspect the house to determine whether or not it will be approved for the following year. Johnson House, due to many complaints, will not be approved for housing next year. The college inspects each house bi-annually, but tries to avoid stepping in on every issue. Tim Nichols, Associate Dean and Director of Residence Life, feels that the point of off-campus housing is to allow students to face situations they may encounter after leaving college, and finding a place of their own. "The idea of off-campus housing is to let the students make most of their own decisions and to get hands-on experience paying bills and dealing with other adults. Yet in the same sense the college will step in if a student is being mistreated," states Nichols.

Some students; however, feel that the college has already stepped in enough. Melissa Saint Clair, who currently lives at Johnson House, feels that students are being smothered. "I do not believe Johnson House should have been disapproved," says Saint Clair. "Mr. Johnson is a businessman, and if he is dealt with like a businessman, there are no problems."

Senior Bonnie Patterson also feels that she is being over-protected. She at one time had to inform the owners of her

former off-campus residence of her whereabouts, in writing. "I feel that if certain houses are going to maintain certain rules, they should either be written in the contract or announced ahead of time before the contract is signed so that the student knows exactly what she is getting into." She and Saint Clair also feel that there should be an alternative solution to the twenty-one meal board plan all students must purchase. "It is not economical for students to pay approximately \$84 per week on food if we have the opportunity to cook our own meals for less," quips Saint Clair. "There are other schools which have 14 or 7 meal plan offers," says Patterson, "and I feel that we are mature enough to make our own decisions about when we eat our meals."

Tim Nichols supports the board plan because he feels it is the best solution at this time. "If 200 students were taken off of the board program," states Nichols, "the cost of meals would rise for the other students and the food quality would be lowered." Nichols also feels that students should place their main focus on academics. "Students will have the rest of their lives to cook and plan meals. To do so now requires much time and may interfere with their study time," he explains.

Both Patterson and Saint Clair agree strongly upon the issue that off-campus housing gives male students more privileges. There are more women than men on the campus, yet there are more houses available for men than there are for women. "I feel that off-campus housing is much stricter for women than

# Language Dept. Receives Grant

In 1942, a young Rosa Mae Smith attended her freshman and only year at Houghton College. It was during this time that she developed a deep rooted love for foreign language and cultures which lasted for the rest of her life.

Now, 50 years later, she shows her appreciation by leaving an \$18,000 endowment to be used for purposes of assisting students who might engage in foreign travel to France, Spain or Germany in connection with their foreign language studies at Houghton College.

This will be done by investing the principle amount while only the interest will be used for these purposes.

The Foreign Language Department is meeting to develop some definite guidelines for the selection of suitable

scholarship recipients.

The proceeds for this investment will be first put into affect in the 1993-94 academic year.

During Smith's stay at Houghton she studied French and Latin under the direction of Professor Pierce Woolsey, who inspired in her a thirst for knowledge in regards to foreign language and cultures. She later went on to become a high school teacher of French and Latin.

She stayed in close contact with Houghton College through summer alumni trips led by French Professor Paul Johnson. It was on the 1990 Alumni-Mayterm trip to France that she got close, intensive exposure to Houghton College students. She was impressed by the strong Christian faith

and the love displayed by students and faculty on these trips.

"Rosa had a kind and Christian heart," said Betty Johnson who often accompanied the group on these trips. Professor Jean-Louis Roederer commented, "She had a bottomless appetite for new things, she was always breathless with enthusiasm." Her last trip with Houghton was in May of 1990. The Foreign Language Department was saddened to hear of her death one year later in July 1991.

"Rosa Mae Smith expressed her love for foreign language, culture, Houghton College and her appreciation of the Foreign Language Department to nurture young students who loved what she loved to dearly herself, cross cultural experience and growth," said Roederer.

it is for men," says Patterson. Nichols does admit to inequalities between male and female housing and is researching ways to make off campus housing more fair to women.

There are some students who are very happy with their current off-campus housing living conditions. One junior feels that he is being treated very fairly by his landlord, who cleans the bathrooms, takes out the trash, shovels the path when it snows, and is more than willing to fix things that are in need of repair. "I like living off-campus much better than I liked living in the dorm," he states, "It is nice to be off-campus. There is more privacy, and the room I found is less expensive then a room in the dorms."

There are others however, who do not feel this lucky. One senior who lives off-campus feels that he is being

overcharged by his landlord. "I have to pay extra money for a refrigerator," complains the student, "I even have to pay to have a microwave and a toaster!" The student also pays only \$10 less for his room than he did for a single dorm room on campus.

Nichols and the Student Development Office are working on ways to solve the many problems of off-campus housing. "We have thought about doing away with off-campus housing, and building townhouses to facilitate students," Nichols suggests, "but this is not a serious consideration at this time, because it would be like building another residence hall. The students would not be as independent, it would cost more, and it would paralyze the community."

The college is also considering adding two additional houses so students have more of an opportunity to shop

around. "I feel that one of the reasons off-campus housing is becoming a problem," states Nichols, "is the fact that students are not shopping around. If students refuse to agree to live in a house then there is more chance that the house owner will improve the conditions, but as long as he can rent the house, changes are less likely to be made." Nichols is also considering the possibility of establishing a grievance board for off-campus housing, and strongly encourages students to voice their complaints to the Student Development Office.

Off-campus housing is a very beneficial aspect of Houghton life. However, if the issues of fire safety and other grievances are not addressed, the safety and well-being of the students who live in these houses may be in jeopardy.

# Houghton's Buffalo Interdisciplinary Program: "Coming of Age"

The Spring 1993 Buffalo Interdisciplinary Studies Program entitled **Buffalo: A Case Study In Urban Life** is undergoing changes from the first two years of its existence. It is designed to provide a different educational experience than is offered to students on Houghton's main campus. Professor Richard Eckley and Dr. Charles Massey are heading the program which focuses on multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, and urban life.

According to a proposal accepted by Houghton faculty, "It is designed to take full advantage of the proximity of the Buffalo Suburban Campus to the City of Buffalo . . . [three] courses will use the city as a classroom as well as learning resource." This is a new element to the program.

Dr. Clarence "Bud" Bence who will teach a religion course this spring, said, "There is a sense the program is coming of age — it is becoming institutionalized. It may fail." Dr. Bence was referring to the program transition since its designer and director Dr. Brian Sayers resigned from Houghton College at the end of last year. He said this year the program, "won't have the cohesiveness it did with Brian's skill in teaching and critical thinking." He added, "Everybody thought it wouldn't work, and in fact it did work for two years. That's what it takes — the vision of one person."

Dr. Sayers said in a Houghton Star

interview last winter, "I know I'm going to miss things, especially the Buffalo program. The Interdisciplinary program and the Oregon Extension are things I had to fight for, things worth fighting for, worth keeping at Houghton." Last year, Tami Marzolla wrote an essay in *The Star* about her experiences in the '91 program. She said Dr. Sayers, "pitched the program in his ethics class by listing the highlights: no tests, no chapel, Tuesdays and Thursdays off, townhouse living, cooking meals for ourselves, and the City of Buffalo." Houghton's Buffalo Suburban Campus is in West Seneca, New York, less than a quarter mile walk from a large plaza and a ten minute drive from Buffalo. She wrote, "The atmosphere at the 'Buffalo Campus' was less restricting . . . than the uptight atmosphere down here [on main campus]."

Alumni Eric Darling (HC '92) attended the program in '91 as well. He said, "The Buffalo Program was the best experience I've had at Houghton." He added, "I think college is a time to tear down your religion and tear down what you think; then build it again, because when you get into the real world, you don't have time to think about it. You have to work and pay the bills."

Instead of going to chapel, Buffalo students must volunteer at community agencies such as shelters, soup kitchens, or public theaters. Marzolla, who chose a shelter for abused women, wrote, "The

time I spent giving there spiritually uplifted me; I felt as if I were doing something for the Lord rather than sitting down piously wondering what I'm going to get from God."

This year, Dr. Massey will teach a class entitled **Leadership and Community Service**. This class will combine sixty hours of service with classroom study of the roles of faculty, staff, and students in addressing community needs.

Five interrelated classes will run for the entire semester. Faculty will have flexibility in scheduling in order to take advantage of learning opportunities that arise. Dr. Bence said, "We'll try to pace the semester so classes won't all peak at once." Classes will meet from one to three times a week and may vary each week in order to focus on 'peak' classes.

Students who participated in the past are concerned such a structure is too much like that of the main campus. In previous years classes were taught one after the other in three week segments, like during Mayterm. Senior, Jen Garrison said of her experience in Buffalo last spring, "the best part of the program was that you weren't being pulled in different directions. You focused on one class at a time."

Originally, classes were in seminar format guided by a professor, however, students spoke directly to each other, sharing ideas on material. Grades had been based mainly on class participation.

# A Question of Health

## A new service of the Houghton College Health Center and the Star.

Ever get that itch to ask a question but too embarrassed or simply don't know where to go for information? This column is designed to find good, factual information without these problems. Please send questions Inter-Campus, care-of Gail Smith at the Health Center.

Q: Does the Houghton Health Center have any services specifically designed for women?

A: Yes. Beginning November 11, 1992, Dionne Parker, N.P., will be available by appointment at the Health Center,

Wednesday and Friday afternoons for women with gynecological needs and/or concerns. Appointments are on a fee-for-service basis payable in cash at the appointment or billed through insurance.

Q: What, specifically, will be offered?

A: PAP SMEARS  
PREMARITAL EXAMS  
POSSIBLE YEAST OR OTHER INFECTIONS  
MENSTRUAL PROBLEMS  
POSSIBLE STD'S  
POSSIBLE PREGNANCY  
ANY OTHER

### GYNECOLOGICAL-ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS

Q: Is this confidential?

A: Yes, all our services are. Come in and give us your name, the nurse will meet with you privately in the office . . . be it a cold or an infection. We're interested in providing you with care and confidentiality.

Q: What if I have more questions or want an appointment?

A: Call the Health Center at ext. 438.

### "INTERDISCIPLINARY" CONT'D:

Students wrote journal entries, major papers, and presented group projects. No tests are given in the program, but the new teaching team will give quizzes and place less grading emphasis on group involvement.

This causes concern among previous Buffalo students. Christen Miller, a junior who attended last spring said, "It takes away from what the program was originally about. We didn't have the pressure of tests. It was that we wanted to learn and not that we had a test to study for. We learn just as much by doing papers if not more so. We put our thoughts on paper . . . how can you put that to a test?" Junior, Sharon Sylvester

added, "It encourages us not to stop thinking even after the class was over. It has made me care and stop being apathetic."

Dr. Bence called the '93 program "A different delivery package." He said they are looking for students who want to get away from the traditional academia and rural living at Houghton as well as those who want to study the city and urban culture via interdisciplinary classes.

Miller said she is concerned that the program is moving away from Dr. Sayers concept of teaching students that it is okay not to fit perfectly into the mainstream of things. She said he taught students how to interact with each other.

Three basic elements are reflected in the spring program this year: culture,

Political/economics, and worship. As well as teaching **Leadership and Community Service**, Dr. Massey will stress the political/economic scope in **Buffalo: Past, Present, and Future**. Dr. Bence will instruct **Religious Practices in a Multi Cultural Context** focusing on awareness of religious diversity. In **God and Modernity** professor Eckley will raise the question of faith. **Art and Culture in Buffalo** is geared to help students learn general truths about the importance of art and culture in social settings. This course will make use of Buffalo art galleries. Renown artist Judith Gibson of Buffalo will oversee it.

Only juniors and seniors with a GPA of 2.0 will be admitted to the program.

# Program on Sexual Assault To Be Offered

Sexual assault and sexual harassment reign in the media and everyday we are reminded of their existence . . . outside the Houghton community . . . here . . . in Houghton? A survey conducted a few weeks ago showed that 80 per cent of students here think no help in the areas of sexual assault and sexual harassment exist, 21 per cent know it does and 18 per cent are not sure.

It does. Help, I mean. The Sexual Assault Advisory committee is a Standing Committee of Houghton College comprised of faculty, staff and students committed to policy creation and implementation as well as education. The current members of the committee are Gail Smith, Gary Salvione, Rhea Reed, Ray Parlett, Tim Nichols, Joan McDonnell, Mike Lastoria, Sharon Givler, and Jen Garrison. We're currently re-working the original policies on sexual assault and sexual harassment, devising awareness and education

programs, developing formal and informal procedures, and concentrating on implementing a working system of information exchange.

When asked to where or to whom they would go if sexually harassed, women largely answered that they would go to friends and the counseling center for assistance. Men answered that they thought there would be no one who understood and that they would go to their mothers because, "I don't believe they [the administration] believes it can happen here," and "there are no real resources here to deal with it." When asked the same question on sexual assault women answered that they'd go to "that counseling thing over there," and largely said they'd seek help of campus because, "It's Christian and therefore too shocking and would be looked down upon." Men named Mike Lastoria and Dean Bence as their top choices along with their parents again.

The Committee is interested in dispelling the rumours of different departments on campus. The Counseling Center, Health Center and Student Development are willing and able to utilize the proper channels and maintain confidentiality (Counseling and Health professionals are held accountable for confidentiality) for situations that arise.

Tuesday and Thursday, November 17th and 19th, the Counseling Center is sponsoring a two-part program on **THE POWERFUL AND THE SUBTLE; MASS MEDIA AND ADVERTISING AT WORK** featuring Tuesday **RAPE CULTURE** with a video and panel discussion with a video and panel. Both will take place from 9:00 to 10:30 pm in the Campus Center Lounge.

If you have further questions about the committee or the program, please contact a committee member or the counseling center for further details.

## Senate Report

The Student Senate met on October 27, and November 10, 1992. Senators discussed and voted on student committee members, addressed proposals for allocation of special projects funds, and renovations to the campus center recreation room.

Each semester the senate allocates two thousand dollars to campus groups for special projects. Five groups have proposed uses for these funds.

The Willard J. Houghton Library asked for \$1,600 to purchase a second compact disk ROM player. The computer system allows people to access large volumes of information on compact disk. The library already has one which is primarily used to access periodical information for specific subjects and dates. If more systems are purchased, they could replace the periodical reference section of the library.

Students responsible for decorating the chapel for Christmas are requesting funds to purchase a twelve-foot artificial tree and ornaments.

The Education Department hopes Senate will offset telephone line costs for

the OpTel communication system. The Department is also asking for money to buy a new computer.

The equestrian farm needs \$1,500 to complete the outdoor jumping arena which was constructed last year.

The Class of 1993 is planning to erect a memorial to Paul Maxwell and Jim Frances. This tribute has not yet been planned but would be very costly. Support is being sought from senate.

The senate discussed whether to remove fifth-year senior James Treadwell from the Judiciary Committee. Senior Class Vice President Andrew Stevens urged senators to nominate more students to campus committees. Senators are concerned

## uff-da!

If you haven't figured it out I'm trying to get you to think about things we take for granted or seldom think about. I am trying to maintain a balance between controversial and practical issues. Heck, I think the practical issues are more controversial because we can actually change ourselves, and change is never easy. This week I am going to attempt to explore the topic of love.

God is the origin of love, God is love. When we are in God we are in love. But what does it mean to be in God or in love, and how do you go about doing that? I can not fathom the depths of God's love for me, you, or everyone. God loves me as much as he loves the hooker on the boulevard and the homosexual at war with himself. His love is unconditional and "neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord," Romans 8:38-39. These are some of the most humbling and liberating words I have ever read. There is nothing I can do to

stop God from loving me. Praise the Lord, he is so good and I really don't deserve his love for I fail so often. Because I do nothing to deserve his love I am humbled by it.

This is all well and fine but how does this apply to me where I am at now? I don't have the answer; I'm still looking for it myself. I do know that God has given me an example in how he loves me. Maybe I should start loving in his way (i.e. unconditionally, selflessly, unselfishly, without expecting a return). Maybe we could all try to love in this fashion. Maybe we should take a look at our motivations and ask ourselves why we are acting in a certain way. Am I doing this out of love for God or because I love me? It is not wrong to do things for ourselves; however, it is wrong to love ourselves or anything else more than God. God must be on the throne, but I have a hard time keeping him there in my life.

I wonder how many of you have read with your beloved the passage in I Corinthians 13:4-7, and said how well your relationship emulated those qualities. I admit I've done it myself,

and I also admit that I am only beginning to learn how to love in that fashion. I have told two girls while in dating relationships (not at the same time mind you) that I loved them, and I lied both times. What I told the first one was that I really liked kissing her, and to the second one it just seemed the next step to take in the relationship. Did I mean those words? Not no, but HECK NO! Was I ashamed? You better believe I was. Will I do it again? Not until I really love. I was buying into the world's definition of love and not God's. Please be careful with those three little words that carry so much meaning. When you go to say "I love you" think of God's love for you and his sacrifice for you and consider if that is really what you mean to say. Don't love with your words; love with your actions. We need to learn how to love each other. When the world looks to Christians for answers and sees bickering and hate instead of love we have failed them, God, and ourselves. In order to love each other we must first love God above all else. Go in grace and know that God loves you and I'm trying to.

### Senate Report cont.

that not enough student diversity is represented on campus committees.

According to the senate constitution, removing a student from a committee requires a vote in two meetings. Senators voted to remove Treadwell on October 27th, but upheld his position on Tuesday.

Campus Chaplain Bil Mann reported from the Chapel Committee. He said Dean of Christian Life and Ministry, Bence will head the committee starting

in January. Starting next year, special groups will need to reserve a chapel service; they will no longer be automatically scheduled.

Jen Garrison, Maurice Glick, and Anna Triggs were elected to the women and minorities committee.

Phil Ginter reported that students commuting to Houghton have formed a group to address common problems. At their first meeting last week they discussed parking problems, and a possible commuter lounge.

Ginter and Student Development

Council members met with Houghton College Trustees last month to discuss the college's strengths and weaknesses. The group discussed the two million dollars the college has earmarked for a projected eight million dollar fine arts building.

Treasurer, Isaac Ball reported that Student Senate has a deficit of \$4,957.88 and the Campus Activities Board has a deficit of \$146.

The next senate meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, November 17, at 8:00 in the Trustees Dining Room.

## Women's Volleyball Finishes Regular Season 13-3

Last Saturday, the Women's volleyball team played to end their regular season with a record of 26-5. This leaves them with a 13-3 record in district 18 of the NAIA, and in second place going into the semifinals for districts. (Seton Hill finished first)

Out of the nine teams in district 18, the top six will go on to the district 18 play offs which will begin on Saturday November 14. Houghton (2), and Seton Hill (1) will both get by's on Saturday, while the sixth place team of La Roche will play the number three seed Westminster at Westminster, and the number five seed, Carlow, will play number four seed St. Vincent there. The winners of these two matches will go on to Seton Hill the following Saturday where Seton Hill will play the winner of the La Roche and Westminster game, and Houghton will play the winner of the Carlow-St. Vincent game. The winners of these games will play later in the day on Saturday to determine who the district champions will be.

After that, the district champions will go on to Bi-Districts and play the winner from District 28 (West Virginia). The winner of that match goes on to Nationals at Point Lowa Nazarene in San Diego California for the regional title.

As far as the teams chances go, Coach Lord says "It's tough to call. The district is really close this year." All four teams involved in the play offs have won one and lost one to their respective adversaries, and "on a good day, anyone of the four could win."

Houghton does face some obstacles as they move on into playoffs however. Becca Pfifer, one of this years top recruits has injured her knee, and will be

unable to play for at least three weeks. On top of that, the teams star middle hitter, and probably the best in the district, senior Christie Brown has strep throat and has been tremendously sick. She is currently on medication and will be unable to start practicing again (slowly) until Wednesday. If she does come back on Wednesday said coach Lord, she will still only be at 80% by Saturdays game. "The key," says Lord "will be whether or not Christie will be able to come back strong for the games." They do however have Noelle Gurley who has stepped in for Becca, and done a great job. "She has really risen to the challenge" says Lord. Sherri Lankford, who is probably one of the best outside hitters in the league according to coach Lord, will have to carry some of the load on Saturday, but Lord said he feels that the girls are more than capable of rising to the challenge.

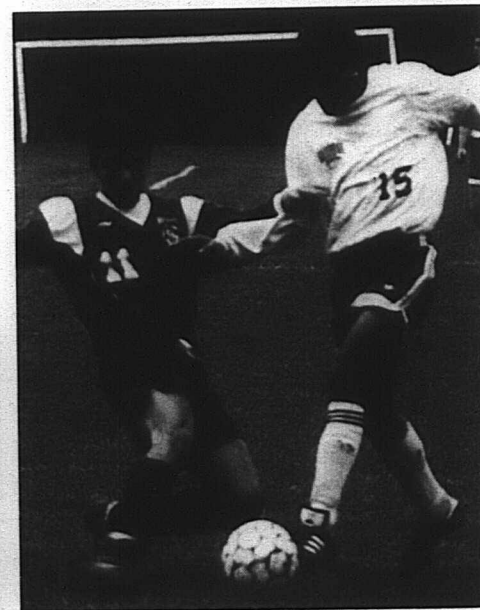


## Men's Soccer goes to Area's

Despite freezing temperatures, Houghton men's soccer fans were faithful in their support on November 7 as their team took on the St. Vincent Bearcats.

The faithful spectators were not disappointed either as the Highlanders overtook the St. Vincent team 5-0. Goals were scored by Randy Levack, Dan Dominguez, Andy Doell, and Andy Tressler.

This semi-final game advanced the men's team on to the Area VIII play offs. They will head for West Virginia on November 13-14 for play offs. Their



success there will determine whether or not they will go on to the National NAIA Championship game in Texas later in the month.

"Despite our record, compared to last year, I feel we have a better team and a greater chance of advancing in the tournament because we are better prepared both mentally and physically," says senior midfielder Steve Hughes.

## Women's Soccer Plays in Districts For First time Since 1985

Last Saturday, the Houghton Women's soccer team traveled to Geneva College for District Play offs. Though they were eliminated in the first round, the women ended their overall season with a record of 8-9, which is the best in women's soccer history since 1985 when it was 8-8-1.

This year's trip to Districts was only the second one ever in the history of Houghton women's soccer. As for the teams other accomplishments; coach Lewis says that defensively the women allowed the fewest shots by opponents ever, keeping it down to an average of 12 per game, and only allowing an average of 1.5 goals per game.

Overall, Lewis says that he is happy with the way the team performed this season, and the fact that he accomplished his goal of improving the team by building on what they had last year. As for the goals that the team set during pre-season, the ladies came through here as well by scoring above 500 and by making it into the playoffs.

As far as the women of the team are concerned, "coach Lewis has really

During Saturdays game against St. Vincent's, Houghton Highlander Randy Levack scored his twentieth goal, thus tying the all time record for goals in one season, and earlier in the season, Dan Dominguez became the college's all time assist leader.

The Highlanders ended regular season play with a record of 14-4-1.



turned the team around. He helped bring the talents of the team together, instead of letting us work as individuals. It helped bring us together by seeing it work on the field," says co-captain Jenny Smith. "Coach Lewis has done a really good job working with us and recruiting. His focus emphasizes play for God," according to co-captain Karen Peese. It

seems that this emphasis on playing for God, and trying to witness through the way you treat your team mates, and the players you face from the other team has been an important part in the success and unity of the women's team.

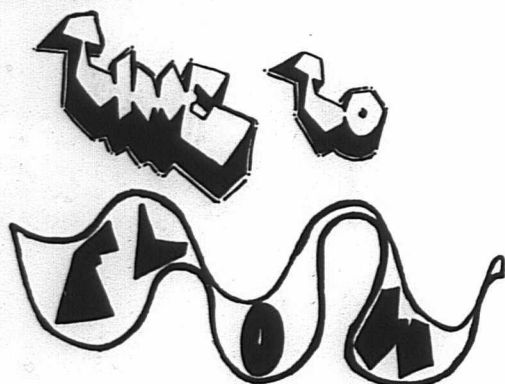
Unfortunately, this year the team will lose twelve of its players as they graduate. According to coach Lewis however, the team has a good nucleus of young players and he hopes to have a strong recruiting year. The biggest problem that he sees is that the team will lose their goalkeeper senior Bonnie Patterson, and there are no other players on the team right now to fill the position. Patterson had no doubt however that "they (the team) will have a good base, and will be solid for next years season."

Individual accomplishments were numerous this year. Senior goalkeeper Bonnie Patterson set a new record for the most shutouts ever - 6, and achieved a career shutout goal of eleven. Senior Tricia Atkinson tied for second in number of career goals (25), and Heidi Gugler was the leading scorer for the team with thirteen goals, and six assists.



# Column

Frazzle Bailey



QUOTE: Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive.  
-Shakespeare

Imagine your very close friend Iashea has lied to you about herself. You find out because another friend Jamheel, somewhat close to you and very close to Iashea, has unknowingly revealed it to you. It seems that Iashea had no intention of telling you the truth about the situation. Iashea and you have been friends for years and have shared dark hidden secrets about each other from the beginning of your friendship.

Why did she lie to you? Did she lie because she did not want you to know?

Or did she lie because she does not trust you with the information?

Have you been the only one to tell the truth about yourself all along? How much of what she has already told you is fact and how much is fiction? By always trusting your friend Iashea with the absolute truth about yourself, have you assumed wrongly that she would do the same for you? Were you wrong to believe that your friendship was built on trust, a trust that you feel has now been broken or at least corroded by a lie that your very close friend has felt she needed to tell you? Can you trust her with information about yourself as you have in the past? If Iashea cannot trust

you with information about herself, then can you still consider yourself as close a friend as you once believed yourself to be?

Maybe she lied because she did not want you to know. Is not wanting you to know something the same as not trusting you? Is trust that important that if lost, the friendship loses a degree or several degrees of "closeness"? Is trust that valuable a brick in the foundation of a friendship that if it is lost the entire friendship is in jeopardy? Are not respect, love, commitment, patience, kindness, gentleness, and compassion of equal importance as bricks in a foundation as trust is? If any of these qualities are lost is the friendship in such great jeopardy as when trust is lost? If she didn't want you to know would her reason(s) for lying effect how much trust is lost, if any? Do you withhold your friendship because of one lie? Can you still be friends?

That's for you to find out for yourself!

peace,  
frazzle

p.s. props to C. Brown for helping me write this one.

## X-Country Team Wisconsin Bound

On October 16, Houghton's Cross-Country team travelled to Westminster college to participate in District 18 Championships.

Both the men and womens teams went in as defending champs, and Naomi Castellani went in as the defending womens champion.

Though they were winning a mile and a half into the race, the women's team ended up finishing second to a "pretty good" Geneva squad. Naomi was successful in defending her championship title coming in first, with Heather George coming in just behind her in second. Both women will go on

to Nationals on November 21.

The men ran against a strong Geneva team, and coach Smalley was not sure that they could defend the championship title. They did just that however, and ended up tying with Geneva for a Co-Championship title. The top runner for the men's race was Houghton's own Kenly Perry, followed by Houghton's Tim Thurber. Both Houghton and Geneva will go on to Nationals in Wisconsin on November 21.

Several personal records were set at the district meet, and coach Smalley has high expectations for this years National competition. "Nationals are tough

because they are five weeks after Districts, it is hard to keep the focus, and stay in condition," says Smalley. However, he also says that he thinks the team has a better chance this year than in the past three.

Even though they don't have speed runners, Smalley hopes that the men will pack it in and score to place somewhere in the top 30-35 teams. As for the women, Smalley feels that either of them could be the All-American.

The team will leave for Wisconsin on November 19, compete in the National meet on the 21st, and return home on the 22nd.

# Fruits, Nuts, and Berries

"I've heard my mother tell people that when I was two or thereabouts, I picked up a potato beginning to spoil from the kitchen bin and said thoughtfully and with tender concern, 'tato has a hurt place.' I guess we all have our hurt places. I used to get them a lot on my knees. I'm actually proud of the ones I get in Football practice. And now that I'm thirteen I seem to get them more on my heart. Sometimes I feel that the Negro in our society is just one big hurt place from having been buffeted about and bruised for 300 years. I am sorry for my poor dad when my mother gets angry at him for some awkward unawareness and shouts, 'You're the most untuned-in person I've ever known.' This speaks of two hurt places, his and hers. It seems to me that men are not, by nature, as tuned-in as women, or it may be that it's mothers I mean. What I am sure of is that we all need to be more tuned in, tuned in to the needs and feelings of other people, and other peoples, with less VOLUME of concern on our own hurt places." -Douglas Neil Rader, age 13, United States

I went to a party the other night. Things were going well until I screwed

up and referred to my black sister as a "beautiful dark woman." She took offense. I retreated and left shortly thereafter and, not knowing her name, have not spoken again with her. Her hurt spot gave birth to mine. If we were to sit down and talk she would learn from me that I think of people as being on a continuum. . . the only difference is placement on the continuum. If we were to sit down and talk I would know why she took offense.

But we haven't. She, no doubt, thinks of me as an ignorant racist, and I think of her as offended by me.

Communication is so very, very important. And too few of us are communicating. I too am guilty. I could have initiated the conversation that we need to have. I didn't. Of course, there are many of these things happening everyday. Some begin as innocently as mine situation and others begin before anyone opens their mouth.

For example, if you were to judge me solely on my appearance, you would come up with a considerably different view than I about who I am. My appearance is based on a series of practical decisions that haplessly leads to

my identification with a sub-culture I have never been a part of. I grew out my bangs because I like to have my hair out of the way. I bought a pair of Birkenstocks<sup>R</sup> because they're the most comfortable shoes in the world. I wear black because it's difficult to soil. I have four reasons for not wearing makeup: 1) I like my face and neck to match, 2) It just gives me zits, 3) I can use the extra hour of sleep, 4) I want to be known for my personality. I don't particularly care for the Grateful Dead, the only crystal I own are a couple of wine glasses, my car is only one color and sports no flowers, and I'm not only a capitalist, but a registered Republican.

You won't know any of these things unless you sit and talk with me. You'll probably make incorrect assumptions which will put us both where assumptions do. (Or, at least at odds.)

The next time you catch yourself saying, "I think she's ..." or, "I'll bet that he..." or whatever generalization that is about to roll off your tongue, go talk to that person. Then you'll know for sure. And I will talk to my beautiful black sister so that she no longer views me as a racist hippie.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors:

During my time in the Caribbean on a missions trip, I went shopping with one of the national Christians. In a card shop there was a card with a mid-eighteenth century picture of a nude woman on the front. I viewed the card as a work of art, but my Aruban brother was offended. He was much too polite to tell me that I was condoning pornography, but I could see that some of the respect he had

toward me as an American eroded. My witness for Jesus was also weakened.

I have a weakness. I enjoy dancing, and come from a home where dancing is enjoyed as a family activity. Because of this lifelong conditioning, if I am not careful, I begin to dance when I hear music. At Houghton there have been three times when I disregarded the pledge and danced on campus. Most recently, at the Frogs concert in Fancher Hall, Saturday night.

Dancing really isn't the issue for me. What concerns me is my disregard for the Pledge that I signed when I entered Houghton. A few weeks ago I stood on

the Chapel stage and shared how much I have grown as a Christian at Houghton, and encouraged others to follow the Lord in a deeper way. By my willingness to break the Pledge I discredited the testimony of Jesus to some of the people at that concert who find dancing a matter of weakness.

Maybe someone reading feels that dancing is really sin. If I have caused you to stumble, I am sorry. It is important to remember that Paul told us to be all things for all people in order to win some. I don't want my rule-breaking to hurt the walk of one of my brothers and sisters in Christ.

# Letters

to the Editor

Dear Editor:

About the election: I was disappointed. About the effigy: I was sickened. I believe very strongly that time will vindicate this campus's aversion to President-elect Bill Clinton, I have no doubt that a little time will make evident the unfortunate mistake that our nation has made. But in the meantime I'm more disappointed in the hatred mongers and toads of fear on this campus than I am disappointed in the fools that elected the object of this hatred. I don't want to have anything to do with anyone who participated in or knowingly approved of the hanging of President-elect Bill Clinton in effigy or in the lowering of our nation's flag. When I saw that effigy on the bitter morning-after, my stomach turned. I was revolted and I just remember thinking that this should not happen in this nation, and never on this campus. It made me feel ill.

First of all, as a dedicated Republican I'll make no secret of my support for President Bush or distaste for President-elect Clinton. But my first allegiance is to our remarkable democracy and to the nation as a whole, not to any individual or political figure. I believe very strongly that as the chosen and popularly elected leader of the most powerful nation in the world, President-elect Clinton is due a respect that this campus has not given him. I've been very disappointed by the things I've heard said about him, by things I've said about him. If we do believe as strongly as our emotions indicated that the office of President is important then let's be consistent and give the respect we have for the office to the man that we as a nation put in it.

And secondly, as a Christian I'm livid. The people who hung President-elect Clinton in effigy and lowered our community's flag compromised our community's Christian witness and my individual witness as a member of this community. I do believe that there are

good reasons for a Christian to be upset about the outcome of the election, but if there is some solution it's to be found in prayer. And how can I pray for Clinton when I'm hanging him in effigy in my living room? There is no room for a hypocrisy this vile in the body of Christ. I don't know about "a vote for Bill Clinton," but that act of hatred was certainly a sin against God. I cannot see the humor in it, I will not laugh at it, and I will never tolerate it.

Now, like it or not, and most of us don't, Bill Clinton is our next President. And if we love our country and love our neighbors we will support him with the sort of grace that President Bush exhibited. We will pray for him and guard his dignity for our nation's sake. But at the same time, if the outcome was not to your liking, I would challenge you not to abandon the democratic process, and challenge you not to participate in such futile expressions of your puny hatred. Start working now to see that things are different in four years.

Joel Tom Tate

To the Editor;

SHUT UP AND DANCE. What is this all about? For as long as I have been at Houghton I have heard students asking the question, "Why can't we dance?" However, I do not believe that I have ever heard a definitive answer to this question. Of course maybe students don't really care if they can dance or not, but from conversations I have heard recently I believe that there are students who want to dance. Is there need to examine the issue of dancing? Frankly, I don't know. I am well aware of my position and the positions of some other students, but I have any idea as to what the majority of students feel.

SHUT UP AND DANCE. For over

three years I have heard talk about whether or not dancing should be allowed at Houghton. To be perfectly frank, I am tired of it. Students complain they want to be able to dance. If you could care less about your personal integrity and the fact that you have agreed to abide by the Pledge then by all means SHUT UP AND DANCE. On the other hand if you are interested in seeing a policy change you have to make your voice known. Start a petition, stop in the Student Senate Office, let your opinion be known if you want to see change occur.

Of course dancing (and the Pledge in general) is by no means the only issue the Student Senate needs to hear your opinion about. Issues such as housing, campus safety, the condition of the rec room, handicap accessibility, and food

service are also items we would love to hear from you about.

Phill Ginter

**SHUT  
UP  
AND  
DANCE.**

## Medema to Give Concert

Ken Medema will be in concert at Wesley Chapel on Sunday, November 22 at 6:30 pm. He also will visit Houghton's campus periodically throughout the year as an adjunct faculty professor. Ken is a blind musician, composer, and songwriter. Alone on the stage with a grand piano, two state-of-the-art synthesizers and an electronic percussion machine, Ken creates a flood of sound that entertains, inspires, and informs. The following excerpted article reveals who Medema is and what motivates him.

In his twenty years of musical experience, the blind musician has used his creative insight to entertain and touch millions of people all over the world.

Born blind, Medema did not let the darkness of his blindness darken his mind. He used what little sight he had to dream dreams and imagine things that have not entered the minds of many sighted people.

Medema brings these dreams into his music, singing songs that challenge his listeners to nurture their imagination. He challenges Christians to be authentic and

truthful in everything they do, and truly to be a light to the world. He also challenges people to get out of their comfort zones and minister to those who are the outcasts.

Q: What started you playing the piano?

A: I started banging on the piano when I was five years old, making up crazy little fantasies on my mom's piano. They got me a wonderful teacher when I was eight years old who taught me the classics, but she also taught me to improvise.

Q: You have a heart for people, especially those who are outcasts, or different. What do you attribute this to?

A: Part of it could be the fact that I am blind. I was a kid who was not widely accepted and I have some sense of what its like for other kids to leave you and not play with you. Because I worked in a hospital, with really messed up kids, that started me having a sense of wanting to sing for the cause of people who got left out.

Q: What did you do as a music therapist?

A: I used music and music activities with disabled people as part of their rehabilitation. For example, I used

musical activities such as singing, dancing, and games as a way of putting them in touch with each other, as a way of bringing some reality contact. With impaired people, musical activities are a way of developing motor coordination.

Q: What is the one thing you feel called to do?

A: My calling is to try and be something like an authentic person, and try to figure out who I am, why I exist, what in the world God wants of me. In front of an auditorium or a classroom, the calling is to simply be that authentic person, express that person as best as I know how. If who I am and who I am trying to be reaches or touches someone, and causes them to want to get closer to people or to God, that's well and good. Our calling is to be authentic persons - to be honest, truthful, communicative, loving, kind, considerate, gentle, brave, daring, just, and bold. People watch us, and if they are led to God by watching us, that is great!

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## Life With Mother Presented at Houghton

The Houghton College Drama Department will present Clarence Day's *Life With Mother* November 19-21 in Woolsey Auditorium. The three evening performances begin at 8:00 pm and a Saturday matinee will be at 2:00 pm.

This delightful comedy, based on the stories of Clarence Day, was adapted by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse and followed the famous *Life With Father*. Most of the familiar figures are here as their characteristic selves: Mother, Father, their four sons, and eight other interesting characters. This play shows

the Day family in their summer home entertaining friends and relatives. The plot involves Mother's attempt to provide an engagement ring for one of the boys, who wants it for his fiancée. Though it happens that the engagement is of short duration, the desire for a ring is almost irresistible. Mother, never having had an engagement ring of her own, determines to get one.

The sixteen-member cast includes the following students: Tim Crosby - Father; R.J. Garrison - Whitney; Scott See - Harlan; Bill Hinman - John; Tate

Smith - Margaret; David Newton - Clarence; Hans Hinterkopf - Michael; Joelle Williams - Vinnie; Lina Saavedra - Bridget; Lori Kegg - Hazel; Heidi Werner - Bessie Fuller; Katherine Turner - Mrs. Willoughby; Mike Holub - Clyde Miller; Renee Dillon - Cora; Julie Wheeler - Kathleen; Andrew Hall - Dr. Humphreys.

Bruce Brenneman, director, is assisted by David Newton. David Dlugose is set designer, assisted by Michelle Crosby.

Tickets will go on sale Monday, November 16. General admission is \$4.00, with a student rate of \$3.00. Matinee price is \$1.50. Tickets may be reserved by calling ext. 557.

# Stars Past

During the "unique" 1970's even the **Star** got downright funky. As it experimented with its new tabloid format in 1973, covers ranged from the "tie dye" look you see here, to flowers and falling leaves.

One feature that the **Star** of 1973 contained which the current publication does not, is a section of fiction prose and poetry. One poem entitled "Reading the Last Battle" read, "Stepping through the stable door/ into Paradise./ I suddenly remembered I had curlers in my hair./ excused myself./ and went to bed." Another entitled "Listen People! We Have Misunderstood Winter!" read, in part, "In the distance/ Charlie Brown beats/ his roundest of heads/ On the trunk of a tree./ His stomach hurts./ Tut, tut; Lucy and the Meteorologists/ Such a waste of good heads." These poems could only make sense to students of the '70's.

For sports fans the November 16, 1973 **Star** contained some very unique and exciting news. "Victory!" declared the cover, with a photo of smiling H.C. soccer players holding a large trophy. They had beaten Fredonia, the only team to have beaten them during the regular season, to win the division title. They won, however, in a remarkable way. At the end of regulation play the score was deadlocked at 0-0. Finally, 16 overtime periods later, Danny Woods' shot beat the Fredonia goalie into the left corner of the net, giving Houghton the 1-0 victory. The win came after a grueling 166 minutes and 24 seconds of play! Speaking of the post-game celebration the **Star** stated, "rumor has it that Coach

Burke smiled all the way home."

Other outstanding sports teams included women's volleyball. A photo of the team was captioned, "The women's volleyball squad, revealing



precision, verve and gargantuan size has compiled an impressive 6-1 record so far this year." I'm not sure how the team responded to being called "gargantuan."

A member of the cross country team found opportunity to complain to the **Star** about its lack of cross country coverage. "It's about time that the **Star** began covering every sport adequately. . . I know what it feels like to play under the shadow of SOCCER!" Apparently, not everyone was enthusiastic about the performance of the 1973 men's soccer team.

Appropriately, the letters to the editor section of the publication was entitled "Flak and Feedback." Letters discussed the usual Houghton concerns such as chapel attendance and the problem of how a student can reconcile Christianity with intercollegiate competition. Just as we observe in current issues, 20 years later, writers are often critical of opinions presented in the **Star**.

In the May 11 issue of 1973, a section entitled "News Briefs" contained the following story. "Sears Roebuck announced today that in the summer of 1973 they will begin extensive new tests of their steel-belted radial tires in a location demanding far more of the tires than was required of them in previous years. The roads of the Allegany County hamlet of Houghton have been selected for the tests from a spectrum of possibilities ranging from the tundra of northern Canada to the riverbed of the Grand Canyon. 'The location selected,' a spokesman said, 'guaranteed by far the most comprehensive evaluation of our steel-belted radial to date.' In past years Sears has tested their tires in brutal auto races traversing the Baja Peninsula, East Africa, and the Acropolis of Athens. These races were generally considered to be the most torturous treatment an automobile could stand for an extended period of time. Now, with the discovery of the Houghton roadways, there are rumors that a fourth great endurance contest may be founded." When it comes to the roads of Houghton, obviously, little has changed in the past 20 years.