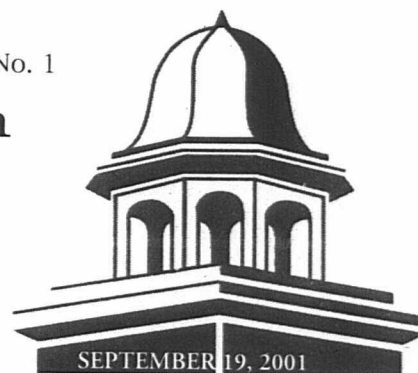


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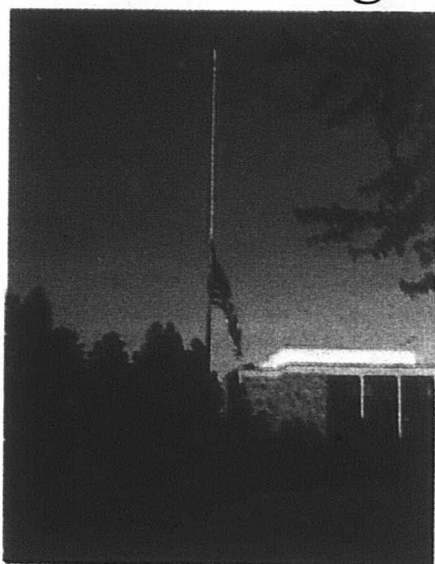


Campus mourns national tragedy

Stephanie Smith

During the confusion and horror of this past week, Houghton as a community has been blessed. The bonding of friends and acquaintances, teachers and students together in prayer for the tragedy has given a peace to many. For those who are still hurting, mourning, and questioning, the counseling center is open, as well as the hearts and prayers of others. "It is often helpful for people to just be with one another during times of crises. Saying the 'right' words isn't the most important thing, being connected to people close to you is more important," said Dr. Michael Lastoria, Director of Counseling Services. We are all truly blessed to be here during this time of tragedy and have the chance to come together in a campus community like we have here.

Those at the Star are deeply remorseful for those directly affected and their now altered lives. Houghton as a college and community will keep everyone in prayer, including those who are less affected but still have felt the rippling effects of this tragedy. The whole



college is very shaken by the loss, and The Student Government Association has already sent letters of remorse and hope to the Secretary of Defense and New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani. In the letters the SGA indicated Houghton's willingness and eagerness to help

do what we can. Everyone who waited hours in line to give blood on Wednesday is greatly appreciated, and those who couldn't make it still have an opportunity to give. On October 6th a blood drive will be held in the campus center to replenish the blood supply. Everyone is encouraged to give blood in order to help those who are in need.

Giving blood seems somewhat insignificant in comparison to what has happened, but it is a very important task. This need must be met. At this time to drop out of school and head down to the rubble and horror to offer our service is not a reality for many, no matter how burdened we feel. Houghton College students and faculty must channel eagerness and service to help the misfortunate in a different way. We must look into our own backyard; let us not forget that injustice is everywhere. We cannot allow ourselves to let our hands be tied because we can't help in New York City or Washington, DC, but we may serve as we can. Organizations like Allegheny County Outreach, Evangelicals for Social Action, and Habitat for Humanity are

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Record enrollment causes growing pains

Glen Benedict

"There isn't an enrollment record we haven't broken this year," says Vice-President of Enrollment Management Tim Fuller. The number of new students has reached 433, including 360 first-year students. But is the type of record-smashing enrollment going to be isolated to this and last year, or is this the start of a long-term development? Tim Fuller thinks the latter. "There is no logical reason to say that this is going to be a blip, as opposed to a trend. Enrollment at Christian colleges had risen in the past decade, so maybe we're riding the wave a little late. The states that supply most of our students are projecting a very high number of high-school graduates for the next four to five years."

With the surplus of students, many have been asking questions about the increasing cost of tuition. Tim Fuller is careful to point out that, in the twenty-seven years he has been affiliated with the institution, including four as a student, tuition has gone up every year but one. The reasons for the increases this year stem from the increased costs of energy, the enormous raises in the costs for healthcare premiums for faculty and staff, and unforeseen expenditures, such as last spring's flood.

Houghton is extremely dependant on tuition to cover costs; tuition accounts for about 85% of expenditures. This is very different than state universities, which depend on tuition for about 15% of costs and use tax dollars for the rest.

With so many new students, the Office of Student Life, which handles the housing for the college, has been feeling pressure since February to keep a balance between making sure that there was enough housing for freshmen and sophomores, and using the available space to house juniors and seniors interested in CLOs. Denise Bakerink, Director of Student Life, believes that her office was much more prepared this year than the last to handle such a large number of students.

"The extra sixty-three beds in the new townhouses really helped out," Bakerink states. Right now, there are five triples in Lambien, two triples in South Hall, and thirteen quads in East Hall. The quads in East are in rooms originally designed to hold four students, so those aren't a major concern for the Student Life department at this point. A panel has been set up to debate the merits of new housing for underclassmen, including the

possibility of a new dorm. The panel includes college staff from Admissions, Student Life, and Financial Services, as well as representatives from the student body.

Bakerink, along with Tim Fuller and others, had originally planned to build six new townhouses, but broadened the scope of the project when accurate projections indicated a larger incoming freshman than 2000's record-setting class. As for the future, Bakerink believes that next year will see a shift in pressure from housing for first-years and sophomores to a demand for more off-campus housing opportunities. "There is always a demand for housing with an 'apartment' feel - cooking facilities and internet access are big priorities, and there are not a lot of those available right now. We are beginning talk about the feasibility of construction during the summer for those types of buildings." At this time the housing may be a bit "squished" for some of the freshmen, but hopefully changes through the summer will provide relief for the housing problems that look to continue as enrollment continues to increase.

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Rosa Gerber

For the past week, newspapers and most television stations have focused on the tragic events that happened on Tuesday, September 11th. Planes crashed into and leveled each of the World Trade Centers in New York City; another plane crashed into a corner and a collapsed a section of the Pentagon in Washington, DC; and a fourth plane crashed in rural Pennsylvania. Rescue workers have been working non-stop in hopes of finding survivors, while investigators search for clues as to who is responsible for the terrorist attack.

During the weekend, America started burying the first of its dead. In New York City, 184 bodies had been found, most be-

ing only body parts, with 94 bodies officially identified. Medical examiners and morgue workers attempt to identify other bodies by scars, ID cards, jewelry, clothing, and fingerprints, as the number of bodies exceeds the morgue's storage capacity and most are taken to overflow sites. Officials fear most will only be identified through DNA testing. Thousands of family members fill out extensive forms in an effort to find their missing loved ones. The current missing persons count is almost 5,000.

In Washington, DC, the death count is 189 people. Officials say it will take days to recover the bodies that remain buried at the crash site. Reports also state that plans are being made to reconstruct all of the fallen buildings, including the Pentagon and the twin World Trade Centers.

While many of the United States' Arab-American and Muslim

populations are feeling the backlash from the terrorist attacks, Secretary of State Colin Powell announced that Osama bin Laden is the prime suspect. Saturday at Camp David, Maryland, President George W. Bush met with his Cabinet, advisors, and Vice-President Dick Cheney. "We're at war," President Bush said. "There's been a war declared on America by terrorists." He also warned Americans that this would be a long, brutal battle against terrorism and the potential sacrifices involved.

Trying to build an international coalition against terrorism, President Bush spoke with several world leaders and already has the backing of NATO. Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf vowed to support the United States' efforts and comply with the United Nations' Security Council decisions. President

Pervez closed Pakistan's border with Afghanistan, as did Iran, and gave the United States permission to use Pakistani airspace and to base international military forces. President Bush would not comment on specific steps of action, but sources say options range from bombings to ground troops.

Mullah Mohammed Omar, the Supreme Leader of the Taliban that controls Afghanistan, announced that Afghans were prepared for war and would battle any nation aiding the United States in retaliation efforts. The Taliban rulers have sheltered Osama bin Laden since 199, and he uses Afghanistan as his base of operations. Supreme Leader Omar stated that the attack on his country would not be on bin Laden but the religion of Islam, turning the possible future fights into a Holy War for his people.

The Sound of Silence

Joshua Zeifle

The events of the past few days have weighed heavy upon our nation. Arguably the most tumultuous of our lives, they have led us through shock, grief, and anger—a journey that assuredly will be with us as long as we live. Our nation exhibited these emotions collectively—from an American President nearly brought to tears in a news conference to the blank stares of those watching the unthinkable occur on every television to the silent rage of many who rail against this attack. More than this, we find ourselves in the predicament of wanting to do something but having no idea where to begin. Ultimately, it is a feeling of helplessness that makes us frantic in the face of all the images, news reports, radio announcements, and innumerable discussions that confront and surround us in a worldwind of noise.



Americans and Houghtoners alike feel this way, yet they do not rightly deserve the guilt they may cast upon themselves. The prayers, the encouragement, the concern, and the various and plentiful donations from all corners have helped in ways that cannot be comprehended. We, like many in our country, may not be able to engage in specific or tangible tasks of relief but we are both able and have been pursuing those activities of aid within our calling. In this,

Houghton is to be commended for what it has done to help and what I am convinced it will rise to do in coming days. There will be new ways for us to act in the near future, and I ask that you would answer the call when it comes. But let us not be frantic in on the quad, not with noise or confusion, but in silence. As we joined that day in silent prayer to God and as we allowed to Him to speak to us, the utter lack of noise after a week infused with it spoke to the power of the Almighty to calm and direct the direst and most uncontrollable of situations. In end, I offer this: let us act resolutely, let us take time to mourn and grieve, and let us realize that confusion and pain are an unfortunate part of our world that we cannot avoid, but let us never fail to recognize that bringing ourselves in silence before God may be what He desires for us at this point and in this time in our lives.

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organizations in our area who are reaching out to the needy right here. These organizations are a wonderful way to channel our pain and to make a difference in someone's life.

Houghton administration has done a great job in keeping us updated through the television in the campus center and the support that is being offered by all. The SGA is discussing the option of setting up a forum to help answer one question that many students and faculty are asking: what should our reaction be?

Let us remember to keep in prayer those of our community who have already been called into duty. Paul Stempert, a maintenance worker here at the College, has left to take his duty as an Air National Guardsman. Student Vincent Charron has also been called to serve with the Army, and as Rosario Picardo waits on standby may we all pray for God's will.

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Students welcomed by minor changes on campus

Melisande Richardson

It's been two weeks since the campus has regained its student population. Surely the returning students have noticed some physical changes on and around campus. Examples of this might be construction to the Wesley Chapel's west side, an addition of nine townhouse units, and a steel bridge located on the north side of South Hall. To inform the students of the specifics of these constructions as well as some that might take effect in the future, vice president of finance, Jeff Spear, politely agreed to a mini interview via telephone.

Beginning with the modifications to Wesley Chapel, Spear says the chapel "needed to be upgraded to fit the standards for handicap/wheelchair accessibility. In doing this the entrance to the west side of the chapel is formed by connecting the parking lot to the building, which forms a sidewalk.

"We needed to curve the sidewalk to be able to enter near stage and immediately to the left. Once inside, there is a lift to provide access to the onstage platform," commented Spear. Most students do not know of the two bathrooms located at either corner of the backstage, but these were also amended with larger doorways for upstairs access for those in wheelchairs. Spear summed up the main reason for



the new steel bridge near South Hall

these repairs with, "Our wheelchair patrons' onstage participation is as important as it is off-stage."

Located somewhat behind Wesley Chapel is Burke Field, the college's outdoor sports arena. No changes will be made to the field at this moment, but there has been talk of adding a Burke Field parking lot. Near the bleachers facing Route 19, gravel would be placed alongside the road and up the hill. Pending approval from the department of New York transportation,

"an apron of paving will be placed on this gravel for parking as well as some lighting fixtures," Spear anticipates.

Another minor change on campus concerns the voice mail system. Spear explains, "Last year's system was a DOS based system and it broke down. For instance, parents would call and be greeted by the 'welcome to Houghton College' prompt three or four times before being sent directly to the students' voice mailbox. Basically, it was what I call

voice mail jail."

For the future Spear has some ideas up his sleeve. One such idea is the "Garden Apartments," a modified version of the townhouses. These apartments would be for upperclassmen. The different thing would be that "there's no need for people to find seven or eight housemates to live with, but instead three others. The apartments should consist of two bedrooms, a study room, a bathroom with separate shower and commode entrances, cable hookup, internet jacks, a living room, eat in kitchen, two phone lines, with all apartment units united through a large lounge area," shared Spear.

Mr. Jeff Spear firmly states that his main objective as vice president of finance for Houghton College "is to have something new built every year. The students deserve to see activity taking place on campus."

Counseling center to focus on dating/courtship

Michael Lastoria

The staff of Houghton's Counseling Center has chosen to focus on matters of love and marriage during the months of September and October. Three chapels scheduled the week of September 24 will feature Dr. Michael Lastoria, the Director of Counseling Services for the college. The title of Dr. Lastoria's series is Wandering To-

ward the Altar. During the chapels Dr. Lastoria will look at courtship and the more traditional practice of "calling" from a historical and cultural perspective. From this beginning a closer look at contemporary courtship practices will follow. As indicated in the title of his series, Dr. Lastoria believes that young adults are given little, if any, guidance for courtship and mate selection. "In a very

real sense the image of 'wandering' toward the marriage altar is descriptive of an increasing number of young men and women," says Lastoria. Concluding the series Dr. Lastoria will present alternatives to "wandering" by focusing on the essential elements of building love from healthy relationships.

On October 11th, the Counseling Center will sponsor an evening

entitled Altared Relationships: From Hollywood to Houghton. The evening will feature five couples from the Houghton community. Each couple will address a selection of different topics including their own dating/courtship practices, resolving differences, the influence of your mate, and times of transition in marriage. The evening promises to be informing as well as entertaining.

Clew with Dr. Rendell

Samantha Myers

There I was, trapped in my dorm room, eyes glued to one of my many textbooks. I glimpsed outside into the dusk, only to spot clusters of people migrating to the chapel. A thought darted through my mind, "Go on, you can do your piles of work afterward." Then reason set in, "Are you crazy? You're already sleep deprived, let's not make it worse." I sided with Reason.

So, what was it that I abandoned in order to study? It was a Christian Life Emphasis Week service with Dr. T.S. Rendell. Most of you probably know what CLEW is, but for others, let me give a clue. CLEW started about 50 years ago

as revival services at the Houghton Wesleyan Church. It has grown to be a combined effort between the church and the college. The goal of it is to, as the Houghton web page puts it, "focus on Scripture and emphasize the Lordship of Jesus Christ. CLEW is a time of strengthening and renewal as the student body, faculty, staff, and administration are drawn back to the purpose of Houghton College - to educate people for service in the kingdom of God." The focus in September is usually more on evangelism, while in January the services are usually centered on discipleship. Although there is a set focus, the speaker has the freedom to take his messages where the Lord is leading him or her. Church staff and the Houghton faculty, staff, and students together recruit each CLEW speaker. Their intent is to invite speakers of vary-

ing styles and backgrounds.

Speaking of speakers of differing backgrounds, Dr. Rendell certainly has an interesting background. He was born in Scotland, but has been almost everywhere in the world. He explained that Northern Africa is just about the only place that he has not visited. Other than for the glory of God, he feels he is to travel and preach because he has something to share because of his experiences and his studies, as well as a keen understanding of different situations. Dr. Rendell has had much experience in ministry. Since 1956 he has been the Assistant President of Prairie Bible Institute, but has also been the Senior Pastor of the church associated with Prairie. Not only has he been in positions of administration at Prairie, but he has taught as well. Long before he "officially" began preaching, he was

educating the people of his hometown at thirteen and fourteen. From this came his nickname, "boy preacher".

Dr. Rendell has had much success in his ministry, but I wondered who he considered to be his model. He told me that his own pastor, Dr. David Laurie, has been a model to him, while his mentor has been Wesley Maxwell, who is the President of Prairie Bible Institute. He feels that the one thing that has revolutionized his life has been the understanding that Christ is living in us and that we are in Him. Dr. Rendell's parting wisdom to the Houghton student body was to, "Live each day as much as possible in fellowship with Christ and to find the will of God and fulfill it."

Thankfully Tuesday is my light day, with only 3 classes. At
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DAYSRING

Scott Ross Wilkins

I'm Scott Ross Wilkins. Some of you know me and some of you do not. I am not quite sure if that is your loss or mine. I was asked to write a little bit about my summer experiences as a member of Dayspring, a summer camp missions team that Houghton sends out each year. Dayspring allows you to be camp counselors while simultaneously performing drama for the campers. It is a great opportunity to serve Christ and fellow Christians. I could tell you about the awesome things that God accomplished through a handful of people over the course of a few



months. I could but I won't. I'd much rather tell you face to face. What I will tell you is that as a member of Dayspring, I had a chance to laugh at the antics of insane Houghton students for a stretch of three months. Not only did I get to act in ways that violated social mores, I got to hang around with others of like mind. If laughter is truly the best medicine, then Dayspring vaccinated many people this summer.

Kai Holmquist

My name is Kai Holmquist, I am a Junior this year. I was on Dayspring, and I absolutely loved working with kids all summer and being able to support them as a spiritual leader. I am still in contact with many of the campers I served this summer and it has been neat to encourage them to keep seeking after God in their daily lives—beyond the camp experience. A couple of girls have written me concerning the struggles they face as teenagers—and I praise God that I am able to hold them accountable through prayer and by sharing my personal challenges concerning how to live out the Christian life on a daily basis.

I loved working with Scott, Katie, Missy, and Eric this summer. They are each

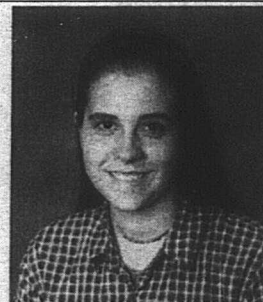


beautiful servants of God and their friendships and accountability challenged me this summer, to lean even harder on Christ and to work at investing completely in the areas of service God gave me fruitful. Being able to share the gospel with teenagers and children from the United States and Canada, in a setting where they can feel free to be themselves and share where they're coming from just put me in awe of God, and how He draws His people to Himself. I loved working with Scott on the

Missy Troutman

It's hard to begin with what I've learned this summer, because I've learned so much. It's amazing how much one can learn in a few short months. I learned so much about the power of prayer and the importance of it. Of course we know how important it is, but to see so many people around you, praising God and praying to Him, it's incredible. It is amazing to see how God can move in the people's lives around you. It is also cool to see how much He can sustain us. Going almost nine weeks straight was tiring at times, but God kept us going. It takes so much energy to be able to do this type of thing.

It was definitely a challenging summer, but a good one all the same. I think that my favorite part about the summer was getting to know so many people and also seeing how much we changed as individuals and a team throughout the summer. If you ever want to get to know people better...think about spending 8 weeks during the summer travelling with a group of



people in a van and being at camps with them :) It was a lot of fun. I am definitely thinking about doing it again, but we'll just have to see what happens until then.

For anyone that is thinking about doing this type of thing...this is a very cool experience, and definitely one that you would never forget. I would not have traded the experience for anything, because through it I grew a lot and it was great seeing others grow too. I really enjoyed working with so many people this past summer. I would encourage people that if they like drama and like being at camps, and just working with people, that it is definitely something to consider. I do not regret being a part of this at all.

drama aspects of the team—and although the driving was a little stressful at times—God blessed us abundantly as we served Him and I have no real complaints. It was an exciting ministry to be a part of and I would encourage anyone who wants to serve God next summer through youth ministry to definitely think about applying for Dayspring. It is hard work and God will stretch you in ways you never thought were possible—but hey, isn't that why we are here at Houghton?

Most importantly, I need to say thank you to all students, staff and faculty who supported us in prayer this summer. When we were at the end of our strength, sanity, and every other resource, God held us up with your prayers and challenged us to go the extra mile in His

strength... and, for me at least, those were the times when God's presence was evident, I was stretched, and God drew His people to Himself.

I want to close with a challenge that was given to us at the first week of camp in Michigan. God wants us to live out each day with Him in mind. To do this effectively we need to be in God's Word daily, praying for our fellow students and brothers and sisters, and surrounding ourselves with Godly people and Godly things. Are you giving God the best that you possibly can with all the resources He has endowed you with? Will you commit to letting Him have His way in your life, even if it means sacrifice and change? He will use you to bless others if you will let Him, but that choice is up to you.

GODSPEED



Godspeed girls Kelly Ostling, Christina McClelland, and Lise Blendermann

Lise Blendermann

Hi, This is Lise Blendermann. I am a sophomore, and I traveled on Godspeed this summer. Being on Godspeed has been a dream of mine since I got to Houghton and first learned about the group. I learned a whole lot about God's faithfulness this summer. The verse that I claimed this summer is,

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand...For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."- Isaiah 41:10&13

It paints such an awesome picture of who God is to us. He takes our hand and tells us not to worry about the things in life. He promises help, and His promises never fail.

My favorite memory of this summer would have to be seeing how God can work through our imperfections.

I would definitely participate in a ministry team again.

Advise to those who are thinking about participating in such a ministry team in the future, would be to go for it. They are beyond description and you learn a lot about who you are and more importantly, who God wants you to be.

Kelly Ostling

I joined Godspeed because I love worshipping God through music and I have a heart for reaching teenagers with the love of Jesus. My goal for the summer was to encourage, comfort, and urge teens "to live lives worthy of God" (1 Thessalonians 2:12).

The greatest thing God taught me this summer was servanthood. I realized that it is through weakness that God is really able to work through me. It's true that "when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10). I learned to keep giving when I thought I had nothing left to give.

God really impressed on my heart 2 Corinthians 6:9, where Paul was saying that he was "known, yet regarded as unknown...." I began to understand this summer that it wasn't about me or my feelings or needs, but was all about serving others and glorifying God through serving.

My favorite memory was at first our first teen camp. There hadn't seemed to be any real breakthroughs at the evening services, until the last night, when the kids gave their testimonies. It went on for over two hours of things that God had shown them! Afterwards I was able to pray at the altar with

one teenage girl, and it was such a powerful time for both of us. God orchestrated it so that we both ministered to each other. It was an amazing time in God's presence.

I would definitely do this again if God called me to. I'm so grateful for the lessons learned, and for the opportunity to minister God's love to people. It was a challenging summer, but it was rewarding in many ways.

For those thinking about being on a summer ministry team, I encourage them to first commit their desire to God, pray about it tons, then go through with the audition and interview and see if God

opens the door to them. If you want to be challenged and stretched and learn more about God, others and yourself, then a summer ministry team just might be for you!



Okay, but what are they?

Every summer Houghton College sends out two teams of students to minister at children's camps and in various churches on the east coast. These two teams, Dayspring and Godspeed, differ in that Dayspring is a drama group that presents the gospel and Godspeed is a musical group who leads worship and other music. Both teams, however, spend their time as camp counselors and most of their work is done counseling children. Usually they begin learning their skits and songs at the end of the school year, then begin touring in June after a week of training at the College. This year, because of changes in the Church Relations office, the groups did not start practicing until the week of training in June. Teams stopped in Houghton on several occasions to minister to camps that were housed here.

After the school year begins, Dayspring members usually rest up until the next summer. Godspeed, however, is still "on call" to minister, mostly in church functions that are either requested or sought out. Other Houghton ministry teams, such as ForeKnown (a string quartet), Heirborne, and Ready for Monday also minister at churches during the school year. Auditions are held in the spring with selections following soon after. If everything goes according to schedule, the groups this year will begin practicing soon after their selection.

Dayspring members

Scott Ross Wilkins
Katie Elliott
Kai Holmquist
Eric Martens
Missy Troutman

Godspeed members

Joe Taylor
Dan Yamauchi
Mike Kineke
Christina McClelland
Lise Blendermann
Kelly Ostling



Godspeed leads worship at a summer camp

VOX voice

expressions of a community of faith



by Bethany Schwartz

Hard to Lee

If you've ever been sailing, you'll know what I mean when I say that it's one of the most relaxing things on earth to do (providing, of course, that you don't get seasick). If you haven't ever been out on a sailboat, well, you'll just have to trust me.

This summer, like many before, I spent some of my time at the yacht club that my family belongs to. Unlike many yacht clubs, this is not an expensive, ritzy, state-of-the-art club where sailboat owners keep their thousand-dollar boats moored. Red Jacket Yacht Club's facilities consist of a thousand feet of lakeshore with an old "clubhouse" and a pool, plus about one hundred campsites where members can park their 20+ foot campers or set up tents. Many of these members choose to use Cayuga Lake for their noisy powerboats as well. Some members, like my family, use the lake primarily for their sailboats, but we are in the minority. Because I was working all summer, I only got a chance to be at "the lake," as we call it, during the weekends and one week before the beginning of school. (Quite unlike

my childhood, when my family would spend two entire months camping before going home. It was obviously in the days before email...) Still, these few times at the lake were the best part of this summer. I love the canoeing, swimming, sunning, roasting marshmallows, sailing. Especially the sailing.

"Who wants to go for a sail?" my dad shouts on a typical summer day. "We have to hurry before the wind dies."

Within minutes the family is assembled on the 75-foot dock, waiting for him to unhook the sailboat from its mooring and pick us up.

One of the best parts about our 22-foot Catalina is the small outboard motor attached to the stern (the back) of the boat. (I've always wondered why sailors can't use normal words like everyone else.) It's not powerful enough for, say, water-skiing (unfortunately), but it will do the trick if we're in the middle of the lake and the wind dies. Most of the time Dad also uses the engine to motor out a ways from the dock before loosening the sails, pulling out the jib (the smaller sail in the bow...er, front...of the boat), lowering the keel (a huge slab of metal attached

to the bottom of the boat to keep it from capsizing), and sending us on our way.

My favorite sails usually come when the wind is gusty and strong. One minute you're floating along, enjoying the sun beating down and the wind on your face, the next minute the boat is heeling (tipping to one side) like crazy and it's all you can do not to fall out. The excitement only lasts for a few minutes until the gust dies or until Dad pushes the tiller (a long, thin piece of wood that moves the rudder-which is attached to the very back of the boat and causes the boat to change directions-the opposite direction in which you push) and rights the sailboat.

When he pushes the tiller far enough, the boat goes downwind, or with the wind. On these gusty days, despite the strength of the wind, it is hard to feel any forward movement of the boat while you are going downwind. You'd almost think that the boat had stopped moving, save for the wake collecting behind and the rush of water moving on either side of the boat. During these strong winds, this is usually the most relaxing time. You can lean back against the benches without wondering if suddenly you will sail into a gust of wind that will nearly fling you from the boat.

Suddenly-"Ready about!" he shouts.

A general scrambling commences, for we know that in the next instant he will turn the boat to once more place us at the mercy of the wind. The time of relaxation is over.

"Hard to lee!" With these words, our skipper (captain) moves the tiller again and the sails flap over to the other side of the boat. Along with his motions comes the push of the wind, forcing us to grab the sides of the boat to keep our balance. A strong gust

tips the boat again, and my stomach muscles tense for a moment until I realize that the boat won't tip over. I relax.

I never really want to "come about." Once we are going with the wind, I am used to my present position or I am content to stay in the gentle rocking for the rest of the sail-or so I think. But when the boat has turned once more to face the wind, I wonder how anything could be better. The challenges, the excitement, the risks that I face will never happen while the boat is going downwind. So we must turn upwind, into it.

I admit that I have gotten used to the "laziness" of summer, with no papers to write, books to read, or tests to take. True, summer is often busier with jobs, friends, and more jobs taking most of the time, but the schooltime pressures are happily lacking. I am not ready to "come about" and be thrust once more into routines of classes and deadlines. I'd be quite happy if summer would stay forever. But I know that once the boat is pushed into the wind, I will find myself loving every minute of it. I will wonder how anything could be better...until vacation rolls around and I have some time to myself again.

Some of us are freshmen who have never been to college and have these scary life-changes ahead. Most of us have been here before and know that this is one of the best times of our lives. Some of us are seniors who wonder what gusts they will be sailing into when it is again time to "come about" once more and sail upwind. But we need both gusts and the calm winds in our lives to move us forward. And we can rest assured that a Master Skipper is pushing the tiller in time with the winds that He has sent on their way, and He knows exactly when the time has come to say "hard to lee."

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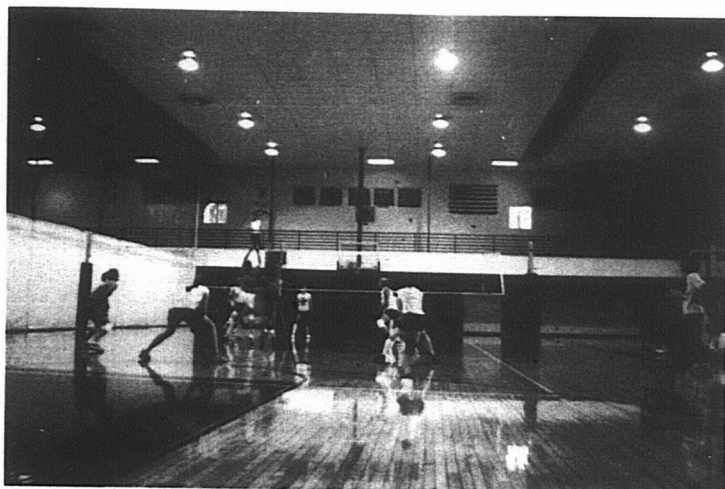
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Sports Previews

Nicole Harwood



When a person stands on the pavement outside of Shenawana, looking down on the sports complex, one can feel the intensity, the sweat and drive of Houghton's varying athletes on their quest to excellence. The sun beating on my back, and the slight breeze blowing through my shirt, I gazed down upon our Highlander athletes working on their soccer skills, running time, and shooting drills. I am awed. Do you truly realize the extent to which these students press on toward the goal before them?

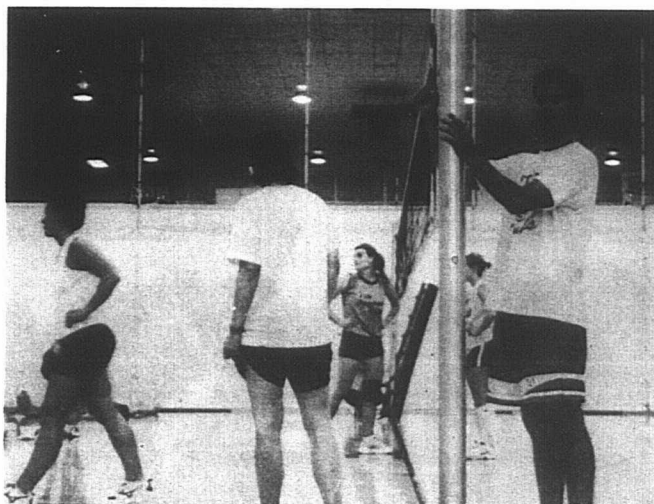
Houghton's Reputation for Great Soccer Continues

At this time in the school year, many soccer teams are going through the motions of developing a team, fine tuning skills, and trying to find that one thing which will make a team 'click'. Houghton is no exception. While interviewing women's soccer coach David Lewis on Tuesday, he claimed that his focus was on, "building a team dynamic." The various ways in which our Lady Highlanders will be making this happen is by simply spending time together to make sure that there is a pervading servant attitude on the team. For instance, on most teams the captains are served, but following the example of Christ, at Houghton they are the ones that serve. This may seem like a little detail to the naked eye, but any person knows this is only one more way a leader can lead. It would seem this idea of servanthood has even impacted their play. Coach Lewis remarked, "Our game against Carlow College was great, they played a good aesthetic game of soccer, balanced...they just seemed to flow." The ladies soccer players have already set a high standard for their season; will they be able to keep it up? The pressures of the year are just beginning - academics and play time are not yet in full swing. Keep your eyes out for the upcoming freshmen who have added more depth to the Houghton bench and playing. Some of these are

Cassandra Mills, Dana Sell, Marte Holas, Rachael Sharp, and Rebecca Fuller, who has been a "solid" helper in the goal. Cassandra has already begun her career here at Houghton with a bang: she has added "speed" to the field as well as 3 goals and 3 assists. Unstoppable? We'll have to wait and see.

JV Soccer Makes Themselves Known

This year our Lady Highlander Varsity and JV soccer teams will all face their own challenges. JV Women's Soccer coach Dani Phillips ('97 Houghton Graduate and Northeastern All Region Tournament Player in '96) states, "We have a young team this year, but one of the most 'raw talented' groups I have coached yet." While speaking



with Dani and two of her three captains (Bonnie Myers and Bethany Shearer), I couldn't help feel the determination and excitement behind their words. These three girls, all of whom are returning players, are looking forward to a 'winning season.' The struggle in the JV Women's Soccer team in the past has been difficult with minimum interest, time, and commitment. Not so this year. "The girls are here to play," Bonnie Myers stated. This only emphasizes the high standard these ladies have set for themselves. The season is new, the field ready, and the players psyched. Even fan

attendance has increased. "We want to thank any of the people who came out the other day for our Elmira game...it has to be some kind of record," stated Bethany after a hard day of practice in the sun. "It's amazing what a free t-shirt will do for a player." This season is looking up: with their new-founded support, t-shirts, and uniforms, it will be interesting to see how the season will unfold. Dani Phillips, who played under Lewis, has developed her own style of coaching. She works her players hard but fairly and honors those who are committed. While talking with her on Tuesday, she spoke about the longer schedule this year the women have to face, and also of her goal to make sure "their game is a possession game, working as a team, a unified front". Dani's passion for the game feeds into her players. It's 'all for the love of the game.'

Women's Volleyball Face a New Game

This year brought back swarms of new freshmen, new townhouses, and new rules for the game of volleyball. One of the largest challenges our

30-point games and one 15-point round. "The new scoring is discouraging, but now we are focused on not making any mistakes. This is how a team will win," stated Coach Nancy Cole of her viewpoint on the latest scoring. She also said, "We need to let the fans know what's going on so they aren't so confused." It is confusing, especially to a person who knows very little of volleyball rules or strategy. "The key now for our ladies will be to focus on the game mentally." Coach Cole has planned her strategy, and the players are working on becoming a unified team. The new assets to the team are doing well and becoming adjusted to the new scoring system. "This group of girls is farther along than last year at this time," said Coach of her team's progress. "The difference is in the more games they have played already." The ladies travel this weekend to Chicago to play against Trinity College and Grace College.

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6:30 p.m. when the clusters of people were migrating to chapel, I was among them. After the beautiful, spirit-filled worship, and a straightforward, meaningful message from Dr. Rendell, I was satisfied. I was fulfilled. I was glad that Reason had no place that day. I was also curious as to others' impressions of the service. I was surprised to find a few reactions the opposite of mine, but the number of positive reactions reigned over the negative. Freshman Elaine Tooley stated, "Dr. Rendell was a great speaker who had a simple but direct message applicable to anyone on this campus." Another freshman, Jessica Leete, said that the services were awesome and that she, "had an incredible time praising and learning God's Word." She felt that God was present in the services and that it was a great growing experience. Other reactions were along these lines: the worship was great, that it was good of Dr. Rendell to be sensitive to the incidents that happened, and that the sermons were interesting and applicable.

This semester if you missed the awesome week of emphasizing Christian life because you let Reason get the best of you or if you weren't sure what it was - do not fear, you've got another chance in January.

women volleyball players will face will be the discouraging Rally Scoring. This new type of scoring has left many fans confused and a little upset. Comments such as, "The ball just hit the net on the serve, am I the only one who saw that?" are common now that the latest system of scoring has begun. The new rules state that on a serve the ball can hit the net on its path over the net; and every time a team makes a mistake, a point is given to the other team and they receive the ball. The teams now play four

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Men's soccer ready to roll

Greg On

Coming off a 9-5-3 season, the men's soccer team has a lot to look forward to. Last year they were talented, yet young. This year they are more experienced and are determined to get into the post season. "If this team can bring its hunger to the field at practice and in games, it's going to take a very good team to beat us," says seventh-year coach Dwight Hornibrook. "We want the attitude that we're the team to beat in the region. No excuses."

There are many returning players this season. Up front, sophomore Trevor Eby returns from last season's team-best fifteen goals and nine assists, which includes a school-record seven goals in a 17-0 romp over Daemen. Joining him are juniors Iain Velez and Tyler Stevenson, and the savvy first-year player Elvis Langa.

Team captains Adam Tinsley and Tim Haffey return to bring experience and steady leadership to the middle. Joining them are versatile senior Sean Crozier, junior Eddie Acker, and sophomore Michael Wheelhouse.

In the backfield, the third team captain David Bancroft returns to bring his composure and maturity to the field. Having played every position except goalkeeper, he is one of the most versatile players, finishing second on the team with nine goals and leading the team with fifteen assists last season. Returning to bring depth on defense are sophomore Brad Clodfelter, who finished third on the team last season with five goals, and juniors Rusty Knight, who missed all of last season with a knee injury, and Chad Reese. Three new faces, Philip Cabildo of Puebla, Mexico, Andy Walton of Emmaus, PA, and Dan Kowalczyk of Waterford, PA, will also push for playing time in the backfield. Cabildo scored twenty goals and thirty assists over his high school

career, and Walton's team finished 24-2-1 and was ranked 25th in the nation in last fall's final high school poll.

There is great depth between the pipes as four first-year players battle for the starting spot after both goalies from last year left. Starting in net is freshman Steve Cox, who participated with the Canadian National U-20 team and led his Ontario provincial team to a second-place finish in the Canadian national championships. Joining him are sophomore Mike Diercks, who did not allow a single goal as a member of the junior varsity team last season, and freshmen Arum Mitchell of Indianapolis, IN, and Rob Renuart of Howell, New Jersey.

This season, the team was moved to the American Midwest Conference, meaning key matchups with Tiffin, Rio Grande, Mount Vernon Nazarene, Walsh, Ohio Dominican, and three-time region champ Roberts Wesleyan. Key home games this month are on the 21st against Mt. Vernon-Nazarene at 7 p.m. and the 22nd against Ohio Dominican at 3 p.m.

Speaking about home games, and more specifically, the Shen Block, Coach Hornibrook said, "They have been awesome supporters and I hope they are there in a big way every game. Our guys are always excited to play at home, it is one of the best atmospheres in the country."



Field hockey nets wins

Patrick Barringer

The Lady Highlanders field hockey team has gotten off to a great start this year with a series of victories. Their first game ended in a 1-0 victory against Geneseo, their second was a 6-2 victory against Nazareth, and their third and most recent game was a 4-2 win over Slippery Rock. I was in attendance at both of the last two games, and let me tell you I was amazed by both the skill and tenacity displayed by all of the members of the team. The two captains, Rochelle Hershey and Amy Petersen expect to have a successful season, even though they have a fairly young team. As a team, they have laid out four characteristics that they want to model: Christ-centeredness, unity, intensity, and desire. Thus far, they have definitely displayed each of these. The team plays with such heart, which can be the deciding factor in a close game. In the next few weeks they have several tough games, but are confident of their abilities to compete with the best of them. I look forward to seeing the results of their games which are sure to be positive.

Cross-country takes off

Liz Hornor

Perhaps because they are always running around in the woods, the cross-country teams are one of Houghton's best-kept secrets. This year, however, the secret is harder to keep as the team is the largest in Houghton history. With twenty-four women and eleven men the team certainly has depth, but experience is another matter. Many of last year's top runners were lost to graduation or to Tanzania (Amanda Miller). This year, freshmen Larry Petry and Katy Sykes have proven to be top runners in the first two races. The most experienced runners, Captains Tim Cook and Kim Sayre, are providing leadership on the young teams along with second-year runners Captains Chris Buell and Liz Hornor. While the teams are inexperienced, Coach Smalley is impressed with the average mileage base of both teams (around 120 miles for the women and 150 for the men), and he sees this summer preparation as an important part of both team's success this year.

Pre-season (August 25-September 1) was a time of team bonding and evaluation culminating with the first meet of the season at Beaver Island State Park, hosted by Buffalo State. The women placed 7th out of 12 teams and the men placed 10th out of 12 teams. The following weekend (September 8), both men and women raced at SUNY Oswego. Despite the high heat and humidity, the women placed 6th out of 14 teams and the men placed 10th out of 18 teams. Both teams are looking forward to the race at Hobart College this weekend as well as the home meet on September 22. They are hoping fans will come out and support them as they attack Devil's Back!

Highlander SportsWeek

Field Hockey (5-0)	Volleyball (4-3)	Women's Soccer (5-0)	Men's Soccer (3-2-1)
Tuesday, 4:00 pm vs. SUNY Cortland - Away	Wednesday, 6:00 pm vs. Lemoyne College - Home	Friday, 5:00 pm vs. Mount Vernon Nazareth - Home	Friday, 7:00 pm vs. Mount Vernon Nazareth
Friday, 1:00 pm vs. Lockhaven - Away	Friday, 7:00 pm Cluster - Away	Saturday, 1:00 pm vs. Ohio Dominican - Home	Saturday, 3:00 pm vs. Ohio Dominican - Home
Saturday, 1:00 pm vs. Franklin Pierce - Away	Saturday, 12:00 pm Cluster - Away	JV - Saturday, 3:00 pm vs. Nazareth - Home	JV - Saturday, 1:00 pm vs. Roberts - Home